

June 23, 2015

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on June 23, 2015.

Mayor Holeman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country.  
Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilman Glass, Councilman Lorenzo and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.  
Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hedgepath and Councilman Jacobus.

Motion to accept the minutes of June 9, 2015 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tree Trimming JCP & L - Everyone has a list of trees that are going to be trimmed this year by Jersey Central. They are only trimming - not cutting down.

OPRA Requests - I wanted Council to know that I received 12 OPRA requests from Valerie Williams today. Wanted to make everyone aware.

Letter From Attorney Feintuch Regarding OPRA - This is in litigation but I am not revealing anything. Mr. Hopkins is suing about 17 towns seeking certain information that we don't have. We were served with a complaint and I just filed the answer to that. What does this have to do with? The Assessor.

It has to do with a program that we don't have and never had. This person wants information and doesn't want to have to look it up.

Motion to accept the correspondence by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Councilwoman Montes said she has some questions. #6031 from Hartford Insurance it says they are going to cancel us. Why? It wasn't due until now and Debbie just got the bill. We can't pay a bill until we get it. #6035 what is this? It says mixed vegetation. That is leaves, brush and grass. The County MUA is not taking our leaves at this time. They aren't taking anyones. So we have to take them to Chatham to get rid of them. It is costing a lot more than what we pay the County but they won't be open until maybe August. #6037 the water bill at the firehouse should not be that high. There is no one there. \$375.51 there is no one up there and no one using it. We were told by Dover Water that there is a leak. The Mayor went up there with the water department person and they didn't see anything. We asked Dover Fire Department if they are filling trucks and they said no. The Mayor asked them if they are doing anything at all up there with the water and they said no. We did find out that there was a leak at one of the toilets. Eddie and Hector fixed that. I will ask the Water Company again to check it out. This is the bill. There was a leak. It is now fixed.

Councilwoman Montes asked that we hold this water bill for the fire department until we talk to them again. Council agreed.

#6033 for Upbeat what is this for? 6 garbage can lids for the cans we have throughout the Borough. #6058 for Deb DeVery is she getting overtime hours all the time? When I am out she will get overtime. My time gets deducted. Who checks your time out? Veronica and Vera - they are Administration.

Councilman Lorenzo asked about #6061 and # 6062 for the Attorney. Both are different litigation.

VOUCHERS CONTINUED:

Motion was made to pay the vouchers except to hold off on the water bill for the fire department until we get further clarification. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

**VOUCHER REPORTS**

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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount
6-027	Rockaway Twp.	Health Cont Services	\$ 11,444.50
6-028	Waste Management	Garbage Trash Removal	\$ 8,188.91
6-029	Henry O'Baker Insurance	Other Insurance	\$ 6,551.00
6-030	Anderson & Denzler Assoc.	Engineering	\$ 3,232.40
6-031	The Hartford	Other Insurance	\$ 2,200.00
6-032	NJ Natural Gas Co.	Utilities	\$ 1,066.00
6-033	UpBeat Inc.	Road OE	\$ 1,061.22
6-034	US Bank Cust/PC4 First Rust	Tax Collector OE	\$ 821.98
6-035	S. Rotondi & Sons, Inc.	Road OE	\$ 789.25
6-036	Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc.	Planning Board OE	\$ 684.00
6-037	Dover Water Comm.	Utilities/Fire OE	\$ 509.83
6-038	Chester Lighting	Bldng & Grnds	\$ 493.18
6-039	Professional Printing	Construction OE	\$ 392.50
6-040	MGL Printing Solutions	Tax Collector OE	\$ 359.00
6-041	Anderson & Denzler Assoc.	Engineering	\$ 306.00
6-042	Gerald Flatt	Dog OE	\$ 300.00
6-043	JCP&L	Utilities	\$ 296.26
6-044	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	\$ 244.75
6-045	Golub Animal Hosp.	Dog OE	\$ 165.00
6-046	Vision Service Plan	Other Insurance	\$ 121.79
6-047	Home Depot Credit Serv.	Bldng & Grnds	\$ 101.70
6-048	MCANJ – Municipal Clerks' Assoc.	Clerk OE	\$ 100.00
6-049	Robert Young	Road OE	\$ 100.00
6-050	Sunnyside Florist	Clerk OE	\$ 92.00
6-051	CE Union	Finance OE	\$ 89.00
6-052	Treasurer, State of NJ	State Training Fees	\$ 67.00
6-053	Verizon	Utilities	\$ 64.43
6-054	Amy Maronpot	Finance OE	\$ 52.55
6-055	JCP&L	Fire OE	\$ 52.06
6-056	Daily Record	Clerk OE	\$ 11.44
6-057	Optimum	Clerk OE	\$ 5.00
6-058	Deborah A. Devery	Clerk SW	\$ 469.68
6-059	Hector Lorenzo	Streets & Roads SW	\$ 1,410.64
6-060	Edwardo Martinez	Streets & Roads SW	\$ 2,417.36
6-061	Philip Feintuch, ESQ	Legal OE	\$ 3,618.75
6-062	Philip Feintuch, ESQ	Legal OE	\$ 3,487.50
		TOTAL	\$ 51,366.68

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 3 permits issued for a total value of construction of \$6,526.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of Debbies report.

MUNICIPAL COURT - We received a check for \$661.72 . Discussion held.

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: \$280,771.95  
Total Tax Receipts Year To Date: \$769,138.54

REGISTRAR - 2 marriage licenses issued for a total collected: \$56.00

FINANCE OFFICER - Everyone has a copy of Amys report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - None

Councilman Glass - None

Councilman Lorenzo - Went to a Municipal Alliance meeting a few weeks ago. I was told that Victory Gardens children can register for the soccer teams. They have to file an application. We can put it on a flier. I don't know costs. DPW has repaired the fire department lights and sensors. The fans have been replaced at Town Hall. Then men attended a Right To Know class at Borough Hall. I also want you to know that I will be away the whole month of July so I will not be at the Council meetings.

Councilwoman Garcia Montes - No report at this time.

Motion to accept and put on file by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

NJ PLANNING OFFICIALS - We have talked about this in the past. We need to do something with this bill. The bill is past due. This is about a class that Hector Lorenzo Jr. took. We originally paid for him to attend a class as a member of our Planning Board. He never showed up to the class and we got stuck having to pay the bill. After he was removed from the Planning Board for not attending the class in the required amount of time, he later took the class. No one registered him for the class and he by this time had received the letter from Attorney Feintuch telling him he owed us the money for the class he took. He stated that he wasn't paying the bill.

NJPO is telling us they will not accept any more of our Planning Board members into this class until the bill is paid. We have a new person on the Planning Board that will need to attend this meeting. The outstanding balance is \$100.00 .

We should send a letter along with the payment that no one is allowed to attend their meeting unless their is written communication saying the persons name that is allowed to attend.

Motion to pay the \$100.00 bill to NJPO for class that was taken by Hector Lorenzo, Jr that he was not authorized to attend. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

REIMBURSEMENT FOR CO INSPECTION - We had someone come in and pay \$320.00 for a CO for resale for a two family house. They paid to have the inspections done but they never took place because the sale of the house fell through. They came in and asked for their money back and I told her we had to wait and get permission from the Council to reimburse her.

Motion was made to reimburse the money for the inspection that never took place in the amount of \$320.00 for 13-19 Adams Avenue. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

REIMBURSEMENT FOR CO INSPECTION CONTINUED -

Roll call:	Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
	Councilman Glass	Yes
	Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
	Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

FENCE AT FIREHOUSE - Discussion was held on getting a fence at the firehouse. Council is deciding what to do. In the mean time, put no trespassing signs up. It has to be something high - a 4 foot high is not going to keep them out. The firehouse is lit up now. Eddie and Hector fixed all the lights up there.

CAMERAS AT TOWN HALL - Again, someone is coming in and dumping in the dumpsters. Discussion was held. Councilman Lorenzo will look into the cameras. He will not be able to do that until he gets back from vacation. Put signs up for No dumping Violators will be prosecuted.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Joan Cegelka - Is there any follow up on drainage at condos? It hasn't been fixed. The Attorney said he went up there with the Engineer. It is on the condos to fix. Every once in a while the drain floods. What program does our Assessor use to assess the buildings? The program has something to do with ratios the Attorney said. I am not familiar with them. Resolution with respect for others - we come here for information and we have the right to ask. Residents should be first. When I came to a budget meeting the first thing you talked about was salary.

Jim Janone - Fence at the firehouse you should have JCP & L install a light. They are about \$30 per month and that will light everything. It will be cheaper than getting the fence. Rockaway Borough put in a Resolution to get out of the court system in Dover. They have but it doesn't mean they are going. Why is property maintenance doing zoning issues? Car repair is zoning.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

The Mayor said we are going into closed session regarding litigation with the condos. Motion to go into closed session by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Closed session typed separately.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk