

July 28, 2015

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on July 28, 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, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Jacobus, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

ABSENT: None

Motion to accept the minutes of July 14, 2015 as received by Councilwoman ontes, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on verbal vote. Abstain by Councilpersons Lorenzo and Glass because they were not present at that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANALYSIS OF COURT MONIES - At the last meeting - or one of the meetings - Councilwoman Montes asked about the court and how much money we are losing. I asked Amy for the analysis that she had done once before for us. Everyone has been copied. We are still losing money but not as much as we lost before.

COPY OF MINUTES - I did find a copy of where we spoke about the sidewalk improvements. I gave Mr. Janone a copy of them. He said we never stated what we were doing that he could remember but it states it in these minutes from 9/23/14.

LEON HALL - I was talking to Leon about the fiber for the playground. Last time we had it done was in 2008 and it cost \$1,600.00 . He is getting quotes for us because he said you just can't use wood chips. They have regulations for playgrounds. I have a quote but just received it today so I didn't make any copies. I will give everyone a copy of it for the next meeting.

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

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the vouchers for payment.

Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on roll call:

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| Councilwoman Cheatham      | Yes |
| Councilman Glass           | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath     | Yes |
| Councilman Jacobus         | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo         | Yes |
| Councilwoman Garcia Montes | Yes |

(See Vouchers Next Page)



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - Website is being reviewed and we are making corrections at this time.

Councilman Glass - Nothing at this time.

Councilwoman Hedgepath - Nothing at this time.

Councilman Jacobus - DPW is picking up recycling, they replaced the tires on the bucket loader, they fixed the soffets and the other work at the firehouse, signs were installed at Borough Hall and the Firehouse, the speed bump arrows have been painted throughout the town, cut grass, all recycling still going Chatham except for the grass that went to Mount Olive.

Councilman Lorenzo - Nothing at this time.

Councilwoman Garcia Montes - Eddie bought shelving for the Chiefs office at the firehouse so I could stack toys on them. He also bought plastic containers so I could store the party items in the closet. All that has been done. It looks good up there now.

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

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE UPDATE FOR STREETS & SIDEWALKS - HEARING/ADOPTION -

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVIII  
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

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

Jim Janone - What is the purpose of this Ordinance? It is for streets and sidewalks and keeping them clean. This is for the penalties so the Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement does not have to go to court if someone pleads guilty. The fines are established in the Ordinance so the Judge can fine them without anyone being there. What are the penalties? First Offense - \$50.00 in lieu of court appearance. 2nd Offense - Fine is \$100.00 . 3rd Offense is a court appearance. Who enforces? Any Code Enfocement for the Borough. Is that employees? No.

No other comments from the public.

Motion was made to close this portion of the meeting to the public by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adopt the Ordinance by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

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| Councilwoman Cheatham      | Yes |
| Councilman Glass           | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath     | Yes |
| Councilman Jacobus         | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo         | Yes |
| Councilwoman Garcia Montes | Yes |

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE UPDATE ON GRASS -

We said we were holding off on this Ordinance until we had a full Council. Everyone is here tonight. Councilwoman Montes made a motion to keep the Ordinance for grass as is at 10 inches. Motion seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

## Roll Call:

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

Councilman Glass said that by the leaf dump the grass is about 3 feet high. We need to have Eddie cut that. Councilwoman Montes said by Mrs. Nietz' house going towards the apartments, that needs to be cleaned up. The Mayor said the health department was over there talking to the owners of the apartment complex to make them clean it up. I will get them back over there.

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

Joan Cegelka - When is the next BOH meeting? The Clerk said she believes it will be in October. A new date has not be scheduled since the last one was cancelled. When are we getting hand sanitizers? That was suppose to be discussed at the meeting. Councilwoman Montes and Councilman Glass said we can get some and put them around the building. It would be a lot cheaper.

Jim Janone - Why don't you consider rubber mulch or the pads? Emails for the website? I think everyone should have their own email especially when you talk to the Clerks office and not knowing which Debbie you are talking to. Can't we put a dumpster here at town hall for the brush? Also, the intersection at Franklin and South Salem Street. I found out that they are starting it in the Fall and should be done by Spring of 2016. I saw the letter from Mr. Maloney and the Boroughs response. How come nothing happened to the maintenance men? I talked to both parties and they both had different stories.

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

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

Submitted By:

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Borough Clerk