

November 10, 2015

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on November 10, 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: Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Jacobus,
Councilwoman Garcia Montes.
Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Cheatham and Councilman Lorenzo.

At this time the Mayor asked for a motion to go out of the regular order of business so that the bids for garbage can be opened. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

The following bids were opened by Attorney Feintuch and read:

Rubinetti	Lump Sum for 5 years: \$699,000.00 Includes Recycling and Trash
Waste Management	Three Year Bid : \$355,248 Includes Recycling and Trash Mr. Stang from Waste Management said that year 4 and 5 would be at a 2% increase each year.

Attorney Feintuch said we are just opening bids tonight. He has to review and will get back to the Council after his review. We are not obligated to accept bids the Attorney said. We will discuss later in the meeting.

Motion to go back into the regular order of business by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 27, 2015 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Jacobus abstained. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

EMAILS FROM VALERIE WILLIAMS - Everyone has copies. They are concerning the fine she has to pay to the State for not filing her disclosure form on time. I told her it was a problem of the Borough. That is between her and the State. Also there was a letter from Ken Diehl who is a member of the Planning Board. Both he and Valerie wanted a special meeting held of the Planning Board and I told them they had to talk to the Planning Board Chairman. They did send a letter to the Planning Board Chair and I believe there will be no special meeting of the Planning Board to discuss the Disclosure Statements.

LEON HALL - I spoke to Leon regarding the work on South Salem Street and Franklin Road that will be done with the County. They have secured funding and the work should start in the late Spring of next year.

TONYS CONCRETE FROM LEON HALL - Need certified payroll report and they need to send a one year maintenance bond to the Borough Attorney.

IMPACT MANAGEMENT - I received a copy of two letters that Attorney Feintuch sent to Impact management regarding street signs at the condos. I don't know why I was given these letters. Councilman Jacobus said the signs match now but what is being questioned is the placement of the sign. Attorney Feintuch said he would get in touch with them and tell them to move the sign to where it is suppose to be placed. Councilman Jacobus said that it should be on the side of the road by the playground.

LEON HALL - I spoke to Leon about applying for funding through Community Development. Over the past 5 years they have not funded sewerer or roads. They are more doing seniors and emergency services. Does Council want Leon to apply for something for us? We will have to approve at our next meeting. Council agreed to have Leon apply for a grant for improvements to the playground.

NEW BUSINESS:

GARBAGE BIDS - This was already done earlier in the meeting. Attorney Feintuch recommended to the Council not to award the contract. We should rebid.

Motion to rebid the garbage contract for 5 years by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on roll call:

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Jacobus	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM 9/22/15 - Motion was made to approve the 9/22/15 closed session minutes by Councilwoman Montes seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on roll call:

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Jacobus	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

CANCEL LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER - The Mayor asked if Council wanted to cancel the last meeting in December? Motion was made to cancel the meeting by Councilman Jacobus, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Jacobus	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	No

ANDERSON & DENZLER FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2016 - Everyone has been given a copy. You have both the 2015 and the 2016 schedule.

Councilwoman Montes made a motion that we hold off on this for now and get other companies to bid on the Engineering. Attorney Feintuch said Anderson & Denzler know this town inside out. If you bring someone else in they will have to be educated on the town and what gets done here. Leon will have to be the one to tell them everything they need to know so you will be paying double.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Jacobus	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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

Jim Janone - It is okay to get other quotes from Engineers. Why are you putting the cancellation of the last meeting in December in the paper? Because I have to the Clerk said. When is the pothole on Franklin getting fixed? The guys were blowing leaves from Franklin up on the hill. Was it all of Franklin? Yes. There is one person on Washington that blows his leaves and garbage onto Franklin. I told Eddie to blow it back on his property. He is no different than anyone else in this town. He has to bag also. Who wrote the bid spec up? The Attorney said he did.

Joan Cegelka - Financial statement filing. What happens to those that don't file? The State fines them. Are they going to be removed from the Board? I don't think so. That would be up to the State to remove them - I guess. Didn't the Attorney say that if they didn't file they were to be removed from the Board for non-compliance? There are two people from last year that didn't file. What happens to them? I never got any more information on them so I figured they filed. The State would deal with them. Mr. Chapman's notice was brought to the Planning Board. There were three other that didn't file, how come they weren't before the Board? I don't know. All the paperwork was given to Barrie. She sent it out to the persons involved as well as myself sending it out. It should not have been given to the Planning Board members. It should have went to the person that was not in compliance. We did not get our mail back after we sent out.

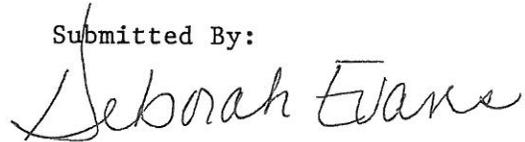
No other comments from the public.

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

Attorney Feintuch said he called DOT with the questions we had from the last meeting and he is waiting for someone to get back to him. This is in regards to the parking on Monroe and Polk Avenues and the lines.

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

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Evans". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk