

November 24, 2015

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on November 24, 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 November 10, 2015 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on verbal vote. Council persons Cheatham and Lorenzo abstained since they missed that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

VOUCHERS:

There were no questions on the vouchers.

VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:
 Nov. 24, 2015

Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount
11-028	Anderson & Denzler Assoc., Inc.	Engineering OE	\$9,411.08
11-029	Waste Management	Garbage Trash Removal	8,188.91
11-030	Protective Systems Svcs.	Bldgs. & Grnds.	2,650.00
11-031	US Bank Cust/PC5 Sterling Nat'l	Tax Collector OE	1,447.11
11-032	Public Tax Investments, LLC	Tax Collector OE	1,228.42
11-033	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ	Other Insurance	752.58
11-034	NJNG	Utilities	723.00
11-035	County of Morris - Dept. of Finance	County Open Space	715.82
11-036	Morris County MUA	Road OE	444.00
11-037	Protective Measures - Security & Fire Se	Fire OE	398.00
11-038	Golub Animal Hosp. & Animal Inn	Dog OE	312.00
11-039	JCP&L	Utilities	299.45
11-040	JCP&L	Fire OE	83.63
11-041	Daily Record	Clerk OE - Tax Sale Notice	221.56
11-042	Adams Fire Protection Inc.	Bldgs. & Grnds.	187.80
11-043	Morris County MUA - Parsip. Transfer Se	Road OE - Tires from collection	120.00
11-044	Verizon	Utilities	64.34
11-045	Daily Record	Clerk OE - Cancellation of Council Mtg. 12/2	8.36
11-046	Optimum	Clerk OE	5.00
11-047	Deborah Devery	Admin SW	791.04
11-048	Hector Lorenzo	Streets & Roads SW	1,410.64
11-049	Edwardo Martinez	Streets & Roads SW	2,417.36
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>31,880.00</i>

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 7 permits issued for a total value of construction of \$15,450.00 .

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of Debs' report.

MUNICIPAL COURT - We received \$348.52.

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: 85,692.27
" " " Year To Date: 1,455,910.19

REGISTRAR REPORT - 1 marriage license issued for a total collected: \$28.00

FINANCE OFFICER - Everyone has a copy of Amys report. Council said they did not get it. Another copy will be given to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - No Report.

Councilman Glass - No Report.

Councilwoman Hedgepath - No Report.

Councilman Jacobus - DPW are doing leaf pickup, recycling, roads, gutters, they went to Picatinny Arsenal and picked up the Toys for Tots that they donate to us. Tomorrow we will pick up recycling instead of Thursday and Friday since that is the holiday.

Councilman Lorenzo - A drain by the church where the dog bags are, there is a hole there. It needs to be looked at. Leon is suppose to come in during the morning tomorrow. I will have him take a look at it.

Councilwoman Garcia Montes - We had 73 kids for the Halloween Party. Everything went well. There were some parents out there also. Everyone had a good time. I will set the time and date for the Christmas Party and give it to the Clerk so she can do fliers.

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: The Clerk said everyone was given a copy of the proposal by Gramco for the court recording system. The price is the same as it has been for the past several years at \$1,095.00 .

Motion to approve the contract for Gramco by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

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

BUDGET MEETINGS FOR 2016 - We have them set up for February 2nd and 16th and if we need another meeting it will be for March 1st. All at 6:00 p.m.. All Council agreed with the dates.

OLD BUSINESS:

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP REGARDING JCP & L - Right now there is no one present from Montville. They knew they had to be here tonight. If they don't show up tonight what does Council want me to do? Put this on the agenda again or just forget it? Council agreed that if Montville doesn't show up tonight that this discussion is off the table and will not be placed back on the agenda.

RESOLUTION REJECTING GARBAGE BIDS -

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS
COLLECTION SERVICE

Whereas, pursuant to a resolution authorizing the establishment of specifications for the collection of solid waste and recyclable material collection services; and

Whereas, sealed bids were received by the Borough and opened at a public meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015; and

Whereas, two bids were received but one was disqualified as not meeting the requirements of the specifications; and

The result being only one bid, and;

The Borough reserving the right to reject any or all bids as set forth in Paragraph 4.1C at page 5 of the bid specifications; and

The Mayor and Council having determined that the best interests of the Borough would not be served and that a result of the above, there was no competitive process, the governing body has determined to reject all bids and to re-advertise for new bids.

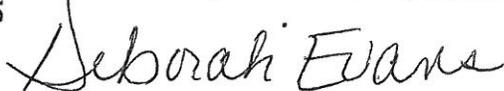
Further, the governing body authorizes the Borough Attorney to draw up new specifications and to re-advertise for bids as soon as practicable; and

Further, the governing body authorizes the Borough Attorney to return the bids submitted above referred to forthwith.

NOW THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED that this convened Council of the Borough and Mayor of Victory Gardens hereby adopts this Resolution


DAVID HOLEMAN, Mayor

I, Deborah Evans, Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Mayor and Council, which meeting was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015


DEBORAH EVANS, Borough Clerk

Prepared November 11, 2015

Motion to approve the resolution by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

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

REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING QUOTES - I just wanted Council to know that I sent out seven proposals to Engineering Firms asking for quotes. I have not heard anything back from anyone yet.

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

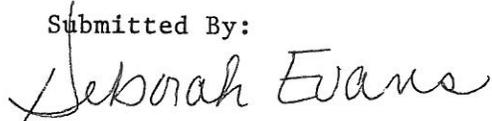
Joan Cegelka - Asked how we are notifying the residents about the garbage pickup? There isn't time to notify them. Councilman Glass said we can put it on the website. Councilwoman Cheatham said they should know from other years. This is how it has been done in the past.

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

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

Mayor and Council and the Attorney wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk