

May 24, 2016

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on May 24, 2016.

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.

ABSENT: None

Motion to accept the minutes of May 10, 2016 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk said there is no correspondence. I do have a picture from a resident that shows our truck on Franklin Road going in the wrong direction. Councilman Glass said they were spraying weeds. They are working and they have a right to be on the opposite side of the road. The Clerk said she did tell Eddie when he is working on Franklin Road to have either cones out or the lights or flashers on.

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

VOUCHERS:

Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount
5-026	Moris County Overhead Door Co.	Fire OE & Bldgs. & Grnds.	3,700.00
5-027	Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc., LLC	Pl. Bd. & Escrow 4/2/16 Inv. # 39342 & 4	1,523.40
5-028	Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc., LLC	Planning Board - 4/6/16 Inv. # 39709	48.00
5-029	Anderson & Denzler Assoc. Inc.	Engineering OE	1109.70
5-030	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ	Other Insurance - L. Bly	799.00
5-031	NJNG	Utilities	723.00
5-032	Time Electric	Fire OE	675.00
5-033	JCP&L	Street Lighting	629.73
5-034	JCP&L	Utilities	307.79
5-035	JCP&L	Fire OE	280.36
5-036	Morris County MUA	Road OE	506.00
5-037	Gerald Flatt	Dog OE	480.00
5-038	Henry O Baker - Insurance Co.	Tax Collector OE	456.00
5-039	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	388.68
5-040	Anderson & Denzler Assoc. Inc.	Engineering OE	328.80
5-041	Verizon	Clerk OE	67.25
5-042	Deborah Evans - Petty Cash	Clerk OE	40.10
5-043	MCAMC - Municipal Clerk's Assoc.	Clerk OE - Mtg. and class	35.00
5-044	Handyman's	Bldgs. & Grnds.	27.98
5-045	Optimum	Clerk OE	6.04
5-046	Edwardo Martinez	Streets and Roads SW	2,715.84
5-047	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	1,584.96
5-048	Deborah Devery	Admin SW	884.74
	TOTAL		\$17,317.37

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 - 3 permits issued for a total value of construction: \$9,000.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of Deb's report.

MUNICIPAL COURT - We received \$1,024.74

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: \$103,835.39
 Total Tax Receipts Year To Date: \$517,118.35

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - No Report

Councilman Glass - We are still fine tuning the camper/trailer ordinance. We will not be doing this tonight. I spoke with everyone on the committee. Once the Attorney makes the changes we will get it to the Council.

Councilwoman Hedgepath - Nothing.

Councilman Jacobus - Bank and post office runs. Cut grass at town hall and firehouse. Eddie worked by himself for two weeks while Hector was on vacation. Trips to MUA for leaves, brush and twigs, passed out fliers, recycling, replaced dog disposal bags.

Councilman Lorenzo - There is a water leak by Liberty Mortgage that is getting worse. Dover was told about this. We will tell them again. We also have signs in here that need to be replaced.

Councilwoman Garcia Montes - Recreation we have an application from Dover for anyone that wants to send their children to summer camp. It cost \$580.00 and that includes the trips. It is held at Water Works Park. If you put your application in before May 31, then you will get a \$30 discount.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES - May 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Borough Hall.

QUOTES ON STORM DRAINS - We received three quotes. They are as follows:

AJM CONTRACTORS, INC.	\$11,400.00
D & L PAVING CONTRACTORS	24,950.00
J.C. CONTRACTING, INC.	50,700.00

Motion was made to award the contract to AJM Contractors, Inc. for a cost of \$11,400.00. Motion made by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPT PARKING ORDINANCE ON POLK AND MONROE AVENUES - The Clerk said we discussed this at the last Council meeting. We had residents here voicing their concerns and Council wanted to be able to go out and look at the streets in question again.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER
7-14 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN
STREETS

Councilman Lorenzo said at the last meeting we spoke about maybe making Polk a one way street. Councilman Glass said we can't do that because the kids stand there for the bus. Also, we talked about this years ago when we first did it. At one time we had no parking on Polk and then one of the Mayors wanted that changed.

Councilman Glass made a motion that we adopt the Ordinance and motion was seconded by Councilwoman Montes. Councilman Jacobus said he was leaning with having no parking on Polk. As far as Monroe, since we had citizens that were willing to patrol we should try it out. No we aren't having that done by having citizens do that.

Roll call:	Councilwoman Cheatham	No
	Councilman Glass	Yes
	Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
	Councilman Jacobus	Yes
	Councilman Lorenzo	No
	Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

The Mayor said that at the close of the meeting we will be going into closed session to discuss personnel - Deb Devery.

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

Jim Janone - Can you clarify what you said about someone going around for the parking. You have Bob Young that goes around and he knocks on doors. You have a bunch of officials that can write tickets. You were suppose to discuss this again for the parking. We did discuss it just a few minutes ago. We didn't know the people weren't going to be here tonight that we here at the last meeting. You talked about 11 storm drains for repair. Does that include all drains? No. There are some that are not in compliance. Leon looked at storm drains. He did not say we have some that are not compliant. What will the CFO hours be? I think he said he would let us know but that he was looking at maybe one day a week in the evening and perhaps on a Saturday. He also said if anyone wants to see him he will let people see him. Is he using quick books? He may in the beginning but he uses something else in Chester. He may want to institute that here.

Joan Cegelka - Eddie was stopped by the cops. They were told that they should not be doing what they are doing. Why is the Memorial Day service not on the website. Mr. Chappel in Dover can change the bus stop if there are issues where the kids are standing. You can find another stop for them. Did Mr. Hall send specs with the storm drain information. He gave a list as to what ones had to be done.

Diane Feola - Where does the contractor get rid of the old storm drains? It depends. They can go to a County site or they can dispose of on their own. Scrap use to be 14¢ a pound. Now it is 1¢.

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

Motion to go into closed session by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Closed session typed separately.

The Attorney said for the publics knowledge we were discussing a salary increase for Deborah Devery. There was a discussion and we couldn't vote in private session so we are voting now.

Councilwoman Montes said she made a motion to pay Debbie \$15.00 per hour. She would like \$17.00 . Motion seconded by Councilman Lorenzo. Roll call:

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

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

Submitted By:

Deborah Evans

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Borough Clerk