

February 9, 2016

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on February 9, 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.

ABSENT: Attorney Feintuch.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 26, 2016 as received by Councilman Jacobus, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. Councilwoman Montes abstained as she was absent.

Motion to accept the minutes of February 2, 2016 as received by Councilman Jacobus, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. Councilwoman Montes abstained as she was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Homeowner at 392 Washington Avenue - The homeowner sent us a note saying that the men ruined her driveway with the plow. She has pictures. She wants them to fix it in the Spring.  
Councilman Lorenzo asked if she sent a picture before it was ruined and the Clerk said no. Ask if she has a before picture.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE - We received a paper from Municipal Alliance. They give a grant to our Church and they are asking for donations. I gave Council a copy of the flier they gave us and I put extra copies on the table out front. They list what they are in need of and have a number for pickup.

GARDEN CHAPEL FROM LESLIE DREW - I received a request from Leslie Drew who deals with the Garden Chapel Summer Program. She wanted to know if we sent another flier out could we put a blurb in there about the summer recreation program. I told her I had to ask Council and that I would get back to her.

FROG FALLS AQUATIC PARK - I gave everyone a copy of this notice from the Administrator in Rockaway Township. It is for Frog Falls Park at Picatinny. It is very expensive for the summer. All the information you have. I made additional fliers and put them on the table out front.

CHRIS BARRELLA - We received an email from Chris. He was at the firehouse and did an occupancy load for the building. I printed it out and gave it to Eddie so he could post it up there. The occupancy limit is: Standing 120 persons, Chairs only 85 people and Tables & Chairs 40 people.

CHRIS BARRELLA - The Mayor asked Chris to go up to the Firehouse and look at the exit lights and the doors. He went up and everyone has a copy of his report.

Motion to accept the correspondence as received by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on verbal vote.

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Councilman Lorenzo said he has a few questions. Voucher # 2002 what is this for? That is from our Tax Sale. The property listed had someone pay the fees and then the bank redeemed after the sale. Once we got the money from the bank we had to release the lien to the lien holder and pay him back. The \$22,227.93 is what he paid and we had to pay him back since we got the money from the bank.  
Voucher # 2011 for \$1,428.75 for David Zimmerman - what is this for? Is this for the Master Plan? No. That is a bill for him going to Planning Board meetings. Speaking of the Master Plan I did talk to him about that and he says we don't have to do it until 2017.



NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

LOOK AT FIREHOUSE DOORS AND EXIT SIGNS - There was discussion on this. Council will go up and look at the areas in question and come back with an answer. Everyone has the information from Chris Barrella. Council agreed to table until the next meeting.

LOOK AT ORDINANCE FOR CAMPERS, TRAILERS, ETC - The Clerk said she asked Councilperson Cheatham, Hedgepath and Jacobus to sit with Ron Young to see what he was interested in having done. They met with him. The Clerk said she gave the two ordinances that we currently have on the books to the Council. Council said they did not get them. The Clerk said she gave it to them the last meeting in January. I will make copies again. The Attorney actually said for the Council to look at the ordinances and decide what you want to do - if anything - and let him know when he gets back from vacation. Councilman Jacobus said that Ron will do a report from their meeting and we will look at that when we get it. Hold for next meeting or until we get Rons report.

BUDGET MEETING - Our next budget meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 6:00 p.m..

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

Jim Janone - The program from Municipal Alliance why are they coming to the Borough? They wanted to let us know what they are asking for. Municipal Alliance wants us to put it out to the residents. We have to be careful of church/state. The Mayor said that Municipal Alliance will fund most programs providing somewhere in the program you talk about drug and/or alcohol for the kids. That is all that they do. It shouldn't go on the website or on the flier. The Clerk reminded the Council that Leslie Drew wanted us to put something on our flier to the residents about the summer program. For the same reason I don't think we can do it. Council said to ask the Attorney when he gets back about putting something on the flier. I did some research and a lot of towns restrict trailers. You can't redefine what a trailer is. No matter what the type of trailer you have to go by what DMV says.

Joan Cegelka - Jim Benton got rid of trailers when he was here. Why are you doing this now? We are revising. Is it because of the violations? There are alot of things that are coming in here. You are going to change to keep the trailers here? Who said we are changing to keep these things here? We are trying to get rid of them. In 2014 Mr. Zimmerman gave us 4 different things with Planning Board and one of these issues was this. If you did not refuse to put money in the budget this would have been updated by now. Why did you stop the violations that went out? The Attorney wanted to make sure everything was clear. It isn't just trailers, it is dump trucks, trailers, campers, boats, etc.. Councilman Jacobus said. Storage vehicles that people are taking tires off and using them as garages. Why do you feel that everyone in town deserves to get a raise? Why do you feel they shouldn't Councilwoman Hedgepath asked? I don't think a lot of people around here deserve a raise. Social Security didn't get a raise. You can keep taxes flat but you are choosing not to. I would like to say something about the workmanship that goes out in this town. The minutes on the computer are upside down. They have been fixed since then.

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

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

Submitted By:



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Borough Clerk

