

March 8, 2016

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on March 8, 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 was made to go out of the regular order of business so that Bill Schroeder from Nisivoccia & Company can introduce the 2016 Budget. Motion was made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote.

Bill Schroeder - Budget shows that we are having a very small 2% increase on the tax rate. On the average home assessed at \$172,000 that would be an increase of \$35.00 for the year or about \$2.92 a month. That is on the municipal side of the budget. If it is your wish to introduce then we will do that tonight, it will then be put in the paper and then if the State gets done with it's review then we will adopt on April 12th and have the public hearing at that time.

Bill said we are using about the same amount of fund balance as we did last year. We replenished last year. We look good. Your tax rate overall, last year the average tax payer paid about \$4,145 in all taxes. The average on the State according to the Star Ledger was more than double that. We are doing great and by far, we are the lowest in Morris County.

Your fund balance rose slightly about \$25,000. We are using slightly more in fund balance this year to balance the budget. It went from 332,000 to about 339,350 . We are using the fund balance to keep the taxes down.

We are also within both CAPS. The expenditure cap and the tax cap levy. Council has no questions.

Motion was made to introduce the 2016 Budget as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

Bill said he will see everyone on April 12th for the public hearing and adoption of the budget.

The Mayor said that while we are out of the regular order of business we will open the garbage bids that we received.

Attorney Feintuch said there are two bids. One from Rubinetti and one from Waste Management.

Rubinetti	5 year contract	\$644,000.00
Waste Management	5 year contract	\$666,064.00

Attorney Feintuch said he will take everything back and will review for completeness and will have it ready for the next meeting with his recommendation.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of February 23, 2016 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Jacobus abstained as he was not here for that meeting. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk said there is nothing for correspondence. We did receive a letter from Leon Hall, Engineer, saying he asked for quotes for the storm drains/inlets. Council was copied on the information. There are 11 storm drains/inlets to be done. All work has to be completed within 12 days of starting. Quotes have to come back to me by March 16th. Quotes were sent to 6 different contractors.

Councilman Lorenzo asked if there were any local contractors that were sent the paperwork? They are listed on what I gave everyone. There are two from Chester, one from Ringwood, one from Bloomfield and one from Somerville. He said he faxed to All Affordable and I think they are more local.

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, he asked for a motion to approve the bills.

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

Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount
3-001	Dover Board of Education	School Taxes	\$75,231.34
3-002	RVRSA	RVRSA Share	7,847.00
3-003	State of NJ - Dept. of Trea. - Div Of Pens	Group Insurance	4,947.06
3-004	Philip Feintuch, ESQ	Legal Services OE	1,973.13
3-005	Dover Municipal Court	Muni Court Dover	1,470.42
3-006	Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc., LLC	Planning Board- Escrow Acct.	888.00
3-007	Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc., LLC	Planning Board	36.00
3-008	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ	Other Insurance	799.23
3-009	JCP&L	Street Lighting	627.50
3-010	Anderson & Denzler Assoc., Inc.	Planning Borad - Escrow Acct.	612.00
3-011	NJNG Co.	Fire OE	394.85
3-012	Shell	Road OE	384.34
3-013	The Hartford	Other Insurance	272.00
3-014	Verizon	Clerk OE	214.10
3-015	Verizon	Fire OE	98.95
3-016	Dover Water Commission	Utilities & Fire House	174.70
3-017	Home Depot	Clerk OE	141.46
3-018	Morris County MUA	Road OE	130.00
3-019	Vision Service Plan	Other Insurance	121.79
3-020	Professional Gov't Educators, Inc.	Tax Collector OE	90.00
3-021	AT&T	Clerk OE	88.50
3-022	Daily Record	Clerk OE	11.88
3-023	Deborah A. Devery	Admin SW	834.30
3-024	Hector Lorenzo	Streets & Roads SW	1,410.64
3-025	Edwardo Martinez	Streets & Roads SW	2,417.36
	TOTAL		101,216.55

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - Done earlier in the meeting.

OPENING OF GARBAGE BIDS - Done earlier in the meeting.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE RESOLUTION - See Resolution Next Page -

**Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July-2014-June 2019**

FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

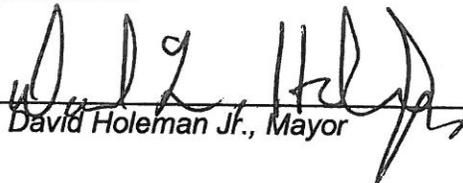
WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Morris;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

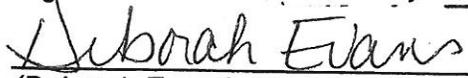
1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Dover/Victory Gardens Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2017 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$23,361.00
Cash Match	\$5,840.25
In-Kind	\$17,520.75
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: 
David Holeman Jr., Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Evans, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Borough Council on this March 8, 2016.


(Deborah Evans), Municipal Clerk

Motion to approve the Resolution 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

OLD BUSINESS:

CAMPER/TRAILER ORDINANCE - We are holding this for Attorney review until the next meeting.

GARDEN CHAPEL SUMMER PROGRAM FLIER - We explained to the Attorney how the Garden Chapel wants us to put something in our flier to the residents about the summer program at the church. We were waiting for him to get back from vacation so that he would tell us it was okay. We have to keep church and state apart.

Attorney Feintuch said he thinks this is okay. You can put something in your flier about the program. They do have a list of items that they are looking for as far as donations to the summer program. The Attorney said it was okay to put in the flier.

A motion was made to include in the town flier the information on the summer program for the Garden Chapel and the list of supplies they need. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

POLK AND MONROE AVENUE PARKING - Councilman Glass asked if we could put this on the agenda. In the beginning with the parking ordinance there was no parking at all on Monroe. Monroe Avenue is a main entrance into the town and there shouldn't be any parking on the first section of Monroe. That would be from Franklin Road to Washington. There also should be no parking on Polk Avenue from Monroe to Washington. No parking on either side.

Councilwoman Montes said then the Ordinance would have to be changed? Yes. Councilman Jacobus said the problem seems to be the most at 25 Monroe. If they aren't in front of the house then they are in the fire lane. Who is going to do the enforcement? The Attorney said the Code Enforcement Officer can do it.

Motion was made to have the Attorney amend the Ordinance as stated. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on roll call:

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

FIRE HOUSE DOORS AND EXIT SIGNS - The Clerk said she spoke with Chris Barrella in length about the fire house door and exit lights. I gave everyone a copy of what we spoke about. Now you have to decide what you want to do.

Councilman Glass said he is more confused about which door are going to be exits. Councilman Jacobus said it looks like it is more money every time we talk about this. The Mayor said it is out building and we use it for parties and have to keep it in order.

Chris said that we can not use the kitchen door as an exit as long as you have a working stove in there. You can cap off the stove and then you could use it as an exit.

Councilman Glass asked if we don't use the kitchen as an exit then where would the exit be. Councilman Lorenzo said according to Chris' information, where the double windows are in the meeting room, we can take out a window and put a door in there as long as it is 3 feet wide. Councilman Lorenzo said this makes sense. Then you aren't bothering where the boiler room is.

The Clerk said that Chris also said we can change the lock on the front door of the firehouse so it is keyed on both sides. Exit lights will have the lighting on them. The signs will be lit as well as having lights above the sign that are lit. Also, a new metal door on the furnace room - outside door should be installed.

Councilman Jacobus said the best way is to just cap off the stove and then you can use the kitchen as an exit door. It makes sense to do that.

Motion was made to cap the stove and use the kitchen door as an exit and put the handicap ramp in at the kitchen door and put the exit lights and signs up.

Motion made 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

The Clerk said she wanted to bring something before the Council regarding bay doors at the fire house and the town garage. We have a bill in tonight for Morris County Overhead Doors. They were suppose to give us an estimate but in fact, did work. I stopped them from doing any other work and then they decided to give us an estimate - which is what I asked for in the beginning. For the remainder of the work that needs to be done would cost \$3,490.00 . I asked Chris Barrella if he knew of any other door companies and he gave me names of 4 other companies. I would like to take the quote that OverHead Doors gave us and give it to these other companies - minus the amount - and see what they tell us. I wanted to get Councils approval to do that. Council was given a copy of the estimate from OverHead Doors.

Motion was made to give the Clerk permission to get other quotes for the over head doors. Motion made by Councilman Jacobus, 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

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

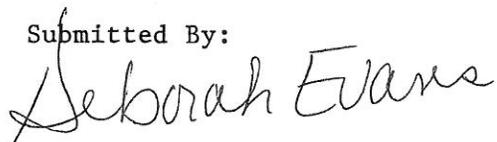
Joan Cegelka - Are their parking signs on Monroe right now? Yes. How did they get put up there if there is no parking on either side of the street? There is parking there. Originally, there was no parking on either side and then it was changed. For Mayor Holeman, when are you going to appoint the other members to the Planning Board? Your ordinance says it has to be 6 members of class IV. I am waiting for someone who said they were interested to let me know. Councilwoman Montes said you keep saying "should" it doesn't say it is mandatory. The Mayor said we have enough people to run the meeting. You should read your own ordinances.

Jim Janone - Parking ordinances - weren't some put on hold? We have changed it. They aren't enforced. Who will enforce your ordinance? You should look at all the parking ordinances. Who is Code Enforcement? The storm drain repairs, was this advertised? No, they are quotes we are getting. Didn't we send to these contractors before? Yes. They didn't bid at that time because they were very busy. We are trying for the Spring so hopefully contractors aren't so busy right now. What price did Leon quote? He hasn't.

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

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

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

