

May 10, 2016

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on May 10, 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 April 26, 2016 as received by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on verbal vote. None opposed. Councilwoman Garcia Montes abstained as she was absent for the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANDERSON & DENZLER - There were new request for quotations sent out for the storm drains. Leon sent out to 6 new contractors that we haven't used before. The quotes are due for May 18, 2016.

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP - We have a date for the substance abuse prevention program that Council asked our Board of Health to do for us for here in Victory Gardens. The date is June 21, 2016 from 7-8 p.m.. They will work on a flier for us and then get it to me so we can send it out.

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

VOUCHERS:

**VOUCHER REPORTS**

Date of Council Meeting:  
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<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payable to:</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5-001	Dover Board of Educatin	School Taxes	75,231.34
5-002	Peter Rubinetti Private Disposal, LLC	Trash Removal	10,533.33
5-003	RVRSA	RVRSA Share	7,847.00
5-004	State of NJ - Div. of Pensions & Bene	Group Insurance	4947.06
5-005	Philip Feintuch, ESQ	Legal Services	2,082.50
5-006	Philip Feintuch, ESQ	Legal Services	1,973.13
5-007	Kurt's Locksmith Service	Fire OE	1,980.00
5-008	Dover Municipal Court	Muni Court Dover	1,470.42
5-009	JCP&L	Utilities - Borough Hall	629.73
5-010	Treasurer, State of NJ-Div of Codes	State Training Fees - Jan-March 2016	483.00
5-011	Herbert Evans, JR.	Bldgs. & Grnds.	300.00
5-012	Shell Fleet Plus Card	Road OE	278.77
5-013	NJNG Company	Utilities - Fire OE	263.99
5-014	Verizon	Utilities - 973-366-5312	214.03
5-015	Verizon	Fire OE	103.92
5-016	Animal Hospital of Roxbury	Dog OE	165.00
5-017	Vision Service Plan	Other Insurance	121.79
5-018	Ideal Air Inc.	Fire OE	120.00
5-019	ATT	Utilities - 973-361-8121	92.76
5-020	Treasurer, State of NJ	Marriage License	50.00
5-021	Sunnyside Florist	Clerk OE	40.00
5-022	Daily Record - NJ Press Media Soluti	Clerk OE	11.44
5-023	Edwardo Martinez	Streets and Roads SW	2,263.20
5-024	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	1,320.80
5-025	Deborah Devery	Admin SW	795.64
	<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>113,318.85</i>

Councilwoman Montes said she asked Debbie Devery the last time she had overtime hours to put why on the voucher so we know why she is getting the overtime. Okay I will remind her.

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilman Glass, 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

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN - The Clerk said everyone has a copy of the Corrective Action Plan as done by our CFO. We need a motion on it if everyone agrees with it.

Motion to approve the corrective action plan by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Jacobus 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 UPDATE - Councilman Glass said that they had their meeting. Attorney will look over what they gave him and get back to the Council.

PARKING ON MONROE AND POLK AVENUES - Ordinance Update

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

Motion to adopt the Ordinance by Councilman Jacobus, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath.

At this time, the Mayor asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public on this topic only. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - Where are we talking about? From Franklin Road coming onto Monroe Avenue and stopping before you cross over Washington Avenue. For Polk it is from Monroe Avenue to Polk and stopping at where it meets Washington Avenue. You will be posting signs? Yes. Will it be painted? We don't know yet. We will check it out once we see if we are passing the Ordinance. How will enforcement be done? Anyone can sign a complaint. We also have code enforcement officers in the Borough that can do it.

Tina Morris - My road is wide enough. I have company over and if you abolish this then our company has to find somewhere else to park. The people at the end of Monroe at 25 park all over the place. It isn't fair to everyone else. This should be reconsidered. The State Police tell the people to move their cars and they don't issue tickets. It should be okay to park there except they can't block the driveways. The police need to enforce. The Mayor said if we block the people at the end of Monroe what will prevent them from coming in front of your house to park. The landlord at 25 Monroe need to take care of their house and the people in it.

Joan Cegelka - Why are you doing this? Originally there was no parking on this street. Then it was changed. Now we are changing it back. Why can't you just say no parking where the trouble spot is? If you make both streets a one way that might work. Nobody will enforce this. The Mayor said we will sit down with the State Police again.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING ON MONROE AND POLK AVENUES - Open Portion -

Maria Alvarez - We do have a lot of problems when it comes to people parking. I can see not blocking driveways. You have older people and disabled people. You shouldn't take the parking away completely. The problem isn't the home owners it is the renters. There is nothing wrong with the parking now but they block driveways.

No other comments from the public.

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

Mayor Holeman asked Council what their thoughts are. Councilwoman Montes said we need enforcement no matter what we do. Attorney Feintuch said you don't need the State Police to enforce local ordinances. They can do it but you can also appoint someone to do it. Mayor Holeman said there is a blind spot on Polk. You can't see. Something has to be done. There are times on Monroe you can't get through.

After discussion Council decided that they should look at this again and make sure everything is evaluated. The Mayor asked everyone to go out late at night and look at these roads.

Councilman Jacobus made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath. Roll call:

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

Mayor Holeman said that we are going into closed session tonight for Debbie Devery and the hiring of a CFO.

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

Joan Cegelka - The new trash haulers for two weeks, have not taken all the garbage. I called and spoke to Debbie D. and she said she called them. Nothing happened. The next time I called them and they came back and picked up. Why didn't they pick up when Debbie called? When you go into closed session what is it about? Is it disciplinary? No.

Maria Alvarez - This will be discussed with the parking at the next meeting? Yes. Please take into considerations the concerns we have.

Tina Morris - You should have the curbs painted. That should be all through the town. Some of the painting is there. It needs to be repainted. I will volunteer my time. I am home during the day. I want my kids to be safe. People that live her have to obey the rules. I can take pictures with my phone. I will write tickets.

Jim Janone - The Mayor and Council can write tickets. You would have to go to court. There is a lot that goes on during the nights and weekends. Has anyone been on Princeton Avenue in Dover? They have curb outlets that keep people towards the middle of the street. The Clerk said she doesn't think our streets are as wide as Princeton Avenue in Dover. You have your agenda for closed session for Debbie but you don't have it for the CFO. This was an emergency to appoint and it has to be discussed since Amy will be out of here on the 26th. You should open to the public after you have your closed session.

Valerie Williams - I missed what happened with the parking. We are holding off for Council to look at the streets. We will discuss again at the next meeting. This is only for the one section of Monroe and Polk. The ordinance you have now is still in force? Yes. State Police, EMT, Dover Fire Department, last year they came through. I think they were assessing the roads for emergencies. Did you ever get a report? We never got anything. We didn't know they were here.

Valerie Williams - When will the next meeting be? May 24th.

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

Closed session minutes typed separately.

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

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

The Mayor asked for a motion to hire Derek Macchia as our new CFO replacing Amy Maronpot.

Motion made by Councilwoman Montes to hire Derek Macchia at a cost of \$17,000.00, 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

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

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk