

August 23, 2016

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on August 23, 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 Lorenzo and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.
Attorney Feintuch was also present.

ABSENT: Councilman Jacobus.

Motion to accept the minutes of August 9, 2016 as received by councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Lorenzo abstained.

Motion to accept the minutes of the closed session held on August 9, 2016 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Lorenzo abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

TOWN OF DOVER - There is a public hearing on the Fair Share Housing Plan for the Town of Dover tomorrow 8/24/16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. There Planning Board is holding the meeting.

MORRIS COUNTY TRAFFIC ENGINEER - We had a glitch with the South Salem and Franklin Road project that is finally resolved. All the final bid documents will be done in the next few months. Construction will begin in the Spring of 2017. If you wish to have a set of plans please let us know. I did tell them that we are requesting a set of plans for our Engineer.

FROM STATE POLICE - Is there a way we can have access to the firehouse on weekends. We are looking at getting some patrols down there and having the firehouse to use as a base would be helpful.

Councilwoman Montes said that we have a contract with Dover. Has anyone talked to them? The Mayor said he spoke with Mayor Dodd and he said it was okay.

ROCKAWAY VALLEY - We received notice that the RVRSA is pursuing financial assistance to get some work done at the plant. Replacement of the final four clarifiers which will replace deteriorated equipment and the motor control center. There are various other items of work to be completed.

RVRSA has calculated that the average sewer charge per year for Victory Gardens is \$200. They say with the improvements our sewer bill will go up to \$216 per year. However, we only pay \$190 a year right now. These are just calculated. We will wait and see if it goes up at all.

Attorney Feintuch said that with the RVRSA litigation with Jersey City, there is a trial scheduled for January.

GREENBAUM ROWE SMITH DAVIS - We received a letter from this firm that represents the Condo Association. They are saying we owe them money for not collecting garbage, plowing, etc. The Attorney received it. I made him a copy for tonight and I put my comments on there. There is a law that says we have to offer the condos what we offer our other residents. The rest of the town gets garbage pickup once a week and that is what they get. They choose to have two pickups and they pay for one themselves. That is their choice to do that but we aren't paying for it. We give them once a week pickup just like everyone else gets.

The Attorney said he will review this and get back to the firm. The Clerk said there are attachments there on what we pay them. Any other questions you have from this point you can ask the CFO but he is on vacation this week.

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

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>
8-027	Dover Bd. Of Ed.	School Taxes - Aug payment	76,156.00
8-028	RVRSA	RVRSA - Share	7,847.00
8-029	William J. Isslein	Clean Communities Aug. - Dec. 2016	875.00
8-030	NJNG	Utilities	723.00
8-031	Morris County MUA	Road OE	598.00
8-032	JCPL	Utilities	596.73
8-033	JCPL	Fire OE	125.43
8-034	Anderson & Denzler Assoc., Inc.	Engineering	525.40
8-035	Handyman's	Bldg. & Grnds., lawn mower	379.00
8-036	Animal Hospital of Roxbury	Dog OE	165.00
8-037	CarQuest Auto Parts of Dover	Road OE, oil, refrigrnt, leak sealer	102.36
8-038	Sunnyside Florist	Clerk OE	84.00
8-039	Verizon	Utilities	72.04
8-040	Home Depot Credit Services	Bldg. & Grnds., supplies for hand rail at	36.63
8-041	Optimum	Clerk OE	6.04
8-042	Deborah A. Devery	Admin SW	1,027.50
8-043	Hector Lorenzo	Streets & Roads SW	2,112.96
8-044	Edwardo Martinez	Streets & Roads SW	2715.84
		<i>Total</i>	<i>94,147.93</i>

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Hearing none, he asked for a motion to pay 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 Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 3 permits issued. Total value of construction \$8,690.

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

MUNICIPAL COURT - We received \$1,830.70 .

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month to Date: 94,351.81
 " " " Year " " : 905,321.20

REGISTRAR - 2 marriage licenses issued. Total Collected: \$56.00

FINANCE OFFICER - Everyone has a copy of Dereks report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - Nothing to report.

Councilman Glass - Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Hedgepath - Nothing to report.

Councilman Jacobus - The Clerk said she has a report from Councilman Jacobus. During the last week of July 2016 I was summoned to the Adams Avenue residence of Valerie Williams regarding new lines that were painted on the road. Ms. Williams stated that the lines were painted in the wrong location and should have been moved further out towards the street. I reported back to the Borough Clerk who said she would have Leon Hall examine the placement of the lines when he returned from vacation. Upon investigation, Mr. Hall found all the lines were painted in the proper location.

Councilman Lorenzo - Municipal Alliance meeting was held on 8/4/16. Dover Library is hosting a program during the school year for all kids that attend the Dover Schools. It is free. They will serve lunch or snacks. Can we put a flier out? We can but I will need more information. Dates, times, free, who it is open to, etc. Find out information and get it to me and we will put it out on a flier. I will get Debbie the information and then we can get a flier out. Also, there are two poles right here by Borough Hall. The one has three transformers on it and it is really leaning. The other one is hooked together with it and the pole is chipping away because of the weight being pulled from the other pole. The Mayor said he would get the pole numbers. We need to get that looked at. We will call JCP&L once we get the pole numbers.

Councilwoman Garcia Montes - Debbie ordered emergency preparedness books and stickers. She has some at Borough Hall and the rest she will put up in the firehouse so I can pass out when we have the Halloween Party. I will have information shortly on the date for the Halloween Party.

Motion to accept reports by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilman Glass, and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

QUOTES ON TREE REMOVAL - We received three (3) quotes for the tree removal of four (4) trees. They are as follows:

Scotty Tree Experts, LLC	\$10,500.00
Master tree Service, Inc.	\$11,500.00
Tuff Greens, LLC	\$35,980.00

The Attorney looked over all paperwork and said the low bidder has all the correct documents. Councilwoman Montes suggested that Leon Hall send out to other contractors the next time because he sends them to the same ones and some times they don't get back to us.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Cheatham to hire Scotty Tree Experts, LLC for the amount of \$10,500.00. Seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

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

The Mayor said at the beginning of the meeting we were talking about the State Police using the firehouse on weekends. I spoke with Mayor Dodd to see if this would be okay and he said it was. Councilwoman Montes asked what they want to use it for? Just as a base for when the police are here on the weekends. They will be inside? Yes.

Motion was made to let the State Police use the firehouse on the weekends. Motion made by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEES FOR CAMPERS/TRAILERS - At our last meeting everyone got a copy of the report from the Attorney. It was his recommendations. The Mayor said he would like each Council member to look at the recommendations and if there is anything you want changed or if there is anything you have questions on, then write them down and we will give it to the Attorney. We will put this on for the next meeting. Councilpersons Cheatham and Lorenzo asked for another copy of what the Attorney gave us.

R & L PAYROLL - Just wanted to update everyone. Derek did talk to the company again and they can not go any lower with their price. It will cost us about \$2,000 more a year than what we are currently paying with ADP. Have Derek get us an itemized list of what ADP does for the Borough and what R & L will do for the Borough. Has Derek found any discrepancies Councilwoman Montes asked? He is still waiting for them to get back to us. He calls every week. The Attorney said when Derek was here he was saying that ADP doesn't do some things. He has to keep reminding them to do what they are suppose to do. R & L already knows what they are suppose to do.

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

Jim Janone - You should look into trees better. We cut trees and they cost no where as much as yours cost. Who pays for the light at the old day care? Is that under the Boroughs street lighting? I don't know. We will check. On the road that was painted with lines, what are the triangles? Why isn't there an amendment to the lease with Dover? The Attorney said you don't need to make an amendment. You will send a letter confirming what the two Mayors spoke about.

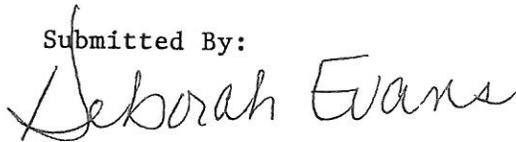
Valerie Williams - What date did Leon go on Adams Avenue? I think it was the 17th or 18th. What was the date on the letter you received from Councilman Jacobus? Today's date 8/23/16. Do you have a written letter from Leon Hall about the street painting? No. Who authorized the DPW to paint the lines without proper measurements? The Clerk said she does not know that there weren't proper measurements. Leon Hall went up there and measured the streets. He told me he did not measure the streets. When I spoke to him on Friday he said he was coming on Monday or Tuesday and he never showed up. The Clerk said she wasn't aware that Mr. Hall was coming out. He usually tells me when he will be in town. The State Police using the firehouse did the State approve joint insurance coverage? No. The Borough holds the insurance on the building. So are we having the other programs? What programs? This is all it says. When are you correcting the lines that are in my parking bay? I need my space. The lines are not correct. The Attorney said the Clerk just said that Leon was up there and measured the road. They aren't correct Ms. Williams said. Nobody can answer your question. The word we have is that the Engineer was out there and measured the road. The lines are where he marked them out to be. Did he give you something in writing? No.

Councilwoman Montes asked if we can have the Clerk ask Leon Hall to give us something in writing regarding the lines on Adams Avenue. I will ask him.

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 Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk