

April 12, 2022

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on April 12, 2022.

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 Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hedgepath and Councilman Glass.

*** Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of March 22, 2022 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo. Approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM - I sent an email to Luisa over at the Dover Schools regarding the summer meals. I have not heard back from her yet. I have reached out twice to her.

RUNOFF FROM CONDOS - I spoke with Leon after our last meeting. Council wanted me to speak to him regarding the runoff of water from the condos into the concrete line that runs through the Borough.

He said they are allowed to do what they are doing. It was approved at a Planning Board meeting when they were being built. They are not required to test the runoff water. At the time they were built they complied with all the storm water requirements.

ATTORNEY FEINTUCH - I gave everyone a copy of the law that the Attorney sent. This was in regards to the vouchers leaving the building. It clearly states that they are not to leave the building. I asked the Attorney if we have to rescind the motion that was made back in February 2022?

Motion was made to rescind the motion that was made about the vouchers leaving the building that was made at the Council meeting of February 22, 2022. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

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

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers or any comments? Hearing none, he asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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VOUCHER REPORTSDate of Council Meeting:
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
4/1/2022	AJM Contractors, Inc.	Streets & Roads	7,500	
4/2/2022	Business Information Systems, Inc.	Clerk OE - Court room system	1,095.00	
4/3/2022	Cargill, Inc.	Streets & Roads	2,131.36	
4/4/2022	Dover Court	Shared Court Services	1,655.83	
4/5/2022	Home Depot	Road OE	139.18	
4/6/2022	Inst. For Professional Dev. - IPD	Clerk OE - Debbie D., 2 classes	100.00	
4/7/2022	JCP&L - #3 - Streets	Street Lighting	676.75	
4/8/2022	Montville Animal Shelter	Dog OE - Jan., Feb, & March	170.13	
4/9/2022	Morris County MUA	Streets & Roads	555.73	
4/10/2022	NJ Department of Environmental Pro.	Road OE	1,050.00	
4/11/2022	NJNG	Fire OE	246.00	
4/12/2022	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	21.19	
4/13/2022	Professional Accountants Inst. LLC	Clerk OE - Debbie D. class	75.00	
4/14/2022	R&L Data Centers, LLC	Finance - payroll	260.00	
4/15/2022	Ridgeback Ventures, LLC	Tax Collector	716.34	
4/16/2022	Training Unlimited, LLC	Clerk OE - Debbie D. class	75.00	
4/17/2022	Treasurer State of NJ - DCA	Training fees	269.20	
4/18/2022	Treasurer State of NJ - DOCA	Marriage License	25.00	
4/19/2022	Verizon - #1 - 263-0001-56	Utilities	75.05	
4/20/2022	Viking Pest Control	Bldg. & Grnds.	166.00	
4/21/2022	State of NJ - Div. of Pen. & Benefits	Retirement	37,357.00	
4/22/2022	State of NJ - Div. of Pen. & Benefits	Group Insurance	4,987.20	
		TOTAL	59,346.96	

NEW BUSINESS:

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM HONDO TO ALONZOS STEAK - The Clerk said we are holding off on this. They still haven't given me approval from the State Police.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING - The Clerk said we have a Board of Health meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

DISCUSSION ON FEE ORDINANCE - The Clerk said she gave everyone a copy of the revised fee ordinance back in January. I wasn't sure if everyone would have it with them tonight so please have it for our next meeting. We have had discussions on this and everyone was in agreement with the changes. We just need to introduce.

NOURISH, NEW JERSEY - The Mayor asked what is going on with Nourish? The Clerk said we received paperwork today for demolition of the inside of the building. Councilwoman Montes asked about the tax agreement, are they paying us the taxes? Yes, they are paying taxes. They sent our Attorney an agreement but it was for only five years. This is what their attorney told them to begin with.

Attorney Feintuch said your Clerk is a good negotiator. They wanted 5 years, the Clerk got us 7. We are waiting for their attorney to correct the agreement, then we will get it back, sign it and we will be good for 7 years. They have said that they will continue to pay but the agreement has to be done every 7 years.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN - The Clerk said everyone has a copy of the resolution from Karen. I just need approval for it.

Motion to approve the Tax Resolution for lien redemption on property known as 65 Victory Court. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

**BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
RESOLUTION OF REDEMPTION
TAX TITLE LIEN**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received payment for redemption of Tax Title Lien #21-002 on **BLOCK 10 LOT 1.65** known as **65 Victory Ct** in the name of **Vicital, Barbara A.**

WHEREAS, reimbursement is now required to be made to the following Lien Holder,

Ridgeback Ventures, LLC
PO Box 503
Mount Freedom, NJ 07970

To return the amount of the Lien, Penalty, Interest, Costs:


TAX TITLE LIEN: \$ 516.34
PREMIUM: \$ 200.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of **\$716.34** made payable to:

Ridgeback Ventures, LLC
PO Box 503
Mount Freedom, NJ 07970

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens at a duly convened Meeting held on **April 12, 2022.**


Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

David L. Holman, Jr
Mayor

OLD BUSINESS:

FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS - This must be done by 4/30/22. Make sure you go on line and get it done otherwise they will issue fines.

GARBAGE CONTRACT - Attonrey Feintuch said he needs a motion from the Council to have the Mayor and Clerk sign the new garbage contract.

Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

ESTIMATE ON CODIFICATION OF CODE BOOK - Everyone has a copy of the estimate that we received from General Code. This is for printing 16 copies not to exceed \$9,690. Attorney Feintuch said he would like to reach out to the code company to go over a few things with them. The Clerk said she would get him the name and the number.

The annual maintenance fee is \$695 - \$1,195. Annual maintenance fee before was \$695.

Motion was made to pay General Code \$9,690 for the code book and not to exceed \$1,195 per year for the annual maintenance. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Motnes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - In regards to the codifying, is Council going to review the code book? The Attorney said a committee should be formed form the Council to go over the code book and see where duplication are. Some of your ordinances are in conflict with others.

Councilwoman Montes said since she is in charge of Administration she would go over the book with the help of others. Councilman Lorenzo said he would also help out.

Jim asked when next door does demolition, will they be reassessed for taxes? The Clerk said once everything gets done, they will be re evaluated from our Assessor. If there is anything to upgrade, he will do it at that time. When will be have another reval in town? Right now the County is not demanding it. When they do, then we will have to get it done.

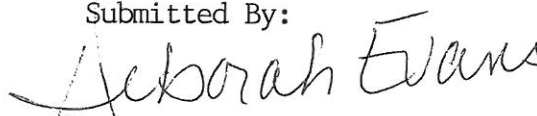
I talked to Council about this before. The piece of property up there by the condos, what are you going ot do with it. Why are we holding on to it? The lot is double the size than most properties in here. If you have a house on this then they are paying taxes on it. Councilwoman Montes said she was thinking about putting a dog park in there. No one has said that.

The attorney asked if the land could be developed? We don't know. If the property is bought, it would be contingent upon getting approval from the Planning Board.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham 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:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk