

January 3, 2023

This is a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens for the Reorganization.

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.

A statement of determination of the Board of Canvassers relative to an election held in Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for the election of certain municipal officers for the town on the 8th day of November, 2022.

Vera Cheatham	Borough Council	3 Years
James Glass	Borough Council	3 Years
Stuart Hale	Borough Council	1 Year Unexpired
Sandra Downs	Board of Education	3 Years
Debra A. Acevedo	Board of Education	3 Years
Kimberly Philips	Board of Education	3 Years

Special School Election for a referendum was not approved in Victory Gardens.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale.

ABSENT: Councilman Lorenzo and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

Motion was made to appoint Stuart Hale as Council President but motion was denied by Councilman Hale.

Motion was made to appoint Councilwoman Hedgepath as the Council President. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 1

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR AN ATTORNEY for the Borough of Victory Gardens, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for the purpose, and

WHEREAS, the local public contracts law requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publically advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens for the year 2023

1. Philip Feintuch from the firm of Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch is hereby appointed as Borough Attorney for the year 2023.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion to approve the Borough Attorney by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 2

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR AUDITORS, for the Borough of Victory Gardens, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the local public contracts law requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be publically advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens for the year 2023

1. Man Lee from the firm Nisivoccia & Company is hereby appointed as the Borough Auditor for the year 2023.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion on the appoint to approve the Auditors by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 3

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR AN ENGINEER for the Borough of Victory Gardens, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for such purpose, and

WHEREAS, the local public contracts law requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be publically advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens for the year 2023

1. Leon Hall from the firm Anderson & Denizler is hereby appointed as Borough Engineer for the year 2023.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion to approve the Engineer by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 9


RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
FOR THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens, Morris County, New Jersey is obligated to maintain an Emergency Management Coordinator;
and

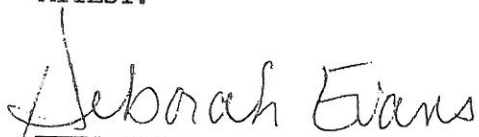
WHEREAS, said position must be filled by a resident of the Borough;
and

WHEREAS, David Holeman has met the requirements of the position

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that David Holeman be appointed to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Victory Gardens for a three (3) year appointment beginning Jan. 3, 2023 and ending on Dec. 31, 2026.


Borough of Victory Gardens
Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Adopted: 1-3-2023

Chris Barella is hereby appointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the same time period.

Motion on the appoint by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

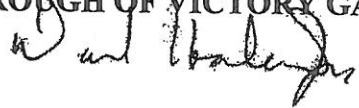
WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of local unit's monies; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Victory Gardens is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, that they hereby adopt the attached Cash Management Plan.

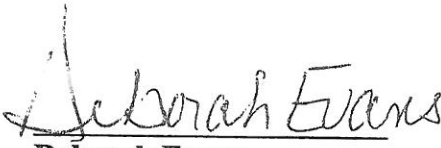
Adopted: January 3, 2023

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS



DAVID HOLEMAN,
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Deborah Evans,
Borough Clerk

Motion on the cash management plan resolution by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

Resolution for Hzzard Mitigation Plan - Motion by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

(See Resolution Next Page)

RESOLUTION # 10
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MULTI JURISDICTIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY
GARDENS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens is vulnerable to damages from natural hazard events which pose a threat to public health and safety and could result in property loss and economic hardship;

WHEREAS, a multi jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan has been developed through the work of the Morris County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, the Borough of Victory Gardens Hazard Working Mitigation Group and the interested parties within the Borough of Victory Gardens.

WHEREAS, the plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect any property affected by natural hazards that face the Borough of Victory Gardens, that will reduce future public, private, community and personal costs of disaster response and recovery; and that will reenforce the Borough of Victory Gardens leadership in emergency preparedness efforts;

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-390) (DMA2000) and associated federal regulations published under 44CFR Part 201 requires the Borough of Victory Gardens to formerly adopt a hazard mitigation plan subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be eligible for federal funds for hazard mitigation projects and activities.

WHEREAS, public meetings were held to receive comment on the Plan as required by DMA 2000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that:

1. The plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Borough of Victory Gardens.
2. The Borough of Victory Gardens officials identified in the mitigation action plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended actions assigned to them. These officials will report quarterly on their activities, accomplishments, and progress to the Borough of Victory Gardens hazard mitigation working group.
3. The Borough of Victory Gardens hazard mitigation working group will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the plan to the Mayor and Council. This report shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council by March 15th of each year.
4. The Borough of Victory Gardens hazard mitigation group will undertake periodic updates of the plan as indicated in the Plan Maintenance Program (section 10) but no less frequently than every 5 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens adopts the Morris County, New Jersey Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated _____ as this jurisdictions natural hazard mitigation plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the plan.

ADOPTED: 1-3-2023

MAYOR:

CLERK: Deborah Evans

Councils confirmation of Jerry Flatt for Animal Control Officer for 2023.
Motion made by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by CouncilmanHale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

Councils confirmation of Joseph Kovalcik as CFO. This is a 4 year appointment.
Motion on the appointment by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

Planning Board & Adjustment Board	Class I	Mayor Holeman
	Class II	Kevin Lewthwaite
	Class III	James Glass
	Class IV	Janine Adams
		Hari Bami
		John Cegelka
		Manny Venereo

Motion on all appointments for the Planning Board by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

Appointments of Council Members to serve on the following Boards. Chairman is listed first.

Administration:	Hale	Cheatham	
Public Works:	Glass	Hale	
Recreation:	Hedgepath	Cheatham	
Em. Management:	Holeman	Barella	
Finance/Budgeting	Lorenzo	Glass	Montes
Community Development:	Cheatham	Hedgepath	Holeman
RVRSA Liason:	John Cegelka		
Municipal Alliance:	Councilman Lorenzo		

RESOLUTION # 4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the newspaper, The Daily Record be used for publications and legal materials for the year 2023.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Borough Clerk

Motion on the newspaper publications by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 5

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following banks be designated as depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2023.

Lake Land Bank	PNC Bank
Santander Bank	TD Bank
Investors Savings Bank	Capital One Bank
Provident Bank	Citizens Bank
Valley National Bank	North Fork Bank
Kearny Bank	State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Malvern Federal Savings Bank	County of Morris Local Gov't Investment Program

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion on the depositories by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 6

WHEREAS, 40A: 4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 budget, temporary appropriations be made for purposes and amounts required in the manner and time, therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of the Resolution is within the first 30 days of January 3, 2023 and

WHEREAS, the total general appropriations in the 2022 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interests and principal of debt, capital improvements and public assistance is the sum of \$1,651,389.40.

WHEREAS, 26.25% of this total is the sum of \$433,463.47

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial officer for his records.

I, Deborah Evans Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted at a meeting held on 1-3-2023.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion on the temporary budget by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

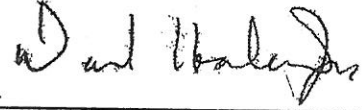
Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 8

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchase & Property requires that the Borough of Victory Gardens appoint a designated Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO);

NOW THEREFORE, and in accordance of this requirement and within the powers afforded the Borough of Victory Gardens, the Mayor on this 3rd ~~day of January~~ hereby appoints David Holeman to the position of P.A.C.O. effective immediately.



Mayor, Borough of Victory Gardens

I, Deborah Evans, Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution passed at a meeting of the Mayor and Council, that was held on

1-3-2023



Borough Clerk

Motion on the appointment by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

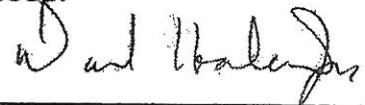
Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

RESOLUTION # 7

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 46 of the laws of 1970, the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes or assessments in the Borough of Victory Gardens be and the same is hereby fixed at 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the establishment of the aforesaid rates be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Chapter 435 of the laws of 1970 as set forth more therein:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tax Collector of the Borough of Victory Gardens be authorized to process the cancellation of any delinquencies of less than \$10.00 for any charges and fees imposed.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Borough Clerk

ADOPTED: 1-3-2023

Motion on the resolution for delinquent taxes made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote.

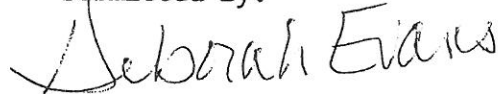
Jim Janone - Who does the tax appeals? our assessor and if it needs to go to court then Phil goes to court. Are rates going up for the Engineer and the Attorney? They asked for raises but raises won't be considered until the budget meetings. Will the Auditors stay the same? No, they always go up. The appointments on the council members to serve on the committees they serve on for the year - is there anything in our administrative code about that? We don't have an administrative code for Victory Gardens. We have our Policy and Procedure Manual. There is nothing in there on appointments for committees. Jim read a section of the administrative code. As an example for administration you have hiring of office personnel. Yes. As the Clerk/admin I do the personnel matters on a daily basis. I take care of all the personnel records.

Man Lee - Just wanted to wish everyone a happy new year and thank you for the appointment.

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

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

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk