

January 24, 2023

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on January 24, 2023.

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 Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Attorney Feintuch

Motion to accept the minutes of January 10, 2023 closed session and regular minutes. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

VOUCHERS:

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

Motion to pay the bills by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building Department - 2 permits issued for a total value of construction of \$9,900.

Property Maintenance - Everyone has a copy of the report.

Municipal Court - We collected \$155.08

Tax Collector - This is Decembers report.  
Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: 40,899.19  
Total Tax Receipts Year To Date: 2,316,055.00

Registrar - 1 Marriage license issued. The Governor still has us not collecting for marriage licenses. That moratorium goes off the end of June. Unless it gets changed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - We had a community development meeting on January 17th. This was just to introduce us to any changes. We are having another meeting on February 2. If we are applying for a grant this year the deadline is April 21 at 4 p.m. No Later or they will not be accepted.

Councilman Lorenzo - Water pressure is low at the botton of the hill. A neighbor complained to me that the pressure was low. Mine has been low also. Has there been any reports from Dover that they are doing anything with the lines? the Clerk said she wasn't told anything. Have you or your neighbor called Dover? No. The Clerk said she will call them tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED:

Councilman Glass - Manny is working out really well on the DPW. They have been working hard on getting the garage cleaned out. We want to start building the wall in the garage to keep the salt away from the equipment. The salt is eating away at the equipment. I have talked to Leon Hall. The guys want to build the wall themselves. They will reinforce it. I just wanted the Council to know that we will move forward with that. I was think about getting them a cement mixer, we could either buy one or rent one, but DPW wants to mix by hand and they will need a wheel barrel.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR EDDIES SEPARATION PAYFOR UNUSED SICK TIME -

R-xx-23

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, effective December 31, 2022, Eduardo Martinez retired from her employment with the Borough of Victory Gardens; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Borough of Victory Gardens Ordinances, he is entitled to be paid for accumulated sick time that he had accrued and not used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Victory Gardens that Eduardo Martinez be issued a check in the amount of \$16,318.72 representing the total of the following plus any other contractual obligations:

1. The amount of \$16,318.72 for 488 hours of unused accumulated sick time.

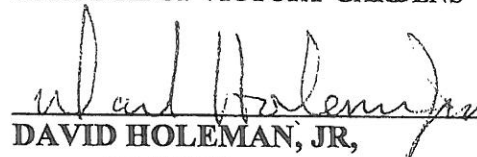
Adopted: January 24, 2023

ATTEST:



Deborah Evans,  
Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

  
DAVID HOLEMAN, JR,  
MAYOR

Motion on the Resolution by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

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

**VOUCHER REPORTS**

Date of Council Meeting:

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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
01-26-2023	Advanced Auto Parts	Streets and Roads	\$ 121.32	
01-27-2023	Anderson & Denzler Associates	Engineering	\$ 4,516.32	
01-28-2023	County Of Morris	Shade Tree	\$ 59,001.62	
01-29-2023	Eduardo Martinez	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 16,318.72	
01-30-2023	Gannett NJ Newspaper	Clerk OE	\$ 212.98	
01-31-2023	Glass Gardens Inc (Shoprite)	Recreation	\$ 538.47	
01-32-2023	Hector Lorenzo	Building and Grounds	\$ 16.00	
01-33-2023	Henry O Baker Insurance Group	Other Insurance	\$ 492.00	
01-34-2023	Home Depot Credit Services	Buildings and grounds	\$ 37.19	
01-35-2023	Interstate Waste Services	Trash Removal	\$ 11,910.25	
01-36-2023	Jcpl Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 404.43	
01-37-2023	Jcpl Firehouse	Utilities	\$ 252.80	
01-38-2023	Konica Minolta Business	Clerk OE	\$ 230.71	
01-39-2023	Morris county MUA	Road OE	\$ 438.75	
01-40-2023	NJNG Borough	Utilities	\$ 1,405.00	
01-41-2023	Optimum Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 11.45	
01-42-2023	Protective measures security and Fire	Fire OE	\$ 1,176.00	
01-43-2023	R & L Data Centers Inc	Clerk OE	\$ 260.00	
01-44-2023	RVRSa	RVSA Shares	\$ 19,248.00	
01-45-2023	Shell Wex bank	Roads OE	\$ 435.09	
01-46-2023	Township Of Montville	1st Quarter Service January, February, March	\$ 639.92	
01-47-2023	Viking Pest control	Building and grounds	\$ 145.80	
01-48-2023	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,797.44	
01-49-2023	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,520.00	
01-50-2023	Manuel Venero	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,400.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 124,530.26</b>	

OLD BUSINESS:

2nd READING/ADOPTION OF COLA ORDINANCE - The Clerk said this is by Title only since it was advertised in full in the newspaper.

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

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

Jim Janone - What is the limit on this? 3½%. Over the previous year of appropriations. Do we know how much that was? No, I don't have it with me. What does it mean. We can't raise taxes any higher than that percentage. We never do and we have done this every year. It gives the town a cushion in case we need it. If you have any questions, we are having a budget meeting next week you can ask questions at that time.

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

Motion to adopt the ordinance by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

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

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

Jim Janone - For community development, why not put in for a generator? The Mayor said we have done this in the past and we never get it. So we rather put it in for something we will get. We did put in for it several times and never got approved for it. Do we have anything that says we can't have chickens in town? Yes. Board of Health ordinances. The State Police talked about using our town hall or firehouse and they never did it. The Mayor said that he would talk to the commander at the state police to find out what happened, I never heard what happened? We had discussed this at a meeting several times. The police wanted to use the firehouse as a sub station but they wanted to use it for observations. They asked that it be kept quiet. It was mentioned at a meeting to let the other council members know and then someone leaked it to the newspaper because a few days later it was put in the paper. The police said they weren't going to use it. There is a new commander again at the Netcong Barracks. We will have to meet with him once he gets settled.

The Mayor said we will discuss with the new commander when we finally meet with him. Also the State Police are in here more than people know. I see them all the time. Councilwoman Montes said she sees them in here.

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

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

Submitted By:

*Deborah Evans*

Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk