

October 8, 2024

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on October 8, 2024.

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: Councilman Suarez, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: None

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

Motion to accept the minutes of 9/24/24 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the vouchers? Hearing noe, he asked for a motion to pay the bills.

**Voucher Reports
Mayor and Board Council Meeting
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| Voucher # | Payable to: | Type of Service | Amount | Check # |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| 10-01 | Adams Fire Protection | Clerk OE | \$ 247.37 | |
| 10-02 | Anderson and Denzler | Engineering OE | \$ 3,304.75 | |
| 10-03 | AT&T Long Distance | Utilities | \$ 27.60 | |
| 10-04 | Dover Board Of Education | School Taxes | \$ 97,057.00 | |
| 10-05 | Feintuch -Porwich & Feintuch | Legal Services | \$ 2,204.22 | |
| 10-06 | Henry O Baker Insurance | Other Insurance | \$ 1,431.00 | |
| 10-07 | Home Depot Inc | Streets and Roads OE | \$ 389.77 | |
| 10-08 | Leticia Diaz | Clerk OE | \$ 109.78 | |
| 10-09 | Navitend | Clerk OE Internet | \$ 298.55 | |
| 10-10 | New Jersey Natural Gas Firehouse | Fire OE | \$ 297.00 | |
| 10-11 | NJ Dept Of Community Affairs | Clerk OE | \$ 152.90 | |
| 10-12 | Rockaway township health | Health Dept | \$ 6,839.25 | |
| 10-13 | RVRSA | RVRSA Shares | \$ 13,561.00 | |
| 10-14 | Wex Bank Shell | Roads | \$ 265.70 | |
| 10-15 | Hector Lorenzo | Streets and Roads Sw | \$ 2,615.36 | |
| 10-16 | Leticia Diaz | Clerk SW | \$ 1,795.20 | |
| 10-17 | Manuel Venereo | Streets and Roads SW | \$ 2,244.00 | |
| | | TOTAL VOUCHERS | \$ 132,840.45 | |
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Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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| Councilman Suarez | Yes |
| Councilman Glass | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath | Yes |
| Councilman Hale | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo | Yes |
| Councilwoman Garcia Montes | Yes |

Councilman Glass wanted Council to know that the ad went in the paper to sell the line painting machine. The sale will take place on October 16 at 10 a.m..

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION OF PROPERTY TAX AND SEWER CANCELLATIONS -

RESOLUTION NO.

Borough of Victory Gardens

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax and sewer overpayments or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens may authorize the Tax Collector to process, without any further action on the part of the Governing Body, any cancellation of property tax and sewer overpayments or delinquencies of less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the 2024 tax and sewer overpayments and delinquencies of less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

CERTIFICATION

I, Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens at a regular meeting of said Governing Body conducted on October 8, 2024.

Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

Date:

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RESOLUTION FOR TAX AND SEWER CANCELLATION CONTINUED -

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

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| Councilman Suarez | Yes |
| Councilman Glass | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath | Yes |
| Councilman Hale | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo | Yes |
| Councilwoman Garcia Montes | Yes |

RESOLUTION FOR TAX SALE -

RESOLUTION NO.

Borough of Victory Gardens

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Victory Gardens in the County of Morris and the State of New Jersey, desires to collect all taxes, assessments and other Municipal charges that are now delinquent. and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is directed to sell, by holding a tax sale, all municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2023 in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 and amended by Chapter 99, Public Laws of 1998 and N.J.A.C. 5:33-1.1.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, that the Tax Collector is here by authorized and directed to sell all municipal liens in accordance with the New Jersey Statues and New Jersey Administrative Code, as described above, and that said electronic tax sale shall take place in 2024.

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Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

Date:

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RESOLUTION FOR TAX SALE CONTINUED:

Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on roll call:

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| Councilman Suarez | Yes |
| Councilman Glass | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath | Yes |
| Councilman Hale | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo | Yes |
| Councilwoman Garcia Montes | Yes |

RESOLUTION ON RECYCLING - Councilman Glass said we talked about this months ago but never did anything. We have a few problems in town with the weight being way to heavy for the men to pick up. This resolution is for containers to not be more than 30 gallons and not to weigh any more than 30 pounds.

The Mayor said he spoke to the resident and he asked him to put his recycling in 2 separate containers and he said no.

After much discussion on the subject Council asked Councilman Glass to find out what the cost of containers are and also find out the cost of having a small lift put on the truck in order to pick up the recycling containers.

Attorney Feintuch will look back on the ordinance. If we have a current ordinance then this has to be an update to the ordinance and not a Resolution.

We will not do anything with this resolution tonight. The Attorney will do research on a current ordinance and if there is one then we will do an update to the ordinance for the next meeting.

This is tabled until the next meeting.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING - There is a BOH meeting scheduled for October 15 at 6 p.m..

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

Jim Janone - Who will enforce the weight on the recycling? The DPW. What is the weight for our stuff and how much the men can lift. OSHA says 50 pounds. What about the people that have the recycling containers that they bought? Do they have to get rid of them? No, everyone can still use what they have. They just can't put more than 30 pounds in them. If Dover BOE wanted to have a meeting here so that parents of VG kids can come here and talk to them would there be a problem with doing that? No it would be okay. They never asked us about coming in. Councilwoman Montes said the parents will not come down. If we go thru another assessment of properties in town, they base it on the valuation of the land in town, then if our valuation goes up we will be paying more money to Dover even though we have the same amount of kids. The Attorney said that the school population also goes into the equation. They have to use the State formula.

The Clerk said she has a question which will probably have the same answer. Dover is building all over. Everywhere you look they are putting up new apartments. They need a new school or additions put onto schools. Why should we have to pay for that? VG doesn't have any place to build and we have the almost the same amount of kids going to school each year. If they continue to build why should we have to pay for it?

The Attorney said that is an open issue. For existing buildings we are not responsible for debt service. That comes from the Commissioner of Education. We would have to pay for new schools. One of the fractions used the Attorney said is the number of students you have going to the schools.

Councilman Suarez asked if Dover builds another school then we would have to pay for it also? Yes.

Joan Cegelka - How are you going to monitor the weight of the recycling bins? By the mens experience. If you have younger people in the house they can lift more weight than an older person. What happens? It won't get picked up. We have to leave this weight stuff at the discretion of the DPW.

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 Councilman Suarez and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

Deborah Evans

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

