

March 12, 2024

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on March 12, 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 Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilman Glass and Councilwoman Hedgepath.

\*\*\* Attorney Feintuch was not present at this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of 2/27/24 and 3/5/24 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions on the vouchers? Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the vouchers.

Motion was made to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

VOUCHER REPORTS  
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
03-01	Dover Water Commision	Utilities	\$ 171.92	
03-02	Dover Board Of Education	School Taxes	\$ 97,057.00	
03-03	Dover Court -Shared Services	Shared Court Services	\$ 1,655.83	
03-04	Eric M Bernstein	Planning Board Legal	\$ 60.00	
03-05	Feintuch Porwich & Feintuch	Legal Services OE	\$ 2,204.22	
03-06	General Code	Clerk OE	\$ 49.00	
03-07	Henry O'Baker Insurance	Other Insurance	\$ 27,652.00	
03-08	Home Depot Inc	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 100.23	
03-09	Interstate Waste	Trash Removal	\$ 12,267.58	
03-10	Kendyll Hedgepath	Recreation	\$ 75.76	
03-11	Leticia Diaz	Planning Board	\$ 90.00	
03-12	Municipal Clerk Association	Clerk OE	\$ 60.00	
03-13	NJNG Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 630.67	
03-14	NJNG Fire House	Fire OE	\$ 275.00	
03-15	R & L Data	Clerk OE	\$ 390.00	
03-16	RVRSA	RVRSA Shares	\$ 13,561.00	
03-17	Viking Pest Control	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 314.92	
03-18	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads Sw	\$ 2,797.44	
03-19	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,840.00	
03-20	Manuel Venereo	Streets and Roads Sw	\$ 2,400.00	

TOTAL VOUCHERS \$ 163,652.57

NEW BUSINESS:

STORM WATER CONTROL ORDINANCE - The Clerk said that everyone has a copy of the Ordinance. There are no real changes but the State wants it updated every year. The County approved it. It has to be updated every so many years.

The Clerk said that because of the length of the Ordinance she is not putting it into the minutes. A copy will be open for inspection in her office in case anyone wants it.

Motion to approve the introduction of the Stormwater Control Ordinance by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale nad approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF CAP ORDINANCE - The introduction of this was done at the 1st meeting.

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

No comment from the public.

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

Motion to adopt the CAP Ordinance by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorezo and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

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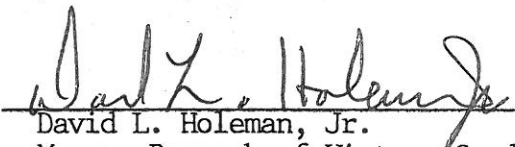
**BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS  
RESOLUTION 24-  
DISTRICT WIDE REASSESSMENT FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR**


WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens has been ordered by the Morris County Board of Taxation to conduct a municipal wide Revaluation to be implemented for the 2026 tax year, and

WHEREAS, a reassessment program, conducted by the Municipal Assessor, will be more cost efficient to the Borough, and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of Glen Sherman, our Tax Assessor, we feel it is in the Borough's best interest to petition the Morris County Board of Taxation to convert the Revaluation order to a district wide reassessment to be implemented for the 2026 Tax Year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Victory Gardens does hereby authorize Glen Sherman to petition the Morris County Tax Board to convert the Revaluation order to a district wide reassessment to be implemented for the 2026 Tax Year.

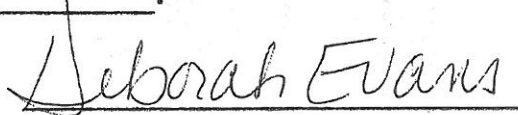
  
David L. Holeman, Jr.  
Mayor, Borough of Victory Gardens

  
Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

I, Deborah Evans, Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens at a meeting held on 3-12-2024.

Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk



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

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	No

Councilman Lorenzo asked when this will get started? As soon as possible. If you approve the Resolution then I give it to Glen and he writes the letter to the County Tax Board. if they approve it and when we get it in writing, then the process will move forward.

Councilwoman Montes said he works for the town. Is that going to affect his working for us? No, he will not do this while he is working his regular schedule. Okay.

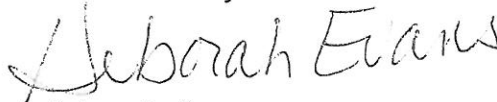
Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - Where is the Attorney tonight? On vacation. He is on his way back. I did talk to the Attorney about the school board. Phil wants this debt service to go back to 2010. Dover doesn't want it to and that is what the hold up is. You should be able to go back. Yes, that is why this is ongoing. When is the next budget meeting? The 19th. I heard work going on from Washington Avenue. What are they doing? Councilman Lorenzo said they are putting a roof on. Councilwoman Montes asked if they have a permit? It depends on what they are doing. Councilman Lorenzo said they are putting new shingles on. If that is all they are doing they do not need a permit. The reassessment, what tax year will that apply to? I believe it will be 2026. We have until the end of December 2025 to get it done. What is going on with the phone system. we have a meeting set up for next Wednesday with a company. Councilman Glass says we don't need to go thru the expense of a phone system. He says we can get phones like the 2 we have right now on our desks. Except no one else has a phone in their office. Jim says they can come in our office when they come in and take our phones. It is a waste of your money. Does he know what he is doing? He is not an expert. Talk to the company you have coming in. I heard indirectly that your code enforcement is up there harassing him. If anyone was harrassing him he would have come down here or at least called us. we haven't heard from him. The court has been notified that he has until September to finish the job. I sent a letter to the court and also spoke to Sonia in the court office. I also spoke to Petes attorney.

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  
Borough Clerk