

August 25, 2015

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on August 25, 2015.

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, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Jacobus, Councilman Lorenzo.
Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

ABSENT: Councilman Glass and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

Motion to accept the minutes of August 11, 2015 as received by Councilman Jacobus, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. Councilwoman Cheatham abstained as she was not present at the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

THANK YOU - We received a thank you card from Councilwoman Hedgepath and Councilwoman Montes for the flowers that were sent.

M.C. BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS - They are inviting the Mayor and Council to the Remembrance Service and Candlelight Vigil that will take place on Sunday, 9/13/15 at 7:00 p.m. marking the 14th anniversary of the national tragedies that shook our nation on 9/11/2001. It will take place at the September 11th Memorial on West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

LEON HALL - Leon is asking the Council if they have any ideas for projects that they want him to apply for? Please get back to me in a month and let me know.

VOUCHERS:

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

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

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| Councilwoman Cheatham | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath | Yes |
| Councilman Jacobus | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo | Yes |

(See Vouchers Next Page)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 3 permits issued for a total value of construction: \$12,220.00 .

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of Debs report.

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: \$116,034.41
Total Tax Receipts Year To Date: \$936,917.30

REGISTRAR - Two marriage licenses were issued for a total collected: \$56.00

FINANCE OFFICER - Everyone has a copy of Amys report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - Our website www.victorygardensnj.gov is now live. The Council have been notified of this. Once a month if we have updates or revisions they will be done as we call them in. If anyone has any changes please do it in writing and then I will consolidate it and get it to the company. Again, please give your comments to me and I will forward them.

Councilwoman Hedgepath - At the end of the year we will be able to apply for a Community Development Grant. If anyone has an ideas for a project please let me know and I will inform Leon Hall.

Councilman Jacobus - The DPW is continuing with the normal work they do. Cleaning gutters and roadways, cutting grass at Borough buildings, recycling, brush and debris. MCMUA is back open so they can take brush there again. No more going to Chatham. Eddie will be starting vacation for three weeks on August 31.

Councilman Lorenzo - There are two street lights out on Washington Avenue by Liberty Mortgage. The pole numbers are VGNJ 8 and VGNJ 9 . We will send it in to JCP & L .

Motion to accept and put on file all reports by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

SALT PRICING FROM CARGILL - We just received the pricing. It is the same as last year. It is \$79.68 per ton. Due to the changes in the weather, usually we order 90 ton a year from them. This year I ordered 180 ton. It doesn't mean we are getting that much - it just means that if we need it we have it. If there is a shortage like last year - we are already promised this amount.

Motion to approve the contract for Cargill by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Jacobus and approved on roll call:

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| Councilwoman Cheatham | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath | Yes |
| Councilman Jacobus | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo | Yes |

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ZONING OFFICER AS LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR - We are holding off on this until the next meeting. I was waiting on an Ordinance from the Attorney but he didn't have enough time to complete.

ESTIMATES FOR CAMERAS OUTSIDE BOROUGH HALL - We received three (3) estimates for the cameras for outside Borough Hall. They are as follows:

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| 1. Alarms & Electric By Russ LLC | \$8,000.00 |
| 2. Alarms Plus | \$4,285.00 |
| 3. Protective Systems Services | \$2,750.00 |

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

CAMERAS FOR BOROUGH HALL CONTINUED - Councilman Lorenzo said he contacted three other security companies and none of them returned his calls.

I spoke to Bill from Alarms Plus and I got the specifications for the cameras. They are very good. He also said if we need to upgrade later on we will be able to do that. Recording is 24/7 and before it starts taping over itself we will have enough time to look at it if we need to. The higher numbers the better the camera. I have 750 on cameras at my house and they are clear and good. This is 950 which will make them that much better.

After more discussion, the Council decided to go with Alarms Plus in the amount of \$4,285.00 . We need to know if the monitor comes with it. This should be in with the price. If it is, then this is good.

Motion was made to go with Alarms Plus providing the monitor is included in the price. Motion was made by Councilman Jacobus, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath for the amount of \$4,285. Roll call:

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| Councilwoman Cheatham | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath | Yes |
| Councilman Jacobus | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo | Yes |

CAPITAL ORDINANCE FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - The Clerk said we need to do this Ordinance because the cost of the sidewalk improvements are going to be \$84,120. The DOT grant amount we received was \$40,000. We have to pay the extra money and we have to pay the Engineers fees.

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO ROOSEVELT AVENUE, SOUTH SALEM STREET, WASHINGTON AVENUE AND WASHINGTON PLACE IN THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH AND \$40,000.00 FROM THE DOT GRANT FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000.00 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

(See Ordinance Following Page)

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this capital ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Victory Gardens, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$60,000 from the capital improvement fund of the Borough and \$40,000 from the DOT Grant.

Section 2. (a) The capital improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the use of the capital improvement fund and DOT grant is for sidewalk improvements to ROOSEVELT AVE, SOUTH SALEM ST, WASHINGTON AVE AND WASHINGTON PLACE necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Borough of Victory Gardens is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the

Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption in accordance with applicable law.

Motion on the Ordinance by Councilman Jacobus, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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| Councilwoman Cheatham | Yes |
| Councilwoman Hedgepath | Yes |
| Councilman Jacobus | Yes |
| Councilman Lorenzo | Yes |

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON BOROUGH WEBSITE - Councilwoman Cheatham already gave the update. One thing I wanted to mention was that Mr. Enyeart said because this took so long he is reducing the cost of the design and build fee from \$1,350 to \$540. He asked that I let you know that.

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

Joan Cegelka - Can you give me who made the motion for the cameras to be approved and what the roll call vote was? Motion was made by Councilman Jacobus and seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath. Roll call everyone voted yes.

Jim Janone - When are the repairs going to be done on Franklin Road? As far as I know from the DPW for Randolph, Franklin Road is completed. They are doing nothing else. Can Council maybe ask Leon Hall about looking at that road for a grant? We can ask him to take a look at it. The gutters on Franklin haven't been cleaned yet. Are we getting everything we paid for on the website? All that will be determined by Council as to what they want.

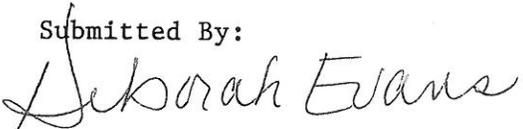
You said Eddie is going away for 3 weeks? Yes. Does that mean Hector will be working by himself? Yes. We do have a community service person come in on Fridays. The firehouse big light outside is on and it is raising the bill. The Mayor said the big light is not on anymore at night - he is up there every night and it isn't on. They were on at one time because of people hanging around up there. The Mayor said the wallpacks are lit and that is the only lights that are on. The Mayor said he will look.

Certified letters on the vouchers was that for property maintenance? Yes. Debbie DeVery is she getting paid for planning board minutes that haven't been approved yet? No, she forgot to change the voucher listing - but the voucher itself she took off the meeting for 7/15/15. The final cost is \$270.

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

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

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk