

October 27, 2015

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on October 27, 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, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Lorenzo and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.
Attorney Feintuch was also present at the meeting.

ABSENT: Councilman Jacobus.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go out of the regular order of business so that Mike Obremski from JCP & L can speak. Motion made by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote.

Mike said he was here tonight to let the Governing Body know that there has been a significant up tick in scamming activities. These scammers have new techniques and they are calling people saying they are from JCP & L and if they don't pay their bill they will shut them off. They are telling them to pay immediately with a prepaid card.

We do not operate that way. We never ask anyone to pay over the phone. I have a fact sheet that I will leave with the Clerk.

Councilman Glass asked if Mike can talk to us about Montville and the lines going in? We have existing right of way that we may have to expand. We are in negotiations right now. We are trying to move some of this away from residential customers. We are undergoing a 35 million dollar project in Morris and Sussex counties. There will be public hearings held and then it will go before a Judge. We have a transmission line that goes from Montville through Sussex County. Most of these upgrades are in swamp areas. The last piece goes into our Montville substation is where the residential customers will be impacted. However, there are facilities out there now from PSE & G that are running through there and are much bigger than the lines we want to put there.

Councilwoman Montes told Mike that the last time he was there he gave her a card and told her if there were any problems to give him a call. She called and he never returned her call. He said he didn't get it otherwise he would have called back. I may have turned my phone off by mistake.

Motion to go back to regular order of business by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 13, 2015 as received. Councilwoman Montes asked the Clerk if when she types the minutes could she put in who asked the questions. Everyone should know who is asking the questions. Attorney Feintuch said minutes are not verbatim. They are suppose to reflect the actions of the Council.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 as received 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 on the vouchers? There were no questions on the vouchers.

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

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VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:
October 27, 2015

Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
10-028	County of Morris - Dept. of Finance	County Tax - 4th qtr	54,517.11	
10-029	County of Morris - Dept. of Finance	County Open Space	1,598.06	
10-030	Golub Animal Hosp. & Animal Inn	Dog OE	795.00	
10-031	Morris County MUA	Road OE	492.00	
10-032	Verizon	Clerk OE - 973-366-5312	419.24	
10-033	Verizon	Clerk OE - 973-366-7539	103.79	
10-034	JCP&L	Utilities	320.55	
10-035	JCP&L	Utilities	109.78	
10-036	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	235.60	
10-037	NJNG	Utilities	225.98	
10-038	Treasurer, State of NJ	Marriage Licenses	225.00	
10-039	Deborah Devery	Planning Board OE	180.00	
10-040	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	Clerk OE	151.43	
10-041	Home Depot	Bldgs. & Grnds. OE	100.65	
10-042	Home Depot	Bldgs. & Grnds. OE	34.41	
10-043	NJ Dept. of Comm. Affairs	State Training Fees	70.00	
10-044	Verizon	Clerk OE - 973-361-8121	63.14	
10-045	Daily Record	Clerk OE - Adoption of an Ordinance	11.00	
10-046	Optimum	Clerk OE	5.00	
10-047	Edwardo Martinez	Streets & Roads SW	2,417.36	
10-048	Hector Lorenzo	Streets & Roads SW	1,410.64	
10-049	Deborah Devery	Admin SW	747.78	
			64,233.52	

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 2 permits issued for a total value of construction of: \$10,300.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of Debs report.

MUNICIPAL COURT - We received \$182.56 from the Court.

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: 27,362.50
Total Tax Receipts Year To Date: 1,370,217.92

REGISTRAR - 4 marriage licenses issued for a total collected: \$112.00

FINANCE OFFICER - Everyone has a copy of Amys report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Cheatham - No report.

Councilman Glass - No report.

Councilwoman Hedgepath - Community Development is having their group meeting November 5, 2015. Councilwoman Cheatham and I will be attending along with Leon Hall.

Councilman Lorenzo - Municipal Alliance met on the 21st. There was one application submitted from the Garden Chapel. Groups can apply for funding for the benefit of the community. There is an application. At the next meeting they are trying to get a date from the YMCA so kids can go free for the day. Liberty Mortgage still have the broken pipe and water is still getting through. The lights are still out at the bottom of the hill. We did report it. The Mayor said he reported it also and he will check on it. We have confirmation numbers. This drain in the parking lot has to get fixed. It maybe too late this year to get it done the Clerk said. We will have to get quotes. There may be more to be done.

Councilwoman Garcia Montes - Halloween Party is scheduled and fliers went out. It is at the firehouse from 5:30 - 7 p.m.. Costume judging will be done. Snacks will be given.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2016 -

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
LEGAL NOTICE

The following is the list of Mayor and Council meeting dates for the Borough of Victory Gardens, Morris County, New Jersey for the year 2016:

Re Organization Meeting		January	5
January	12th	and	26th
February	9th	and	23rd
March	8th	and	22nd
April	12th	and	26th
May	10th	and	24th
June	14th	and	28th
July	12th	and	26th
August	9th	and	23rd
September	13th	and	27th
October	11th	and	25th
November	8th	and	22nd
December	13th	and	27th

All meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens are held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 337 South Salem Street, Victory Gardens.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

All of Council agreed to the dates and time for the Council meetings for the year 2016. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RESOLUTION FOR GRANT APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - The Clerk said this Resolution we have to do to let NJDOT know we are interested in applying for a grant with them for the year 2016. Everyone has a copy of the Resolution. I asked awhile back if anyone had any ideas for the grant and I didn't receive an answer from anyone. The Clerk said she gave these projects to Leon and asked him to check it out. The application is due by the second week in November.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

IMPROVEMENT TO JEFFERSON AVENUE AND
POLK COURT

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to Jefferson Avenue and Polk Court in the Borough of Victory Gardens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens formally approved the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as #00033 from NJDOT Sage to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Victory Gardens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Victory Gardens and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on this 27 day of October, 2015.

My signature and the Clerks seal serve to acknowledge the above Resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the above Resolution.

ATTEST:

Deborah Evans
Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

David L. Holeman, Jr.
Mayor

Motion was made to approve the Resolution and send to NJDOT by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

APPROVAL OF AUDIT & FINANCIALS FOR 2016 FROM NISIVOCIA & COMPANY -

The Clerk said that everyone was given a copy of the proposal from Bill Schroeder. This is for the Audit and the Financials that have to be done every year. The cost went up this year. Last year it was \$31,425 and this year it is \$32,740. It went up \$1,315.

Councilwoman Montes asked about the price and it is comparable. Yes. I spoke to Amy about it also. She said they are fair. Councilman Glass asked when they will be doing this? They are here on and off throughout the year. They start usually in late January or early February. Then they are back and forth throughout the year.

Motion was made to approve the contract with Nisivocia for the year 2016. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	No
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	No

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING ON SECTIONS OF POLK AND MONROE AVENUES - The Clerk asked if everyone went out and looked at the parking? Councilman Glass said he was on the Council when we first did this and it took four years to get it through. At that time there was no parking on either of these streets and that is how it should be now. This area is at the top of the hill as you come into Victory Gardens. Council discussed in depth. The outcome was as follows: Attorney Feintuch will get in touch with DOT and see what their guidelines are. Don't do anything until he speaks to them and gets back to us. The Clerk is to contact some towing companies in the mean time and see what they charge or what kind of contracts they are in with other towns.

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

Joan Cegelka - There is an increase in the audit? Yes. We need enforcement of Ordinances that are passed. Do we have a contract with a towing service? No, the Clerk said she has to look into it.

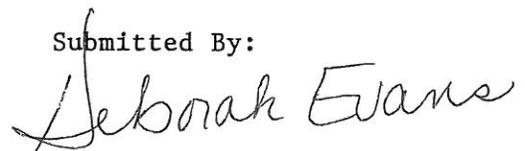
Jim Janone - You should think about putting a yellow line in the middle of the road on Monroe. We still have to do closed session minutes and get them approved. Attorney Feintuch said we will approve the last set of closed session at the next meeting. Mayor how come there are no parking signs in your driveway? It is my driveway and I am tired of coming home from work and not being able to park in my own driveway. Part of that is the towns. Yes, the first spot and there is always someone parked there. How was it determined that Polk Court is getting done with DOT funding? Council didn't give me what they wanted done so I asked Leon to take a look at it and if we could do, that since Polk and Jefferson haven't been done at all that we could do them. How come residents weren't notified through reverse 911. OEM was contacted and after so many hours that they set forth the notice.

Anne Davis - Wanted to thank everyone for their service on the Council. What ever happened with the generator? We aren't getting approval for it. We didn't get the grant money. Panic buttons what are happening with that? It is very important for someone to have those here. In the Clerks office and in the courtroom. It is really important and should be done.

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

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

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

