

January 7, 2020

This is the re-organization meeting for the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on January 7, 2020.

Mayor Holeman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. The Mayor wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

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 Meetings Act.

Statement of Determination -

A Statement of Determination of the Board of Canvassers relative to an election held in the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, for the election of certain municipal officers for the municipality on the 5th day of November 2019.

At said election the Board determines that the following were elected into office:

Vera Cheatham	Borough Council	3 Years
James Glass	Borough Council	3 Years
Kendyll Hedgepath	Borough Council	2 Years Unexpired

was or were duly elected to the office and for the term above set forth.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilwoman White, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

At this time the Mayor asked Council to choose one of their own to be Council President for the year 2020.

Councilman Glass made a motion that Councilwoman Hedgepath be appointed as the Council President for the year 2020. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

The Mayor asked for a motion to go out of the regular order of business so that Senator Bucco can speak. We know he has other places to be tonight.

Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Senator Bucco wished everyone a happy new year and said he looks forward to working with us this year as in years past. Also here is Assemblywoman Aura Dunn. We will be working together trying to get things done. For a little town, my father always told me not to forget about Victory Gardens. I think I have made everyone of your reorganization meetings since I have been elected and I will continue to do my best to make sure I am always here.

Assemblywoman Dunn said she will work hard for us and if we need her, to just call. She worked under Congressman Frelinghuysen. Thank you for all your hard work that you do everyday.

Motion to go back into the regular order of business by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY FOR 2020 -

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RESOLUTION # 1

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR AN ATTORNEY, for the Borough of Victory Gardens,
and

WHEREAS, funds are available for the purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Contracts Law requires that the Resolution authorizing the
the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive
bids must be publically advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory
Gardens for the year 2020

1. Philip Feintuch from the firm of Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch
is appointed as Borough Attorney for the year 2020
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional
Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion on the appointment made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman
Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOROUGH AUDITORS FOR 2020 -

RESOLUTION # 2

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR AUDITORS, for the Borough of Victory Gardens,
and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that the Resolution authorizing
the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive
bidding must be publically advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory
Gardens for the year 2020

1. Nisivoccia & Company - Man Lee
appointed as Borough auditor for the year 2020
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional
Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion to approve the Auditors for 2020 by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOROUGH ENGINEERS FOR 2020 -

RESOLUTION # 3

WHEREAS, THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR AN ENGINEER for the Borough of Victory Gardens, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for such purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publically advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens for the year 2020

1. Anderson & Denzler - Leon Hall
as Borough Engineer for the year 2020
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion on the appointment of the Engineers for 2020 made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

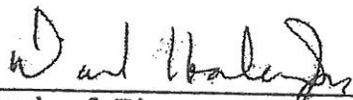
RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens, Morris County, New Jersey is obligated to maintain an Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, said position must be filled by a resident of the Borough; and

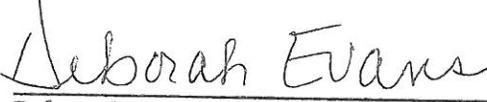
WHEREAS, David Holeman has met the requirements of the position

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that David Holeman be appointed to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Victory Gardens for a three year appointment beginning January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2022.


Borough of Victory Gardens
Mayor

I, Deborah Evans, Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the said Mayor and Council held on 1-7-2020.

ATTEST:


Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

Chris Barrella is appointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator with this appointment. His term is the same as the Mayors.

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

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

RESOLUTION FOR THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2020 -

The Clerk said this is 6 pages long. It is on file in my office. Motion on the Cash Management Plan was made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilman Lorenzo asked if the CFO can make a report to us at least every quarter so that we know what investments he is making and where he is making those investments. I will let him know so he does that.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MULTI JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens is vulnerable to damages from natural hazard events which pose a threat to public health and safety and could result in property loss and economic hardship;

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed through the work of the Morris County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, the Borough of Victory Gardens Hazard Working Mitigation Group, and the interested parties within the Borough of Victory Gardens.

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect and property affected by natural hazards that face the Borough of Victory Gardens, that will reduce future public, private, community and personal costs of disaster response and recovery; and that will reinforce the Borough of Victory Gardens leadership in emergency preparedness efforts;

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L.106-390) (DMA2000) and associated Federal regulations published under 44 CFR Part 201 require the Borough of Victory Gardens to formally adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan subject to the approval of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be eligible for federal funds for hazard mitigation projects and activities;

WHEREAS, public meetings were held to receive comment on the Plan as required by DMA 2000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Borough of Victory Gardens.
2. The Borough of Victory Gardens officials identified in the Mitigation Action Plan (Section ()) are hereby directed to implement the recommended actions assigned to them. These officials will report quarterly on their activities, accomplishments, and progress to the Borough of Victory Gardens Hazard Mitigation Working Group.
3. The Borough of Victory Gardens Hazard Mitigation Working Group will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the Plan to the Mayor and Council. This report shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council by March 15th of each year.
4. The Borough of Victory Gardens Hazard Mitigation Working Group will undertake periodic updates of the Plan as indicated in the Plan Maintenance Program (section 10) but no less frequent than every 5 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the Borough of Victory Gardens adopts the Morris County, New Jersey Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated 1-7-20 as this jurisdictions Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED:

1-7-2020

MAYOR:

[Signature]

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

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

Councils confirmation of Gerald Flatt as Animal Control Officer for the year 2020 -

Councilwoman Cheatham asked about our finding a place for animals to go. Will this impact Jerry? I don't think so. You still pay him. I believe you pay for mileage. He knows we are trying to find another place to go. I think he is okay with that.

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

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

Councils confirmation of Joe Costantino as Chief Financial Officer for the year 2020 - (Joes appointment is a 4 year term) -

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

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

PLANNING BOARD & ADJUSTMENT BOARD	Class I	Mayor Holeman
	Class II	Barrie Palumbo
	Class III	James Glass - Term of Seat
	Class IV	John Gegelka Anne Davis Diane Feola Avis Byfield

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

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

*** All other appointments for the Planning Board Professionals will be done by the Planning Board.

Appointments of Council members to serve on the following boards for the year 2020 - Chairman is listed first -

ADMINISTRATION - Garcia Montes, Hedgepath, White
PUBLIC WORKS - Glass and Lorenzo
RECREATION - White & Hedgepath
EM. MANAGEMENT - Holeman & Barella
FINANCE & BUDGET - Glass, Garcia Montes, Lorenzo
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Cheatham, Hedgepath Holeman
RVRSA & SEWER LIASON: John Cegelka
MUNICIPAL ALLILANCE: Loenzo

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

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

Resolution on newspaper publication for 2020 -

Be IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Daily Record newspaper be used for publications and legal materials for the year 2020.

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

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

RESOLUTION FOR COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR 2020 -

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchase & Property requires that the Borough of Victory Gardens appoint a Designated Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.);

NOW THEREFORE, and in accordance of this requirement and within the powers afforded the Borough of Victory Gardens, the Mayor on this January 7, 2020 hereby appoints David Holeman, Jr. to the position of P.A.C.O. effective January 7, 2020.

Mayor, Borough of Victory Gardens

I, Deborah Evans, Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution passed a meeting of the Mayor and Council, which meeting was held on 1-7-2020.

Deborah Evans
Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION FOR DEPOSITORY OF BOROUGH FUNDS FOR 2020 -

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following banks be designated as depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2020:

Provident Bank
PNC Bank
New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Bank of America

Motion on the banks by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

Consideration of Council to hold regular meetings for the year 2020 - This was done at the end of 2019 and already advertised in the paper.

TEMPORARY BUDGET REOLSUTION FOR 2020 -

**BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
RESOLUTION 2020-**

2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Whereas, 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are made prior to the final adoption of the 2020 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of 2020, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2019 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, is the sum of \$1,433,700, and

WHEREAS, twenty-six and twenty-five hundredths of one percent (26.25%) of the total appropriations in the 2019 Budget, exclusive of the above-mentioned appropriations in said budget is \$376,347.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

DATED: January

ATTEST:

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Deborah Evans
Municipal Clerk

David Holeman
David Holeman
Mayor

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

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

RESOLUTION ON INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2020 -

RESOLUTION # 7

WHEREAS, NJSA 54: 4-67 has been amended to provide for additional penalties to be charged on delinquent taxes and other municipal charges, and

WHEREAS, said amendment allows the governing body to fix a penalty which shall not exceed 6% to be charged to a tax payer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the current tax year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 54:4-67 as amended, the governing body does hereby fix the penalty to be charged on delinquent taxes and other municipal charges as follows:

- A. 8 percent per annum on the first \$1,500.00
- B. 18 percent per annum on all amounts in excess of \$1,500.00
- C. An additional 6% on all sums in excess of \$10,000.00 when said delinquency remains unpaid after December 31st of the current tax year, which additional amount shall be in addition to other interest charges.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

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

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

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

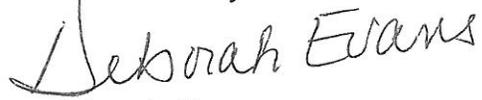
Jim Janone - Question regarding the appointment of the Attorney. Is his rate the same as last year? Hourly rate is the same I believe, Council was given a copy of his rates. Councilwoman Montes said he gets the 2% rate increase. What about for the Engineer? He gets the increase every year. Council has his increases also. Overall what does the Attorneys contract cover? Regular things such as Ordinances, Resolutions, but anything that involves court he charges the per hour rate. What about Tax Appeals? Phil goes along with our Tax assessor. We don't have a different attorney for that. In regards to the compliance officer, you Mayor hold that position. Can you tell me what it is that you do?

The Clerk said by law, we have to make this appointment every year. This is what the State told us we had to do. The Mayor is the point of contact for the Borough. He can also make recommendations regarding equal employment practices. I will bring this up at the next meeting regarding the Planning Board. You have a 9 member Board and you only have 7 people. I will ask this at the next Council meeting and I will take it to the State.

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 Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Evans". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk