

July 14, 2020

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on July 14, 2020.

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.

ATTENDANCE: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilwoman White.

ABSENT: Councilman Lorenzo and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

** Attorney Feintuch was also present at tonights meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of June 23, 2020 as received by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COUNTY OF MORRIS - Our activity has been recommended for award. We have to wait for approval. This activity is for Borough wide sidewalk improvements. We should get plan approval by September.

COPY OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION - This is for the parents of school age children. Please look at it and let me know if it is okay and then I can start running copies.

Motion to accept the correspondence as received by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilman Glass. Approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

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

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

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman White	Yes

(See Vouchers Next Page)

VOUCHER REPORTSDate of Council Meeting:
July 14, 2020

<u>Voucher #</u>	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount
7/1/2020	AJM Contractors, Inc.	Taft Ave., Polk Ct., Garfield Ave.	64,979.89
7/2/2020	Anderson & Denzler Assoc., Inc.	Gen. Eng., Paving, 64 Adams	11,557.20
7/3/2020	CEUnion	Clerk OE - D.Devery class 10/15/2020	55.00
7/4/2020	AT&T	Utilities	42.92
7/5/2020	Deborah Evans	Clerk OE	62.77
7/6/2020	Dover Municipal Court	Muni Court Dover	1,529.79
7/7/2020	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	Legal OE	297.50
7/8/2020	Ideal Air Inc. LLC	Bldgs. & Grnds.	560.00
7/9/2020	JCP&L - Main #2	Utilities	620.69
7/10/2020	JLM Computers	Clerk OE	95.00
7/11/2020	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	Clerk OE	205.23
7/12/2020	MGL Printing Solutions	Clerk OE - tax bills	338.00
7/13/2020	Morris County MUA	Road OE - June shade tree	515.25
7/14/2020	Morris County Overhead Door Co.	Bldgs. & Grnds.	701.60
7/15/2020	NJ Division of Alcoholic Bev. Control	State Training Fees	6.00
7/16/2020	NJNG - Fire #1	Fire OE	183.00
7/17/2020	NJNG - Borough Hall #2	Utilities	736.00
7/18/2020	Panoramic Window & Door Systems,	Boro Hall project	59,760.00
7/19/2020	R & L Data Centers, Inc.	Finance	250.00
7/20/2020	Rubineti, Peter	Trash Removal - July	10,933.33
7/21/2020	Staples	Clerk OE	4.68
7/22/2020	Treasurer, State of NJ - Marriage	Marriage License	50.00
7/23/2020	Treasurer, State of NJ - Training Fees	Training Fees	388.45
7/24/2020	Verizon - 361-8121 #1	Utilities	75.69
7/25/2020	Verizon - 366-5312 #2	Utilities	242.46
7/26/2020	Verizon - 366-7536 #3	Fire OE	60.70
7/27/2020	State of NJ - Div. Pensions & Benfe	Group Insurance	4,811.90
7/28/2020	Treasurer State of NJ - DEP	Road OE	1,050.00
		TOTAL	160,113.05

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION ON GARBAGE HAULER - The Clerk said that Peter Rubinetti called her and said he was getting out of the business. He is selling to another company called Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc.

The cost will be the same for us with them as it is with Rubinetti. The contract for Rubinetti runs out in March of next year.

The Attorney spoke with Rubinetti and with the Attorney for Interstate Waste. I believe he will come in on Fridays just like Rubinetti did.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT
TO INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
FROM PETER RUBINETTI PRIVATE DISPOSAL LLC**

WHEREAS, the governing body of Victory Gardens, Morris County, New Jersey has been notified that the Solid Waste Collection Contract presently in effect between Peter Rubinetti Private Disposal LLC and the Borough of Victory Gardens has been assigned to Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc., and

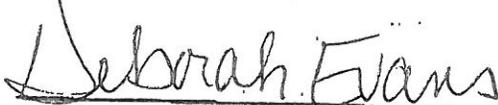
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has approved said Assignment subject to the approval of the governing body of Victory Gardens, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough has approved of said Assignment.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved that the governing body authorizes the Borough Clerk to advise the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that the Borough of Victory Gardens approves the Assignment of its contract for Solid Waste Collection with Peter Rubinetti Private Disposal, LLC to Interstate Waste Services of New Jersey, Inc.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

ADOPTED: July 12, 2020



DEBORAH EVANS, Borough Clerk


DAVID HOLEMAN, Mayor

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prepared and submitted 7.9.2020

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

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman White	Yes

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

The Clerk said this Resolution is for the grant application for the Department of Transportation. It is giving the Mayor and the Clerk the authority to sign off on the project. The project is improvements to Jefferson, Coolidge and Monroe Avenues.

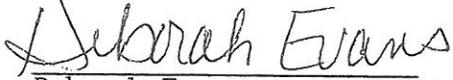
BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
RESOLUTION

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the project named: Improvements to Jefferson Avenue, Coolidge Avenue and Monroe avenue

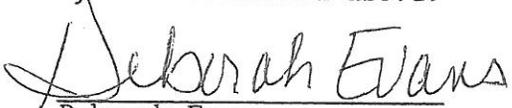
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic application identified as 00117 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Victory Gardens.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on 7-14-2020.


Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

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 Resolution above.


Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk


David L. Holeman, Jr.
Mayor

Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman White	Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

HOUSING OFFICER - We are holding this until the next meeting.

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

Jim Janone - The sidewalks improvements wasn't Monroe avenue done not too long ago. A part of it was done. There are 3 parts to Monroe Avenue. Are you doing the part of Washington that is connected to Coolidge? No, That is a different street. Do grants cover drainage? Yes. I think I told you about the firehouse wall. Yes, I did ask Leon about it. He said he didn't think it was that bad. The Mayor and I went up to look at it and it does need to have something done to it. Leon is supposed to be in tomorrow, I will send him up there again. Will that be included in what is going to be done up there? No. That would be a whole other project. The grant we have is for the driveway going down to the back parking lot. What is the update on the school issue, is there a plan yet? The Clerk said that the Attorney, the Mayor and I had a conference call with the Superintendent of the Dover Schools, their attorney and one other person, the Business Manager. The Clerk asked the Attorney to give an overview of what we spoke about. We gave them our concerns, we told them the problem with the tax increase, they are going over numbers and are re-examining the formula. Everything has to be approved by the Department of Community Affairs and the State Department of Education. We have no final numbers yet. The schools were meeting with the Town of Dover on the budget. It appears that the increase will not be as big as they originally told us. When do you think we will know. We just met with them last Friday. They said they would get back to us some time this week. What will happen with the tax bills. The Clerk said the August bills went out. There will be no other tax bill going out right now. Dover hasn't approved their budget yet. Once they adopt their budget we will know what the figures for us and the schools will be. It has to be approved by the County Tax Board. When the figures are struck then we will do our billing.

Diane Feola - Are we able to not bus our students? Well, we threw that out there about not busing the children that go to East Dover. The Dover School Attorney is looking into busing for us. We can't cancel busing for North Dover or the High School. They are out of the mileage range. One of my grandchildren that go to school in Sussex County, they are figuring out busing with them. They may not bus because they can't space them enough. The Clerk said it is up to the individual school districts as to how busing will be done, or school for that matter. Did they find other discrepancies? We told them what we found. Again, they said they would get back to us sometime this week. We had a major discussion on how they verify. We will also have the residents with children come to us first to fill out a form and we will get the information from them.

The Clerk wanted to mention that Diane helped her to go over the lists for the children. The Clerk also said that she has a list of children that have already moved out of town.

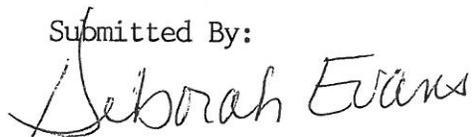
Gina Brisson - I went on line to look at the minutes and they weren't there. Do you have to wait to approve them before they are put on line. Yes. Okay that is all I wanted.

Brunilda Orama - Are they looking over the school kids due to over crowding? We spoketo them about it but it will be up to us. We should not have to pay for busing for the months that the kids didn't have school. They tell us it is a contract. But we did ask about it again and they are looking into it for us. We are waiting for a copy of the bus contract. We have not received it yet. This thing with the busing. They have Salem Village and they don't bus those kids. That's because those kids go to East Dover. They are within the mileage. That is why those kids walk. We are looking to have the kids for VG that go to East Dover walk. They are within the mileage for us. I believe that we will still have to bus for North Dover and the High School. We are waiting to hear back from our meeting that we had with them on Friday. I noticed lately that we haven't seen too many troopers. If there was more of a presence I think it wouldn't be so loud and unruly here. The fireworks were crazy. It would have been nice to have them come through and just check on things. From the fireworks there was a big mess. Some of my neighbors are having issues with violation notices they are getting being put in the mailboxes. What type of violations? For over grown weekds and grass. Any violations are mailed.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman White 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