

July 11, 2023

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on July 11, 2023.

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, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilman Glass and Councilman Lorenzo.

*** Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2023 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER FROM RESIDENT - Her house is located across from the leaf dump. The white fence is in dire need of repair or replacement. The repairs have been neglected for the past several years. Not only is it unpleasant to look at but it is also unsafe. It is dirty, has broken and missing boards and its door panels are secured with cable ties. I don't know what the town has in mind for the fence but it should be properly maintained.

Councilwoman Montes asked if this is the first time we are hearing about this fence? The Clerk said no. I have brought it up a few times before. The kids in town are the ones breaking it apart. Has Dover asked us to fix this fence? No, why would they, it has nothing to do with them.

Councilwoman Hedgepath said that is two different fences. Dover is talking about the one that goes from Victory Hill East Apartment Complex into Salem Village.

Mayor Holeman said that the fence from the apartments into Salem Village is Dovers problem. The Mayor knows that. She has neglected it. The other fence, in the past the kids have spray painted it several times and we painted over it. They have been broken pieces before that the kids did and it was repaired.

Councilwoman Motnes said then we need a chain link fence.

Motion to accept and put on file the correspondence. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments on the vouchers? Councilwoman Montes said she has some. Voucher #0714 for Letty it is for 11 days. How come? She worked a day for me. R&L Data that is our payroll company. Voucher #0709 reimbursement for the Clerk for gas for trucks. What was that for? Gas for the trucks. For some reason the card for gas was not going through. They needed money for the gas so the firsttime we took the money from petty cash. The next times I gave them money for gas. That totaled \$150. There were no toher questions.

Motion to pay the vouchers by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath,	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

(See Vouchers Next Page)

VOUCHER REPORTS
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
07-01	Office Concepts group	Clerk OE	\$ 382.80	
07-02	Viking Pest Control	Buildings and grounds	\$ 291.60	
07-03	Feintuch Porwich and Feintuch	Legal OE	\$ 1,365.00	
07-04	MGL Printing Solutions	Dog OE	\$ 648.00	
07-05	NJ DCA Division of codes	Clerk OE	\$ 69.93	
07-06	Dover Bd of Education	School Taxes	\$ 97,057.00	
07-07	Feintuch Porwich and Feintuch	Legal OE	\$ 2,204.22	
07-08	Petty Cash	Clerk OE	\$ 142.98	
07-09	Debbie Evans	Clerk OE	\$ 150.00	
07-10	NJNG Firehouse	Fire OE	\$ 594.00	
07-11	Verizon	Utilities	\$ 78.45	
07-12	R & L Data Centers	Clerk OE	\$ 274.00	
07-13	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,331.20	
07-14	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,600.00	
07-15	Manny Venereo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,000.00	
07-16	Joe Constantino	Finance OE	\$ 915.00	
	Add on by CFO			

Total Vouchers \$ 110,104.18

NEW BUSINESS:

FENCE AT LEAF DUMP - Councilwoman Montes said to get prices on a chain link fence 6 feet high. Councilman Suarez asked if we are going to have problems with the kids trying to climb the fence? The clerk said if they want to get into the fenced area they will. They climb it now. They have totally destroyed the fence up there. They climbed over it to get inside and paint the grafitti. Councilwoman Montes said they won't be able to tear it down.

Council asked the Clerk to get prices on a 6 foot chain link fence. What about the white fence upthere? Have our men take it down.

AMENDMENT TO RECYCLING ORDINANCE - everyone has a copy of the amendment. we talked about this at the last meeting dealing with the weight.

Councilwoman Montes asked what the weight limit is for other towns? They are different. Ones that use trucks to pick up the cans have no limits. Others are 30 to 35 some are 40.

We take as many cans that the residents put out. So, they can split it up. also, the men pick up twice a week. On Thursdays and Fridays.

Motion on the amendment by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 17-3.4
COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

I. Strike section a. in its entirety and replace with following language:

17-3.3 All recyclable material shall be put in a receptacle which can reasonably contain the item(s). The container may be plastic, metal, composition material, or other material which is customarily used to contain recyclables.

Whatever the container, should not be more than (30) gallons; the contents shall not weigh more than thirty (30) pounds. The tenant or landlord is not limited to the number of receptacle containers placed at curbside; however, the recyclable material is limited to those items which are usual and customary found in residential units.

This Ordinance shall be a part of The General Ordinances of the Borough of Victory Gardens though codified and fully set forth therein. The Borough Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Borough Code. The Borough Clerk and the Borough Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the General Ordinances of the Borough of Victory Gardens in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repeal of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and convened Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that the Amended Ordinance dealing with recyclable material be Adopted on this day of , 2023.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

DAVID HOLEMAN, Mayor

DEBORAH EVANS, Borough Clerk

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Introduced: July 11, 2023
Adopted:

OLD BUSINESS:

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR WASHINGTON AVENUE AND SIDEWALKS - The Attorney said he has two bid packages here.

1. Improvements to Washington Avenue - The bids ranged from \$116,732.49 from American Asphalt & Trucking , LLC to a high of \$152,668.62.

The Community Development grant is for \$104,500.

American asphalt has the necessary experience and equipment for this tyoe ofproject the Engineer states.

The Clerk said withthis project it will cost the Borough \$12,232.49 .

Councilwoman Montes made a motion that we go with American Asphalt in the amount of \$116,732.49 for improvements to Washington Avneue. Motioin seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO COOLIDGE AND MONROE AVENUES -

1. Sidewalk Improvements Coolidge & Monroe Avenues - the bids ranged from \$43,275.00 from AJM Contractors to a high of \$135,410.00 .

The Community Development Grant is for \$27,950.00 .

AJM Contractors has the necessary experience and equipment for this type of project the Engineer states.

The Clerk said this project will cost the Borough \$15,325.00 .

Councilwoman Montes made a motion that we go with AJM Contracting in the amount of \$\$43,275.00 for sidewalk improvements to Coolidge and Monroe Avenues. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath adn approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

ADOPT CANNABIS ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH LICENSURE OF CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF CANNABIS IN THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

The clerk said this has tobe open to the public for them to speak on the ordinance.

Motion to open the meeting to the public on the ordinance only. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and sproved on verbal vote. None opposed.

No comments from the public.

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

Motion to adopt the cannabis ordinance by Councilwoman Motnes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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

Joan Cegelka - The damage to the fence that comes from the kids at the bus stop? Yes, walking to and from the bus stop. Do we know who is doing the damage? It was turned over to the police. there were a few pictures. The police handled it. Are they the same kids that damaged the playground? No. Were those kids found? Yes. the police talked to them and their parents. These same kids did damage to other properties in town while the homeowners were away. There is an agreement with the church between the kids and the parents to do community service.

Public Portion Continued -

Jim Janone - Do we have money in our budget to get the Borough sign repainted? It's an eyesore. The men cando the painting. Who enforces the weight limit on the recycling? The DPW puts stickers on it. Street lights are still out. The Mayor said he made another list and will call it in again. We have also reported it several times. When will the project begin for the paving? We are trying to schedule it for August so it is done before school starts. The contractors are suppose to give notices out. Will the contractors be watched? Yes, Leons office will have someone there. Can't the DPW do the fence replacement? It isn't a big job. Budget will be next meeting? Yes.

Laura 64 Adams Avenue - This is for the house at the dead end of Adams. we are waiting to get monies back from our escrow. Theydid talk to Joe and Joe says he has nothing on the escrow account for this project. Joe told them there was no recordin the system forthis escrow.

The Clerk asked Laura to come in sowe cancopy all the paperwork and give to Joe. It will take a while to track this information because we will have to go back to all the professionals and see how much was paid to them for this project.

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

Mayor Holeman stated that we are going into closed session. to discuss Personnel.

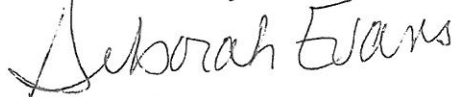
Councilwoman Montes asked the Clerk if she has heard back from anyone on the dental clinc that was supposed to be held. I am waiting for more information. They did tell me they had it and it was done at the church. They seem to get more people when it is atthe church. I haven't gotten any details yet.

Closed Session Type Seperately -

Motion was made to go back intothe regular order of business by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbalvote. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved onverbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk