

March 25, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on 3/25/2025.

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 Open Public Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Councilman Suarez, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

Motion to accept the minutes of 3/11/25 as received by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk said she just haz the application for Community Development that Leon gave her. He just gave it to me that is why it isn't on the agenda. It has to be handed in by April 3.

At our meeting in September 2024 I asked what projects the Council wanted to do for Community Development. At that time Councilman Lorenzo said we needed to do the rest of Washington Avenue as you cross over South Salem Street. Everyone was in agreement with that.

So this is the application that Leon will be handing in on the towns behalf.

Motion was made to have the Mayor and Clerk sign off on the agreement.
Motion made by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments on the vouchers? Councilman Suarez asked about voucher #3-30. We owe what is on the voucher. The other money we paid. The bills sometime cross in the mail. There were no other questions.

The Mayor asked for a motion to pay the bills.

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

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes

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Voucher Reports
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
03-27	Ideal Air Inc	Clerk OE	\$ 425.00	
03-28	Interstate Waste	Trash Removal	\$ 12,267.58	
03-29	JCPL Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 240.33	
03-30	JCPL Fire House	Fire OE	\$ 316.48	
03-31	JCPL Streetlights	Streetlights	\$ 11.08	
03-32	Konica Minolta	Clerk OE	\$ 121.38	
03-33	Morris County MUA	Roads OE	\$ 159.75	
03-34	Morris County MUA	Buildings and Grounds OE	\$ 86.67	
03-35	Navitend	Clerk OE	\$ 219.91	
03-36	NJNG Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 1,405.00	
03-37	Optimum Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 31.46	
03-38	Vision Service Plan	Group Insurance	\$ 138.74	
03-39	Wex Bank Shell	Roads OE	\$ 480.00	
03-40	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,615.36	
03-41	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,795.20	
03-42	Manuel Venereo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,244.00	

TOTAL VOUCHERS \$ 22,557.94

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building Department - There were 2 permits issued for a total value of construction \$27,600.
Property Maintenance - Everyone has a copy of the report.
Municipal Court - We received \$88.52 .
Tax Collector - Total Tax Receipts - \$435,526.62
Registrar - No marriage licenses issued so far this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

The Mayor did say that the street lights have been fixed. We waited almost 2 years on JCP&L to fix them. At the re-Org meeting we had a representative from Aura Dunns office that said if we needed any help to reach out to them. The Mayor told him the problem we were having with our street lights. Within the 2 weeks they had our lights fixed.

Motion to accept all reports by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS - The Clerk said everyone can start filing the paperwork on April 1. It has to be done by 4/30.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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

Jim Janone - When were the lights fixed. About 2 weeks ago. Councilwoman Hedgepath said hers was repaired on 3/12. Are we paying \$1,400 a month in gas? Yes, that is our budget amount. The agreement for Community Development is that for where? Washington Avenue as you cross over South Salem Street. Any part of Coolidge? No. I think it goes to the end by the fence. At the liquor store there is a lot of garbage and bottles. People go back there and drink and leave the garbage behind. I will have Ron go over there. Why is our Attorney involved in the litigaion regarding the Planning Board? It was initially told that the Borough was pulled into the litigation and now it isn't. It is just the Planning Board. I don't think Phil is involved anymore. The Planning Board Attorney is handling it from here on.

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

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

Submitted By:

Deborah Evans

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Borough Clerk