

January 5, 2021

This is the re-organization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on January 5, 2021.

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 Meetings Act.

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION - A statement of Determination of the Board of Canvassers relative to an election held in the Borough of Victory Gardnes, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, for the election of certain municipal officers for the municipality on the 3rd day of November, 2020:

David L. Holeman, Jr.	Mayor	4 Years
Tara White	Borough Council	3 Years
Ismael Lorenzo Sr.	Borough Council	3 Years

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION - A statement of Determination of the Board of Canvassers relative to an election held in the Town of Dover on the 3rd day of November, 2020: School Board members:

Melissa Giraldo	Board of Education	3 Years
Krista Seanor	Board of Education	3 Years
Dahiana Grisales	Board of Education	3 Years

** Mayor Holeman, Councilpersons White and Lorenzo, Sr. were sworn into office prior to the meeting.

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

ABSENT: None

Council to elect one of its own as Council President for the year 2021 -

Councilman Lorenzo made a motion to have Councilman Glass be Council President. The Mayor asked if there wer any other nominations?
Councilwoman Hedgepath nominated Councilwoman Cheatham. There were no other nominations.

Councilwoman Hedgepath made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Cheatham as the Council President for the year 2021. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Montes.

Roll call:

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

The Clerk will read the Resolution appointing the Borough Attorney for 2021 -

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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 2021

1. Philip Feintuch
is appointed as Borough Attorney for the year 2021
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 Resolution by Councilwoman Montes, 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 Clerk will read the Resolution appointing the Borough Auditor for 2021:

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 2021

1. Man Lee - Nisivoccia & Company
appointed as Borough auditor for the year 2021
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 Resolution by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman
Cheatham and approved on roll call:

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

The Clerk will read the resolution appointing the Borough Engineer for 2021:

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 2021

1. Leon Hall - Anderson & Denzler
as Borough Engineer for the year 2021
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 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
Councilman Lorenzo	Abstain
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	No

The Clerk will read the Resolution appointing the Emergency Management for 2021:

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, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2023.

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 _____.

ATTEST:

Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

Motion on the Resolution 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

Resolution for a Cash Management Plan for 2021 - The Clerk said she just got this and didn't have time to copy Council. If Council is okay with it we can do it at the next meeting and this way I have to give it to you. Council said that was fine.

The Clerk will read the Resolution for the hazard mitigation plan for 2021:

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 _____ as this jurisdictions Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED: _____
MAYOR: _____
CLERK: _____

Motion on the hazard mitigation plan made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo 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 Clerk will read the Resolution for a PACO Officer for 2021:

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 _____ hereby appoints David L. Holeman, Jr. to the position of P.A.C.O. effective January 1, 2021.

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 _____.

Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

Motion on the appointment of the PACO officer by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

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

At this time Councilwoman Montes talked about the person we are hiring for our Tax Assessor. The Administration Committee held interviews for this position since our last Assessor passed away unexpectedly. We had two applicants. Joe Pisauro lives in Whippany. He has 31 years experience in the field and he recently retired from Bloomfield Township. He wanted what Mark was making at \$9,156.

Glen Sherman lives in Morristown and has 25 years experience. He currently works for the following towns: Randolph where he is full time, Dover, Wharton, Chatham Township and Long Hill Township where he is part time. He will do the job for \$9,000.

Councilwoman Montes said that he was the choice of the Administration Committee, Glen Sherman.

Motion to approve the appointment for a 4 year term by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo 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 Jerry Flatt as Animal Control Officer for 2021:

Motion on the confirmaiton by Councilwoman Montes, 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

Planning Board & Adjustment Board	Class I	Mayor
	Class II	Kevin Lewthwaite
	Class III	James Glass
	Class IV	Diane Feola
		Harry Bami
		John Cegelka
		Anne Davis
		Manuel Vienero

All professionals will be appointed by the Planning Board.

Motion on the appointments for the Planning Board members by Councilwoman Cheatham, 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

Appointments of Council memebers to serve on the following Boards for the year 2021: Chairperson is listed first -

Administration:	Garcia Montes, Hedgepath, White
Public Works:	Glass, Lorenzo, Mayor
Recreation:	Hedgepath, Cheatham
Emergency Management:	Holeman, Barrella
Finance & Budgeting:	Glass, Lorenzo, Garcia Montes
Community Development:	Hedgepath, Cheatham,Holeman

Motion on the appointments by Councilwoman Montes, 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

Also approved at this time was the RVRSA liason John Celgelka and the appoointment of Ismael Lorenzo as the Municipal Alliance Liason.

The Clerk will read the resolution for newspaper publications for 2021:

RESOLUTION # 4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Daily Record newspaper be used for publications and legal materials for the year 2021.

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion on the newspaper publications by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo 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 clerk will read the Resolution for depositories of Borough funds for 2021:

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 *2021*

PROVIDENT BANK

PNC Bank

Bank of America

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

Motion to approve the banks for 2021 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 the temporary budget for 2021:

**BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
RESOLUTION 2021-**

2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Whereas, 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 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 2021, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance, is the sum of \$1,637,214.98, 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 \$396,431.

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 5, 2021

ATTEST:


Deborah Evans
Deborah Evans
Municipal Clerk

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

David Holeman
David Holeman
Mayor

Motion to approve the temporary budget for 2021 made by Councilwoman Cheatham, 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

The Clerk asked that we hold off until the next meeting on doing the interest on delinquent taxes. I was speaking with Karen and she wants to do a different resolution. I haven't looked at it but want to compare the two of them and then get Councils approval on whichever one you decide.

Council agreed to hold off on this for now.

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