

Jim Janone - When you do the minutes, you should say that Tara White and Jim Glass are remote. Where is the money coming from for revising the Ordinances that the Attorney was talking about at the last meeting? The Clerk said this hasn't been looked at yet. When we get closer to putting something together and getting a price then we will see where the money is coming from. Won't you have another budget meeting? If we do, it won't be for this. If we are able to keep the garbage amount as is, then we won't need another budget meeting. We can introduce at a regular meeting. The only thing that was holding us up was the garbage. Council agreed to everything else in the budget. The new COVID relief bill that was passed, what is the Boroughs intention for using that money? We haven't heard that we are getting any money. I hear Victory Gardens will be getting \$144,401.35. Well, we haven't heard anything. We have nothing from the State or the County. It can only be used for maintaining services, provide aid to residents and small business, or invest in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. I think at one time Verizon was in here asking permission to do something. The Borough is a dead spot for broadband. You can use it for that and for sewers. The Clerk said at the time Verizon came in they wanted to put a tower in and we said no. Jim said they now do something different. They are putting boxes up. Have we heard anything from the schools? I know they plan on going back April 12th. Anything on transportation? No, we are still holding their checks. They haven't called and ask where their money is. Page 10 hours of collection in the contract it says what time the hauler comes in to town. I spoke to the hauler and he said that they don't leave the yard until 6 a.m. They are not in here at no 4 a.m.. On page 12 of the current contract there are 6 things that Rubineti isn't doing. They should not bid again. They aren't bidding again. They have been bought out by Interstate. In the invoice from the hauler they are supposed to state: how many vehicles they have in here collecting, the tonnage, disposal costs, how much weight they are picking up, tipping fees, number of cubic yards. Where waste is going, the license plate numbers of the vehicles picking up in here and the payroll. What is the town doing about the emerald ash bore? I don't believe we have any of those trees in here the Clerk said. Forestry Division has an alert about this. I don't know the Clerk said but I do know that late last year they were talking about on the news and saying how destructive they are.

Valerie Williams - Who is Board of Adjustment? Who is the Planning Board/Land Use Board? Planning Board is the Mayor, Jim Glass, Diane Feola, Anne Davis, John Cegelka, Kevin Lewthwaite and two new members Manny and Harry. Board of Adjustment is 5 members of the Planning Board. The Mayor, Jim Glass, Kevin Lewthwaite, I think Dianne and John. You will have to ask Kevin to be sure. When is the next meeting? I know they cancelled February. They cancelled March also. Again, you will have to speak to Kevin about when they are meeting. I do want to get on their agenda. Kevin is here on Wednesdays around 5. The State of New Jersey vs. Valerie Williams, did you get a copy of that? No we haven't received anything. When did you get that? March 18th. I won. Okay. When are you getting money back from Barrie and Leon? What money? They were paid regarding this trial. The appeal said there were various issues that went on and the monetary monies. We paid them for services. We are not taking any money back. You were paid also as the Attorney. Did they send it back for a new trial? No.

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

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

Submitted By:


Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RESOLUTION FOR TAX REDEMPTION -

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
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

INSTALL 2 NEW FIRE ALARM PANELS - The Clerk said we are holding off on this. I need to get other quotes/bids. I only have 1. I want to try and get another one or two. There aren't a lot of places that do this.

Councilwoman Montes asked what is wrong with the ones we have now? The Mayor said everything. They keep going off and between the Clerk and I we are getting at least 4 calls per day.

The Clerk said we have had Verizon out at least 6 times and they said it isn't their problem. We have called the alarm company out and they replaced batteries and did other work and they say the problem isn't theirs. They said they have tried everything and nothing works. They told us it is time for a new panel. The one here has been here since we got back into the building. That was installed in 2004. The one at the firehouse, I can't even tell you when that was installed.

The Clerk said once she gets other bids or at least one other one, then we will put this back on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

GARBAGE BIDS - Attorney Feintuch said we have to rebid again. There is a 60 day period from advertising to accepting bids. Rubinetti has asked if we can just extend his contract for now at the same price we were paying him. I have to check into the law and see what it says. Our current contract with Rubinetti ends at the end of this month. We will try to extend it for a year - if we can do that.

The Clerk said if we can do that then we can get our budget introduced. We've been waiting until we get the bids in for garbage, but if we can extend the contract, then we can use the same amount as last year for the garbage.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF STORM WATER REVISIONS -

Amendment to 21-20 Revised Municipal
StormWater Control Ordinance

The Clerk said we introduced this on 2/23/2021. The Attorney said there were word changes. There were 6 or 7 changes. Nothing with any issues. Just changing names.

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

No comment from the public.

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

Motion to adopt the Ordinance 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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR TAX REDEPMTION - The Clerk said she gave a copy of the Resolution to Mayor and Council.

**BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
RESOLUTION OF REDEMPTION
TAX TITLE LIEN**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received payment for redemption of **Tax Title Lien #20-001** on **BLOCK 10 LOT 1.20** known as **21 Victory CT** in the name of **Koch, Ruth Barbara**

WHEREAS, reimbursement is now required to be made to the following Lien Holder,

Henry Hansch Jr
504 Chandler Ln
Whippany, NJ 07981-1439

To return the amount of the Lien, Penalty, Interest, Costs and Premium:

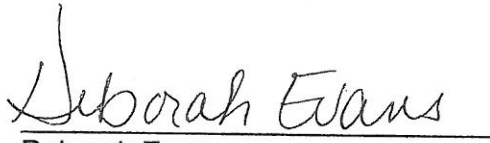
TAX TITLE LIEN: \$ 455.58

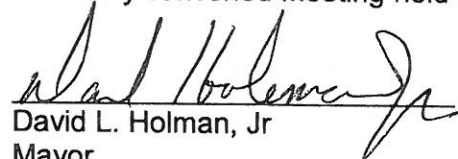
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of **\$455.58** made payable to:

Henry Hansch Jr
504 Chandler Ln
Whippany, NJ 07981-1439

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens at a duly convened Meeting held on **March 23, 2021**.


Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk


David L. Holman, Jr
Mayor

VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:
March 23, 2021

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payable to:</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/14/2021	AJM Contractors, Inc.	Firehouse parking lot	9,702.04
3/15/2021	Anderson & Denzler	Engineering	2,786.72
3/16/2021	Cargill, Inc.	Streets & Roads	1,913.15
3/17/2021	Chester Lighting	Fire OE	85.94
3/18/2021	Dover Board of Education	School Taxes	92,746.67
3/19/2021	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	Legal Services - OPRA & RVRSA	1,575.00
3/20/2021	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	Legal Services - monthly fee	2,150.46
3/21/2021	Gannett New Jersey Newspapers	Clerk OE	144.22
3/22/2021	Henry Hansch, Jr.	Tax Collector - Lien Redemption	455.58
3/23/2021	Henry O. Baker, Ins. Group	Other Insurance	8,882.00
3/24/2021	Herbert Evans, Jr.	Bldgs. & Grnds.	350.00
3/25/2021	Home Depot Credit Services	Clerk OE - Office supplies.	180.42
3/26/2021	Interstate Waste Services, Inc.	Trash Removal	10,933.33
3/27/2021	JCP&L - #1 - Fire	Fire OE	223.21
3/28/2021	JCP&L - #2 - Main	Utilities	369.81
3/29/2021	JCP&L - #3 - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	620.84
3/30/2021	JLM Computers	Clerk OE	95.00
3/31/2021	NJNG - #2 - Borough Hall	Utilities	759.00
3/32/2021	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	124.58
3/33/2021	Optimum	Clerk OE	11.45
3/34/2021	Rockaway Valley Reg. Sewer Auth.	RVRSA Share	10,608.00
3/35/2021	Verizon - #2 - 366-5312	Utilities	250.06
3/36/2021	VSP Service Plan	Group Ins. (Dec, Jan, Feb, March & April)	493.50
3/37/2021	WEX Bank, - Shell Gas	Streets & Roads	433.88
3/38/2021	AT&T	Utilities	39.41
3/39/2021	The Hartford - Dept. 98702	Other Insurance	4.00
		TOTAL	145,938.27

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building Department - 5 permits were issued . Total value of construction was \$26,060.00 .

Property Maintenance - Everyone has a copy of the report.

Municipal Court - We collected \$90.00 from the court.

Tax Collector - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: \$330,826.33
" " " Year " " \$465,694.30

Registrar - There were 3 marriage licenses issued for March. Total collected was \$84.00 .

COMMITTEE REPROTS:

No reports from any member of Council.

Motion to aaccept and put on file all reports by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham adn approved onverbal vote. None opposed.

March 23, 2021

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on March 23, 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 Meeting Act.

Attendance: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilman Glass (via phone)
Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilwoman White (via phone),
Councilman Lorenzo and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

Absent: None

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

Motion to accept the minutes of March 9, 2021 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Lorenzo abstained since he was not at the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COVID REPORT - As of March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. we have 211 residents with Covid 19. There have been 5 deaths.

LEON HALL - I had Eddie go around and look at trees. He gave me a list. I gave it to Leon. He is going out for quotes on 4 trees that are in the Borough right of way. He sent out to 10 different companies. They have to submit back to me by April 5. There are 2 on Roosevelt, 1 on Washington and 1 on the corner of Taft/Washington. The list that Eddie gave me had about 14 trees on it. Leon looked at them and only 4 were in the Borough right of way. That means all the others are on private property.

Motion to accept the correspondence as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

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

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment 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

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