

February 22, 2022

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on February 22, 2022.

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.

ATTENDANCE: Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Cheatham.

Motion to accept the minutes of February 8m 2022 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COVID Report - During the month of January there were 99 cases of COVID. From February 1 through February 18 there have been 6 additional cases. No reports of deaths.

For the record, the Clerk wanted to mention that Eddie is out for a few days. There is an emergency within the family and he had to leave the state. Right now I don't know how long he will be gone.

Motion to accept the correspondence as received by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments on the vouchers? Councilwoman Montes asked about the doggie bags we purchase. We are getting 3 boxes for \$268.96. Can't we go through Amazon? I don't know how many are in these boxes. The Clerk asked if we can do that thru the town with Amazon? Don't you have to pay for it before you get them delivered? We need to ask Joe about this. He should be able to set something up. The Clerk said she will ask him. We will be having another budget meeting.

Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
2/17/2022	Anderson & Denzler Assoc. Inc	Engineering, 2022 NJDOT Grant	1,869.50	
2/18/2022	Barco Products	Dog OE - Pet Waste bags	268.96	
2/19/2022	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch, ESQ	Legal Services - monthly fee	2,204.22	
2/20/2022	Gannett New Jersey Newspapers	Clerk OE	128.31	
2/21/2022	Home Depot	Bldgs. & Grnds.	44.64	
2/22/2022	Ideal Air, Inc.	Bldgs. & Grnds.	375.00	
2/23/2022	Interstate Waste Services, Inc.	Trash Removal services	10,933.33	
2/24/2022	JCP&L - #1 - Fire	Fire OE	217.91	
2/25/2022	JCP&L - #2 - Main	Utilities	436.24	
2/26/2022	JCP&L - #3 - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	675.77	
2/27/2022	JLM Computers	Clerk OE	194.00	
2/28/2022	NJNG - #2 - Main	Utilities	901.00	
2/29/2022	Optimum	Clerk OE	11.45	
2/30/2022	Rockaway Twp. Health Dept.	Health Serv. - shared - 1st qtr. 2022	6,573.25	
2/31/2022	Uline	Streets & Roads	54.71	
2/32/2022	Verizon - #1 - 263-0001-56	Utilities	82.81	
2/33/2022	WEX Bank - Shell Gas	Streets & Roads	825.89	
2/34/2022	VSP - Vision Service Plan	Group Insurance	98.70	
		TOTAL	25,895.69	

There were no other questions on the vouchers. The Mayor asked for a motion to pay the bills.

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

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

Councilwoman Montes asked if we can take a vote about something with the vouchers? I was told I could pick up vouchers and sign them before the meeting. I want to have time to go over them. When I told Debbie Devery that I wanted the vouchers to sign she said she didn't feel comfortable with leaving them out of the office. Debbie said that Joe and the Auditors told her there was a law and I told her I wanted the law. Debbie called me back and said there is no law. Joe and the Auditor said they should not leave the building. I want to make a motion that since we are Council, if we need to have the vouchers at our house, we should be able to get them. Eddie would bring them up to me and then he would stop by my house to get them, and bring them back. Councilman Glass said we should ask the Attorney. The Clerk said he won't be here until our first meeting in March.

Councilwoman Montes made a motion that Council persons on Finance should be able to have the vouchers come to their homes. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. He said it doesn't matter to him because he comes early to sign the vouchers. Roll call:

Councilman Glass	Abstain
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Mones	Yes

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building Department - There was 1 permit issued for February. Total value of construction \$2,500.

Property Maintenance - Everyone has a copy of the report.

Municipal Court - We received \$63.04 from the court.

Tax Collector - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: \$145,544.47  
Total Tax Receipts Year To Date: \$145,544.47

Registrar - No marriage license issued for the month of February.

Finance Officer - Joe will have a report once the budget is adopted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Glass - Snows glass is still working on the windows. There were actually 16 windows that had to be taken care of. We took the snow blower over for an estimate. It is costing \$50 to have someone take a look at it. We have trees around the building that eventually slam into the windows and break some of them. I asked the men to cut them back. The pole saw they have is not working so I lent them mine. We cut the trees back that were against the building. We need to have Leon come in and give us our boundary lines because these trees really need to be cut back much more.

Councilwoman Montes - She said that she has been trying to get in touch with Mayor Blackmon in Dover. She hasn't returned any of my calls. She does not return calls.

Motion to accept all the reports by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL - The Clerk said she put this on the agenda because the last time we discussed, Council still wasn't sure if this was the final draft. I believe Councilwoman Cheatham wanted to go over it again. We will hold off on this as Councilwoman Cheatham is not here tonight.

QUOTE FOR AIR PURIFIERS - Councilman Glass said that Joe was okay with us getting these for the building. He wanted to wait on purchasing just until he figured out the money from the American Rescue Plan. The filters last a year. The lights up to 3 years. Vera asked about what the terms and conditions were. That is just how you are going to pay for the everything. Councilman Glass said everyone has 2 pages with prices. The one for \$423.94 is for the filter and the bulb. The other one is for the price for 2 purifiers for the building. One in the Clerks office and 1 in the courtroom. That is \$2,999.98 . The cost of course, would go up depending on how many supplies you want. The units have to be vacuummed once a week.

Motion was made to purchase the air purifiers and the supplies for them, not to exceed \$4,500. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	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.

Chris Trotsky - In regards to the filters that you were discussing, what type filters are they? Is this medical grade filters? What merv rating are the filters? You would want medical grade I would think. Who will replace the filters? They will come out and do it Councilman Glass said.

Jim Janone - What are the model numbers of the filters? What is the brand? Item number is 634 and 746. UV lights only last about 7,000 hours - that is less than a year. Air filters have to be replaced about every 4 months. How often are the filters changed in the building for HVAC? Every 3 months. The ones on these air purifiers get vacuummed once a week. You need to buy good filters. Do we have a resolution appointing the Attorney that does tax appeals? No, Attorney Feintuch does them. We don't have a Resolution. I think a resolution has to be done appointing the Attoreny for tax appeals. Ideal Air we just paid them \$375 dollars. Don't we have a contract with them? Yes, we do. We needed a replacement part. One of the vlaves.

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

Motion to adhour the meeting by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

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