

May 10, 2022

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on May 10, 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 Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Councilwoman Chetham, Councilman Glass, Councilman Hale, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hedgepath and Councilman Lorenzo.

Motion to accept the minutes of April 26, 2022 as recieved by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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 Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	<u>Check #</u>
5/1/2022	Advance Auto Parts	Bldgs. & Grnds.	16.49	
5/2/2022	Dover Court	Shared Court Services	1,655.83	
5/3/2022	Handyman's	Streets & Roads	99.18	
5/4/2022	Home Depot	Bldgs. & Grnds.	143.30	
5/5/2022	NJNG - #1 - Fire	Fire OE	246.00	
5/6/2022	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	84.76	
5/7/2022	R & L DataCenters, Inc.	Finance	260.00	
5/8/2022	State of NJ - Div. of Pen. & Bene.	Group Insurance	9,974.40	On-line
		TOTAL	12,479.96	

NEW BUSINESS:

EDDIES VACATION TIME - The Clerk said that she gave everyone a copy of Eddies vacation time. It doesn't coincide with Hectors time off so I approved his vacation. Councilman Glass asked if this was it for the year for him and the Clerk said no.

DOT PROJECT FOR ROADS - The Clerk said she brought this up at the last meeting and asked if Council had any suggestions on which road to do? I havent heard anything back so I spoke to Leon. He suggested that we do the lower 3rd section of Washington Avneue. That would be from where Washington and Washington come together, down the hill and across South Salem to do the small section of Washington on the other side of town.

If everyone is okay with this then I can tell him to submit the application.

Councilman Glass asked if we should wait on this until after they scope the sewer lines? The Clerk said the money we have from the American Rescue Plan is not going to be enough to scope the whole town. We can do half now and the other half when we get more money. We won't scope the bottom of the hill at this point. We will do the top half of the town.

The Clerk said there is a deadline on the grant. If you want to hold off you won't have time to get the grant in. We were supposed to let Leon know by this meeting if we were going to proceed with the application so it gets submitted on time.

Councilman Glass said that we have to make sure these contractors clean up after the work is done. The Mayor siad it will be put in the contract.

Motion was made to have Leon apply for the 3rd section of Washington Avenue for the DOT project. Motion made by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Abstain

FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS -

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Victory Gardens in the County of Morris, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$ 105,000, which is now available from NJ Department of Transportation in the amount of \$ 105,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$105,000 is hereby appropriated under the caption Washington Avenue Improvements Project; and

Resolution No. _____
Offered by Cheatham
Adopted 5-10-22

Seconded by Hale
Municipal Clerk Deborah Evans

I, _____, Municipal Clerk of the Borough Victory Gardens of Morris in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of the 10th of May 2022 in the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

FORM OF RESOLUTION CONTINUED - Roll call:

Motion to approve the Form of Resolution by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

A4F FORM - Dover Schools sent us over the new A4F form that they need us to sign off on. I sent paperwork over to the Attoreny's office today. Phil will be here tonight he just isn't here yet. We can hold off on this until he gets here. Last year Council said not to sign off on the paperwork and we held off and then there was a problem with our tax rate not being struck by the County. It delayed tax bills going out and also delayed the County and Dover form getting tax bills out.

Council said to hold off until the Attorney arrives.

GENERAL CODE - General Code is the company that does our codification of the ordinances. Council asked at the last meeting if we could see what they would charge to go over all the ordinances and bring them up to code for us. It is a labor intensive project. Council didn't feel that they could do it. This would be going back over all the ordinances in the past and consolidating them to bring them all up where they match each other.

I gave everyone a copy of the proposal from General Code and the Attorney received the information also.

The cost to have them do this for us is \$4,960. This covers what the committee was supposed to do. The money for the codification is already set aside. You can hold off on this - you don't have to do it right away.

Councilman Glass asked why we have to have 16 copies of the ordinance book? Because Council and the Mayor have to get a copy, I need two copies out in my office and the State Police need copies. The Attorney also needs a copy.

Councilwoman Montes made a motion to have General Code go over the book and put it in order. Councilman Glass said it would be cheaper if they do it and not the Attorney. The Clerk said you will still need Attorney review.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Montes to have General Code do the book for \$4,960. Seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

AIR PURIFIERS - We had 2 quotes on this and the CFO said we needed to have 3. Everyone has a copy of all three quotes.

1. Aerus of Denville	\$4,499.38
2. Aerus of Springfield	\$5,783.76
3. Aerus Wilkes Barre	\$5,000.00

The one for \$5,000 does not include any extra parts. We did approve the one for \$4,499.38 which was the original. This includes replacement parts and lights.

Motion to approve the Aerus of Denville for \$4,499.38. Motion made by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

CAMERAS AT FIREHOUSE - I gave everyone a copy of the quote last meeting for 4 cameras at the firehouse. Council already approved the 4 cameras at a cost of \$1,950. We were discussing at the last meeting that maybe 4 cameras at the firehouse weren't enough. So I asked the company to come back and give me a quote for 8 cameras just to see what the cost would be. You have that in front of you. The cost for 8 cameras would be \$2,600.

Motion was made to approve the 8 cameras at the firehouse so we have full coverage of the area. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on roll call:

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

CAMERAS AT FIRHOUSE CONTINUED	- Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
	Councilman Glass	Yes
	Councilman Hale	Yes
	Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

FEE ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION - The Clerk asked the Mayor if we can go back to the A4F form now that the Attorney is here. He said yes.

A4F Form - The Attorney was out of his office for 2 days on a case. Let's hold off on this. The attorney for the Board of Education said he sent me a lot of information. I will look at that tomorrow. I will go over it. How did it differ from last year? I don't know. I don't have the paperwork in front of me. The Attorney said to let him look it over tomorrow and he will get back to me. If there is a problem, we do have to sign off because it affects several tax rates. We will just put on there that it is under protest.

Councilwoman Motnes asked if it is the same as last year? I don't know. I don't have the paperwork in front of me. The Attorney will review and advise.

FEE ORDINANCE/PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION -

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES AND PENALTIES OF THE
BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

The Clerk said everyone has a copy of the fee ordinance. We introduced and now we need to adopt if there are no concerns. First, you have to open to the public for comment on the ordinance.

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

Jim Janone - What fees are being increased and which ones are decreased? None are being decreased. Are you doing maximum? No. Right now we are looking to increase the cost of certified copies of marriage licenses. Right now we charge \$5. Other towns are getting over \$25. So we are raising ours to \$25. We have a vacant home registration included which we didn't have before. That will be annually a fee of \$100. Why aren't we doing the max on fines? The Clerk said she mentioned that while we were going over this ordinance and some of the Council said increase but don't go up to the max. You will be doing this all over again in a year or two. The Clerk said it took her 34 years to get them to approve an increase. I doubt very much that anything else will be changed in 2 years. Council was told to look back in their books so they could see what was being changed. Are the fines from the court included in this? No. Dover charges the court fines which are up to the Judge. How much additional revenue will this give the town? I have no idea. You don't know how many permits are taken out and for what and the cost of the work being done. All that plays a factor. You don't know how many chimney liners will be done. You don't know how many pods will be brought into town.

Motion to close this portion of 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 Hale and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilman Glass	No
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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

Jim Janone - The DOT project. How much will Leon get out of this? I don't know. Jim said Leon gets 20 or 21% of that fee. I don't know about that. Are you cutting back on anything with Leon? We haven't had Leon in here like we normally do. I can't do anything about him putting time in on projects that Council gives him to do. He does the work, he gets paid. What quotes have we gotten for the cameras for the sewers? We haven't received anything yet the Clerk said. When they scope the lines they do not break ground, they don't rip up the roads. They put the cameras down the manholes. Yes, we know that. What is going on with the parking on Coolidge Avenue? The police know about it. I go over there every other morning and ride through before 7 am. They are still parking there. It is crazy over there.

PUBLIC PORTION CONTINUED:

Jim Janone - What is going on with the property by the condos where the white fence is? Nothing right now. We have someone who may be interested in purchasing. We have to see if it is a buildable lot. The ordinances that you have in here, General Code is going to go over all that and make sure we are in compliance? That is what they said. The Attorney will still have to review and they will be talking to him on that.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Cheatham seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Evans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk