

June 14, 2022

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on June 14, 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 Cheatham, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: None

** Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes from May 24, 2022 as received by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Glass abstained as he wasn't present for that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

THANK YOU CARD - we received a thank you card from Councilman Hale on the fruit basket we sent him.

ANDERSON & DENZLER - I have a letter here from Leon on the bids that were received for the scoping of the sewer lines. However, Attorney Feintuch said not to do this tonight because there is a new law or pending law that he has to look into regarding contractors. So, I will put this on for the next meeting.

Motion to accept and put on file all correspondence as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Councilman Lorenzo asked if we have to have Viking Pest come out every month? They are doing preventative maintenance. They found something once. Can we change this to every other month? I will ask. The Mayor said there are rats around that have been seen and that is why they are coming in. The voucher for Nisivoccia what is that for? This was for the ending of the Audit for 2021. Morris County Farms - The voucher was corrected. The white part of the voucher is the correct amount. You can see where it was crossed off. The yellow copy has the old information. I will have Kelly fix that. Glass Gardens what is this for? The Easter Party. I believe Councilwoman Hedgepath gave the receipts to Debbie D. I don't know where they are. If I had them they would have been attached to the voucher. JIM Computers what is this for? Debbie D. was holding a check because she felt for a few minutes work they should not get paid. The thing is that it is the contract amount. We have to pay it. So, Kelly put it in along with the regular month bill.

The Clerk said there was an addition to the voucher listing to pay Joe back for an update on the computer that he had to do through a credit card.

Councilwoman Montes asked if the new person knows to hold the check for the Board of Education? Yes.

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

Motion to pay the bills by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

(See Voucher Listing Next Page)

VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
	Advanced Auto Parts	Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 122.48	
	AT&T	Utilities	\$ 42.08	
	City Connections	Clerk OE	\$ 2,100.00	
	Dover Water Commission	Fire OE/Utilities	\$ 176.76	
	Dover Court	Shared Court Service	\$ 1,655.83	
	Dover BOE	School Taxes	\$ 96,132.00	
	Dover American Legion	Clerk OE	\$ 100.00	
	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	Legal Services OE	\$ 2,204.22	
	General Code	Clerk OE	\$ 2,480.00	
	Glass Gardens (Shop Rite)	Recreation	\$ 116.57	
	JLM Computers	Clerk OE	\$ 194.00	
	Eddie Martinez	Streets & Roads	\$ 64.01	
	MGL Printing	Assessor OE	\$ 358.00	
	Morris County Farms	Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 21.00	
	NJNG - Firehouse	Fire OE	\$ 246.00	
	NISIVOCCIA	Annual Audit	\$ 17,500.00	
	Office Concepts Group	Clerk OE	\$ 195.53	
	Petty Cash	Clerk OE	\$ 27.68	
	Protective Systems Svcs	Fire OE	\$ 2,600.00	
	R&L Data Centers Inc	Clerk OE	\$ 260.00	
	Rckwy Twsp Health Svcs	Health Cont Service	\$ 13,146.00	
	RVRSA	RVRSA Share	\$ 10,063.00	
	Montville Animal Shelter	Dog OE	\$ 627.37	
	Verizon #1 (8121)	Utilities	\$ 74.20	
	Viking Pest Control	Bldg. & Grounds	\$ 166.00	
	Vision Service Plan - VSP	Group Insurance	\$ 98.70	
	Joe Costantino	Finance OE	\$ 430.00	
		TOTAL	\$ 151,201.43	

NEW BUSINESS:

RANDOLPH LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL - The Clerk said we have to do this Resolution tonight on approving the liquor license for Randolph Liqueors formally known as Lakeland Liqueors. They have applied to the State and they came in here and paid the \$2,500 to us. The only thing we need to do is pass the Resolution so it can be sent to the State and then the State will issue the license.

Motion was made to approve the Resolution for the liquor license for Randolph Liqueors. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

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RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR RANDOLPH LIQUORS

WHEREAS, the herein below names have duly filed an application for renewal of their liquor license for their respective premises as shown for the year 2022-2023, and

WHEREAS, no objections have been received from the public; and

WHEREAS, the required fees have been paid and all premises have been inspected and approved except as otherwise stated, by the Board of health and the Bureau of Fire Prevention; and

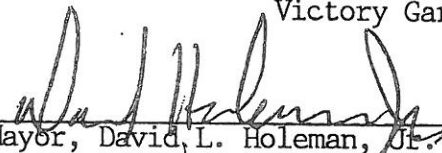
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that the said application be approved, and that the respective license be granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in those cases where the inspectors of the different agencies of the Borough of Victory Gardens have found violations, the licensee shall comply and correct said violations within the time specified in the report by the various agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue license/certificate accordingly.

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

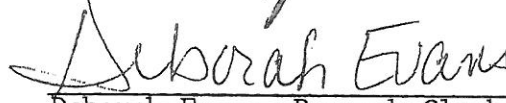
1437-44-001-004 Randolph Liquor Inc.
301 South Salem Street
Victory Gardens, N.J. 07801



Mayor, David L. Holeman, Jr.

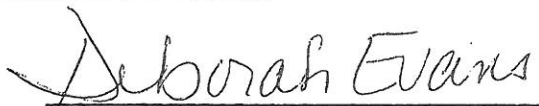
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Date Adopted

ATTEST: 

Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

I, Deborah Evans, hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, at a meeting held on 6-14-2022.



Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

ALONZOS STEAK HOUSE - We have not received anything from Alonzos at this time. I've told them several times that they have to file their application with the State. I told them it has to be done before the end of the month. They have not paid the State their fees and they have not paid the town. I will put this one on for the next agenda in hopes that they have it done before the time otherwise they will not be able to serve any alcohol.

OLD BUSINESS:

SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH NOURISH NJ - The Clerk said she has the signed agreement with Nourish. It is good for 7 years. They have paid the sewer bill and they also continue to pay the taxes.

Councilwoman Cheatham asked when we think they will be up and operational? They are still gutting the place. They took about about 11 dumpsters. Once they call us for an inspection on the demo then they will submit plans and they will have to file for the permits. Once they do that, they can start putting the place back together.

Councilman Glass said about the sidewalks going in, shouldn't we ask the people if they want sidewalks or not? The Clerk said it is a little too late for that. This project was talked about at a meeting if not more than once. Council agreed to have Leon do the grant. We were accepted and it has gone out to bid. No one had any other comments on it. This is a grant. These people are parked close to their houses now. If a sidewalk goes in they won't have anywhere to park. The Clerk said you can refuse the grant but you already approved it. You will still have to pay Leon for the specs, the maps, and whatever else work went into the project so far.

Councilwoman Montes said this is for the sewer? No for sidewalks on Coolidge. If you take 6 feet away where are they supposed to park? Councilwoman Montes asked if we are taking their property? It is town property Councilman Glass said. Would it be common courtesy to ask the people if they want it done Councilwoman Montes asked? The Clerk said Council should have asked that in the beginning before you said to do it. This was something that Council agreed to last year. Many years ago we had a whole thing with many meetings when we told all the homeowners that they had to put in parking for their tenants. We worked on that for years. Many had to put parking in. A lot of the people that are back on Coolidge are tenants. The landlords never put parking in for them. They will have to take that up with the landlords.

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

Jim Janone - Jim asked if one the liquor license does it say there was a public hearing on it? No. It just says there was no objections from the public. I have questions with Alonzos. Can I get a final answer on the snow blower? Did we buy it? The Clerk said she knows for a fact that the town did not buy it. If we did there would have been a bill for it. The Mayor said it was donated. How come it didn't come to the Council that we received a donation? It doesn't have to. The Mayor asked when he brings tools down here and gives to the men for the garage I don't tell anyone when I did it. When will the closed session minutes be approved so they can be released. The ones that were done a few weeks ago? The Clerk said the ones on May 20th? Yes. The Clerk said that everyone has a copy of the minutes. I didn't have them approved yet because it was a personnel discussion and there has been no conclusion on the personnel matter. Jim said he put in a request to listen to the tape from that meeting. The Attorney said that closed session doesn't say who said what. It only states what the discussion was about and the final outcome. It doesn't say who said what. The Attorney said it is in violation of the law. It is public information. No it isn't. That is why it is closed session.

The Attorney said he is cautioning this body, what is disclosed in the closed session remains in closed session. The minutes are not to reflect what was said and by whom it was said. Closed session should not reflect what each person said. You can say this is what was discussed and who spoke on it but you can't put down what was said. You should not reveal whatever was said. That is why it is a closed session. You can argue freely without it being given to the public. Minutes can say the meeting was a closed session and who spoke - but not what they said. You have a right to express your opinion without it being released to the public.

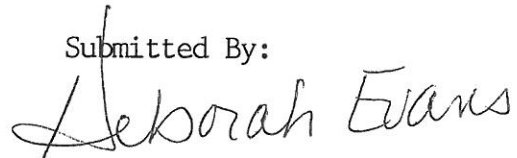
The Clerk said she did the minutes but I did them like I do all minutes. Before they can get approved for this meeting of May 20, 2022 I would have to redo them and then you can approve them at the next meeting.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Montes said she has a questions first. Kelly Jacobus got paid for an extra day. What was that for? The Clerk said I don't think it was an extra day. Sometimes depending on the way the days fall in the month, they may get paid for 11 days or 10 or 12 days. What does it say on the voucher? It says on the voucher it was additional time on June 6. Is it overtime because she doesn't get paid for overtime? It doesn't say on the voucher. I dont know if that was a whole day of extra hours or if it was 2. She was here with Joe. He called wanting to show her the computer and what needed to be done. The extra hours may be because of Joe coming in to show her that stuff. The Clerk said she ill reach out to Joe and see what he says and then the voucher listing can be amended. Council didn't say it was okay for her to do that with Joe. Its no different than what he did when Debbie Started. He has to show them what needs to be done.

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