

August 23, 2022

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on August 23, 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 July 26, 2022 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Lorenzo abstained as he was not present for the meeting. All other were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

List of Employees - Councilwoman Montes asked for a list of employees and what they do for the Borough. I made the list and gave a copy to everyone.

Vacant Lot - I heard back from Glen, our Assessor and he took a look at the vacant lot. He said the assessed value is \$102,500.

County of Morris - They are letting us know that the 9/11 remembrance ceremony will be held on 9/11/22 at 6:00 p.m. in observance of the 21st anniversary. Please let them know if you will be attending.

Attorney Feintuch - Letter to Joseph Bell Esq. Attorney Feintuch reviewed the letter from Mr. Bell. There is no legal basis for any action by Ms. Jacobus.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mayor Holeman 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:

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

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**VOUCHER REPORTS**

Date of Council Meeting:  
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REVISED Voucher # 08-32-2022

<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Payable to:</b>	<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Check #</b>
08-18-2022	Anderson & Denzler Associates ,Inc	Legal OE	\$ 2,155.44	
08-19-2022	ASB Services	Road OE	\$ 2,408.94	
08-20-2022	County of Morris	Taxes	\$ 55,147.93	
08-21-2022	Dell Technologies	Clerk OE	\$ 174.36	
08-22-2022	Feintuch	Legal OE	\$ 1,995.00	
08-23-2022	Gannet NJ	Legal OE	\$ 1,069.35	
08-24-2022	General Code	Clerk OE	\$ 9,690.00	
08-25-2022	Home Depot	Bldn & Grounds	\$ 86.08	
08-26-2022	Home Depot	Bldn & Grounds	\$ 266.74	
08-27-2022	IDEAL AIR IN	Bldn & Grounds	\$ 375.00	
08-28-2022	Interstate Waste Services	Trash Removal	\$ 11,910.25	
08-29-2022	JCPL (Borough Hall )	Clerk OE	\$ 702.30	
08-30-2022	JCPL (Firehouse)	Clerk OE	\$ 191.28	
08-31-2022	JLM Computers	Clerk OE	\$ 242.50	
08-32-2022	JLM Computers	Clerk OE	\$ 489.00	
08-33-2022	Montville Animal Shelter	Dog OE	\$ 627.37	
08-34-2022	Morris County MUA	Road OE	\$ 693.00	
08-35-2022	NJNG Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 382.61	
08-36-2022	Optimum	Utilities	\$ 22.90	
08-37-2022	Verizon	Utilities	\$ 79.51	
08-38-2022	WEX Bank - Shell Fleet Plus	Road OE	\$ 732.67	
08-39-2022	Eduardo Martinez	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 3,210.00	
08-40-2022	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 1,987.20	
08-41-2022	Leticia Diaz	Admin SW	\$ 1,390.00	
08-42-2022	County of Morris	Taxes (open space tax )	\$ 1,361.40	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 97,390.83</b>	

Department Reports:

Building Department - 2 permits issued. total value of construction \$28,400

Property Maintenance - Everyone has a copy of the report

Tax Collector - Total Tax Receipts Month to Date: 31,240.47  
" " " Year to Date: \$1,183,285.04

Registrar - 1 marriage license issued. According to the Governor we are not to charge for marriage license that we issue.

Finance Officer - Everyone has a copy of Joes report.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Montes said we interviewed a lot of people for the CFO position. We will make a motion when we get to new business on the hiring of the new CFO.

Councilman Glass said they have paved Washington Avneue from Roosevelt to Roosevelt Ave. They left a mess on the sidewalks. I did tell Leon and Mike about it. These contractors have to clean up afterthemselves. Councilwoman Montes said there is nothing we can do about the tar from the trucks. it gets on the tires and they travel on the other roads. They had a sweeper in.

The Attorney asked if we have to make a last payment to the contractor? Yes, when they are done the Clerk said. Hold up their last check if they don't clean up. The Clerk said they aren't done yet. They have all their trucks up here.

Councilman Glass said he has been speaking to both Mike and Leon. They also used Eddie to help direct traffice. i didn't know about that. Mayor Holeman said he told them it was okay for Eddie to be there. They had someone up there to direct traffic. Eddie was helping out. Recycling didn't get picked up that day. Yes it did. Eddie picked up early in the morning. The only ones that weren't picked up were the condos and they knew that and Eddie picked up the next day.

Motion to accept and put on file all reports by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIRING NEW CFO - Coucnilwoman Montes said we interviewed many people for the position. They wanted anywhere from \$65,000 and down. All applicants were very smart and knew their jobs. There was one that stood out and that was Joseph Kovalcik, Jr. He is the CFO in Wharton. He lives close to us and he is willing to take the same pay as our last CFO.

Motion was made to hire Joseph Kovalcik, Jr as our new CFO at a salary of \$19,960. His hours will be flexible, no benefits and he will start on September 1, 2022. 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

The Attorney said he will have a hiring Resolution for the next meeting.

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved onverbal vote. None oppsoed.

Jim Janone - The appointment for the CFO is that just for the remainder of the year or moving forward? It is for the rest of the year and forward. They don't get tenure do they? Yes after 4 years. Are they doing painting on the area they just paved and is there a warranty on the work. There is a warranty on the work and I think they are doing painting but I would have to look at the contract again. Why did we have 2 Engineers on the project? We didn't. Leon was here and a person from his office. Mike is not and Engineer. The road isn't that great. The Clerk said she was on it and it looks fine. They aren't done yet. Where are we with the sewer project? We wanted to get hte pavers out first and then the company for the sewer scoping will be in. Now that we know the cost of the vacant lot, what is Council going to do about it?

The Attorney said if the lot was in demand we would have heard from people that were interested. If people are interested and they are asking you, the Mayor said have them come into Borough Hall and ask about the lot. We don't know if ti is a buildable lot. The construction official can determine if it is a buildable lot.

There were no other comments from the public.

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:

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

Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk