

December 20, 2022

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on December 20, 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, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilman Lorenzo.

** Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

Motioin to accept the minutes of November 22, 2022 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANDERSON & DENZLER - Leon went out looking at trees. Councilman Glass was with him. There were 6 trees coming down. 5 on Franklin and one on the corner of washington and Washington. We received 2 bids for the removal which the attorney will open now.

- 1. Scotty Tree \$4,100.00
- 2. Master Services \$3,500.00

Motioin was madeto award to Master tree Services in the amount of \$3,500. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

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

LETTER FROM LANDLORD IN TOWN - I received a letter from Ted Sharfian. He is interested in buying the empty lot we have by the firehouse. He is offering \$70,000. I told him the lot is assessed at \$102,000. I also told him that we haven't even went into any discussion on selling the property. Attorney Feintuch said if we ever do decide to sell then we will have to bid on it.

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

VOUCHERS:

Mayor Holeman asked if anyone had any comments or questions on the vouchers?

Councilwoman Montes said voucher 12-06 should be for \$106.08. The one for Manny #12-37. We only pay \$15 per hour for snow plowing. So that voucher needs to be changed. Ok. Since he isn't working for the town full time yet, he gets \$15 for snow plowing.

Mayor Holeman said we should raise the limit for snow plowing. Just in case we need an extra person. Motion was made by Councilwoman Hedgepath to hire at \$20.00 per hour in case we need someone to help with plowing. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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

VOUCHERS CONTINUED:

Hearing no other ocmments the Mayor asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building Department - 2 permits issued. Total value of construction was \$35,950

Property Maintenance - Everyone has a copy of the report.

Tax Collector - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: 189,404.51
Total Tax receipts Year To Date: 1,926,683.08

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Glass - Manny started working today with Eddie for 3 days. Eddie is showing him what they do and showing him the sewer lines and all things that need to be checked. We have a few tools here that are Eddies and he will be taking them when he leaves. We need a tool cabinet. It is on sale at a cost of \$579.00 . We have tools all over the place.

Motion was made to buy the tool box by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

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

We also have been talking about putting a small wall up in the garage to separate the salt from everything else. It may cost about \$2,000; We can put htat in the budget for next year.

Councilwoman Garica Montes - This year we hired a CFO, and a part time Clerk. All is going ok. I would like to thank Councilwoman Hedgepath for her work on the Christmas party and the senior party.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Resolution - I gave everyone a copy. I received this from Joe this morning.

Councilwoman Hedgepath said she is voting no on this. The reason being, when I asked what was in the budget for recreation before the senior party, I don't think he gave Letty and accurate number. I was told there wasn't that much money in recreation so I don't understand how he can take money from recreation and put into another line item. This should have been given to us earlier and we could have had him tell us what was going on.

The Clerk said if this doesn't get passed tonight then we will be short in the other line items where he wanted to do the transfers.

Council said to put it on hold. Okay.

Jim Janone - In regards to snow plowing who is this other person going to be? We have to find someone. We may not need anyone but if we do, we will find someone. How many seniors attended the senior party? About 10. How much was it? About \$200.00. I want to get some information on the vacant lot. Do you want a letter or an OPRA request? Do the OPRA. For the attorney, you can look at other towns ordinances and their procedures for the cannabis and see how they are doing their applications. Do you know about the lead inspector needed for the town? No, I haven't heard anything about it. Why is the voucher listing for the school being shown on the vouchers? It is always on the vouchers. The reason it is so high is because they were put on for the past several months and they have to be on. we still aren't paying them but we have the list the amount and cut a check. We are holding the checks. If we have 250 kids that are enrolled in Dover and some move out to we get a credit for those kids? No. The figures are based on what the enrollment is in October. Whether or not it goes up and down they base everything on the October numbers. Do we have a certified lead inspector in the town? No. I will have to talk to our Board of Health. 1,400 for the gas bill is very high. We are on the budget and that is what the amount is. We also heat the garage.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale 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.

Mayor Hoelman wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Submitted By;

Deborah Evans

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Borough Clerk

VOUCHER LISTING FOR 12/20/22

VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:
December 20,2022

Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
12-01-2022	AJM Contractors	Roads OE	\$ 22,086.53	
12-02-2022	Anderson & Denzler	Legal OE	\$ 4,311.91	
12-03-2022	AT&T	Utilities	\$ 41.59	
12-04-2022	Dover BD Of Ed	School Taxes	\$ 481,000.00	
12-05-2022	Dover Shared Court Services	Shared court	\$ 8,279.15	
12-06-2022	Dover Water Commission	Utilities	\$ 208.14	
12-07-2022	Feintuch	Legal OE	\$ 1,207.50	
12-08-2022	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	Legal OE Monthly fee	\$ 11,021.10	
12-09-2022	General Code	Clerk OE	\$ 2,480.00	
12-10-2022	Hodes Veterinary Group	Health OE	\$ 150.00	
12-11-2022	Ideal Air	Clerk OE	\$ 400.00	
12-12-2022	Interstate Waste	Trash Removal	\$ 11,910.25	
12-13-2022	Jcpl Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 661.67	
12-14-2022	Jcpl Fire house	Clerk OE	\$ 217.14	
12-15-2022	Jcpl Street Light	Utilities	\$ 673.13	
12-16-2022	JLM Computers	Clerk OE	\$ 97.00	
12-17-2022	Kendyll Hedgpath	Recreation	\$ 27.82	
12-18-2022	Montville animal shelter	Dog OE	\$ 627.37	
12-19-2022	Morris county Mua Shade Tree	Road OE	\$ 906.75	
12-20-2022	National Cleaning Company	Road OE	\$ 23,450.48	
12-21-2022	NJ Div Of Alcoholic Beverage Control	Clerk OE	\$ 6.00	
12-22-2022	NJ State League of Municipalities	Mayor /Council Admin OE	\$ 328.00	
12-23-2022	NJNG Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 1,405.00	
12-24-2022	NJNG Firehouse	Utilities	\$ 297.00	
12-25-2022	Optimum	Clerk OE	\$ 11.46	
12-26-2022	R & L Data	Clerk OE	\$ 260.00	
12-27-2022	RVRSA	RVRSA Shares	\$ 10,063.00	
12-28-2022	The Hartford	Insurance OE	\$ 18,461.00	
12-29-2022	Verizon Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 152.91	
12-30-2022	Verizon Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 71.50	
12-31-2022	Viking Pest control	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 135.00	
12-32-2022	Wex Bank Shell	Road OE	\$ 1,564.88	
12-33-2022	Eduardo Martinez	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,942.72	
12-34-2022	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,256.30	
12-35-2022	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,460.00	
12-36-2022	Sherwin williams	Roads OE	\$ 1,533.72	
12-37-2022	Manuel Vanero	Streets and Roads SW	\$212.00 282.00	
12-38-2022	Insync Municipal Systems	Tax	\$ 1,000.00	
		TOTAL	\$ 612,048.02	