

August 27, 2024

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on August 27, 2024.

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: Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo.

ABSENT: Councilman Suarez, Councilwoman Garcia Montes and Attorney Feintuch.

Motion to accept the minutes of 8/13/24 as received by Councilwoman Hedgepath seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Glass and Councilman Lorenzo abstained as they were absent from that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DOVER WATER - I did have Dover Water out to my house regarding the letter they sent to everyone in town regarding the pipes that they have coming into their homes.

I did find out that my pipes are galvanized. They said that if anyone is having trouble trying to figure out the pipes, to call them and they will come out to their homes.

I asked them if they know when the work will start and they said no. They have applied for a grant. If they get it there should be no cost to the homeowners. It all depends on how much they get.

All this is in the planning stages and as they get more information they will pass it on to me.

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

VOUCHERS:

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

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

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes

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OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

MEETING DATE FOR DECEMBER 2025 - The Clerk said when she did this at the last meeting I forgot about December. we usually only do one meeting in December. Our dates would be December 9th and 23rd.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hedgepath to have only one meeting in December. That would be December 9th. Motion seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes

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

Jim Janone - The issue with the water department do they know that the lids are locked? Yes. They had to open mine when they were there and I told them that everyone that has the pit will need to have theirs opened also. What if no one calls them. Well that is on them. Dover will have to figure out why people aren't scanning and calling them. Is the grant that Dover is going for is it exclusive to Victory Gardens or everyone they service. They didn't tell me that. They can't really say anything until they know if they are getting the grant and how much it will be. The hole over by Advanced auto has opened up again. They did cover it over but it is opened up again. The drain may be undermining the soil. I will have to have Leon go out and take another look at it. Coolidge Avenue has a lot of commercial vehicles parked on the street. Someone called us today with the same information. I usually go on that street every morning before I come into work. I didn't see anything there. It's after midnight that they are parking there. Did you hear back from Dover Administrator yet? I talked to their Acting Superintendent. Was anything resolved? No. I asked again for all the kids that are going to school from Victory Gardens and the addresses that they are coming out of. He had to get back to me with that information. I heard from him 2 weeks later and he said that he couldn't give me their names because of the law. I asked him to give me the addresses of where they are coming from and how many from each address. He has to go back and get permission for him to give me that information.

Councilwoman Hedgepath said they are not doing bus passes this year. They sent a letter saying that the child lives at this address and this is where you will be picked up at. No bus passes. Please get me a copy of the letter. When I spoke to this person he told me that they are doing bus passes. He told me the bus drivers look at the bus passes. I told him they did not. They may look the first day but that is it. I told him we have seen kids being driven into town and dropped off so they can get the busses. I told him we have seen kids dropped off and then walk into Salem Village.

Jim said he will ask about that when they have their next committee meeting. Did Mayor Dodd talk to you Mayor within the last few weeks? No. He said at a Dover meeting that he would be talking to you about all the loud music coming from the apartments in Victory Gardens. His residents in Salem Village are complaining about it. One of our residents have complained to me about the music at the apartments. Are you aware of people standing on the corner soliciting for money? I was not aware the Clerk said but the Mayor told me he saw it. The Mayor said one person was on the Victory Gardens side and the other person was on the Randolph side. The Mayor said the police were out there talking to them. They were there for the last 2 weeks.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

Deborah Evans

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Borough Clerk

