

September 10, 2024

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on September 10, 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 Suarez, Councilman Glass, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hedgepath.

Motion to accept the minutes of August 27, 2024 as received by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VOUCHERS:

**Voucher Reports  
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
09-01	Acrisure	Other Insurance	\$ 10,597.00	
09-02	Anderson & Denzler Associates	Engineering	\$ 1,968.00	
09-03	Dover Bd Of Education	School Taxes	\$ 97,057.00	
09-04	Dover Shared Court	Shared Court Services	\$ 1,655.83	
09-05	Dover Water	Utilities	\$ 230.83	
09-06	Feintuch Porwich & Feintuch	Legal Services	\$ 2,204.22	
09-07	Feintuch Porwich & Feintuch	Legal Services	\$ 840.00	
09-08	Home depot Credit services	Buildings and grounds	\$ 133.38	
09-19	Ideal Air Inc	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 489.00	
09-20	James Glass	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 50.00	
09-21	Konica Minolta	Clerk OE	\$ 42.54	
09-22	Municipal Clerks Of NJ	Clerk OE	\$ 100.00	
09-23	New Jersey Natural Gas Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 1,338.21	
09-24	New Jersey Natural Gas firehouse	Utilites	\$ 297.00	
09-25	Petty Cash (Debbie Evans)	Clerk OE	\$ 70.00	
09-26	Rockaway valley Regional Sewrage Author	RVRSa Shares	\$ 13,561.00	
09-27	Training Unlimited LLC	Clerk OE	\$ 285.00	
09-28	Viking Pest Control	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 157.46	
09-29	Vision Service Plan	Group Insurance	\$ 40.48	
09-30	Wex Bank Shell	Road OE	\$ 491.48	
09-31	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,377.60	
09-32	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,795.20	
09-33	Manuel Venero	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,040.00	
<b>TOTAL VOUCHERS</b>			<b>\$ 131,608.43</b>	

The Mayor asked if anyone had 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 Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

JASON GABLOFF/CFO - Jason is supposed to be here tonight. I have not heard anything from him.

CARGILL SALT CONTRACT - We have the new contract for salt. The cost is the same as last year at \$98.00 per ton.

Motion was made to approve the salt contract at \$98.00 per ton. Motion made by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

PROJECTS COUNCIL WANTS TO DO FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS - The Clerk said for the Council to decide what roads need to be done and let her know so she can tell Leon for next year. Please have it ready for the next meeting.

Councilman Lorenzo asked about Washington Avenue? The Clerk said that we are doing Washington Avenue this year. It will be from the firehouse down to South Salem Street.

Councilman Glass asked about trees and storm drains? They are not done with this funding. We take that out of our budget.

Councilwoman Montes asked about storm drains? Usually when we do road work the storm drains are included. Since we aren't doing Roosevelt Avenue those storm drains will not get done. I asked Leon to look at storm drains in town and see what needs to be repaired. We will do that with budget monies as there isn't enough to be able to get a grant for.

The Mayor said for everyone to get their list together and then we will discuss and figure it out for the next meeting.

Councilman Suarez asked if instead of doing regular curbing can we do Belgium block? We could but it's more expensive. We can ask Leon about it when the time comes.

Councilman Glass asked if we know when they are going to deliver the salt? No, I had to wait for the contract to be signed. We will have to get the road sweepings out of the garage before the salt comes. Councilman Glass told the Council what we have to do with the dirt from the roads.

Councilman Lorenzo asked if we have a dumpster for it yet? No, no one is giving us one. Everyone says to just throw the dirt out. DEP says we can't do that. We have to have it disposed of properly and we have to get a receipt for where it was dumped.

Councilman Glass said we are having a problem with the line painter. We had it fixed once. It isn't working again. I can have someone look at it for \$86. I think it is shot. Right now the guys buy the paint and put it on with a roller. Do you want to sell it or just get rid of it? Do not pay to get it looked at.

IDEAL AIR CONTRACT - For 2 years the cost remained at \$1,600. This year it went up \$100. So it is now \$1,700.00 for the year.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

IDEAL AIR CONTRACT - Motion was made to approve the Ideal Air contract in the amount of \$1,700 for the year. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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

Jim Janone - The curbing, belgium block is 3 to 4 times more expensive than regular curbing. None of the side streets have curbing so when you are thinking about projects that is one you might want to consider. Is there any update on the cannabis? No. We have outdated storm drains in here which you might want to consider for projects. The Clerk said when we do road work the storm drains are usually included. Did the town create a tree ordinance? The Attorney said we have a tree ordinance that he sent to the State and he is waiting to hear back from them. Did you hear anything from the school board? Not really. I did ask about giving us the names of the kids going to school. They said they can't do that because of privacy laws. I did send an email today and told them if they can't give us the names to give us the addresses where the kids are coming from and how many from each household. I also told them about the kids that are being dropped off in here to take the buses and how when the kids get dropped off after school there are kids leaving the buses and walking to Salem Village. I am waiting to hear back from them.

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

Motion was made to go out of the regular order of business to go into closed session regarding litigation. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

(Closed Session Typed Separately)

Motion to go back into the regular order of business by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

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

Submitted By:

*Deborah Evans*

Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk

