

November 12, 2024

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on November 12, 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

\*\* Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of 10/22/24 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER FROM PETE SOTO - Pete sent a letter to Ron Young saying he would be done with his work by June 2025. Ron in turn sent him a letter saying he can not give him until June of 2025. Ron will allow him until the end of November and then if he needs more time to come back to Ron for an extension.

CRESTON HYDRAULICS - The Clerk asked Councilman Glass to explain to the Council what this is for. Councilman Glass said this is for plow parts. The vendor we used is now out of business. Creston is a State Contract. The parts have been ordered. When they deliver to another town in our areathey will bring ours and we don't have to pay a delivery charge.

ATLAS MECHANICAL - we had a problem with the heating at the fire house. We called someone in to take a look at it. They fixed it and the cost was \$197.95. We now have heat up there.

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

VOUCHERS:

Councilman Suarez said on 11-11 the amount is wrong. It should be \$351.47 . The Mayor asked if there were any other questions or comments 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 Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

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

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VOUCHERS CONTINUED:

**Voucher Reports  
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
11-01	Advanced Auto	bldg and Grounds	\$ 141.97	
11-02	Anderson Denzler Associates	Engineering OE	\$ 1,392.00	
11-03	Att Long Distance	Utilities	\$ 63.74	
11-04	County Of Morris Department of Finance	Clerk OE	\$ 99.01	
11-05	County Of Morris Treasurer	Election Billing	\$ 2,911.69	
11-06	Dover Board Of Education	School Taxes	\$ 97,057.00	
11-07	Eric M Bernstein LLC	Legal OE Planning Board	\$ 144.00	
11-08	Feintuch Porwich and Feintuch	Legal OE	\$ 1,750.00	
11-09	Feintuch Porwich and Feintuch	Legl Services	\$ 2,204.22	
11-10	Henry O Baker	Other Insurance	\$ 299.00	
11-11	Home Depot Credit Services	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 377.93	
11-12	JCPL Street Lights	Street Lights	\$ 755.06	
11-13	MGL Printing	Tax Collector	\$ 49.00	
11-14	Montville Animal Shelter	Dog OE	\$ 652.72	
11-15	NJ Division Of alcoholic Beverage control	Clerk OE	\$ 6.00	
11-16	NJNG Borough Hall	Utilities	\$ 1,344.49	
11-17	NJNG Fire House	Fire OE	\$ 297.00	
11-18	Norberto Suarez	Recreation Halloween	\$ 133.53	
11-19	Ondria Garcia - Montes	Recreation Halloween	\$ 39.74	
11-20	R & L Data Centers Inc	Clerk OE	\$ 280.00	
11-21	RVRSA	RVRSA Shares	\$ 13,561.00	
11-22	Shaeffer Supply Inc	Clerk OE	\$ 189.64	
11-23	Viking Pest Control	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 157.46	
11-24	Vision Service Plan	Group Insurance	\$ 40.48	
11-25	VSP Vision Plan	Group Insurance	\$ 80.96	
11-26	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,856.96	
11-27	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,943.04	
11-28	Manuel Venereo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,448.00	
<b>TOTAL VOUCHERS</b>			<b>\$ 123,550.10</b>	

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FROM ALONZOS STEAKHOUSE TO SOUTH SALEM REALTY -

The Clerk said we are not doing this tonight. It will be on for the next meeting. Their attorney called and said they aren't prepared for closing yet so they asked for us to hold off until the next meeting. There will be no further notice given for this applicant.

They will be doing business as Margaritas Bar & Grill. They will have the same special conditions on the Resolution until we see if they are good neighbors.

MORRIS COUNTY MUA PROPOSAL FOR STREET SWEEPINGS - We have been talking about this for some time. this is one of the things when the State came in they said we had to do. We had to find a place to take our street sweepings to. We called many places and a lot of them just throw it in with garbage. It took awhile but after many discussions with the MUA they said they would take it and quoted us a price which everyone has. The start date would be December of 2024 and it would be for 5 years. They will give us a 20 yard roll off container and it would be at a cost of \$1,040 per year. Every time they have to pull a load out it would be an additional \$200.00 per pull plus the cost at the transfer.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

MORRIS COUNTY MUA PROPOSAL continued -

Motion to approve the proposal from the MUA for the street sweeping 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

CITY CONNECTIONS/WEBSITE - We have been discussing this for a few months. Citi Connections told us they were getting out of doing small markets and that we needed to find someone else to do our website, hosting, maintenance, updates, domain, registration, calendar, email notices, etc. We have been looking and Letty has been calling around to try and find us someone. We had one proposal from a company called Alpha Dog.

Their original proposal to us was \$15,600. I told them there was no way we could afford that. They sent a second proposal for \$10,940.

City Connections proposal is \$3,300 for the year. They were \$2,400 but had to go up in their price just to cover their costs. Our current contract is up the end of December 2024.

Motion to approve the contract with City Connections for \$3,300 yearly. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

LEAF VACUUM - The Clerk said we talked about this at the last meeting. Council did not decide what to do with teh leaf vac. We need to know what you want to do.

Councilman Glass said the machine is a 2016 that we bought in 2017. Purchase price was \$6,800. We also bought a cover and hoops for the truck which was another \$600. We bought it from Kenvil Power. He does not sell them anymore. He has a used one from 2021 and he is asking \$7,000 for it. To purchase new it is \$10,500. There is no hour meter on it. I suggest that if we do sell it to start the bids at \$5,000. It does need a battery.

There was further discussion and Council decided to start the bids at \$4,000.

Motion to sell the leaf vac and have the bids start at \$4,000. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	No
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilman Lorenzo	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

Councilwoman Montes asked Councilman Glass why he voted no. I hate to see a good piece of equipment go. Councilman Glass will give the Clerk the information for the paper and we will set a time and date for the opening of the bids.

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

PUBLIC MEETING CONTINUED:

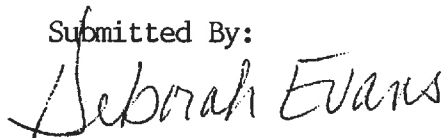
Jim Janone - Is there any update on the Verizon bill from the last meeting. Councilman Glass said he called Protective Measures We have cellular service at both the Borough Hall and the Firehouse. It costs us \$588.00 a year at both places. Letty cancelled the Verizon. Is there a reason why we are still paying AT & T? Didn't we change everything over to internet phone service? When are the lights being fixed on the outside of the building? The one light has been fixed. We are waiting on the electrician to come through. There are some other lights out and we need to get an estimate on all the lights at one time. Councilman Glass said he will talk to the Mayor about it. We had an estimate but we added to the list so he has to update it and give us a new price. Is there any update on the manhole issue? Leon went out and inspected it. He said it is not a tripping hazard. Does anyone know why Dovers leaf vac was in our town? No one was aware of it.

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

Councilwoman Montes said she would like to thank Councilman Suarez for all his help with the Halloween Party. We had about 50 kids. Councilman Suarez said the slide at the playground looks like there is mold on it. Have the DPW guys look at it and see if they can clean it up.

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

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk