

February 11, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on February 11, 2025.

In Mayor Holemans absence, Council President Garcia Montes 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 and our Country.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Councilman Suarez, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Mayor Holeman and Councilman Glass.

Motion to accept the minutes of 1/28/25 and 2/4/25 as received by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DOVER TRANSPORTATION FROM DOVER SCHOOLS - I was talking to the person in charge and explained to her that we have been getting complaints about the buses stopping at almost every house when they are picking children up and dropping them off. I also told her we have problems with the buses picking up kids that don't belong in Victory Gardens. I asked for a list of all the bus stops in town and I finally received that. The list is as follows:

The firehouse  
68 Washington Avenue  
Washington & Monroe Avenues  
Polk & Washington Avenues  
Washington & Jefferson Avenues  
Coolidge Avenue

She stated that these have been the stops for the last 5 years. Councilwoman Hedgepath said the stop at 68 Washington is where she sees the kids getting off the bus and walking to Salem Village.

I told her to tell the bus drivers that these are the stops and not to be stopping anywhere else. Do we have bus stop signs put up? Yes, they have been there a long time. Joan Cegelka, when we had a Board of Education, had put the signs up.

QUESTION ABOUT COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES CLEANING DURING SNOW REMOVAL - At the last meeting Mr. Janone asked about the cleaning of commercial properties after snowfall. I went back in the ordinance and we have an ordinance from 1983 that states "The owner of any property within the Borough to which the public is invited for business purposes shall remove all snow and ice from the driveways, walkways, parking areas, fire lane, garbage pickup areas, steps and fire hydrants within 6 hours of daylight after any snowfall."

Motion to accept and put on file the correspondence. Motion made by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

Are there any questions or comments on the vouchers? Hearing none, Council President Garcia Montes asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to pay the bills made by Councilman Suarez, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

(See Vouchers Next Page)

**Voucher Reports  
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
02-01	Acrisure NJ Partners Insurance	Other Insurance OE	\$ 11,345.00	
02-02	Anderson and Denzler	Engineering	\$ 1,620.00	
02-03	Dover Board Of Education	School Taxes	\$ 98,824.50	
02-04	Dover Shared Court	Shared court services	\$ 1,655.83	
02-05	Feintuch Porwich and Feintuch	Legal services OE	\$ 2,204.22	
02-06	Home Depot Credit Services	Streets and Roads	\$ 127.56	
02-07	Leticia Diaz	Planning Board	\$ 90.00	
02-08	Morris County Assessors Association	Tax Assessor	\$ 195.00	
02-09	Morris County MUA	Road OE	\$ 915.00	
02-10	Municipal Clerks Association	Clerk OE	\$ 60.00	
02-11	NJNG Firehouse	Fire OE	\$ 297.00	
02-12	Ondria Garcia-Montes	Recreation	\$ 14.81	
02-13	State Of New Jersey Dept of Community	Clerk OE	\$ 50.00	
02-14	State Of New Jersey Div employer acco	Clerk OE	\$ 171.03	
02-15	Training Unlimited LLC	Clerk OE	\$ 190.00	
02-16	Wex Bank Shell	Road OE	\$ 446.98	
02-17	Hector Lorenzo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,957.14	
02-18	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,999.20	
02-19	Manuel Venereo	Streets and Roads SW	\$ 2,537.25	
<b>TOTAL VOUCHERS</b>			<b>\$ 125,700.52</b>	

NEW BUSINESS:

SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF CAP ORDINANCE -  
CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Motion to adopt the Ordinance by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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

Jim Janone - Since Mr. Glass isn't here, who is in charge of Streets & Roads? Councilman Hale. Both of our trucks were plowing Franklin Road the other day after it was already plowed by Randolph. Randolph goes by slow with the bigger trucks. Our guys go really fast. Why do they plow one behind the other. Should the snow ordinance be changed? I'll ask the Attorney. Do we know anything about the in kind gift from the cannabis place? Nothing yet. I reached out to Joe to ask him about it because he said that he would get me paperwork. Who would do the enforcement on the parking at commercial properties? Ron would do it. If someone is parked on the streets that would be the State Police. Is there any update on the Optimum bill? Why are we paying the money we are to them? I told you that answer one other time the Clerk said. It's for the computers and the internet.

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

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

Submitted By:

*Deborah Evans*

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Borough Clerk

