

April 8, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on April 8, 2025.

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

ABSENT: Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of 3/25/25 as received by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jim Janone - Asking if the Council would consider keeping the hours of operation the same for Margaritas Bar & Grill as it was for Alonzos. Alonzos had a lot of parties, noise, drinking in the parking lot. The patrons were throwing beer bottles and liquor bottles over the fence so the neighbors had to clean up their yards.

The Clerk said she mentioned this at an earlier meeting. They wanted to change their hours and I spoke with the Attorney about it. I told him to tell them no. A month into the business did not give us enough time to see how they are going to be as neighbors. I said that if we see how they are through the summer, if Council agrees, then we can extend their hours of operation. Right now, they have the same hours as Alonzos.

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

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments on the vouchers? Councilman Lorenzo said the amount on the vouchers as a total is not correct. Councilman Suarez added up the vouchers and he got a different figure. Total on the vouchers should be \$165,648.62.

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

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

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Voucher Reports
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
04-01	Anderson & Denzler Associates INC	Engineering OE	\$ 3,789.40	
04-02	Dover Board of education	School Taxes	\$ 98,824.50	
04-03	Dover Court -Shared services	Shared Court Services	\$ 1,655.83	
04-04	Feintuch Porwich And Feintuch	Legal Services OE	\$ 2,204.22	
04-05	H O Bake Insurance Group	Other Insurance	\$ 31,639.00	
04-06	JD Automotive Truck	Streets And Roads OE	\$ 1,362.30	
04-07	Marriage Civil Union Report	Clerk OE	\$ 125.00	
04-08	Navitend	Clerk OE	\$1444.20	
04-09	NJ Natural Gas Firehouse	Fire OE	\$ 297.00	
04-10	Pro Cap 8 FBO Firsttrust Bank	Tax Collector	\$ 1,340.28	
04-11	R & L Data Centers Inc	Clerk OE	\$ 286.00	
04-12	Rockaway Valley Sewarge Authority	RVRSA Shares	\$ 15,619.00	
04-13	State Training Fees	Clerk OE	\$ 111.13	
04-14	Viking pest Control	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 157.46	
04-15	Vision service plan	Group Insurance	\$ 138.74	
04-16	Hector Lorenzo	Streets And Roads SW	\$ 2,615.36	
04-17	Leticia Diaz	Clerk SW	\$ 1,795.20	
04-18	Manuel Venereo	Streets And Roads SW	\$ 2,244.00	

TOTALS

\$165,648.62

The Mayor asked if anyone had a report for this meeting? Councilman Glass said he was speaking with the garbage haulers and they wanted to let us know that no mattresses will be picked up anymore unless they are totally wrapped in plastic. It is now a state law that says they have to be wrapped.

The Clerk said she will put it out on our next flyer.

NEW BUSINESS:

DOT GRANT AWARDED - The Clerk said this work will be done in 2026. Council already approved it last year. It will be milling, paving, curbing, striping and a speed hump if needed.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING - There will be a BOH meeting on April 15th. If for any reason it is cancelled then the Clerk will let everyone know.

TAX LIEN REDPEMPTION FOR BLOCK 19 LOT 1. Everyone has a copy of the Resolution.

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**BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS
RESOLUTION OF REDEMPTION
TAX TITLE LIEN**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received payment for redemption of **Tax Title Lien #24-006** on **BLOCK 19 LOT 01** known as 134 Monroe Ave. in the name of **Rosas, Darwin O Narvaez/Ruiz, Evelyn, and**

WHEREAS, reimbursement is now required to be made to the following Lien Holder,

Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank
PO Box 774
Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

To return the amount of the Lien, Penalty, Interest, Costs and Premium:

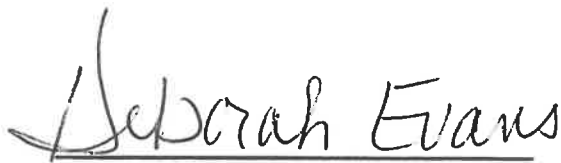
TAX TITLE LIEN: \$ 540.28
PREMIUM: 800.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of **\$1,340.28** made payable to:

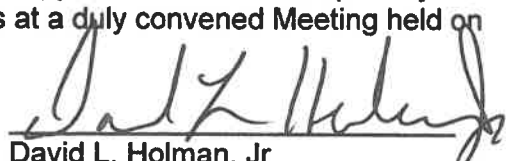
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens at a duly convened Meeting held on April 8, 2025.



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk



David L. Holman, Jr
Mayor

Motion to approve the Resolution by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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

Jim Janone - I've noticed that the DPW takes the truck home with them. Is that allowed? They take it at lunch time. One gets dropped off at their house and then the driver takes the truck home to his house for lunch. That is the only time they are allowed to have the trucks at their house. Did we ever get a list of the students from the Dover BOE? No. Can we look at getting the base material for the playground as being a rubber mat or rubber chips? I will ask Leon. If we get the instead of the mulch it may last much longer. Margaritas Bar & Grill will there be dancing and loud parties? We issue the license for liquor. They also get a food license for serving food. That is all we deal with. Dovers Capital Program for water main replacements/repairs. DFO we know when they will be doing that? We don't know right now. They did say they were going to start working on the water lines - that was about 2 years ago. They would update us when they were going to start. We haven't heard anything. They were going for grants and a lot of it depended on that.

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

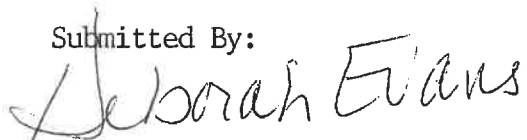
*** The Attoreny said he had a few things before the meeting gets adjourned. As you know we are holding approximately \$600,000 from the Dover BOE. It is our money and they are trying to get it. They want part of the money. We are waiting to hear from the court.

The State came out with updated information regarding the cannabis operations throughout the State. They amended the law and are now saying it is okay for pickup at curbside. The client has to notify the town that they want to do that. The Clerk said the town should have a say so on if they are going to allow this. The Attorney said it is a law already and he doesn't think the towns can do anything about it. The Attoreny after much discussion said that he doesn't believe the towns have the right to change it.

The Attorney asked if anything was discussed regarding the fire department? The Clerk said no, not at this time. The Mayor and I are meeting with Mayor Dodd on Thursday and once we talk to him we will bring it back to the Council at the next meeting.

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

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

*** Minutes were taken from notes of the Clerk. Recorder did not work.