

August 26, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on August 26, 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: Councilman Suarez, Councilman Glass, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Attorney Feintuch

Motion to accept the minutes of 8/12/25 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. Councilman Suarez and Councilman Glass abstained as they were not present for the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NISIVOC CIA AUDITORS - You received 2 items from the Auditors. We will be going into closed session at our next meeting for discussion. This is not for the public.

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

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Councilwoman Hedgepath asked about the voucher for the gas company. It's our budget charge.

The Mayor asked if there were any other 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 Councilman Suarez and approved on roll call:

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

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**VOUCHER REPORTS**

Date of Council Meeting:  
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
8-32	NJNG	August	1,405.00	
8-33	JCP&L	Firehouse August	256.16	
8-34	JCP&L	August	856.42	
8-35	Optimum	August	11.46	
8-36	Optimum	August	481.98	
8-37	Anderson & Denzler Asso. Inc.	Professional Svc July	3,421.13	
8-38	Morris County MUA	roll off July	86.67	
8-39	Morris County MUA	shade tree July	288.00	
8-40	JCP & L	street lighting	786.32	
8-41	Navitend	August	1,013.73	
8-42	Ideal Air	low refrigerant	480.00	
8-43	Ideal Air	low refrigerant - Firehouse	485.00	
8-44	Navitend	monthly agreement	1,506.69	
8-45	WEX Bank ( Shell)	August	323.37	
8-46	Hector Lorenzo	payroll	2,615.20	
8-47	Manny Venereo	payroll	2,112.80	
8-48	Diane Feola	payroll	365.00	
8-49	VSP Ins.	Cust # 3468301	277.48	

total 16,722.41

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 3 permits issued. Total value of construction \$22,624.00

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of the report.

MUNICIPAL COURT - We received \$154.00

TAX COLLECTOR - Total Tax Receipts Month To Date: 60,698.25  
" " " Year To Date: \$1,291,282.04

The Mayor asked if there were any other reports? Councilman Lorenzo said he has a question. Do we have any report from the water department? The Clerk said the water department was out today marking the lines for water. The water department isn't doing any work. They are marking the road for when the contractor comes in to do the road work for us. Will the water department be doing any work themselves? No. Our contractor, is late doing our work. They were supposed to start August 1st. They had other projects going and had to push us back. I'm not sure when they are starting. They had to get school projects done before they came to us.

Councilwoman Montes asked if the Clerk could call them and tell them we need this done right away? I did call them and told them that if they have to work weekends they will have to do it. The buses can't be driving over new blacktop. I also spoke with Leon and he has talked to them also. Do we have a date for them to start? No. Do we have to notify the residents? No. It is up to the contractor to notify them.

Motion to accept the reports by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPEEDWELL ELECTRIC MOTORS ESTIMATE FOR BATHROOM FANS - There are 4 fans that need to be replaced. We have the estimate for what it will cost to buy them.

Everyone has a copy of the estimate. The Clerk said the estimate was for \$1,002.28 . Minus the tax of \$62.28 brings the total for the fans to \$940.00 .

Motion was made to approve the estimate for the fans by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on roll call:

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

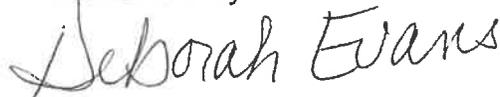
Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - What company are we getting the fans from? Speedwell Electric Motors. For the paving, how is notifications going to the residents? The contractor will notify with letters and they will be putting signs out. They have so many days to fulfill their contract. Yes, then they start getting fined. I've already spoken to Leon about that. When were they supposed to start? August 1st. Is there any update on the RVRSA sewer reports? No. They are what they are. Jim said he is waiting to hear back from the RVRSA on the reports. Do we have any information on the Dover Board of Education with the 6th grade annex building and the purchase of the Dover Sport store? we don't have anything on it. Where did they get the money to buy it? They didn't bond it. They probably have it in their surplus. Where are they putting the annex? Jim said he thinks by North Dover Elementary. They bought the Dover Sport Store to house their Pre K. Who handles the large trucks in the Borough? That would be Ron. He's missing some. I saw some in town. Mason dumps. They are on Washington. Ron can only right them up if he sees them. Also, the guy on Franklin Road, he is still parking his vehicles back there. Ron has given him tickets. He still parks there. The voucher for Ideal Air, I find it pretty odd that both the town hall and the firehouse were low on the refrigerant. Don't we have a contract with them? Yes, but not for the fire house. I think we pay them more in service calls than in the yearly contract.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath 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  
Borough Clerk