

September 9, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on September 9, 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: None

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

Motion to accept the minutes of August 26, 2025 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Mayor Holeman asked Council for a motion to go out of the regular order of business to go into closed session regarding Personnel matters.

Motion by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes 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 Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

VOUCHERS:

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the vouchers? Hearing none he asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to pay the bills by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on roll call:

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

(See Vouchers Listing Next Page)

VOUCHER REPORTS

Date of Council Meeting:
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
9-01	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	September fee	2,204.22	
9-02	Dover Court- Shared Service	September fee	1,655.83	
9-03	Dover Board of Education	School tax - September	98,824.50	
9-04	RVRS	September fee	15,619.00	
9-05	Dover Water commission	Borough Hall & Firehouse	139.51	
9-06	Nisivoccia	Fraud investigation	17,500.00	
9-07	Speedwell Electric Motors	new motor sales	940.00	
9-08	Verizon	monthly charges	142.55	
9-09	NJNG	monthly charges	119.23	
9-10	Eric M Bernstein Associates	Land Use Board	240.00	
9-11	Anderson & Denzler Associates	Professional services August	1,229.05	
9-12	Hector Lorenzo	payroll Sept 1-15	2,876.72	
9-13	Manny Venereo	payroll Sept 1-15	2,324.08	
9-14	Diane Feola	payroll Sept 1-15	560.00	
9-15	WEX Bank (Shell)	fuel	323.37	
9-16	Viking Pest Control	monthly charges	157.46	
9-17	Pro Cap8 FBO First Trust Bank	17 Polk Ave	1,363.48	
			146,219.00	

*** Attorney Feintuch said that after the regular meeting he would like to go back into closed session to discuss litigation. Possible litigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

LIEN REDEMPTION FOR BLOCK 13 LOT 3 - The Clerk said everyone has a copy of the Resolution.

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

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

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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 #24-005 on **BLOCK 13 LOT 3** known as 17 Polk Ave. in the name of Chavez, Cecilia M Chavez-/Jameson, C.

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:

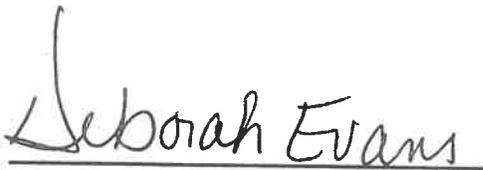
TAX TITLE LIEN:	\$563.48
PREMIUM:	\$800.00

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 **\$1,1,363.48** made payable to:

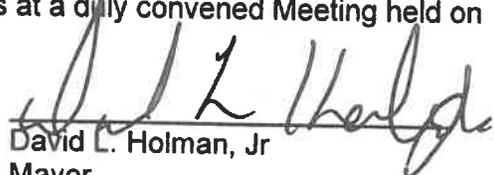
Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank
PO Box 774
Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

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 September 9, 2025.



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk



David L. Holman, Jr
Mayor

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

Jim Janone - Over by Nourish there is a cone on a storm drain. Do you know when that will get fixed? I had Leon look at it. It is our problem not the Countys. When the company comes in to do the road work on Washington, Leon will aske them to repair the storm drain. When is the contractor going to start the work? Not sure right now. There is a meeting I think scheduled for next week with the company and Bill Rysen. All that will be straightened out at that time. Will he be getting fined for the delay? I'm not sure what the contract said and how many days he had to finish it. But, it will be discussed at the meeting next week. New Jersey had a suit against pharmaceutical companies and all the towns were supposed to get money, did we ever get anything? No. They based it on population. Since our kids go to school in Dover, shouldn't that have come back to us? we do the Municipal Alliance with them. Can you find about it? The Mayor said he will talk to Hector who is in charge of the Municipal Alliance. Why is the Planning Board Attorney being paid again again? Litigation with Tangerine Tree. For the attorney, school funding and how we get billed, everything has been consistent for the last 10 years. Over that time we went from a 43 million budget to 79 million budget. Teacher numbers remain the same, student population remanined the same, everything was the same except for the operating expenses. How do we go from 43 million to almost 80 million. The attorney said you would have to look at their budget and see where the increases were. We went from \$14,000 per child to \$24,000 per child. There is a formula that was figured out. We aren't paying any debt service. When do we pay it? We only pay on new debt that they incur. They are building a new school but they took that money out of their surplus.

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

Councilwoman Hedgepath said that Dover split up our bus routes. They changed the process that they have been using for over 20 plus years. Now only certain buses go to certain stops. We don't know if we are being charged extra for that or if they are using the same buses to do this. We need to know why this is happening. Also when they sent out the bus times they sent out the wrong schedule. I did call to get it corrected but I never got anything in the mail. I don't know if anyone else got anything. They did not send out anything with the corrected times for pickup or drop off. Let alone, delayed opening times. Not to add to your plate, Debbe but we need to find out what is going on with the bus situation. We need to find out if this is costing us more money for the extra stops and the extra buses. The Clerk said she would look into it.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go out of the regular order of business so we can go into closed session again for possible litigation.

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

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

The attorney said based on what was discussed in this second part of closed session, if you want me to take civil action them we need to vote on it tonight.

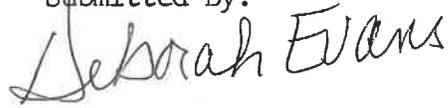
The motion would be to have the Attorney take civil action against Leticia Diaz and if married against her husband as well.

Motion was made to have the Attorney take civil action against Leticia Diaz and if married, against her husband as well. Motion made by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on roll call:

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on nerbal vote.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk

