

October 28, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on October 28, 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 Meetings Act.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Glass. Attorney Feintuch was also absent.

Motion to accept the minutes of October 14, 2025 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER FOR RESIDENTS FROM GLEN SHERMAN - Everyone has a copy of the sample letter that Glen will be sending out once the Re-evaluation has been completed. He just wanted the Mayor and Council to see what would be going out to the residents.

THE GOODS CANNABIS STORE - We received a check from Alex. The amount was for \$2,532.26. I don't have a report. I told him I needed it. This is for the months of July, August and September 2025.

Councilwoman Montes asked if this money goes into a separate account? I don't know where Jason puts it. It may just go into the general fund. Can you find out? Yes.

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

VOUCHERS:

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

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

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

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**VOUCHER REPORTS**

Date of Council Meeting:  
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Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
10-24	Morris County MUA	invoice ID 25-01215	86.67	
10-25	IWS	municipal trash	13,141.03	
10-26	Econo Signs LLC	street signs	413.21	
10-27	JCP&L	monthly charge	90.68	
10-28	Optimum	monthly charge	11.46	
10-29	Optimum	monthly charge - internet	250.99	
10-30	JCP&L	street lighting	797.43	
10-31	Wex Bank	shell fuel	444.17	
10-32	Feintuch, Porwich, & Feintuch	services performed July, Aug, Sept	245.00	
10-33	Morris County MUA	shade tree	342.00	
10-34	Montville Animal Shelter	4th quarter service charge	669.04	
10-35	Hector Lorenzo	payroll	3,138.24	
10-36	Manny Venereo	payroll	2,535.36	
10-37	Diane Feola	payroll	560.00	
10-38	VSP	vision plan	277.48	
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$23,032.76</b>	

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - No permits issued for October.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Everyone has a copy of the report.

MUNICIPAL COURT - We received \$5.00 from the court.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Montes said that her and Councilman Suarez are working on the Halloween Party. The party will be 10/31/25 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.. Ages walking to 13 years old.

Councilman Lorenzo said we need to look for someone to repair our trucks in case we need it through the winter. JD's Auto has burned down and we need to find someone.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

REMINDER FOR NOVEMBER MEETINGS - there is only 1 Council meeting in November. Reason is that Veterans Day falls on the Council meeting night. Council did not want to reschedule so we are having just one meeting.

REMINDER FOR DECEMBER MEETING - Meeting date will be 12/9/25. We always have just one meeting in December.

ESTIMATES FOR WEBSITE PROPOSALS - Everyone has a copy of the two proposals. we don't have to go over this tonight. I wanted everyone to be able to look them over and decide which one you want.

Councilwoman Montes asked if they were cheaper than what we have now? I don't think anyone will be cheaper.

Councilwoman Montes said we should hold this off until the next meeting when everyone has time to look it over. Council agreed.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

BEST PRACTICES - Jason wanted to let everyone know that the Best Practices checklist has been submitted to the State. If you don't score a certain amount of points then you could lose some state aid. Jason said we scored enough points so we will continue to get the state aid.

Council agreed to the submission of the checklist.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY TAX COLLECTOR - Everyone has a copy of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**Borough of Victory Gardens**

**WHEREAS**, The Tax Collector of the Borough of Victory Gardens holds an annual tax sale for unpaid taxes, sewer, and other municipal charges annually and;

**WHEREAS**, the tax collector recommends holding certain properties from the annual tax sale due to a current ongoing investigation regarding the following properties.

Block 02 lot 02  
Block 10 lot 01.22  
Block 17 lot 04

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens authorize the tax collector to hold these properties from the 2025 Annual Tax Sale and at such time the investigation has been completed and closed these properties may be included in a future sale.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, County of Morris, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to hold said properties from the 2025 Tax Sale.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Victory Gardens, do hereby certify the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens at a regular meeting of said Governing Body conducted on October 28, 2025.

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Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk

Date:

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

RESOLUTION FROM TAX COLLECTOR -

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

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

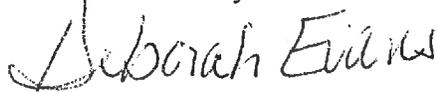
Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Jim Janone - The signs across the street there was 22 of them. Some have to do with the stores and others are just everything else. I did talk to the owner and I asked him to remove the signs that have nothing to do with the businesses at his property. Council needs to do a Resolution or Ordinance to stop all the signs. Why aren't our roads striped? they are fading. That is the person in charge of DPW. I can mention it to him. How often does Ron come in for property maintenance? Twice a week. There are a lot of trucks parked over night in town. That is not Ron's job. That is the State Police. I will contact them to see about them coming back through at night. I also never got notification about the agenda. That isn't us Jim. You signed up for that. What is the timeline for getting Washington avenue done? November 4th they are milling. November 6th and 7th they are paving because the schools are closed. The new websites you are considering what are the prices? CP is for total cost initial term is \$3,908. Annual recurring services is \$3,258. Town Web is \$1,420.

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 Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:



Deborah Evans  
Borough Clerk