

November 25, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on November 25, 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.

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, Councilman Hale, Councilman Lorenzo and Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hedgepath.

\*\*\* Also present was Attorney Feintuch.

Motion to accept the minutes of 10/28/25 as received by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk said everyone should have received their letter from Appraisal Systems on the revaluation. I've had a few calls. People seem to think that just because their assessed value on their home went up that the taxes will go up. That is not true. I have the information on what I could figure out and it looks like all the Council homes went down in taxes. I have it here if anyone wants to look at it. The only one I'm not sure of is Councilman Lorenzo. He spoke with Appraisal Systems and they have to re evaluate his home.

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

VOUCHERS:

Council President asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the vouchers? Hearing None she asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to approve the vouchers for payment by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Hale and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

(See Voucher Listing Next Page)

**Voucher Reports  
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<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Payable to:</b>	<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Check #</b>
11-01	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	monthly fee	2204.22	
11-02	Dover Court - Shared Service	monthly fee	1655.83	
11-03	Dover BOE	monthly fee	98824.50	
11-04	RVRS	monthly fee	15619.00	
11-05	Rockaway Township	Health Services	6975.50	
11-06	Norberto Suarez	Halloween party	92.90	
11-07	Ondria Garcia Montes	Halloween party	83.40	
11-08	Hector Lorenzo	payroll	2615.20	
11-09	Manny Venereo	payroll	2112.80	
11-10	Diane Feola	payroll	500.00	
11-11	NJNG	Fire House	612.00	
11-12	Verizon	monthly fee	146.11	
11-13	Eric M Berstein & Asso. LLC	prof. svcs for Oct.	312.00	
11-14	Anderson & Denzler Asso. Inc.	prof. svcs for Sept	4786.13	
11-15	Viking Pest Control	monthly fee	157.46	
11-16	Ideal Air Inc.	maint. contract	425.00	
11-17	Mount Freedom Printing LLC.	forms	264.00	
11-18	Home Depot	misc. items	160.87	
11-19	Office Concepts Group	office supplies	181.69	
11-20	Navitend	service agreement	1612.14	
11-21	Morris Cty MUA	tires	395.00	
11-22	NJNG	monthly fee	1053.00	
11-23	IWS	monthly fee	13141.03	
11-24	Mount Freedom Printing LLC.	inspection forms	270.00	
11-25	Hector Lorenzo	payroll	2615.20	
11-26	Manny Venereo	payroll	2112.80	
11-27	Diane Feola	payroll	500.00	
11-28	Morris County MUA	shade tree	366.75	
11-29	Morris County MUA	monthly dumpster	86.67	
11-30	JCP&L	borough hall	845.84	
11-31	JCP&L	firehouse	185.90	
11-32	Optimum	monthly	240.00	
11-33	Optimum	monthly	11.00	
11-34	Work N Wear Store	jackets & boots	500.00	
11-35	JCP&L	street lights	798.45	
	<b>total</b>		<b>162462.39</b>	

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Building Department - No permits issued for this month.

Property Maintenance - Everyone has a report.

Municipal Court - We received \$43.52

Tax Collector - Total Receipts Month to Date: 97,163.80  
Total Receipts Year To Date: 2,054,931.12

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports. Councilman Suarez said thank you for getting the flags changed at the fire house. The Clerk said the rope is broken and we can't get the flags down. I called Dover and they came in with one of their trucks and they got the flags down and the new ones up.

Councilman Lorenzo said that one of the residents contacted him about a problem with the sewer line. He said they had the system scoped because the neighbor was selling his house and they found a break or something on the towns sewer line.

The Clerk said no one called her about that. Councilman Lorenzo didn't know the address. Jim said it was Shirleys house that was scoped.

We will look into it.

Councilwoman Garcia Montes said that the Christmas Party for the town has been set for December 20th at the fire house. It will run from 4 to 6 p.m. It will be held until supplies last. Ages are newborn to 13 years old.

Motion to accept and put on file all reports by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

December Meeting - One meeting in December. 12/9/2025

Shared Services for Registrar - The Clerk said she is talking with a few towns to try to go into a shared service agreement for Registrar. My certification has lapsed. I let it go because Letty was supposed to take over. She had her certification. You have to have someone to do it so that is why I'm looking for a shared service agreement.

Web Site Proposals - The Clerk said we have to have a decision tonight on which web proposal you are taking. it will be at least 6 weeks for them to set it up. Our current site goes dark the end of Decmeber.

Councilman Suarez said that since our town is small we should go with Town Web. For the price it is the best deal. The cost is \$1,420. They will come in and train on what has to be done.

Motion was made to accept hte proposal by Town Web at \$1,420. Motion made by Councilman Lorenzo, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

\*\*\* Attorney Feintuch said he was supposed to meet with the Prosecutors Office this morning but it was cancelled. This was pretaining to litigation.

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

Jim Janone - The leaves in the road, when will DPW pick them up? They have been picking them up. The Clerk said she didn't see any in the road. I will have them check. If you are having the Christmas Party at the firehouse, you may want to look at the lights. It is very dark up there. The Clerk said she will let the Mayor know and have him look at it and get them fixed. In front of the bay and in the back. I haven't seen anything on line, when is this RVRSA litigation going to get settled? The Attorney said we are waiting on decisions from the court. The civil litigation that was filed, the Borough against Letty. How come Donald Moran was handling it? He is one of the attorneys in my office. He is limited to the filing of the papers. Attorney Feintuch is representing the Borough and is handling the case. We have a claim against this person and we will be prosecuting her. What the Prosecutor does is with them. This is a totally different suit. What about the insurance coverage? We had that discussion in private session. How much is bond coverage? The Clerk said she doesn't know off the top of her head. Once we filed the complaint it became public. Today is the 35th day where she was to respond. That did not happen. When people are bonded is there different amounts for different people? Yes. The Tax Collector and the CFO are bonded under their own bonds. Everyone else is under a blanket bond.

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

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

Submitted By:

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