

December 9, 2025

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens held on December 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, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilman Lorenzo and Attorney Feintuch.

Motion to accept the minutes of 11/25/25 as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

VOUCHERS:

Mayor Holeman asked if there were any questions or comments 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 Hale and approved on roll call:

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

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**Voucher Reports
December 09, 2025**

Voucher #	Payable to:	Type of Service	Amount	Check #
12-01	Feintuch, Porwich & Feintuch	monthly fee	2,204.22	
12-02	Dover Court	monthly fee	1,655.83	
12-03	Dover Board of Ed.	monthly fee	98,824.50	
12-04	Rockaway Valley Sewer Auth.	monthly fee	101.00	
12-05	Morris County MUA	shade tree	240.75	
12-06	D&L Paving Contractors Inc.	paving Washington Ave	150,118.33	
12-07	Hector Lorenzo	payroll	3,138.24	
12-08	Manny Venereo	payroll	2,535.36	
12-09	Diane Feola	payroll	560.00	
12-10	NJCM	membership dues	400.00	
12-11	NJNG	monthly	612.00	
12-12	NJLM	membership dues	349.00	
12-13	Glass Gardens	Halloween party	121.85	
12-14	Wex Bank	fuel	500.00	
12-15	JCP&L	street lights	798.45	
12-16	JCP&L	firehouse	185.90	
12-17	VSP	monthly fee	138.74	
12-18	IWS	monthly fee	13,141.03	
12-19	Morris County MUA	dumpster	86.67	
12-20	Verizon	monthly fee	146.11	
12-21	Viking Pest Control	monthly fee	157.46	
12-22	Optimum	monthly fee	240.00	
12-23	Optimum	monthly fee	11.00	
12-24	Hector Lorenzo	payroll	3,138.24	
12-25	Manny Venereo	payroll	2,535.36	
12-26	Diane Feola	payroll	560.00	
12-27	Anderson & Denzler Asso.	prof. services	6,261.56	
total			288,761.60	

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Glass said we have 2 quotes for work that needs to be done on our small truck. One is from Premier Auto for \$6,824.00 and the other one is for \$5,077.83 from JD Automotive.

This is for the pick up truck. I spoke to Jason and it is over the bid threshold so that is why we had to get 2 quotes.

Just for the record, I did price a new truck and it would be \$49,000. That is with a discount and they wouldn't have it for three months. Our current truck has about 48,000 miles on it. It's 20 years old. Other than that the truck is in good shape.

Councilwoman Hedgepath asked if we just had brakes done last year? Not on this truck. Who did the car go to last year? Councilman Glass said he didn't know. On this truck it was the brake lines that were replaced. We need to find out who did the repair the last time. Who did the brakes?

While we are talking about repairs, we will need another salter. I have a quote on that. It will be about \$11,000. This would be for the big truck. We had some minor work done on the salter last year. We can buy this during the summer. Hopefully it will last for the winter.

Also the front end loader shuts off every half hour. I have a call in for that to be looked at. The mechanic would have to come out and look at it. It runs for a half hour and then shuts down.

So, I need to know what to do regarding the little truck? Councilman Suarez said it is better to fix the truck instead of buying a new one. I like JD because they specialize in trucks. Car Automotive I don't think they repair trucks. They just put a new sign up and it doesn't say anything about truck repair. I think we should go with JD Automotive.

Councilwoman Montes said we need to find out about who did the brakes the last time. We don't want someone working on our trucks if they don't know what they are doing.

COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED:

TRUCK REPAIR CONTINUED - I doubt very much that JD would put brakes on wrong. The Clerk said she will look back in vouchers for last winter to see who fixed the brakes. In the meantime, the Mayor said we need to get the truck fixed as soon as possible before we get a lot of snow. The little truck is the one that does the side streets.

Motion was made to have JD Automotive do the repairs on the truck in the amount of \$5,077.83. Motion made by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	No

Councilman Glass asked about the front end loader. Can we get it fixed as long as it is under the threshold? What is the bid threshold? \$2,625.

Motion to repair the front end loader as long as it is under the bid threshold. Motion made by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilman Suarez and approved on roll call vote:

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

About the salter what does Council want to do? Councilwoman Hedgepath said we can table that for now. I'm just trying to let Council know what is wrong so they are aware of it.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION - I did receive this Resolution from Jason today. I gave everyone a copy of it.

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

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

(See Transfer resolution Next Page)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, various bills have been presented for payment; and

WHEREAS it is determined by the Chief Financial Officer that there is a need to transfer funds to cover bills presented for payment in the respective appropriation reserve accounts.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of funds during the last two months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens that the following transfers be made between the Budget Appropriations as follows retroactive to December _____, 2025:

Current Fund

FROM			TO	
A/C #	Description	Amount	A/C #	Description
26-290-1	Strrets & Roads, S&W	\$15,000	26-290-2	Streets & Road, OE
31-430-2	Utilities	\$10,000	20-150-1	Tax Assessor S&W
31-455-2	RVRS	\$25,000	23-220-2	Group Insurance (20,000)
			26-290-2	Streets & Roads OE (\$5,000)
20-135-2	Audit	\$27,800	20-155-2	Legal OE (\$6,000)
			20-150-1	Tax Assessor S&W (3,000)
			25-265-2	Fire OE (5,000)
			26-290-2	Streets & Roads (8,000)
			20-165-2	Engineering OE (5,800)
26-305-2	Trash Removal	\$2,000	2-290-2	Streets & Roads OE

Adopted: February 14, 2023

BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

ATTEST:

**DAVID HOLEMAN JR.,
 MAYOR**

**Deborah Evans,
 Borough Clerk**

RABIE SHOTS - We only had 15 people that brought their dogs down for the FREE rabie clinic. Usually we have many more than that. Councilwoman Montes said we need to see if we can make the shots later in the day. The Clerk said they put us in the time slot and we have to take it. I will ask to see if we can get it on later.

Hector and Manny asked me today about the coats up in the firehouse. They said they are there and if we don't want them they can take them to Nourish Councilwoman Montes said she will be giving the coats out.

The Clerk said she has 19 vacation days left that she is supposed to use by the end of the year. I can only carry one week over. Can I carry more time over or do you want me to take off and use them. Councilwoman Hedgepath said you can roll them over until March 31st and if we have to revisit it at that ime we will. I know it's hard for you right now to take the time. How many days to you get every year? 6 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

CLERKS DAYS LEFT FOR 2025 - Motion was made to let the Clerk carry over 19 days into next March 31st of 2026.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hedgepath, seconded by Councilman Glass and approved on roll call:

Councilman Suarez	Yes
Councilman Glass	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilman Hale	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 - What kind of salter are we buying for \$11,000? I hope you don't buy it. Councilman Glass said that is quote he received from Preston Motors. I just wanted to give Council an idea of what it may cost. I will give Debbe an OPRA for the information. Don't give me one the Clerk said. I don't have anything. Councilman Glass said it isn't in writing. This was a verbal over the phone. As far as the brakes being done, I think JD did the brakes. You shouldn't be doing business with JD anyway. He is the Mayor of Dover. Can you give me information on the transfere resolution that you did tonight? I can give you a copy. Do we have an update on the civil litigation? Did the Mayor see the lights at the firehouse? Yes. I will get a quote on the lights. Can the voucher lists be done in more detail? How? For example the payroll - it doesn't have the dates they are being paid. It is listed on the voucher. RVRSA is that amount right? Yes, we overpaid and that is what is the balance.

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

Councilwoman Montes would like to thank the Mayor and Pastor Tim for the good work they do with the church. The Mayor was out there handing out food to those in need at the church. Also, Mayor could you check with Dover Fire for the Santa. The Mayor said he will check with them.

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