

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2008

The fourth regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall on April 14, 2008.

Mayor Sekelsky called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

Upon roll call, the following council members appeared and answered the call: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Absent: Ciasullo

Notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et. Seq. have been satisfied with a schedule of all meetings, together with the time, location and agenda of same being sent to the NEW JERSEY HERALD and NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD and posted on the bulletin board January 2, 2008.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion for approval of consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 10th, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes from March 19th, Special Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes from March 24th Work Session

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut Hann, Ingerto, Peist (abstain # 2).

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to accept application for Dennis DeLac into the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Mayor Sekelsky along with Police Commissioner, Gene Altenburg presented a plaque to Sgt. Matthew Batty wishing him well on his retirement and thanked him for all his years of service to the Borough of Ogdensburg. Officer Steven Davis also presented Sgt. Batty with a gift from the Police Department and congratulated him on his retirement on behalf of the Police Department.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

After returning from executive session Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to open the public hearing on an ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK** . Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Blahut asked for an explanation on ordinance. Borough attorney explained ordinance for Councilman Blahut. There being no further business from the public, Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to close the public hearing. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion for adoption of said ordinance. Yeas: Altenburg, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Nays: Blahut. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to open the public hearing on and ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG THEREFORE**. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Resident David Mugarevo inquired about salaries. Councilman Altenburg explained the amounts are the ranges for salaries. There being no further business from the public, Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to close the public hearing. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion for adoption of said ordinance. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 2.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded, motion to open the public hearing on an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$75,500 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR OF THE BOROUGH.** Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

There being no business from the public, Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to close the public hearing. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion for adoption of said ordinance. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 3.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to introduce an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 3-2 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG REGARDING LOITERING** on first reading. Public hearing is schedule for May 12, 2008.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1.

Sections 3-2.1 to 3-2.3 of the General Ordinances of the Borough of Ogdensburg hereby repealed and reserved for future use.

Section 2. Partial invalidity.

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication in accordance with law. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 4.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Resident Anna Szonyi, 27 Bridge Street informed Mayor and Council that the Senior Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 15th at 11:00a.m. and the county-wide assessment was completed on March 27th and the input was considered good. Ms. Szonyi also mentioned that on April 21, 2008 there will be a first quarter Public/ Municipal Alliance Committee meeting. Mr. Magavero, 22 Kennedy Avenue had a question about his water bill. He feels the last bill he received was way to high. Councilman Peist gave Mr. Magavero some suggestions on how to tell if he has a leak. Councilman Peist said he would look into the matter. Mr. Magavero also thanked the Police Department for their assistance with his daughter during her illness and would like to make a donation to the Police Department. Richard Predmore, 15 Predmore Road asked if the town will be doing any work on his property before he starts to work on it. Vito Telischak, 21 Glenbrook Road briefly mentioned the financial loss from the State and suggested a letter to the community to explain the stress that the Borough is under due to the cut backs from the State. Mayor Sekelsky explained what the Borough can and cannot do and also mentioned that the Borough is looking into shared services. Josephine Garen, 6 Marianne Tr. asked what is shared services? Mayor explained it is a service which is used by towns and may be shared between two different towns. Ms. Garren also asked about regionalization and a brochure that was mailed out to residents from Appraisal Systems, which she said she never received. Olga Lanemann, 5

Marianne Tr. informed Mayor and Council that when the inspectors from the revaluation company came around they put down on her paperwork for sewers. Chief of Fire, Eric Slater came before Mayor and Council to inform them that their third piece of apparatus is in bad shape and would like to look into the possibility of using the old ambulance that is being retired instead of purchasing a new piece of apparatus. Mayor Sekelsky suggested having the ambulance checked out by a mechanic to see if it would be worth it. Bob Gabrian from the Fire Department came before Mayor and Council to ask permission to stock the pond for fishing contest being held on June 7, 2008. Mayor Sekelsky informed Mr. Gabrian about the pond fest being held on June 21st and if the Fire Department wanted to combine the fishing contest with the pond fest. Emily Slockbower, 23 Richards St. asked if the Borough was still thinking about putting up banners. Mayor Sekelsky informed Mrs. Slockbower that the Borough will be putting up flags because banners were too expensive. Mrs. Slockbower inquired about the debris from the fire on Main St. Mr. Slockbower also reported that the telephone pole on Passaic Ave was leaning to one side. Councilman Peist said he would report it to JCP&L. Carol Hart, 5 Lincoln Avenue asked if there is going to be a swim team this year? Mayor Sekelsky informed Ms. Hart there will be a swim team.

The attorney for the Borough explained that the hearing for Thomas Hart will be postponed until the meeting of April 28, 2008. Mr. Hart has been called out on National Guard duty and would not be able to attend the meeting. The attorney also explained the ordinance for loitering, section 3-2 is out dated and should be taken out of the General Ordinance book.

Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS the Ogdensburg Recreation Commission is sponsoring an Ogdensburg 5K walk/run event to include a pond fest at the pond: and

WHEREAS the Borough of Ogdensburg is given the authority to the Recreation Commission to sponsor an event for the benefit of the Borough of Ogdensburg on June 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS a Certificate of Insured has been received from American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc., naming the Borough of Ogdensburg as an additional insured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Ogdensburg 5 K walk/run can occur as proposed on June 21, 2008. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 5.

Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS the Ogdensburg Teacher Association is sponsoring the Kathy Del Ben Memorial Walkathon event to occur on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., with proceeds to be split equally between the American Cancer Society the funding for the borough's proposed gazebo; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Ogdensburg is giving the authority to the Ogdensburg Teacher Association to sponsor this event with grants funding to support any expenses that the borough incurs for police assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that this event can occur with police support and the entire event to remain on Borough roads. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 6.

Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS there will be a Sparta Mountain Day 5K walk/run to benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation that will begin at Heater's Pond; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Ogdensburg is giving the authority to Mitch Morrison to sponsor the event on May 18, 2008.

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Insured has been received, naming the Borough of Ogdensburg as an additional insured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to allow this event on May 18, 2008 as proposed.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 7.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to accumulated sick pay benefits for Sgt. Matthew Batty and;

WHEREAS no adequate provision was made in the 2008 temporary budget for the aforesaid, and NJS40A:46 provides for the creation of a temporary emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriation created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$54,198.54.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Other Expenses in the amount of \$54,198.54.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2008 budget.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 8.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Borough of Ogdensburg to the efforts contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Borough of Ogdensburg hereby endorses the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling and designates, Donna Paiva Recycling Coordinator, 14 Highland Avenue, Ogdensburg, NJ to ensure that the said Application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should monies be received from the recycling tonnage grant, said monies shall be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 9.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council to regretfully accept the resignation of Building Department secretary, Denise Kervatt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective as of March 12, 2008.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 10.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, per the Police Contract, Sgt. Matthew Batty is entitled to Longevity pay on a pro-rated bases, which comes to one quarter of his 2008 salary times 6% and a uniform allowance, which is also on a pro-rated bases and comes to one quarter of the allotted yearly amount of \$600.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that Sgt. Matthew Batty receive \$150.00 for clothing allowance and \$1,235.04 for his longevity pay for the first quarter of 2008. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 11.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion for review and approval of vouchers. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	VOID
3/12/2008	9999	Payroll Account	5,580.45	(Manual)
3/12/2008	22028	Hypermart	16.95	
3/14/2008	9999	Payroll Account	47,243.48	(Manual)
3/19/2008	21330	NJ Dept of Health & Senior Service	-105.00	(Manual)
3/19/2008	22029	Franklin Revolver & Rifle Assn.	1,000.00	
3/19/2008	22030	JCP&L	1,827.66	
3/19/2008	22031	Kenseal Construction Products Corp.	111.90	
3/19/2008	22032	Verizon Wireless	74.67	
3/26/2008	9999	Division of Pensions and Benefits	81,700.10	(Manual)
3/26/2008	9999	Division of Pensions and Benefits	19,730.40	(Manual)
3/26/2008	9999	Payroll Account	107,815.89	(Manual)
3/26/2008	9999	Division of Pensions and Benefits	-19,730.40	(Manual)
3/26/2008	9999	Division of Pensions and Benefits	-81,700.10	(Manual)
3/26/2008	22033	Aetna Inc	968.18	
3/26/2008	22034	Embarq	403.35	
3/26/2008	22035	Embarq	757.38	

3/26/2008	22036	Horizon BC/BS of NJ Public Employee's Retirement System	13,584.09	
3/26/2008	22037	System	2,132.68	
4/1/2008	9999	Payroll Account	19,730.40	(Manual)
4/1/2008	9999	Payroll Account	81,700.10	(Manual)
4/2/2008	22038	JCP&L	2,568.51	
4/2/2008	22039	MCI	122.87	
4/2/2008	22040	Police & Firemen's Retirement Sys. Public Employee's Retirement System	224.20	
4/2/2008	22041	System	33.55	
4/11/2008	9999	Payroll Account	42,205.94	(Manual)
4/11/2008	22100			(DESTROYED)
4/11/2008	22101			(DESTROYED)
4/11/2008	22102			(DESTROYED)
4/11/2008	22103			(DESTROYED)
4/11/2008	22104			(DESTROYED)
4/11/2008	22105			(DESTROYED)
4/14/2008	22042	Allied Oil LLC	1,637.49	
4/14/2008	22043	Anchor Concrete Products, Inc.	507.60	
4/14/2008	22044	Aquatic Technologies, Inc	2,237.50	
4/14/2008	22045	Aramark	742.56	
4/14/2008	22046	Atlantic Communications	2,109.00	
4/14/2008	22047	Aurora Electrical Supply	3.98	
4/14/2008	22048	Ball, Andy & Joy	300.00	
4/14/2008	22049	Bassani Power Equipment, LLC	311.44	
4/14/2008	22050	Braen Aggregates, LLC	4,644.94	
4/14/2008	22051	CMX	5,999.00	
4/14/2008	22052	Century Office Products	60.00	
4/14/2008	22053	Daggett, Kraemer, Eliades,	3,514.50	
4/14/2008	22054	Dave's Towne Service	293.79	
4/14/2008	22055	Decker's Fire and Safety Equip. Inc	326.00	
4/14/2008	22056	ESI Equipment, Inc.	6,463.25	
4/14/2008	22057	F.W. Bennett & Son, Inc.	530.85	
4/14/2008	22058	Finch Fuel Oil Company, Inc	3,046.30	
4/14/2008	22059	G & H Service, Inc	5.43	
4/14/2008	22060	Galls Inc	22.97	
4/14/2008	22061	Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co	7.10	
4/14/2008	22062	Hartford Steam Boiler	50.00	
4/14/2008	22063	High Bridge Salt	6,596.78	
4/14/2008	22064	International Salt Co., LLC	8,039.43	
4/14/2008	22065	JRF Tire Service, Inc.	229.00	
4/14/2008	22066	Jan-Mar Alarm Company	22.00	
4/14/2008	22067	Kuiken Brothers	62.10	
4/14/2008	22068	Laddey, Clark & Ryan	2,674.10	
4/14/2008	22069	Laddey, Clark & Ryan	1,809.00	
4/14/2008	22070	Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	69.15	
4/14/2008	22071	Liaison Services Company	549.97	
4/14/2008	22072	Lott, George O	81.96	
4/14/2008	22073	Lozier, Rich	38.00	
4/14/2008	22074	Lt. R.A. Madden VFW Post 10152	72.00	
4/14/2008	22075	MGL Printing Solutions	56.00	
4/14/2008	22076	Michael A. Vespasiano	13,960.00	
4/14/2008	22077	MicroSystems-NJ.com, LLC	1,800.00	
4/14/2008	22078	Municipal Software Inc	175.00	

4/14/2008	22079	NJ Dept of Health & Senior Service	42.60	
		NJ Department of Community Affairs		
4/14/2008	22080		235.00	
4/14/2008	22081	NJ Mayor's Association	100.00	
4/14/2008	22082	Neopost Leasing	253.56	
4/14/2008	22083	HSBC Business Solutions	127.72	
4/14/2008	22084	Ogdensburg Board of Education	161,090.00	
4/14/2008	22085	Ortiz, Jeanne	200.00	
4/14/2008	22086	PAIVA, DONNA	96.00	
4/14/2008	22087	Quill Corporation	468.27	
4/14/2008	22088	Robert E. Rothman	2,353.52	
4/14/2008	22089	Robert E. Rothman	19,336.74	
4/14/2008	22090	Robert L. Campbell Assoc., Inc.	650.00	
4/14/2008	22091	Ross, Chris		
4/14/2008	22092	Route 23 Patio & Mason Center		
4/14/2008	22093	SCCC Fire Academy		
4/14/2008	22094	Smith, Ken		
4/14/2008	22095	Struble, Jim		
4/14/2008	22096	Suljic, Fred		
4/14/2008	22097	The Flower Box		
4/14/2008	22098	The Woodland Group		
4/14/2008	22099	US Postal Service	175.00	
4/14/2008	22106	USA Mobility	46.38	
4/14/2008	22107	W.S. Darley & Co.	889.51	
4/14/2008	22108	Wallkill Valley Regional H.S.	70,965.87	
4/14/2008	22109	William J. Mandara Assoc.	150.00	
4/14/2008	22110	Winters Auto Parts, Inc	1,434.14	
4/14/2008	22111	g.Neil	54.99	
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			357,109.48	
			304,171.26	Manual
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			661,280.74	

WATER OPERATING ACCOUNT

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
03/26/08	3511	Mikes Mobil Maintenance	400.00
03/26/08	3512	US Postal Service	135.00
04/02/08	3513	JCP&L	4,205.57
04/14/08	3514	American Water Works Association	71.00
04/14/08	3515	E.S.C. Enterprises	1,307.50
04/14/08	3516	Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	600.00
04/14/08	3517	Hyde, Thomas	64.20
04/14/08	3518	Kuiken Brothers	12.98
04/14/08	3519	One Call Systems, Inc.	12.87
04/14/08	3520	State of New Jersey-PWT	161.00
04/14/08	3521	Winters Auto Parts, Inc	59.88
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			7,030.00

Councilman Peist spoke about concerns for shared services involving the police department. Councilman Peist also asked to have the following letter put in the minutes.
To Mayor and Council,

Gentlemen,

Mayor Sekelsky has asked me to share some of our concerns with the Council.

We must investigate shared services; however we should consider the following when thinking about combining our police force with one of our neighbors.

If we dissolved the OPD we will never have a force again

- The cost of reestablishing a police force would be prohibitive
- With the state pushing shared services they would be against it
- Right now I believe we are grandfathered on some rules, we will no longer have that

By not maintaining our own force:

- We will lose control of costs, staffing etc.
- We will **have to** reduce coverage to save money
- We will lose control of policies
- We will lose ticket revenue
- After the initial contract expires we are at the mercy of politicians who may see Ogdensburg as a revenue source and we may wind up paying much more than if had maintained our own PD
- We also need to think about the long term effects
Let's assume for this example: 880 households, by combining our police force saves the Borough \$ 600K over a (5) year contract
 - a) If we deduct the \$ 80K a year in revenue from tickets over (5) years that is \$ 400K which leaves a saving of only \$ 200K divided by 880 households which translates to a savings of \$ 227 per household per year.
 - b) Property value in the town will decrease by not having its own PD let's assume we lose \$ 10K per household of market value
 - c) In this example it means a resident will have to live in town over 44 years just to break even.
 - d) After the initial contract is over we might wind up paying substantially more thus eliminating any savings
- Presently if one of our officers is tied up (like an accident) either Sparta or Franklin automatically backs us up, and we also assist our neighbors when needed.
- The residents will lose the personal touch, trust, security and help that only a OPD can provide
- I have heard the comment that our guys do nothing but drive around, and I am thankful that some people feel that way. It is proof that their presence in town has deterred crime
- Our OPD adjusts their staffing to provide coverage for events, thus eliminating overtime, we need to consider how that would be handled.

Advantages of having OPD cannot be duplicated

- Our guys know the area, the residents, they know who belongs.
Example: If they see little Jimmy with some guy named Bubba they know exactly what to do.
- God forbid one of our loved ones has a heart attack; our guys are in town and carry a defibrillator they are minutes away, in my case when I had a problem Sgt Batty was at my house in less than 1 minute (no exaggeration) after my wife hung up the phone.
- Who knows what our crime rate would be, if we did not have a full time force
- We could not find a better group of guys, how can we guarantee the same dedication, courtesy, service, integrity and security that they provide

Options that should be researched

- Creating a police auxiliary that can patrol (when needed), they would have no authority but could be very effective.
- Reducing the Chief's administrative duties so he may supplement patrols when needed

- Offering coverage to Franklin and Sparta
- Combining purchases of things like patrol cars, ammo and other equipment with our neighbors to get better pricing
- We really need put more emphasis on researching other cost savings

We must do our own research, on towns that have combined forces, and very carefully review any studies and information presented to us.

In any case it is not our decision to make; it needs to be a ballot question so the residents can decide.

Councilman, Bob Peist

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Ingerto informed Mayor and Council that he has looked into other companies for a gazebo and has found a lower price from Amish Country Gazebo and asked council for approval to order the gazebo. Amish Country Gazebos cost \$16,995. Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to accept quote from Amish Country Gazebo. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Blahut discussed enforcement of Junkyard Ordinance. Attorney advised the Borough can enforce ordinance and summons can be given. Mr. Blahut mentioned that he met with Sparta regarding shared services for the Building Department. Further discussion will be forthcoming. Mr. Blahut mentioned Mr. Morrison who is in charge of the Sparta Mountain run donated trees to Ogdensburg which can be used on Hemlock Island. The trees will be donated by May 15, 2008. Mr. Blahut also mentioned that the Safe Route to School plan was completed. Councilman Peist discussed the booster tank and repair needed. He has received a quote from Mike's Mobil Maintenance. Councilman Peist presented contract for attorney to review. Councilman Peist moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to move forward with contractor subject to attorney's review and approval of contract. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Altenburg brought up for discussion a resolution opposing the closure of New Jersey State Parks and asked Council to adopt the following resolution. Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, over 17 million visitors use New Jersey State Parks and forests each year for camping, swimming, hiking, boating, and other recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Park system, represents a vital resource in the State of new Jersey; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous business enterprises in Northwest New Jersey that rely heavily, or exclusively, on commerce generated by tourists who visit New Jersey State Parks each year; and

WHEREAS, High Point State park is the location of High Point Monument, a beautiful and necessary historic landmark dedicated to the memory of our Veterans of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is giving consideration to the full closure of High Point State Park in response to budget pressures of the New Jersey State Government; and

WHEREAS, the closure of High Point State Park will eliminate the ability of the general public to give honor due to our veterans, by closing off the High Point Monument; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg consider it to be a travesty that any State Park, would be closed because of the decades-long inability of New Jersey State Government to operate within the same spending caps and fiscal responsibility that they impose on local governments; and

WHEREAS, State Parks represent a successful and popular venue of tourism and economic stimulus generating \$3.9 billion for New Jersey's local and state economies; and

WHEREAS, the closure of any New Jersey State Parks would lead to extensive and widespread business failures in Northwest New Jersey, serving to further exacerbate the Economic Recession currently in effect, as well as increasing the loss of tax revenue by increased tax appeals created by loss of property valuation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg does hereby oppose the closure of any New Jersey State Park; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg respectfully points out to Governor Jon Corzine, NJDEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson, and the entire State Legislature that the solution to the fiscal problems of Trenton must not be sought by pursuing budget cuts that will cause the economic collapse of Northwest New Jersey. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 12.

Departmental finance reports were handed in for review.

There being no further business, Mayor motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor