

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008

The third 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 March 10, 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, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

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

Resident, Gloria Ricalde, 33 Glenbrook Road expressed her concern about the water accumulation on Glenbrook Road and would like to have some one look at the problem. Mrs. Ricalde also asked why her water bill is so high. Councilman Peist explained that if she has been estimated for any period of time that could affect her reading. Richard Predmore, 15 Predmore Road asked the Mayor if he found out anything about the water problem coming from the dam by 2 Predmore Rd. The Borough attorney responded to Mr. Predmore informing him that it wasn't the responsibility of the Borough to settle the problem but that of his neighbor who needs to fix the problem of the water running onto his property. Cindy Predmore, 15 Predmore Road informed Mayor and Council that water is coming down from the mountain and running into their driveway and freezes during the winter months causing it to be dangerous when trying to get to their cars. Mrs. Predmore also mentioned about the banners she wanted to have display in town. She feels that maybe the idea should be put on hold so not to have to ask the homeowners to put out any more money due to the economy. Elmily Slockbower, 23 Richards Road commended the Department of Public Works on what a good job they are doing keeping the roads sanded and salted during the winter. Mrs. Slockbower inquired about the recycling program and how many garbage cans are the residents allowed to put out. Councilman Ingerto informed Mrs. Slockbower that residents are allowed three cans. Mrs. Slockbower also asked about the water tower and the repairs. Councilman Peist informed Mrs. Slockbower that he is waiting for certain parts to come in before he can move forward with the repairs. Representatives from Girl Scout Troop #112 attended the meeting to ask permission to put a reading garden on Ogdensburg school property or one of the parks in Ogdensburg. The Mayor informed the girls that they would have to get permission from the school if they want to put the garden on school property. One of the girls in the troop also informed Mayor and Council that there would be no cost to the Borough. The cost would be paid by donations. Councilman Peist suggested the area by the Historical Society building if they would be interested. Mayor Sekelsky asked the girls to come up with three ideas. Heidi Gallager, 157 Kennedy Avenue attended the meeting to inform Mayor and Council that the appraisers doing the assessments for the town are very polite and it was a pleasure dealing with them. Also inquired about how long it would take the water to clear from a water main break in her area. Bill Washer, 37 Center Street inquired if anyone will be chipping bush. Was also interested in purchasing the chipper from the Borough. Councilman Ingerto informed Mr. Washer that the Borough will be doing the yearly bush pick up and will be chipping.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes from February 11th, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes from February 21st, Budget Workshop
3. Approval of Minutes from February 23rd, Budget Workshop

4. Approval of Minutes from February 25th, Budget Workshop
5. Approval of Minutes from February 25th, Work Session
6. Approval of Minutes from February 28th, Budget Workshop
7. Approval of Raffle License No. 450 for a 50/50 to be held on October 4, 2008 by the Ogdensburg Fire Department.

Approval of Raffle License No. 451 for a 50/50 and No. 452 for a T
Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann(abstain #6), Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Ciasullo moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to accept applications for Joshua Plumeri and Robert Gunderman into the N.J. State Firemen's Association. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Mary Emilius, Director of Client and Community Services for Sussex County Economic Development Partnership attended the meeting to inform Mayor and Council about the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership. The SCEDP is a non-profit organization and is funded through private investors and public funds.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to open the public hearing on an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$20,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT**. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Resident asked what police equipment was being purchased. Councilman Altenburg explained it was for the purchase of computers for the police cars.

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

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

Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to introduce an ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK** on first reading. Public hearing and final passage is scheduled for April 14, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2008 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$75,034.75 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that in the CY2008 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Ogdensburg shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.SA.40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$75,034.75, and that the CY 2005 municipal budget for the Borough of Ogdensburg be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon; be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Piest. Copy attached as Schedule 2.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to introduce an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG THEREFORE** on first reading. Public hearing and final passage is scheduled for April 14, 2008.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that:

1. The following salaries for the Police officers hereinafter set forth for the year 2008 beginning January 1st, and each year thereafter until amended or repealed, are hereby established and fixed as the salary to be paid for the offices wherein the salaries are set at fixed figures, and for the offices wherein a minimum and maximum range is set for the salaries, the salaries shall be paid to the holder of said offices within the minimum and maximum range set by resolution of the Mayor and Common Council, to wit:

Sergeant-----	47,043.00	82,336.00
Patrolman-----	28,000.00	76,472.00

2. The aforesaid salary ranges shall take effect as of January 1, 2006, and shall be paid at the times and in the manner established by resolution of the Borough Council for the payment of said salaries.

3. Overtime pay for Borough employees shall be determined by Article XIV, Section D of the Borough Employee's manual.

4. Longevity

- a. Longevity Plan for the full time employees of the Borough of Ogdensburg, which was implemented as of January 1984, shall be as follows for 2008 and will be paid on or about December 1, 2008.

After completion of 5 years of service:	4%
After completion of 10 years of service:	5%
After completion of 15 years of service:	6%
After completion of 20 years of service:	7%

- b. January 1st of the year the employee is hired will be used to determine years of service.
- c. Effective January 1, 1996 longevity pay will be abolished for any new employee.
- d. Effective January 1, 1996 the current percentage rates of longevity will be frozen.
- e. All overtime pay shall be computed exclusive of longevity pay.

5. As of January 1, 2006, a Salary Guide for the Ogdensburg Police Department shall be negotiated as accepted Police Contract.

6. Bonuses, if any, shall be paid at the discretion of the Mayor and Council

7. All prior salary ordinances adopted by the Borough of Ogdensburg and any other ordinance or ordinances or portions thereof that may be inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

8. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication according to law.
Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 3.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Ciasullo seconded motion to introduce 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** on first reading. Public hearing and final passage is scheduled for April 14, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Board of Taxation has ordered the Borough of Ogdensburg, New Jersey (the "Borough") to implement a municipal-wide revaluation of real property in the Borough of Ogdensburg to be completed by October 1, 2008 and to go into effect for the 2009 year; and

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law of New Jersey and in particular N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, provides that a municipality may adopt an ordinance authorizing a special emergency appropriation for, among other things, the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property for the use of the local assessor when such is ordered by the County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Borough of Ogdensburg in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. A special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$75,700 is hereby authorized and made for the purpose of the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of real property in the Borough of Ogdensburg, New Jersey for the use of the local assessor of the Borough.

Section 2. The Borough is hereby authorized to finance such appropriation from surplus funds available or by issuing special emergency notes from time to time in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55, all as shall be determined by and pursuant to a resolution or resolutions of the Borough to be hereafter adopted.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, a copy of this ordinance as adopted shall be filed with the Director of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final adoption as provided by law. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 4.

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

WHEREAS CMX will prepare and submit to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation an application for Statewide General Permit #18 (dam repair) for the proposed improvements for Heaters Pond; and

WHEREAS the cost for the Wetlands Statewide General Permit application is \$6,300.00 lump sum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of proposal for professional services for Wetland Delineation and General Permit Application.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 5.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, State of New Jersey, that the following 2007 Budget Appropriation Reserve Transfers be authorized:

TRANSFER FROM:

Liability Insurance OE	21,000.00
Police S &W	10,000.00
Fuel Oil OE	4,000.00
Collections of Taxes OE	2,000.00
Workers' Comp OE	10,000.00
Telephone OE	2,000.00
Court S&W	7,000.00
	<u>56,000.00</u>

TRANSFER TO:

Financial Administration OE	26,180.00
Fire Dept OE	2,400.00
Fire Safety OE	11,050.00
Snow OE	8,300.00
Health & Welfare OE	800.00
Rec - Parks & Playground OE	1,500.00
Celebration of Public Events OE	170.00
Electric OE	3,000.00

Municipal Court OE

2,600.00
56,000.00

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 6.

Councilman Peist moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to table the following resolutions to the next regular meeting. Water lien redemptions on Bl. 28, Lot 4.04 and Bl. 21, Lot 10.02. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

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

WHEREAS the Ogdensburg Elementary School administration has established communication with the Mayor and Council to discuss sidewalks and paths that will allow students a safe route to school and;

WHEREAS the Borough of Ogdensburg is given the authority to establish a grant with the Department Of Transportation using the assistance of the Borough Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that a walking or bicycle path is established as a safe way to the Ogdensburg Elementary School.

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

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

After returning from executive session Old Business was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Ingerto discussed a design for a Gazebo by the playground. Modifications were discussed. Plans will be presented to the Land Use Board.

Councilman Ciasullo briefly mentioned the revaluation company and that there are five people doing the reassessment. Councilman Ciasullo mentioned that the web site is down but he plans to have it up and running again in a week or two. Mayor Sekelsky spoke briefly about the fire on Main Street. Everything was very well coordinated between the Fire Department, Police Department and the First Aid Squad. Councilman Peist informed Mayor and Council that he is working on the second reduction of the water tank this coming Saturday. Councilman Peist also mentioned that there was a miscommunication regarding the water leak at Mannion's liquor store but it has been resolved. Councilman Peist informed Mayor and Council that the septic is done and that he would like to start working on the booster tank. He has requested the use of the Fire Department. Councilman Peist thanked Fred Rowett, who attended the meeting, for all his extra help and effort in working on the septic. It was greatly appreciated. Councilman Peist discussed the heating problem at the Borough Hall. The burner on the furnace needs to be replaced. Suburban is looking into fixing the problem

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Blahut discussed sharing services with Hardyston for diesel fuel for the ambulance. Councilman Blahut received quotes from the Hardyston Department of Public Works Supervisor. Further discussion will be forthcoming. Councilman Blahut asked who represents council for the Sussex County Water Quality PAC. Councilman Peist said he is presently the Commissioner for Water Quality but does not have the time to devote to the meetings. Councilman Blahut said he would like to take it over. Mayor Sekelsky appointed Councilman Blahut as commissioner for the Sussex County Water Quality PAC.

Mayor Sekelsky informed residents that the State has cut the funding for the Borough by 67% this year and reiterated what Governor Cozine had proposed as far as towns doing shared services and/or smaller towns merging with larger neighboring town. Mayor and Council discussed the budget to see if they could reduce the tax rate any further.

Departmental finance reports will be handed in to council members during the week.

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

Current Fund

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	VOID	DATE	REASON
2/13/2008	9999	Payroll Account	42,037.67	Manual		
2/13/2008	21949	LINA	189.00			
2/13/2008	21950	NJ Dept of Health & Senior Service	240.00			
2/13/2008	21951	Ogdensburg Borough	8,497.62			
2/13/2008	21952	Region Oil Company	236.60			
2/13/2008	21953	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	150.00			
2/20/2008	21954	Division of Consumer Affairs	80.00			
2/20/2008	21955	Hypermart	69.50			
2/20/2008	21956	JCP&L	1,847.33			
2/20/2008	21957	US Express Leasing	660.00			
2/20/2008	21958	Verizon Wireless	73.41			
2/20/2008	21959	Waste Management of NJ	17,046.00			
2/21/2008	21960	New Jersey Herald	145.75			
2/21/2008	21961	Public Employee's Retirement System	3,355.71			
2/27/2008	21962	Aetna Inc	968.18			
2/27/2008	21963	Embarq	295.84			
2/27/2008	21964	Embarq	865.19			
2/27/2008	21965	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	15,118.04			
2/27/2008	21966	MCI	143.13			
2/27/2008	21967	Ogdensburg First Aid Squad	10,000.00			
2/27/2008	21968	US Express Leasing	330.00			
2/28/2008	9999	Payroll Account	49,793.55	Manual		
2/28/2008	21969	LINA	189.00			
3/5/2008	21970	J & G Developers LLC	17,698.20			
3/5/2008	21971	JCP&L	2,882.40			
3/10/2008	21972	AGT Battery	482.86			
3/10/2008	21973	AM/PM Services	368.00			
3/10/2008	21974	Allen, Marianne	21.21			
3/10/2008	21975	Allied Oil LLC	2,810.84			
3/10/2008	21976	Appraisal Systems, Inc.	7,570.00	Voided	3/12/2008	Premature e Pmt
3/10/2008	21977	Aquatic Technologies, Inc.	2,237.50			
3/10/2008	21978	Aramark	321.40			
3/10/2008	21979	Atlantic Communications	681.40			

3/10/2008	21980	Batty, Matthew	379.00
3/10/2008	21981	Castimore, Jean	15.96
3/10/2008	21982	Colfax, Daniel	150.00
3/10/2008	21983	HSBC Business Solutions	39.62
3/10/2008	21984	Cox Stationers & Printers	135.45
3/10/2008	21985	Daggett, Kraemer, Eliades	1,889.25
3/10/2008	21986	Dave's Towne Service	2,289.84
3/10/2008	21987	Dennis P Fielding, M.D. Dover Brake & Clutch	1,057.50
3/10/2008	21988	Co., Inc.	21.03
3/10/2008	21989	ESI Equipment, Inc.	6,632.02
3/10/2008	21990	Falcon Cleaning	975.00
3/10/2008	21991	Franek, Mike	186.06
3/10/2008	21992	Fred Rowett Trucking	17,500.00
3/10/2008	21993	Galls Inc	238.91
3/10/2008	21994	Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co	15.30
3/10/2008	21995	International Salt Co., LLC	8,749.00
3/10/2008	21996	Jan-Mar Alarm Company	22.00
3/10/2008	21997	Laddey, Clark & Ryan	675.00
3/10/2008	21998	Lafayette Auto Parts	30.00
3/10/2008	21999	Little, Jacob	186.00
3/10/2008	22000	Lozier, Rich	120.00
3/10/2008	22001	MGL Forms-Systems, LLC	212.00
3/10/2008	22002	MicroSystems-NJ.com, LLC	82.00
3/10/2008	22003	Montague Tool & Supply Co	575.12
3/10/2008	22004	Municipal Software Inc	919.18
3/10/2008	22005	NJ Dept of Health & Senior Service	150.60
3/10/2008	22006	NJ Department of Community Affairs	171.00
3/10/2008	22007	NJ Planning Officials	96.00
3/10/2008	22008	NJ STATE ASSOC OF POLICE CHIEFS	200.00
3/10/2008	22009	New Jersey Herald	1,671.35
3/10/2008	22010	Ogdensburg Board of Education	161,090.00
3/10/2008	22011	Roemar Corp./B&R Uniforms	283.05
3/10/2008	22012	Ross, Chris	144.00
3/10/2008	22013	CMX Inc.	937.50
3/10/2008	22014	Smith, Ken	144.00
3/10/2008	22015	St. Clare's Health System	267.00
3/10/2008	22016	Statewide Insurance Fund	8,492.00
3/10/2008	22017	Struble, Jim	266.00
3/10/2008	22018	Sussex Co League of Municipalities	50.00

3/10/2008	22019	Sussex County Municipal Clerk Assoc	60.00
3/10/2008	22020	Sussex County Municipal Utility	1,099.06
3/10/2008	22021	Triple Canopy, Inc.	450.00
3/10/2008	22022	Valley Vision Care, LLC	364.00
3/10/2008	22023	Varcadipane Jr, William J.	961.44
3/10/2008	22024	Varcadipane Jr, William J.	1,500.00
3/10/2008	22025	Vital Communications, Inc	121.64
3/10/2008	22026	Wallkill Valley Regional H.S.	70,965.87
3/10/2008	22027	William J. Mandara Assoc.	140.95

388,294.81	
91,831.22	Manual
(7,570.00)	**Voided
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472,556.03	

Water Operating Account

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
3/5/2008	3508 1044	JCP&L	5,238.43
3/5/2008	3509 1878	Mikes Mobil Maintenance	600.00
3/10/2008	3510 944	Hyde, Thomas	28.20
			5,866.63
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			5,866.63

There being no further business, Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Altenburg seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor