

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 2, 2008

Pursuant to statutes, in such case, made and provided, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey, met in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, on January 2, 2008.

Mayor Sekelsky called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

Mayor Sekelsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following statement was read by the Borough Clerk: "Notice requirements of P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, Secs. 4 and 13 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 in the Borough Hall on January 2, 2008."

Statement of Determination of the Board of County Canvassers relative to the November 6, 2007 general election in the Borough of Ogdensburg for Councilman-elect Michael Blahut and Councilman-elect Steve Ciasullo was read by the Borough Clerk.

Oath of Office for Councilman-elect Michael Blahut was administered by the Borough Clerk.

Oath of Office for Councilman-elect Steve Ciasullo was administered by the Borough Clerk.

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

Mayor Sekelsky gave the following state of the Borough address.
Honorable members of the council, borough officials, professionals, employees, loyal volunteers, family and friends, good evening. Thank you for being with us this evening. The year just past was one of hard-work and accomplishment; the year ahead will be one of change and new challenges. Thank you all for being here tonight – so let's get started.

I would now like to welcome Councilmen Mike Blahut. This will be Mike's first 3-year term. He will serve as the commissioner for First Aid Squad (a newly formed position) and co-commissioner of Parks and Recreation and be the council's liaison to the Recreation Commission. Best of luck Mike, I am looking forward to working with you.

It is now my pleasure to welcome Councilman Steve Ciasullo. This will also be Steve's first 3-year term; however, Steve will have an immediate impact. Councilman Ciasullo will serve as the Fire commissioner and help plan for a successful Sussex County Firemen's Parade this October. Additionally, he will be the appointed to the Solid Waste Advisory Council and be in charge of the Municipal Drug Alliance. Steve, welcome aboard: I know you are roaring to get started – good luck.

I would now like to introduce our Borough professionals.
Jennifer Kovach representing John Ursin, our new Borough Attorney.
Gene Buczynski, our Borough Engineer, of CMX.
George Morville, our Municipal Insurance Agent, of the Morville Agency
Tom Ferry, our Borough Auditor, of Ferraioli, Weilkotz, Cerullo & Cuva

To each of you, I say thank you for your prior dedication and I look forward to working with you to better our future.

I would like to say thank you to each borough official, each borough employee, and the volunteer members of the Land-Use Board, the Board of Health, the Recreation Commission, the Emergency Management Council, and the Historical Society. You have and will continue to affect the social wealth and quality of life in Ogdensburg.

To the Department of Public Works, the Ogdensburg Police Department, and the Borough Hall Staff, thank you for taking care of our public interests and citizens – you deserve our gratitude for your commitment.

To the volunteers of the First Aid Squad and Fire Departments – thank you – you have my utmost respect and never-ending support. Maintain your standards and continue to be among the best in Northwest New Jersey.

To the members of the council – thank you for your service and dedication to make Ogdensburg the best that it can be. It is an honor to serve with you and I look forward to our successes.

2007 was a whirlwind. It could never do justice to the determination and “stick-to-it-tiveness” of our council, but here is a quick list of changes:

1. We have a new CFO for more hours every week.
2. We have a new Tax Collector for more hours, every week.
3. We unfortunately have a new Court Administrator, “God Bless you Bertha”
4. We have a new Secretary to the Board of Health.
5. As a matter of fact, we successfully switched over to the County Health Services.
6. We delivered the lowest municipal tax increase in years.
7. We found a new road surface that will help maintain our roads.
8. We have a new Ambulance, a new police car, and a new large DPW dump truck.
9. We left no stone unturned in our Annual Audit.
10. We were able to install a new playground and new docks in our parks.
11. And lastly, we were able to stand-up a Recreation Commission.

And this is not just an accomplishment of the council, but also of every employee, volunteer, and resident of Ogdensburg. 2007 was a year of determination.

Looking to 2008, I have four primary areas of focus. First, the preparation of the budget will be a process to ensure services are maintained while limiting the creep & growth of non-essential items. Although we received \$300 K this year, we will plan to receive no aid and, at best, expect to receive considerably less. Secondly, the development of the Master Plan with the Land-Use Board and the concurrent planning for development of municipal owned land will be my key-essential tasks to affect long term fiscal stability. Thirdly, will be the smooth running of our Tax Revaluation. Lastly, will be a focus on infrastructure and building improvements. The creation of a Town Celebration Pavilion, at the ball field, shall be completed no earlier than Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day in preparation for the Sussex County Firemen’s Parade. The construction of a handicapped accessible bathroom and the improvement to the septic system at the Borough Hall should be complete by mid-summer. And our goal is to receive approval and commence work on a Dam Improvement Project at Heater’s Pond. Additionally, we want to initiate another round of “housing rehabilitation” and help our residents benefit from this great program. I must also state that we will have concerts at Heaters’ Pond this summer and this is in preparation for Ogdensburg Day 2009, which will be headed by the newly created Recreation Commission.

Lastly, I would like to thank Councilman Jamie Wolstenholme for his service the past few months – please stay involved and thank you. I would now like to recognize Councilwoman Anna Szonyi and councilman John Kociuba for their service. Copy attached to minutes.

Councilman Peist moved, Councilman Hann seconded the motion to appoint Gene Altenburg as Council President. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to add CMX to the Borough Appointments for 2008 as Borough Grantsman along with Steve Weinberg. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Altenburg moved, Councilman Blahut seconded, motion to confirm the following Borough Appointments for 2008. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008

Council President-----	Councilman Gene Altenburg
Borough Attorney-----	John Ursin
Borough Clerk-----	Phyllis Drouin
Assessment Search Officer-----	Phyllis Drouin
Registrar of Vital Statistics-----	Phyllis Drouin
Chief Financial Officer-----	Linda Padula
Tax Search Officer-----	Linda Pettenger
Tax Collector-----	Linda Pettenger
Water Cashier-----	Ann Peters
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics-----	Donna Paiva
Clerk/Typist-----	Susan Crum
Tax Assessor-----	Kathleen Kieb
Insurance Agent of Record-----	George Morville of The Morville Agency
Borough Auditor-----	Tom Ferry of Ferraioli, Weilkotz, Cerullo & Cuva
Borough Engineer/ Water Consulting Engineer-----	Eugene Buczynski of CMX
Borough Grantsman-----	Steven J. Weinberg; CMX
Borough Bond Counsel-----	Steve Rogut of Rogut McCarthy
Water Plant Treatment Operator-----	Tom Hyde
Ass't Water Plant Treatment Operator-----	Rob Lawler
Code Enforcement Officer/Constr. Official/Zoning Officer--	Kevin Kervatt
Building Inspector-----	Jan Op't Hof
Fire Subcode Official-----	Kevin Kervatt
Fire Marshall-----	Kevin Kervatt (Officer)
Fire Inspector-----	Kevin Kervatt
Plumbing Inspector HHS-----	Joseph Grossi
Electrical Inspector-----	James Heston
Secretary to Construction Official-----	Denise Kervatt
Borough Planner-----	Fred Suljic
Municipal Court Judge-----	John Mulhern
Municipal Prosecutor-----	Andrew Fraser
Municipal Public Defender-----	Daniel Colfax
Municipal Court Administrator-----	Nancyann Kurzweil
Deputy Court Administrator-----	Kathleen Quinn
Court Security Officer-----	Rotating Basis
Chief of Police/Constable-----	George Lott
Police Sergeant-----	Matthew Batty, William Varcadipane
Patrolmen-----	Stephen Gordon, Stephen Davis, Christopher Geene, James Lame, Thomas Hart, Joseph Sanfilippo
Public Works Superintendent-----	Kenneth Smith
Certified Public Works Manager-----	Kenneth Smith

Public Works Repairers-----Christopher Ross, Richard
Lozier, James Struble
School Traffic Guard-----Thomas Hyde
Emergency Management Coordinator-----A.J. Rutkowski
Local Historian-----Wasco Hadowanetz
Ass't. Historian-----Patricia Dolan
Administrative Officer/Planning & Zoning Boards-----Wendy Brick
Secretary to Board of Health/Deputy Clerk-----Donna Paiva
Recycling Coordinator-----Donna Paiva
Emergency Snow Drivers-----Bill Bodle, Jamie Wottle,
Mike Franek, Thomas Washer,
Doug Kruger, Steven Matz,
Mike Sugar, Eric Slater

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES (First name indicates Chair)

Police Commissioner-----Councilman Altenburg
First Aid Commissioner-----Councilman Blahut
Fire Commissioner-----Councilman Ciasullo
Road Commissioner-----Councilman Ingerto/Peist
Water Commissioner-----Councilman Peist
Buildings & Grounds-----Councilmen Peist
Recycling/Sanitation-----Councilman Ingerto
Parks and Playgrounds-----Councilman Ingerto/Blahut
Personnel-----Councilman Hann
Planning and Development-----Councilman Altenburg
Budget & Finance-----Council as a whole
Solid Waste Advisory Council-----Councilman Ciasullo
208 Water Quality Board-----Councilman Peist
Municipal Drug Alliance-----Councilman Ciasullo
Municipal Insurance Commissioner-----Councilman Hann

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

(Three-year term)
Mark Mc Fadden ----12/31/10
Robin Rojas-----12/31/10
Lorraine Davis-----12/31/08
Frances Kalafut-----12/31/08
Patricia Sabourin-----12/31/09

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

(One year term)
Ken Smith George Lott
Kevin Kervatt James Sekelsky
George Sabourin Wayne Ingerto
Wendy Povinelli Michael MacMullin
Thomas Hyde Michael Franek
August Rutkowski Jim Jiminez

LAND USE BOARD

Class I – Mayor Sekelsky-----One-year term expires 12/31/08
Class II – Patricia Dolan ----- One-year term expires 12/31/08
Class III – Councilman Altenburg -----One-year term expires 12/31/08
Class IV – John Fierro-----Four year term expires 12/31/08
Bob Armstrong----- Four year term expires 12/31/11
William Andrews----- Four year term expires 12/31/08
Steven Sund----- Four year term expires 12/31/08
Eric Wood ----- Four year term expires 12/31/10
Vito Telischak----- Four year term expires 12/31/10
Alternate: Stanley Dabrowski----One year term expires 12/31/08
Kevin McDonald----- Two year term expires 12/31/08
Anthony Alfonso----- Two year term expires 12/31/08
Ken Fahrenfeld----- Two year term expires 12/31/09

RECREATION COMMISSION

(Five year terms)

James Lane -----12/31/08
Cort Sauerwein----- 12/31/09
Mark McFadden----- 12/31/09
William Amodeo -----12/31/10
Jeanne Ortiz -----12/31/11
Dominic Zampella-----12/31/11
Bill Washer ----- 12/31/12

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

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes or water utilities as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, county of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. Effective January 1, 2008 there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.
3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.
4. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in an official newspaper of the Borough of Ogdensburg.
5. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Tax Collector, Borough Attorney and Borough Auditor for the Borough of Ogdensburg.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 1: 1/2/08.

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

WHEREAS, Section 3d of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the second newspaper designated by this body must be one, which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public with the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The NEW JERSEY HERALD and the NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD, 2 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey, are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Ogdensburg for 2007 and shall receive all notices of meetings as required under the Open Public Meetings act.

2. It is the opinion of this body that the said newspapers have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meeting. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 2: 1/2/08.

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

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the public body to fix a reasonable sum to be charged to persons who request that notice of meetings as required under the Act be mailed to them individually; and

WHEREAS, said sum is to cover the costs of providing such notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Each person who requests that individual notice as required under the Act be mailed to him shall pay annually One dollar (\$1.00) per page to cover the costs thereof.

2. The sum herein designated is subject to change upon the adoption of a superseding resolution by this public body.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 3: 1/2/08.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Altenburg, seconded, motion to name Chase, Sussex State Bank, Lakeland Bank and New Jersey Cash Management Fund as official depositories for borough funds. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Ciasullo moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded, motion to accept the List of Officers, Members and Drivers of the Ogdensburg Fire Department. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Borough Auditor, Borough Bond Counsel, Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, Borough Insurance Agent of Record, Borough Grantsman, Borough Planner, Borough Prosecutor, and Borough Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.), requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without bids must be public advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BIT IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg as follows:

1. The Borough of Ogdensburg hereby makes the following appointments for the calendar year 2008.

Borough Auditor:	Thomas Ferry, RMA
Borough Bond Counsel:	Steven L. Rogut
Borough Attorney:	John Ursin, Esq.
Borough Engineer:	Eugene Buczynski, PE
Borough Insurance Agent of Record:	George W. Morville, CIC The Morville Agency
Borough Grantsman:	Steve J. Weinberg, AICP
Borough Grantsman:	CMX
Borough Planner:	Fred Suljic, PP
Borough Prosecutor:	Andrew Fraser, Esq.
Borough Public Defender:	Daniel Colfax, Esq.

2. These appointments are awarded without competitive bidding as “Professional Services” under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Laws because the required services are performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

3. A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the NEW JERSEY HERALD as required by law.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 4: 1/2/08.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be, and they are hereby, authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Borough of Ogdensburg tax list including, but not limited to, rollback complaints, added and omitted assessment complaints, and such other appeals as are necessary to correct the assessments for the Borough of Ogdensburg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby designated as the agents of the Borough of Ogdensburg for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 5:1/2/08.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that George Lott and Ken Smith are appointed as the Borough of Ogdensburg Safety and Loss Prevention Representatives for 2008.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 6: 1/02/08.

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5, designation of Public Agency Compliance Official (P.A.C.O.).

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Borough Clerk be designated as the Public Agency Compliance Official.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 7: 1/2/08.

Councilman Peist moved, Councilman Hann seconded, motion to hold regular monthly council meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the following exception: Monday, October 13th (that meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of the month) and work sessions the fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall, 14 Highland Avenue, Ogdensburg.

Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist.

Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Hann seconded, motion to accept the 2008 temporary budget. Yeas: Altenburg, Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Peist. Copy attached as Schedule 8: 1/2/08.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor