

WORK SESSION
April 26, 2010

A work session of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey, was held in the Council Chambers, in the Borough Hall on April 26, 2010.

Mayor James Sekelsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call: Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood. Absent: Hann.

Notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-6 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 the New Jersey Sunday Herald, and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on January 4, 2010.

Mayor Sekelsky introduced Mr. Gary Marmo, Director of Sales Mid-Atlantic Operations for Elizabethtown Gas who attended the meeting to discuss obtaining a franchise for gas lines. Mr. Marmo gave some background information on Elizabethtown Gas and stated in order to serve customers of Ogdensburg they would need a franchise. Mr. Marmo said he spoke to some of the businesses on Rt. 517 regarding hook ups for gas lines and there is an interest. Elizabethtown Gas is coming before the Council to ask permission for obtaining a franchise. Councilman Blahut asked if the school is being addressed. It was stated by Richard Predmore, school board member, that the school is looking into having gas put in the school and there will be a school board meeting next Tuesday so any information regarding gas lines can be given to Councilman Ingerto. Mr. Marmo mentioned that Elizabethtown Gas will be coming before council a few more times to follow up on the process. A petition will have to be filed and an ordinance will have to be done. Mayor asked what incentive do you give for towns. Mr. Marmo responded that the residents have a choice to have gas instead of oil or propane. It was asked if Elizabethtown Gas would pick up publication costs or legal fees. Mr. Marmo said they do not pick up publication costs or legal fees. Councilman Wood asked if the gas line was active yet and he was told that it will go active in about two months. Procedure to hook up to the gas line was explained.

Councilman Blahut asked what is the time frame to get gas to school. Councilman Blahut was told as soon as the franchise is done. It was also explained that there will be different incentives for residents to switch over to gas. Councilman Wood asked how long the franchise would be for. Was told it will be for 50 years. Documents will be sent to the Borough for review.

Councilman Ciasullo moved, Councilman Wood seconded motion to adopt the following resolution as amended.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to open Edison Road from the rail road tracks to the second bridge access to be used by Mr. Bickerton, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Telischak and contractors and to leave the barricades where they are until further notice. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood. Attached as Schedule 1.

Jeff Nafis, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Sparta Township attended the meeting to discuss the opening of Edison Road. Mr. Nafis explained that the road needs to be open to be able to get to Hawthorne Lake with emergency vehicles and that a plan needs to be developed between Ogdensburg's committee and Sparta Department of Public Works. It was suggested to have one of the Councilmen from Ogdensburg attend a meeting in Sparta to discuss what could be done.

Councilman Ciasullo also gave an update on Edison Road. The work is being done by the Ogdensburg Department of Public Works up to the half million gallon water tank. The second half will be from the half million gallon tank forward. The Borough Engineer stated that there is minor damage to the dam. To fix the seams and top of the dam would be approximately \$1,600.00 from Ed Gilson Masonry who is fully insured. It was also stated that the water level does not have to be lowered. The dam will be fixed before any paving is done. After a brief discussion, Councilman Wood moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to hire Ed. Gilson to do the repair work on the dam. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood.

Councilman Wolstenholme informed Mayor and Council that he obtained three estimates for paving Edison Road which are LR Paving \$8,470.00, Earthtech \$17,180.00 and Lentini Paving \$21,500.00 including everything except materials. Councilman Ciasullo moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to hire LR Paiving for repair work on Edison road from the half million gallon tank up. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood.

Councilman Ciasullo stated that the Saw Mill Brook can be cleaned up presently, however, the ground is too wet right now to clean up, will need to let it dry up a little.

At the request of Council, Ms. Peia, owner of the Junkyard came to the council meeting and brought documentation from the DEP and Certification. She explained that she is dealing with Trenton directly with her violations. Councilman Wood read part of the letter from the state which showed permitted use of the junkyard.

Ms. Peia stated she just wants to maintain the junkyard and does not want the full use. She wants to get out of the business and has complied with Judge Stanton ruling and has paid the fines from the State. Mayor Sekelsky stated that he would like the back fees from the prior years and asked for a payment plan. Council asked Ms. Peia to come up with a proposal to submit by the next meeting.

Councilman Ciasullo spoke briefly about furloughs and how it affects pension. Councilman Wolstenholme stated the minimal amount saved would be \$13,317.00 and if we budget good we might be able to cancel the furloughs. Mayor Sekelsky feels that one day a month is operational. Councilman Wolstenholme spoke with Lafayette about garbage. Councilman Wood spoke with Waste Management regarding reducing our contract with them. Mayor Sekelsky stated that we can cancel the furloughs down the road if money becomes available. Councilman Wood stated that anyone who wants to donate to the Lifeguards should donate to the Employees.

Discussed the health insurance for employees and suggested to have a meeting with the employees on May 10th to discuss the changes in the plan and to ask questions. Our insurance representative will be in attendance to answer any questions the employees may have.

Councilman Ciasullo discussed Memorial Park and about the cleanliness of the park. Would like to offer a different plan to keep the park clean. It was also mentioned that a lot of kids are hanging out at the park. A sign needs to be erected stating "No Smoking" along with an ordinance regarding no smoking at the park. Councilman Ciasullo also discussed letters that went out to the residents regarding delinquent water payments and water shut offs. Attorney reviewed the letter and gave his approval. Councilman Wolstenholme will also review the letter and proceed to move forward with sending the letters out.

Councilman Wood discussed the letter from Judge Mulhern concerning 20% cut. Councilman Wood mentioned that the vacant seat on the Board of Health still needs to be filled. Also discussed was a letter from resident Mr. Bickerton regarding work being

done on Edison Road, a letter from attorney regarding the crossing guard. Councilman Wood also mentioned the Chief of Police needs a dedicated line for a Alco test. After a brief discussion, Councilman Wood moved, Councilman seconded motion for approval of a dedicated line for a Alco test for the police department. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood. Councilman Wolstenholme mentioned that there is work that needs to be done on the Pump house. Three estimates were obtained as follows. Kristian Ziegler Construction, \$550.00, Terry Morris, \$425.00, and Ben's Home Maintenance & Repair, \$545.00. After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolstenholme moved, Councilman Wood seconded motion to go with Terry Morris for \$425.00. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood. Councilman Wood discussed a new phone system for the future to reduce the phone bill. Councilman Ciasullo spoke about raising money for the lifeguards. Mr. Ciasullo's daughter and a friend went around town to raise money and collected \$1,500. The money will be put into a trust fund and will possible pay for lifeguards for at least one month. Also spoke about lifeguards for the swim team. Councilman Ciasullo also mentioned that five geese were disposed of.

Councilman Wood moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to open the Public portion of the meeting. Yeas; Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood.

Bob Brino, 4 Washington Rd. wondered why the DPW has to use so much salt on the roads. Councilman Wolstenholme stated that they need to cut down. Mr. Brino also stated that the pipe at Heaters Pond that goes into the swimming area has a lot of weeds. He also stated that the sweepers messed up the end of Washington Road. Council will have the DPW look at it. Bob Brino, 4 Washington asked if clearance was needed for a picture of the swim team

Rich Predmore, 15 Predmore Rd. asked about the furloughs if they could be staggered days. Council answered no. He also asked if County workers or SLAP program could be used to help our town and if the Borough asks other municipalities when the need for a project comes up.

Jean Castimore, 63 Main St. asked about Heaters pond being dredged and stated there is a problem with the back part of the pond. Ms. Castimore also asked when did Jack Madden sell the pond to the Borough. Mayor did not know. Ms. Castimore also inquired if the Borough gets a tonnage report and will it be going up or down. Councilman Ciasullo said he will look into it and keep track of recycling.

There being no further business from the public, Councilman Wood moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Yeas; Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood.

At 10:25 p.m. Councilman Wood moved, Councilman Wolstenholme seconded motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Yeas; Blahut, Ciasullo, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood

Upon returning from Executive Session a brief discussion was held on the Home Improvement Program and the Mayor mentioned that it doesn't come through the Council. Mayor also discussed a matter regarding a resident who needs work and wants to go through the housing program but debt she owes is more than the house is worth. Will have to look into the matter and at the housing program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor