

WORK SESSION
JANUARY 25, 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 January 25, 2010.

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

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

Notice requirement 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 NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on January 4, 2010.

The officers of the First Aid Squad were sworn in by Mayor Sekelsky.

Councilman Blahut read the following letter from Saint Clare's MICU Emergency Department and Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory.

Dear Squad Captain:

On behalf of Saint Clare's MICU, Emergency Department and Cardiac Catheterization laboratory, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your excellent emergency response with regard to the recent MI patient your squad transported to Saint Clare's Denville Campus on December 14, 2009. As you know, the ability to save heart muscle is extremely time sensitive and the program we offer requires a close collaboration between all of us so that a heart attack patient can move at the greatest speed to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab. In the Laboratory, our interventional cardiologists insert a stent in the patient's coronary artery and restore blood flow to the heart muscle.

This effort begins in the field with you, our first responders. Saint Clare's paramedics will back you up and are equipped to transmit the patient's EKG to the Emergency Department to ensure that our physicians and staff can prepare for the patient's arrival.

The attached form shows the before and after impact of this procedure for your patient. You will notice both the changes on the EKG as well as the blood flow into the heart after the stent is inserted. We recognize all of the professionals who worked together to achieve this great result. The time on the top of the form represents the period from which the patient entered the Emergency Department to the time the cardiologist opened the blocked vessel. New Jersey requires the time to be less than 90 minutes. You can see that we are clearly beating the clock!

Please post this so that your squad can appreciate their important role in saving this life.

Sincerely,
Wendy Dziemian, RN
Manager, Cardiovascular Lab

Councilman Blahut also mentioned that he would like to see the First Aid Squad get a uniform allowance. Recognizing the fact that the active members of the Fire Department get's a uniform allowance of \$150.00 he would like to see the first responders get the same. Councilman Blahut stated he was looking for support from the council as budget sessions will be starting soon to see if it could be done. Councilman Hann mentioned that it would have to be part of the budget process. Councilman Blahut also spoke about

the Employee Handbook regarding accumulation of sick days. Councilman Blahut asked if there was anyway to limit the amount of sick time allowed. Council spoke about recent legislation on sick days whereby the state will be capping sick time at \$15,000 per employee. The feeling is that sick time is not meant to be a cash payout. It is to be use for when an employee is sick or a catastrophic illness. Under Civil Service you can accumulate your sick time. Further discussion will be forth coming.

Robert Tessier from Dykstra Associates attended the meeting to speak about Module 5. Mr. Tessier said they have not done anything with Module 5 yet because they need to get authorization from the Highlands before any work can be done. Mr. Tiessier also spoke about the Master Plan element.

Borough Attorney discussed the Mutual Aid Agreement with Mayor and Council regarding Ogdensburg joining Hamburg, Hardyston, Franklin and Vernon in the Mutual Aid Agreement. Councilman Wood moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Mutual Aid Agreement. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Ingerto, Wolstenholme, Wood.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg to authorize the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Mutual Aid Agreement by and between Ogdensburg, Hamburg, Hardyston, Franklin and Vernon.

Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Wolstenholme, Wood. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

Borough Attorney discussed Snow Removal contracts with Mayor and Council regarding St. Thomas of Aquin Church and the Ogdensburg Presbyterian Church in the Borough. Council reviewed the contracts and some changes will be made. Councilman Wood moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to approve contracts for snow plowing with the two Church's named above as amended.

Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Wolstenholme, Wood.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to approve the contracts for St. Thomas of Aquin, and the Ogdensburg Presbyterian Church for snow plowing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective immediately subject to signed agreement.

Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Wolstenholme, Wood. Copy attached as Schedule 2.

After a brief discussion regarding the resolution regarding the Grievance filed by FOP Lodge 57, Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Wood seconded motion to table the resolution. Borough attorney spoke about the settlement which was discussed. Moving forward Councilman Hann stated he would like to keep the same policy if possible. Councilman Wood stated he will discuss policy with the Police Department. Councilman Ciasullo inquired as to what the next step is with the Police contract.

Councilman Hann asked about budget meetings. Mayor stated that Budget meetings will be starting soon. Spoke briefly about the budget. Councilman Hann read an excerpt from a meeting held at Hopatcong where the auditor, Mr. Evans reported "Regarding an Extraordinary Aid Application, the State would not consider an application from municipalities with tax increases of \$300 or less; they deem this to be insignificant. In Mr. Evan's opinion a CAP waiver would not be granted without the pension deferral. Mr. Eskilson agreed that Extraordinary Aid was not something that should be pursued,

not something that would benefit the Borough.” Councilman Hann mentioned that this is important to understand because this is exactly what Tom Ferry said and Hopatcong’s auditor last year was Nisivoccia.

Councilman Blahut spoke briefly about Patrick Fitzgibbons being chosen as Grand Marshal for the 2010 Sussex County Saint Patrick Day Parade. Councilman Blahut asked Council if a sign could be put in the driveway of the Borough Hall for the month of March only honoring Pat Fitzgibbons. Councilman Blahut moved, Councilman Wood seconded motion to have a sign placed in the driveway for the month of March as long as there is no cost to the Borough. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Wolstenholme, Wood.

Councilman Wolstenholme spoke with Water Treatment Superintendent, Thomas Hyde, and there are several water main projects that need to be done. Councilman Wolstenholme stated he would like to speak with CMX to get these projects moving. Councilman Wood spoke about the Land Use Board summary and recommendations from the Land Use Board. Mentioned the ordinance for the height requirements and it is recommended by the Land Use Board that the definition of building height be revised so the height is measured from the average grade and the permitted building height should be thirty-five (35) feet rather than thirty (30) feet. Borough Attorney spoke about codification of the ordinances and will review old contract and recent proposal.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Wood seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Wolstenholme, Wood.

There being no business from the public, Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Wood seconded motion to close the public session. Yeas: Blahut, Ciasullo, Hann, Wolstenholme, Wood.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor