

SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2011

A special meeting 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 March 1, 2011.

Mayor Ciasullo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call: Hann, McGuire, Opilla, Wolstenholme. Councilman Andrews arrived at 5:50 p.m. Councilman Ingerto arrived at 6:45 p.m. Also in attendance was CFO, Monica Goscicki.

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 NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on February 25, 2011.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold a budget workshop. CFO Monica Goscicki started off the meeting informing Mayor and Council that there was a change on the Summary Levy Cap Calculation and after going over the numbers with the auditor the reserve for debt service can be put in as a differed charge to pay off one of the ordinances. The net effect is that it has a positive effect on the tax levy. So now based on what we have in the budget and based on the maximum allowable rate by taxation which is \$2,239,748 and the amount to be raised by taxation for Municipal purposes, \$2,304,747 which is what we have in the budget right now the difference is \$64,999 to cut from the budget. These are preferred charges that the Borough is paying off. Council went over the police budget. Chief of Police spoke about a new computer program that he had put in the budget, but would rather wait and put the money towards getting new cars for the department. George Sabourin from the First Aid Squad spoke about changes in training for the EMT's. Mr. Sabourin stated that what has happened is that New Jersey has gone with the National and the National training level, which is 110 hours this year, has gone from 188 to 214 hours for training for an EMT. The state protects \$550 with the new equipment required with this training. He spoke about new training program whereby more hours are required. Bergen County is charging \$200.00 a person, because the Freeholders are picking up the additional \$1,600 and Rutgers University is charging \$1,800 per student and the State will pick up \$550.00 of the \$1,800. Mr. Sabourin mentioned that the First Aid Squad has two new people to be trained and if they want the training, they are going to have to pick up the additional training cost. When the First Aid Squad goes out on a call, they must have at least one EMT on board. Mr. Sabourin said he won't know until June if Sussex County Community College will support the program in Sussex County. If they do not support the program in Sussex County, that means they will have to go some place else for the training. So there will still be an additional cost to the squad. That is the problem the First Aid Squad is facing now.

Council discussed the Fire Department's budget and went over the OSHA requirements and capital expenses. Councilman Hann mentioned that the Fire Department is working on a grant for turnout gear and also discussed e-dispatch. It was discussed money can be added to capital for possibly buying a new rig. Kevin Kervatt spoke about staffing and would like to see if more hours could be given to the Land Use Board secretary. Monica Goscicki mentioned that the state will not let you use utility for garbage anymore. It was also mentioned that one of the retired police officers will be coming off the insurance this year. There was discussion regarding shared services with the CFO and possibly giving the finance clerk more hours to pick up the slack. Council talked about cutting \$500.00 off the eye and dental benefits. Councilman Hann excused himself from the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla, Wolstenholme.

There being no business from the public, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla, Wolstenholme.

There being no further business, Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla, Wolstenholme.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 13 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Mayor