

WORK SESSION

April 25, 2011

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 25, 2011

Council President, Wayne Ingerto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon Roll Call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call:

Amodeo, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire. Councilman Andrews arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Absent: Opilla

Notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4:4-6 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 3, 2011.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to accept the Agreement between the Borough of Ogdensburg and Lafayette Township to Borrow Garbage Truck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be effective immediately.

Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

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

Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street inquired about solar panels being put on the Borough Hall. Councilman McGuire asked if anyone discussed installing solar panels on Borough buildings. Councilman Ingerto explained that yes, both he and the Borough Clerk filled out an application for Borough buildings. The Historical building that the Borough owns was not included. Morris County has an extension service and Morris and Sussex Counties are joining together. Right now Sussex County is just in the application process. The Borough would get a reduced electric bill because of the solar panels but part of the reduction will be going to pay for the solar panels over a fifteen year period, however, after that the Borough would realize all of the savings.

There being no further comments from the Public, Councilman Hann moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire

Councilman Hann informed Council that there was an inspector at the Fire house where voting take place having an issue with handicap accessible rest rooms. Councilman Hann discussed the problem with the Fire Chief, Jamie Wottle who will be looking into it. Councilman Andrews advised that the Land Use Board is reviewing an application from the Fire Department for an addition which includes handicap accessible rest rooms.

Councilman McGuire discussed correspondence with an insurance broker regarding the Health Insurance Fund and we are still waiting for a quote. If Councilman McGuire does not hear back within the week, Council will have to make a decision at the next meeting on what option they are going with through Horizon.

Councilman Hann discussed a question that will be on the ballot on Wednesday which is whether or not we want to fund Solar Panels for Wallkill High School. The cost will be recouped and it is a good deal and we should all consider this being a yes vote on Wednesday.

Councilman Ingerto asked if the High School is working with Morris County? Councilman McGuire wanted to know why they are looking at this when there is an option to possibly getting it for free and how can there be zero tax increase if they have to pay back almost four million dollars. Councilman Hann stated this is what Wallkill Board Member Frank Sanfillipo had told him. Councilman Hann called Frank Sanfillipo who explained that the sale of power will cover the cost and then answered Council's questions via the phone.

Councilman Ingerto discussed lifeguards, badges and stickers and explained that he ordered decals to go over the badges so we didn't have to order badges this year which saves a lot of money. The minimum amount of bumper stickers was also ordered. Councilman McGuire spoke about reaching out to the County of Sussex Division of Health and Human Services about the 2009 violations list because he wanted to speak to them about the floating dock. The deficiencies of the Lifeguard certifications at that time was discussed and the fact that they have to have these certifications this year. Councilman Ingerto will be getting together with Councilman Amodeo to discuss the deficiencies.

Councilman McGuire also got quotes on a floating dock for Heaters Pond. For a 10 x 10 which is the smallest, the Easy Dock, which is fiberglass, is \$3,155. The Custom Dock, 10 x 10 is \$4,000. Councilman Andrews stated that Council just talked about not spending money for stickers for cars, now to put out \$4,000 for a swim dock? Councilman McGuire discussed that the money would come out of the capital budget.

Councilman Andrews asked about the road closing on Edison for the clean up by Bickerton. Councilman Hann discussed that Mr. Bickerton will be closing Edison Road for three days starting tomorrow, and has paid for police coverage 10 hours a day 7am to 5pm. There will be a sign at the Railroad Tracks and another sign in front of their house but there is nothing in Sparta. It has been announced on the radio however.

Councilman McGuire asked with more rain coming has anyone talked to Chris Ross about pulling the boards from the dam. Councilman Ingerto explained that Chris and Chief Varcadipane sat down and discussed that if a lot of rain is predicted and Chris pulls a board out and then the officer on duty notes that the water level is coming up too fast he will call Chris or someone on the Department of Public Works to go up and pull the boards.

Councilman McGuire asked if anyone knew when the pot holes will be fixed. Councilman Ingerto spoke to Chris last week who told him that they were working on fixing some water breaks and once those were taken care of then they would start doing the pot holes.

Councilman Hann apologized to Council for giving them a bad copy of the Employee Handbook and will re-do the document which will be discussed at a future meeting.

At 7:51 p.m. Councilman McGuire moved, councilman Hann seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire

After returning from Executive Session at 7:57 p.m., Council continued with the work session meeting.

Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street wanted to mention that she was under the impression the dock at Heaters was removed because residents were hitting bottom when diving off of it. Councilman McGuire referred to the report from the County Health Department where it doesn't state that was the reason it was removed

Councilman Ingerto discussed having the DPW get some beach sand from the Quarry on Cork Hill Road to top off the beach at Heaters Pond.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President