

WORK SESSION  
November 28 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 November 28, 2011.

Mayor Ciasullo 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, Opilla. Absent, Andrews.

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

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Hyde had been an employee of the Borough of Ogdensburg since May 11, 1992, most recently in the capacity of Water Treatment Plant Supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Hyde was on a leave of absence from his employment with the Borough from September 25, 2011 through November 18, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Hyde passed away on November 18, 2011, while on leave of absence from his employment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that this resolution shall document that Thomas Hyde was on leave of absence without pay from Ogdensburg Borough at the time of death.

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

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

Cliff Lowe, 18 Richards Street attended the meeting to give council an update on the Dobbin Estates Homeowners Association and retention pond. Mr. Lowe mentioned that he went passed the address given for the homeowners Association and the house is up for sale. He will try sending a letter in the hopes of making contact. The Mayor mentioned to Mr. Lowe that the code enforcement officer spoke to Ken Blecker another resident concerned with the retention pond and Ken believes that there is a resolution that pertains to the whole homeowners association that states in it that the town code enforcement officer is supposed to periodically check the retention pond. The Borough's code enforcement officer is not sure if the resolution was ever adopted. The Mayor will check with the Land Use Board. The Mayor told Mr. Lowe that he spoke with the engineer and everything passed according to the design.

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

Councilman Ingerto spoke about the leaf and brush pick up. The Department of Public Works is running behind on getting the brush chipped. There will be a message put on the board asking the residents to be patient. It was suggested to bring the brush up to High Street and chip it. If residents want it, they can take it and whatever is left the Borough will dispose of. Councilman Opilla spoke about the water value problem on Kennedy Avenue. The area needing work is close to the driveway and close to electrical wiring so an outside vendor will need to be called in to find the water valve and the problem. The Department of Public Works Supervisor is getting quotes. Councilman Hann spoke briefly about the Christmas Party. The Council will not be able to bring any liquor in so Councilman Hann said he would like to take his paycheck from Council and use it towards the bar bill. Food, paper goods and decorations were also discussed. Councilman McGuire mentioned the bill for turnout gear for the Fire Department. Councilman Hann explained that they need to be replaced every five years and the Chief would like to replace a few every year. Council also discussed clothing allowance. Mayor Ciasullo informed Council that he spoke with the CFO regarding the budget. He would like to start getting numbers together so there will be a good base line to start when Council works on the budget. There was also a brief discussion on giving the First Aid Squad a clothing allowance. Councilman Opilla spoke about Well No. 4 and the work which has been done on it. Councilman Opilla will be speaking with Robert Lawler for a final check to see if everything was done correctly before paying the bill. Council briefly discussed interviews for Auditor position. Interviews will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:54 p.m. Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss Police contract. Yeas: Amodeo, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

At. 8:45 p.m. after returning from executive session, Council returned to the work session. Mayor Ciasullo informed Council that a letter was sent out to the resident on Predmore Road regarding the retention pond. Resident has until December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to respond. Mayor asked about tree lights. Councilman Ingerto informed the Mayor that the Department of Public Works are presently working on putting up the lights. Council was reminded that the Tree Lighting will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Councilman Ingerto informed Mayor and Council that the First Aid Squad and Old School Museum were approved for the Energy Grant and the men from Donnelly Engineering had been in to look at both locations.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Mayor