

REGULAR MEETING-  
MAY 9, 2011

The fifth regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall on May 9, 2011.

Mayor Ciasullo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Upon roll call, the following council members appeared and answered the call: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

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

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion for approval of items on the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup>, Special Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup>, Special Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes from March 28<sup>th</sup>, Work Session
4. Approval of Minutes from April 20<sup>th</sup>, Special Meeting

Yeas: Amodeo (abstain #1,2,3), Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to open the public hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget. Yeas Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Borough Auditor, Tom Ferry went over the budget analysis.

Resident Vito Telischak asked about the rent on page 12 if it is pertaining to water. Mr. Telischak also asked about the truck that was sold, garbage collection and insurance. Patrick Fitzgibbons asked how much is in the surplus as of January 31, 2011. He was told \$236,275.74. Also inquired about how much was in water and has it been self liquidating. Water fund balance is \$136,532.

There being no further business from the public, Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to close the public hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion for adoption of the 2011 Municipal Budget. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

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

Bob Brino, 4 Washington Rd. spoke about the Swim Team Championships. He is hoping that the Council will be able to help out. Mr. Brino explained how many port a john's would be needed and what will be involved in doing the Championships and had mentioned that with the last Championships Ogdensburg held the police and port a johns were picked up by the town. After discussing the costs for the Borough a straw poll was taken and Council agreed to pay for the police coverage and port a john's for the swim

meet. Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street asked what the budget is for the Historical Society. She was informed it is \$300.00.

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

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to allow the Water Utility Cashier to cancel small balances under \$10.00 throughout the year without a formal resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council to have the Water Cashier cancel any balances under \$10.00.

Yeas: Amoddeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule2.

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

WHEREAS, there are balances in the Water Utility receivables that the Borough owns and should be canceled.

Account #	Block	Lot	Amount
1042	27	9	\$314.70
1473	27	9	\$460.29
1492	26.06	9	\$311.49
1327	25	3	\$312.66
1043	12	2	\$158.59
1130	6	1	\$608.28

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the proper officials be authorized and hereby instructed to cancel the total amount of \$2,133.01.

Yeas: Amoddeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 3.

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

WHEREAS, the following overpayments from 2002, 2003 & 2005 Taxes per the Auditors be cancelled to surplus:

Block	Lot	Name	Amount
3.05	7	Joseph & Kathryn Heatter	\$1,251.68
3.05	11	George & Deborah Ksako	125.00
3.05	14	Robert & Stephanie Uolich	492.51
3.07	9	Gail Hague	423.61
3.08	9	Luis Alvares & Martha Salinas	1,381.90
3.10	23	Michael & Terri Ramieri	111.41
4	41	Robert Boymistruk ET AL	125.00

5	9	Edward & Tracy Janosko	125.00
11	14	Jule Cucci	1,390.98
11	52	Kenneth & Heather Fahrenfeld	1,362.30
12	22	Michael Hoag, Jr.	1,139.49
15	1.05	Alejandro Gonzales & Edma Dones	1,702.88
15	14	Clarence & Marion Case	360.88
22	3	Ben & Rosa Mora	1,130.58
26.01	5	Louis & Ann Puzio	1,214.12
26.01	12	Vladimir & Miroslava Javornik	76.75
26.02	4	Richard & Michele Luthcke	1,381.42
26.02	5	Christopher & Arlene Kennedy	20.00
26.02	6	Betty & Michael Higgins	17.38
26.04	8	David & Lynn Carpentier	1,961.00
26.04	10	Azmi Bilge	250.00
30	17	Julius Tapsonyi	125.00
30	18	Dennis Dispenziere	778.54
			\$16,947.43

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the proper officials be authorized and are hereby instructed to cancel to surplus the above amounts.  
Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 4.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to introduce an ordinance entitled, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG CREATING THE HEATER'S POND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** on first reading. Public hearing and adoption is scheduled for May 23, 2011.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-7d, the Borough Council may create such advisory councils to the municipality as it may choose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is desirous of creating an advisory council to assist the municipality in operating and maintaining the improvements at Heater's Pond; and

**WHEREAS**, a citizen's advisory committee comprised of Borough citizens and sitting Council members serving for indefinite terms is necessary to ensure that Heater's Pond remains a valuable asset to the Borough of Ogdensburg.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that there is established a citizens advisory committee which shall be called the Heater's Pond Improvement Committee which shall be comprised of Borough citizens and Borough Council members.

**SECTION 2. Severability.**

If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3. Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 5.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Andrews spoke about a form for outside Police services. Councilman Andrews made up a form to be used. Mayor suggested having the attorney and the CFO look at the form. Council also discussed selling a police car. Attorney advised that personal property can be sold however the Borough wishes. The auction Sparta Township holds every year was mentioned as a means to dispose of a car. After a brief discussion, Councilman Andrews moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to do a resolution for the sale of a police car. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman McGuire spoke about the renewal of health insurance for the employees. He has been looking at other plans, but because we have so few employees it may be hard to find something better at a price the Borough can afford. Councilman McGuire mentioned for now we will continue with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Councilman McGuire said he will meet with the Police Department to discuss the health insurance. Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to renew with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Option 1 pending a meeting with the Police Department. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Councilman Hann spoke about the 5K Run and who is paying for the police and Sheriff. Councilman Hann said there is no fee for the services. Councilman Hann said that Chief Varcadipane said the town paid for the overtime for the officers last year. The representative for the 5K Run feels two officers may be needed. Council also spoke about the letter from the County regarding certain requirements for the road closing. Mike Blahut spoke to one of the council member's and said he is working on what is required. The Borough will be getting one Sheriff at no charge. Councilman McGuire spoke about reduced hours for the position of Tax Collector. The hours now are from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Councilman McGuire will be looking into the need for more hours. Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to rehire Linda Pettenger, Tax Collector for two hours a week at her current salary for the year 2011. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Mayor Ciasullo mentioned to Council that he spoke to the Tax Assessor, Kathy Kieb and she will be giving the Borough four hours a day with the same pay. Mayor also spoke about the Edison house on Main Street whether it should be taken down or not or rent it. A question was asked as to how safe is the house. The Mayor mentioned that it would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to take it down. The Mayor feels a decision needs to be made and informed Council that a member from the Historical Society will be attending the next meeting to discuss the matter. Councilman Hann brought up the topic of the Employee Manual and would like to set a date for another workshop meeting. A date of May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. was agreed upon. Councilman McGuire briefly mentioned that with Civil Service vacation days cannot be changed, but can lower vacation time if it is over Civil Service regulations. Councilman McGuire spoke about

Gila Bauer and informed Mayor and Council that the attorney went to a hearing back in April and was told by the judge that the Borough has no liability with the case. Councilman McGuire mentioned that at the last meeting he brought up about the swim float in Heater's Pond being replaced. It was mentioned that there is \$3,800 left in an account for Heater's Pond, which would cover the cost of the float. After a brief discussion Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Amodeo seconded motion to have a capital expense purchase for a 10x10 swim float from Custom Docks in Branchville for the cost of \$4,000. Yeas: Amodeo, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Nays: Andrews, Hann. Councilman McGuire did mention he obtained another quote from Easy Dock Float which was roughly the same amount but not made the same and would not fulfill our needs.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion for review and payment of vouchers.

CURRENT FUND

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	VOID
02/14/11	24500	Aquatic Technologies, Inc	4,475.00	Never cashed
04/14/11	24692	US Postal Service	194.00	
04/21/11	24693	Aquatic Technologies, Inc	4,475.00	
04/22/11	9999	Payroll Account	37,041.91	(Manual)
05/03/11	24694	Aetna Inc	1,279.62	
05/03/11	24695	LINA	189.00	
05/03/11	24696	CenturyLink	1,193.08	
05/03/11	24697	CenturyLink	107.71	
05/03/11	24698	Ford Motor Credit Company	829.98	
05/03/11	24699	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	5,810.33	
05/03/11	24700	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,554.84	
05/03/11	24701	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,062.80	
05/03/11	24702	JCP&L	4,254.84	
05/03/11	24703	TASC	778.00	
05/03/11	24704	The Woodland Group	1,212.00	
05/03/11	24705	Verizon Business	98.31	
05/03/11	24706	Verizon Wireless	34.08	
05/06/11	9999	Payroll Account	43,892.00	(Manual)
05/09/11	24707	Allied Oil LLC	1,765.35	
05/09/11	24708	Aramark	157.96	

05/09/11	24709	Aurora Electrical Supply	71.30
05/09/11	24710	Bassani Power Equipment, LLC	100.75
05/09/11	24711	Crop Production Services	670.00
05/09/11	24712	D. Lovenberg's	195.00
05/09/11	24713	Dolan & Dolan Esqs.	448.50
05/09/11	24714	ESI Equipment, Inc.	1,095.00
05/09/11	24715	Atlantic Tomorrows Office	198.17
05/09/11	24716	Finch Fuel Oil Company, Inc	518.50
05/09/11	24717	JCP&L	56.94
05/09/11	24718	Jan-Mar Alarm Company	48.40
05/09/11	24719	Kuiken Brothers	140.11
05/09/11	24720	Laddey, Clark & Ryan	1,090.00
05/09/11	24721	Little, Jacob	1,010.76
05/09/11	24722	Magarino Ford & Mercury	130.58
05/09/11	24723	Municipal Capital Corporation	295.00
05/09/11	24724	Neopost Leasing	150.87
05/09/11	24725	ProPay Inc	175.63
05/09/11	24726	Richard F. Bird Associates	1,050.00
05/09/11	24727	Staples Business Advantage	94.77
05/09/11	24728	Sussex County Treasurer	222,886.10
05/09/11	24729	Sussex County Treasurer	6,021.78
05/09/11	24730	Sussex County Treasurer	16,288.31
05/09/11	24731	Sussex County Treasurer	4,018.61
05/09/11	24732	Township of Sparta	4,633.65
05/09/11	24733	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	437.50
05/09/11	24734	Wallkill Valley Regional H.S.	65,349.39
05/09/11	24735	Waste Management of NJ	20,689.00
05/09/11	24736	William J. Mandara Assoc.	75.00
05/09/11	24737	Winters Auto Parts, Inc	92.55

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\*\* Voided checks issued in an earlier  
period (4,475.00)

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WATER OPERATING

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
05/03/11	4099	JCP&L	5,553.61
05/09/11	4100	Birdsall Services Group	37.13
05/09/11	4101	Capital Supply Construction Product	2,630.50
05/09/11	4102	Clearwater Swimming Pools	548.75
05/09/11	4103	E.S.C. Enterprises	400.00
05/09/11	4104	Ferraro Construction Corporation	3,812.07
05/09/11	4105	Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	225.00
05/09/11	4106	Hyde, Thomas	41.40
05/09/11	4107	JCP&L	1,240.95
05/09/11	4108	Northeast Water Technology	900.00
05/09/11	4109	One Call Concepts, Inc.	3.36
05/09/11	4110	William J. Mandara Assoc.	75.00
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			15,467.77
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GRANT FUND

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
05/09/11	24738	Allen, Marianne	13.44

05/09/11	24739	Gibson, Connie	122.71
05/09/11	24740	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc, LLC	8,054.50
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			8,190.65
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			8,190.65

MUNICIPAL ADMIN TRUST

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
05/09/11	2003	Bickerton, Andrew & Alyssa	305.10
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DEVELOPERS ESCROW

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
05/09/11	2005	Dolan & Dolan Esqs.	621.75
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			621.75

WATER CAPITAL

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
5/9/2011	1016	Birdsall Services Group	1,567.50
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			1,567.50

DOG FUND

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
04/26/11	9999	Borough of Ogdensburg	5,290.14	(Transfer)
05/09/11	106	NJ Dept of Health & Senior Services	34.20	
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			34.20	
			5,290.14	Bank Transfers
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			5,324.34	

Departmental finance reports were handed in for review.

Mayor Ciasullo mentioned that he would still like to look into getting prices for cleaning services. Councilman McGuire spoke about paying volunteers when they go out on a call. This has been a question whether or not an employee needs to make up time when they do leave on a call or not. Councilman McGuire read the statute regarding compensatory time off for employees who are members of certain volunteer organizations. Council agreed that if it is an emergency it would be fine, but not for a transport. Councilman McGuire said he would speak with the employee regarding Council's decision.

Councilman Hann moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to open the public session on non agenda items. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Vito Telischak, 21 Glenbrook Road spoke about the auction that Sparta usually holds and informed Mayor and Council that they did not have it last year because they didn't have the manpower to do it and there were not enough items to be auctioned off. So the option of putting a car in the Sparta auction may not happen. Mr. Telischak also spoke about the Tax Assessor and stated that she works more than four hours a week now. Councilman McGuire informed Mr. Telischak that she may have put in more than her allotted hours, but it was never known so she never had to answer the phone or deal with the public. He also asked about insurance and stipend given if an employ opts out. Mr. Telischak asked if the Borough had a fork lift at the Borough garage. He feels it might save the town money in the long run if one of the DPW worker's was able to fix town vehicles. Councilman Ingerto mentioned that the person would have to be certified and also the Borough would have to have the proper equipment. Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street asked when the last time an inspection was done on the fire extinguishers at the Historical Building. When she checked the tags, it showed a few years had past since they were inspected. Clerk will call to find out. Ms. Castimore reminded everyone about the dinner for the Historical Society. Resident Jim Sekelsky, 80 Edison Ave. asked if Council kept the appropriation in for the DPW Supervisor position and has Ken Smith's position been filled yet. Mayor responded the position is filled but not at the rate Kenney was making. Mr. Sekelsky also asked how many people are employed. The Mayor answered three. So Mr. Sekelsky stated the appropriation for four jobs has been left in the budget since May. The Mayor stated that there will be a surplus in the line item and the Borough will probably hire a part timer. Mr. Sekelsky wanted to know if the line item went up or down. The Mayor responded that the line item went down and explained the situation. Mr. Sekelsky also asked what was put in for the employees. Mayor responded 0% increase for employees. Mayor stated the Borough has changed to Wantage for the Animal Control Contract. With the new contract the Borough has saved almost \$7,000 Mr. Sekelsky asked if Council could would consider giving the employees a raise.

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

At 9:55 p.m. Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss contract for DPW Supervisor. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

At 10:15 p.m. Council returned to the regular meeting. Council briefly discussed police coverage for the 5K Run. Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Department of Public Works Superintendent's contract with the stated changes of \$5,000 increase this year and prorated amount for the remainder of the year and a back pay check for the time from January 1<sup>st</sup>. and an increase

to \$50,000 for 2012, which is \$2,500 for next year and a increase for the year after. Also the estate is not responsible for the reimbursement of the cost of the classes should he meet an untimely demise. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Mayor