

WORK SESSION
January 24, 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 January 24, 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: Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Wolstenholme.

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 the New Jersey Sunday Herald, and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on January 3, 2011.

Councilman Ingerto discussed beach badges for the upcoming season. It was discussed to order numbered badges and possible more badges to be used for future years. Councilman Ingerto will look into it. Councilman McGuire discussed the computers and the evaluation report. The Water/Tax department's computer will need to be replaced to accommodate a new program. Councilman McGuire mentioned that some of the computers are grossly outdated. Some of the computers can be upgraded memory wise, but they still might not be usable. There is money in the budget for new computers and it will be decided which ones can be upgraded and which will be replaced. Councilman Ingerto spoke about the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. Councilman Ingerto informed council that a representative from Donnelly Engineering had come in to look at the Municipal building, Borough Garage, First Aid Squad and the Historical building to check out the energy needs of each. Councilman Ingerto received proposals for the four buildings. The proposal includes fitting all the lights for retro-fitting lights and light switches and replacing the furnaces in each building, converting the furnaces to gas fire furnaces. The proposal is \$78,600.09. The pre energy incentive is \$47,150. The initial cost to the Borough would be \$31,440 but with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and Rebate Program it would reduce the cost by \$20,000, which would reduce the cost of the Borough to \$11,440. The estimated energy savings for the first year would be \$15,500 so in nine months the Borough would recoup the \$11,400. The paper work must be approved and sent in by January 31, 2011. Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the Animal Control contract. He stated he would like to look into it more and see what else is out there.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to adopt the following resolution. Yeas: Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Wolstenholme.

There was a brief discussion regarding the renewal of a contract with Aquatic Technologies, Inc. for treatment of Heater's Pond. Their price has stayed the same, but Council would like to see if there is any other company that might have better pricing for the same services. Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Hann second motion to table the resolution until a decision has been made. Yeas: Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Wolstenholme.

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

There was discussion on the tree burning. Fire Marshall, Kevin Kervatt attended the meeting to inform Mayor and Council that tree burnings are no longer allowed by the State and if there is a fire it can be no bigger than 5x5x5, using solid season wood only. No Christmas trees would be allowed. Mr. Kervatt also mentioned that he reached out to the local Fire Warden and he said he would inspect the pile when it is lit and he will be there when it is put out. The state is allowing a ceremonial burning, but because it can only be 5x5x5 the size the town would need would be much too big. Councilman Wolstenholme stated that Department of Public Works will have to pick up the trees and can coordinate with Lafayette Township to get their garbage truck for tree pick-up. Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street inquired about the energy savings program for electrical for the Historical Building and wanted to know would it be just light bulbs. Councilman Ingerto commented that it would be only light bulbs because the building is a historical building and the fixtures would stay the same. The lights would be energy efficient. There being no further business from the public, Councilman Hann moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Wolstenholme.

Councilman McGuire spoke about revising the employee handbook and stated he received a template from Statewide Insurance for a personnel handbook. It was decided by Council for everyone to take home the current handbook, review it and Council can discuss revisions at the next work session. Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the new councilman who will be coming on to Council and read the letter from the Republic County Committee nominating three people. The three candidates were Nancy Masar Sands, Peter Opillo and Vito Telischak. After a brief discussion Council agreed to go with Peter Opillo. Mayor Ciasullo read a letter from the Recreation Commission. The letter stated the members of the recreation commission feel they have fulfilled their purpose and function to the potential allowed by Council and asked that Council accept the individual resignation of five out of seven members. Mayor spoke to Jeanne Ortiz and basically she stated that the Commission did not like the way the Council had some say as to where the money had to go the last couple of years and how it was spent. The Mayor spoke with several of the member to get their feelings. Further discussion will be forth coming.

At 8:25 p.m. Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Wolstenholme seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss CFO's contract and personnel issues. Yeas: Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Wolstenholme.

After returning from executive session at 9:19 p.m. Councilman Wolstenholme moved, Councilman Hann seconded motion to do a resolution to give the temporary acting supervisor of the Department of Public Works a temporary stipend of \$2,000 a year. Yeas: Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Wolstenholme.

Mayor Ciasullo read a letter from The Blue Knights and on behalf of the Blue Knights and the Karen Ann Quinlan Center of Hope Hospice gave a sincere thank you and a job well done to all who helped with the Chilly-Chili Run from the Borough Council. They were able to raise \$5,900 for the Hospice. They thanked every one for having a successful and safe ride. The Blue Knights extended an invitation to Council for February 9, 2011 for a buffet and presentation of donations at the Rockaway Town Square Mall. Councilman Ingerto spoke about a letter from the family of a resident regarding a summons that was given to the resident for not shoveling the side walk in front of the house after a snow storm. The Mayor said he will reach out to the Chief to discuss. Councilman Andrews read a letter from Patrolman Sanfilippo regarding classes he will be taking this Spring Semester 2011. This letter is a response to a request made by council to provide notice to council for school.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor