

WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 22, 2012

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 October 22, 2012.

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, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla arrived at 7:05 p.m. Absent: Hann

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, 2012.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to grant permission to the Ogdensburg Historical Society to hold a Scrap Metal drive on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Department of Public Works.

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

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that a curfew is imposed beginning at 9 P.M. from Thursday, October 25th up to and including Thursday, November 1, 2012 for all individuals under the age of 18 years of age. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 2.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman McGuire seconded the motion to appoint Matthew W. Washer into the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman McGuire seconded the motion to open the public hearing on a Bond Ordinance entitled **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW WATER METERS AND THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$106,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.** Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Jennifer Murphy from the Alternative Press asked if all the money is to be used for meters. She was informed that the money will also be used for computer program, meter reader gun and hydrants.

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

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to adopt said bond ordinance.

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

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to open the public hearing on a Bond Ordinance entitled **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$785,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.** Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire Opilla.

Jennifer Murphy from the Alternative Press asked what the money will be used for. She was informed that the money is going towards the grant for the Main Street Streetscape and the re-pavement of roads.

There being no further questions from the public, Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to close the public hearing. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman Andrews seconded motion for adoption of said bond ordinance. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 4.

Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to introduce an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 2-14 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG ENTITLED "CLASSIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES TO THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG"** on first reading. Public hearing is scheduled for November 13, 2012.

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Ogdensburg implements classifications for appointments of all employees of the Borough in the following hierarchy:

- I. Residents of the Borough of Ogdensburg;
- II. Residents of other municipalities in the County of Sussex;
- III. Other residents of counties contiguous to Sussex County;
- IV. Residents of any other county than Sussex in the State of New Jersey;

and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg conclude that Ordinance §2-14 no longer serves the useful purpose of guaranteeing that the best candidate is appointed to an open position with the Borough.

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 2-14 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**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.

**Section 5.** The Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this adopted Ordinance to the New Jersey Department of Personnel.  
Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 5.

Motion to introduce an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG THEREFORE** on first reading. Public hearing is scheduled for November 12, 2012.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that:

1. The following salaries for the Police officers hereinafter set forth for the year 2012 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, and each year thereafter until amended or repealed, are hereby established and fixed as the salary to be paid for the offices wherein the salaries are set at fixed figures, and for the offices wherein a minimum and maximum range is set for the salaries, the salaries shall be paid to the holder of said offices within the minimum and maximum range set by resolution of the Mayor and Common Council, to wit:

Sergeant-----	75,364.00	91,5141.00
Patrolman -----	30,000.00	86,514.00

2. The aforesaid salary ranges shall take effect as of January 1, 2012, and shall be paid at the times and in the manner established by resolution of the Borough Council for the payment of said salaries.

3. Overtime pay for Borough employees shall be determined by Article XIV, Section D of the Borough Employee's manual.

4. As of January 1, 2006, a Salary Guide for the Ogdensburg Police Department shall be negotiated as accepted Police Contract.

5. Bonuses, if any, shall be paid at the discretion of the Mayor and Council

6. All prior salary ordinances adopted by the Borough of Ogdensburg and any other ordinance or ordinances or portions thereof that may be inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

7. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication according to law.

Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 6.

Councilman Andrews spoke about the renewal of the dispatch contract with Sparta. Sparta submitted two options for Inter-local Radio Communications Service Agreement. One option for three years and one option for five years. After reviewing and discussing the Agreements, Council has decided to go with a three year contract. Councilman Andrews moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to do a resolution to accept the three year contract with Sparta. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman McGuire spoke about health insurance plan through TASC and an issue that came up with one of the employee's regarding reimbursement of a bill. Council spoke about 20 Glenbrook Road. The house was being rented and the landlord removed the water meter thereby causing a theft of services. The Borough continues to look into the matter. The Mayor informed Council that the Sport Swap went well and a lot of residents were happy. The auction held at the same time made \$155.00, which will go towards the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ogdensburg celebration. The remaining pieces from the auction will be looked at by a dealer.

Mayor Ciasullo informed council that the animal control contract with Wantage ends on December 31, 2012. The Mayor has requested a copy of the new contract for Council's review. Mayor and Council had a brief discussion regarding the Christmas Party and who will be catering.

Mayor Ciasullo made a comment to the public that at the Meet the Candidates night a couple of things were brought up by x-councilman Blahut that people have asked him about over the past two weeks and he wants to clear it up. Mr. Blahut mentioned doing a revaluation in town and how revaluating the homes would bring the taxes down. The truth of the matter is that lowering the value of the home and not lowering the budget actually makes the tax rate go up. So by saying that lowering the value of your home the taxes will go down is not true. The Mayor spoke to a member of the County tax board and it was confirmed that by lowering the value of your home does not lower the taxes. The Mayor also mentioned that the side walk grant that Mr. Blahut tried to get and said is finally coming through is not correct either. The sidewalk grant that Mr. Blahut tried to get never came through and has nothing to do with the new grant which the Borough has applied for and worked on with the Engineer and have received through the State. Mayor Ciasullo stated those two statements, whether they were said the wrong way or if he meant it or not, was totally untrue and wanted it to be on record that it was discussed and was looked into.

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

Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street asked when the Council plans on holding the first meeting for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Ogdensburg. Mayor stated that they would come up with the idea of having a committee and then doing it in January of 2013. Then they could decide whether to have meetings on a quarterly bases or however often they would want a meeting. Council has to discuss who they would want on the committee before the end of the year and then go from there.

Jennifer Murphy, from the Alternative Press asked about the salary ordinance and the residency ordinance which were introduced. Mayor explained why the ordinances are being done. Ms. Murphy also asked about the County dispatch system. It was explained that the County may not have a system up and running for at least another year. Ms. Murphy also inquired about the TASC program. Ms. Murphy asked for an update on the signs for Ogdensburg. The Mayor informed her that they are talking to Robert Hauck and he has some drawings that he wants to submit at which time Council will review. Mayor asked the Council about getting the school kids involved with designing a sign as a project. It was asked how many Ogdensburg children really know the history of Ogdensburg. Ms. Murphy asked about lowering the water at Heater's Pond. Mayor informed Ms. Murphy that the Borough has received a water lowering permit and will be lowering the water to the required level and hopefully this will also help get rid of some of the weeds.

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s). The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Police Contract and Chief's contract

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when settled.

Action may be taken on the above listed matter/matters or on other matters discussed in closed session. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

At 8:30 p.m. Councilman Andrews moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss Police contract and Police Chief's contract.

Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

At 9:03 p.m. after returning from executive session, Councilman Andrews moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Mayor