

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2013

The eighth 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 August 12, 2013.

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, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Absent: Amodeo, McGuire.

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, 2013.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion for approval of items on the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of July 8, 2013
2. Approval of Minutes from Work Session of July 22, 2013.
3. Adoption of resolution for M. Weslowski.
4. Adoption of resolution for expressing support for the continued Tax Exemption for Municipal Bonds.
5. Adoption of resolution for underpayment on taxes on Bl. 13, Lot 38.
6. Adoption of resolution for Bl. 3.03, Lot 8 for overpayment in 2012.
7. Adoption of resolution for Atlantic Manor.
8. Adoption of resolution for fill-in Deputy Court Administrator for Court on 8/14/13.
9. Adoption of resolution accepting resignation letter from Katherine Quinn, Deputy Court Administrator.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla.

Mayor Ciasullo informed the public that he would like to run through the items on the agenda first and then come back to the introduction of the new police officer.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to hire Matthew Weslowski as temporary Recycling attendant retroactive back to June 16, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his rate of pay will be \$14.00/hr.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

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

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, and the political subdivisions thereof, including its 566 Municipalities, undertake many capital improvements for the benefit of their citizens and finance the cost thereof through the issuance of bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxation;

WHEREAS, this federal tax exemption has been in effect since the inception of the federal income tax in 1913 and is essential to permit states and local governments to carry on their responsibilities to their citizens;

WHEREAS, in 2010, The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (the “Simpson Bowles Commission”) recommended that interest on newly issued state and municipal bonds be subject to federal income taxation;

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proposed to cap at an aggregate of 28%, numerous federal tax deductions, including the federal tax exemption of interest on state and local bonds, and such limitation would apply to all tax-exempt obligations, including obligations issued prior to the proposed change in the federal income tax law;

WHEREAS, proposals to eliminate or curtail the federal tax exemption of interest on state and local bonds rely principally on the theory that the exemption benefits upper-income taxpayers, although repealing or restricting the exemption will increase borrowing costs for state and local governments because investors will demand a higher interest to compensate them for the taxes they will have to pay; and

WHEREAS, these increased borrowing costs will result in less infrastructure investment and will be passed on to taxpayers, ratepayers and other users of bond-financed infrastructure who are primarily middle and lower-income persons, including hospital patients, students, and residents in low income housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Ogdensburg that maintenance of tax exempt status under federal law is essential to allow the State of New Jersey and its political subdivision to finance necessary public improvements for the benefit of all the citizens of New Jersey at the lowest interest costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ogdensburg opposes any and all changes in federal tax law that would reduce or eliminate the present exemption from federal income taxation for interest paid on bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness issued and to be issued by the State and their political subdivisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be delivered to the President of the United States; the New Jersey Congressional Delegation; the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey; the State Treasurer of New Jersey; the New Jersey Legislature; and the United States Conference of Mayors, Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Senator Steven V. Oroho; Assemblywoman Alison Littell-McHose; Assemblyman Parker Space; Sussex County Municipalities.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 2.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to adopt the following resolutions.

WHEREAS, Eugene & Mary Bell, PO Box 167, Ogdensburg, NJ 07439, Block 13 Lot 38, paid a payment on line of \$25.00, which is not enough to cover the interest, and must be returned to the property owner.

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 refund the amount of \$25.00 to Eugene & Mary Bell.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 3.

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

WHEREAS, Eugene J. Schultz, 7 Jefferson Terr., Ogdensburg, NJ 07439, Block 3.03 Lot 8, now being tax exempt has an overpayment on 2012, in the amount of \$539.30, for Homestead Rebate sent to the Borough and must be returned to the property owner.

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 refund the amount of \$539.30 to Eugene J. Schultz.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 4.

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

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place to Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1916-33-002-005 issued to Carlos Travaras for premises heretofore located at 83 Main Street, Ogdensburg, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the application form being submitted is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ogdensburg Governing body does hereby approve the Place-to-Place Transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption licensed premises.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 5.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to hire Kathleen Curley as Deputy County Administrator to fill in for Aida Cahill who will be on vacation the week of August 12, 2013. Court will be on August 14, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Curley's rate of pay will be \$18.00/hr.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 6.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to accept the letter of resignation from Katherine Quinn, Deputy Court Administrator retroactive back to June 18, 2013.

Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 7.

Robert Armstrong briefly spoke about the Main Street project and then asked Gene Buczynski, Borough Engineer to update Mayor and Council on what the County has proposed. Mr. Buczynski spoke about the Main Street Streetscape and stated that the County has drawn up an Agreement for the Streetscape program design, construction, operations and maintenance for the Borough to review and sign off on. The County will also be adopting a resolution at their next meeting in September authorizing entry into an agreement with the Borough to advance a Streetscape improvement project along a portion of County Route 517, A.K.A. Main Street in the Borough of Ogdensburg. After the County passes the resolution in September the Borough can then go out to bid. Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to due a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest to the Agreement between the County of Sussex and the Borough of Ogdensburg for the Main Street Streetscape Agreement. Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla.

Christy Struble, 46 Edison Ave. came before council to discuss property maintenance on properties on Highland Avenue and Edison Road. Mayor Ciasullo stated that the Borough is working on getting the properties cut and explained some of the difficulties that are involved. He

told Ms. Struble that he will be in touch with the Kevin Kervatt to see what the status is and will let her know. Cliff Lowe, 18 Richards Street inquired about the road resurfacing. Mayor informed Mr. Lowe that they will be discussing it later on. Gene Buczynski asked about the local aid grant for streets and what streets the Borough want to do. There being no further business, Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the installation of water meters. The project was started years ago and the Mayor would like to get it completed now. Department of Public Works Supervisor, Chris Ross stated that one of the problems that they are having is the residents are not cooperating when it comes to scheduling their installations. Mr. Ross stated that they have put in 40 meters so far, but still have a long way to go. Councilman Astor spoke about road resurfacing. Councilman Astor mentioned that the Department of Public Works will be finishing up all the patching before the oil and stone work is done. They are looking at the last week in August to start the oil and stone work. Councilman Andrews mentioned that the new police car should be arriving at the end of the month. Councilman Andrews also asked the DPW Supervisor to have the Holly bush in the front of the building removed so the generator can be installed. Council also spoke about the software program for the Police. The fee for the program can come out of capital but the maintenance fee cannot come out of capital. It will be about \$7,500 for the initial software and about \$2,000 a year for the maintenance. Sparta and Franklin are both going with the program. Sparta needs confirmation from the Borough and the company is also looking for confirmation. Because of the time restraint a separate ordinance will be done. The Mayor informed council that the fire truck should be done by the end of the week. The Mayor mentioned that Councilman McGuire has gotten some estimates for the front steps and is still working on getting estimates for other building repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the reassessment for Ogdensburg. There was a meeting last week with three companies who submitted proposals for the reassessment. They were Appraisal Systems, Tyler Technologies and Certified Evaluation. Mayor Ciasullo stated that after going over the proposals Certified Evaluation proposal was the best. Their proposal was for \$45,000. They will start the reassessment by the end of the summer. Mayor spoke briefly about the ad for the Water Cashier/Tax position. Mayor and Council decided to advertise as both positions or separately.

Opilla moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion for review and payment of vouchers. Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick Opilla.

CURRENT				
DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
07/23/13	9999	Ogdensburg General Capital Account	20,000.00	(Manual)
07/26/13	9999	Payroll Account	42,315.71	(Manual)
08/05/13	26304	Aetna Inc	895.56	
08/05/13	26305	LINA	189.00	
08/05/13	26306	CenturyLink	1,376.16	
08/05/13	26307	CenturyLink	84.12	
08/05/13	26308	Ford Motor Credit Company	829.98	
08/05/13	26309	Horizon BC/BS of NJ		

			6,976.64	
08/05/13	26310	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	2,025.50	
08/05/13	26311	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,285.07	
08/05/13	26312	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	745.72	
08/05/13	26313	JCP&L	3,702.47	
08/05/13	26314	Sussex County Treasurer	241,569.96	
08/05/13	26315	Sussex County Treasurer	6,735.56	
08/05/13	26316	Sussex County Treasurer	14,724.93	
08/05/13	26317	Sussex County Treasurer	1,240.34	
08/09/13	9999	Payroll Account	44,401.85	(Manual)
08/12/13	26318	Allied Oil LLC	2,642.76	
08/12/13	26319	Bell, Eugene & Mary	25.00	
08/12/13	26320	Cowdrick, David	1,854.00	
08/12/13	26321	Deer Park Direct	8.36	
08/12/13	26322	Atlantic Tomorrows Office	132.91	
08/12/13	26323	Global Waste Industries, Inc.	13,279.93	
08/12/13	26324	Gordon, Stephen	62.10	
08/12/13	26325	Jan-Mar Alarm Company	48.40	
08/12/13	26326	Laddey, Clark & Ryan	2,400.00	
08/12/13	26327	Montague Tool & Supply Co	159.84	
08/12/13	26328	Neopost Leasing	150.87	
08/12/13	26329	Ogdensburg Board of Education	208,883.00	
08/12/13	26330	Registrars' Association of NJ	50.00	
08/12/13	26331	Repasy, William	800.00	
08/12/13	26332	Schultz, Eugene J.	539.30	
08/12/13	26333	Staples Business Advantage	350.62	
08/12/13	26334	Staples Business Advantage	396.08	
08/12/13	26335	Statewide Insurance Fund	33,158.00	
08/12/13	26336	Sussex County Clerk	212.95	
08/12/13	26337	Sussex County Lock & Safe		

			10.00	
08/12/13	26338	Verizon Business	87.10	
08/12/13	26339	Verizon Wireless	112.16	
08/12/13	26340	Wallkill Valley Regional H.S.	77,077.17	

			624,821.56	
			106,717.56	Manual
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			731,539.12	

WATER OPERATING

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
07/29/13	9999	USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN I & II	62,374.00	(Manual)
08/05/13	4314	JCP&L	1,269.76	
08/12/13	4315	Agra Environmental Services	255.00	
08/12/13	4316	One Call Concepts, Inc.	10.26	
08/12/13	4317	Smith Tractor & Equipment, Inc.	397.20	
08/12/13	4318	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	720.00	

			2,652.22	
			62,374.00	Manual
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			65,026.22	

DOG FUND

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
08/13/13	139	NJ Dept of Health & Senior Services	16.20

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GRANT FUND

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
08/12/13	26341	Sussex County Municipal Utility	699.90

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DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
08/12/13	115	Excell Contracting LLC	2,750.00

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Departmental finance reports were handed in for review.

Mayor Ciasullo asked Chief Varcadipane to introduce the new police officer and to give some background information on the new officer. Chief Varcadipane introduced David Cowdrick, the new police officer for the Borough of Ogdensburg. He is a resident of Ogdensburg. He graduated from the Passaic Police Academy on July 25, 2013 where he did very well. Chief Varcadipane welcomed David to the Ogdensburg Police Department and looks forward to working with him. Mayor Ciasullo along with Council extended their congratulations and welcomed David to the Ogdensburg Police Department.

There being no further business, Councilman Andrews moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, Opilla.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor