

WORK SESSION

July 22, 2013

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 July 22, 2013. In the absence of the Mayor, Council President McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon Roll Call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call: Amodeo, Andrews, Astor, McGuire, Opilla. Hutnick arrived at 7:15 p.m.

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, 2013.

Councilman Andrews moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to open the public hearing on an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15,000 CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN GENERAL CAPITAL – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BALANCE**. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Astor, McGuire, Opilla.

Wayne Ingerto, 69 High Street asked if the generator will run the whole Borough Hall building. Councilman Andrews informed Mr. Ingerto that it will run the whole building.

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

Councilman Andrews moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion for adoption of said ordinance. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Astor, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

Councilman McGuire informed council that Bob Armstrong, Chair for the Land Use Board could not attend the meeting tonight, but the Engineer has heard from the State and the State has approved the plans and we are now just waiting to hear from the County.

There was a discussion about no lifeguards on duty on Sunday. The lifeguard who was scheduled to work on Sunday couldn't get in to the guard shack because she forgot her key and apparently none of the other lifeguards were around to let her in. This was of no fault to the lifeguard and was not intentionally done. Also, when Rebecca Bryn was hired there was a mistake made with her salary. Her rate of pay should have been \$9.00 an hour instead of \$8.00. Councilman Amodeo moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to increase Rebecca Bryn's salary to \$9.00/hr retroactive. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Astor, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman McGuire informed Council about Susan Crum and Ann Peters who will be retiring in September. Council briefly discussed the two positions and hours may change for one of the positions.

Councilman Andrews informed Council about a new software program for the Police Department. The cost is \$7,500 for the software and \$2,000 for maintenance. Some of the other towns use the same program and are very satisfied with it.

Councilman Astor spoke about the privacy fence for the recycling center. The cost for materials is \$850.00 and the installation is \$1,300. The total cost for a 8' high by

20'x30' is \$6,010. Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to have a privacy fence installed 8'x20'x30' at a cost of \$6,010. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, McGuire. Councilman Astor also informed Council that the Department of Public Works will oil and stone the roads by the end of August and signs will be put up soon. The Department of Public works will need to get Glenbrook Road finished before they can do anything further. Councilman McGuire briefly mentioned that resolution for support for the continued tax exemption for Municipal Bonds will be sent to the attorney for review before Council approves it.

A fax from Clean Water Action requesting permission to do a canvassing through out the Borough was put before Council. They want to conduct a political education and fundraising drive. After a brief discussion, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Andrews seconded motion to deny Clean Water Action permission to conduct their fundraising drive. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla.

Councilman Andrews mentioned that Officer Cowdrick graduation is on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Council discussed acknowledgment.

Councilman Andrews inquired about various properties not being taken care of. A list of properties have been given to the Zoning Official to look into. One property in particular has been a problem, 19 Richardsville Rd. Josephine Garen, 6 Marianne Ter. property is back to back with 19 Richardsville Rd. and has handed in pictures of the condition of the property. Letters will be sent to the banks to see if they will maintain the properties more frequently.

Council discussed the upgrade on the fire truck along with an additional option of fire research insight plus flow meter. Councilman Hutnick moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to get the fire truck upgraded to install a waterous full flow large diameter discharge valve and fire research insight plus flow meter/pressure gauge. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla. It was also mentioned that the Chief of Fire has been subpoena to go to court regarding another case which does not directly involve the Fire Department. The Chief will discuss with the Borough Attorney. Councilman Opilla spoke about getting the new water meters installed. Letters have been sent out to the residents, but no one is responding. The meters need to get in before winter. Further discussion will be forthcoming. Council discussed the treatment of Heater's pond for the lily pads. Aquatic Analysis suggested doing Hydro-raking. Council has asked Larry Kovar to attend the meeting of August 26th to discuss what can be done to remove the lily pads.

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

Mr. Sutura, 8 Marianne Ter. requested a new water meter to be put in. Wayne Ingerto, 69 High Street said that he already has spoken to the Mayor and wanted to inform the Council that he is doing work down at the school and will be borrowing some equipment from the Borough. Mr. Ingerto also spoke about the lifeguards not being on duty Monday and Wednesday of the past week. Councilman Amodeo said he would look into it. Mr. Ingerto also inquired about a letter that Elizabethtown Gas will be sending out to the residents regarding the gas line. Councilman McGuire stated that the Mayor has been speaking with them and they were supposed to do it for Marianne Estates and another area but so far nothing has happened. Josephine Garen, 6 Marianne Ter. inquired about the house at 19 Richardsville Road and if anything was being done about the condition of the grounds. Councilman McGuire informed Mrs. Garen that the Borough has been looking into it and will continue to see what can be done regarding the maintenance of the property. Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street informed Council that the Scrap Metal drive was a success.

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion for review and approval of vouchers. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Astor, McGuire, Opilla.

CURRENT

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
07/22/13	26295	Drouin, Phyllis	260.00
07/22/13	26296	Elizabethtown Gas	38.74
07/22/13	26297	Falcon Cleaning	600.00
07/22/13	26298	JCP&L	254.66
07/22/13	26299	Laddey, Clark & Ryan	1,440.00
07/22/13	26300	MGL Printing Solutions	422.80
07/22/13	26301	Neopost Leasing	150.87
07/22/13	26302	Redshaw's Flower Shop	94.50
07/22/13	26303	Verizon Wireless	80.02

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WATER OPERATING

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
07/22/13	4313	State of New Jersey-PWT	72.60

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Council President