

WORK SESSION
AUGUST 25, 2014

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 August 25, 2014. Council President, Robert McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon Roll Call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla. Absent: Amodeo.

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 2, 2014.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to approve items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Resolution for Sussex County Technical School Non Tuition or User Fees.
2. Approval of Resolution for Renewal of Jan-Mar Alarm Co.

No 1.Tabled: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo.

No. 2: Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo.

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to open the public hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 1-14 for the Mason Dump truck. Councilman Astor said he would like to table the public hearing at the moment. Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to table the public hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 1.14. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo.

Councilman Hutnick spoke about the 100th Anniversary and informed Council that the parade is coming together and we have all the participants who responded lined up. There was discussion on having another marching band. Also spoke about volunteers for the day and getting a banner put up. Councilman McGuire mentioned that the bands are lined up, the food is lined up. A few minor details still need to be done. It was also discussed about having the Miss Ogdensburg contest on the day of the celebration. This is not a town run event and Ms. Pettenger, who usually runs the contest, has decided not to do it this year. This was not a decision made by the Borough and unfortunately no one was aware of it until recently..

Councilman Opilla mentioned that nothing much has changed with the water meters and the Borough is down to about 25 houses which include curb boxes that need repair along with some empty houses that the men cannot get into to work on the meters.

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

Mr. Walker and Mr. Hurley from Wallkill Valley High School attended the meeting to discuss the Sussex County Technical School non tuition or user fee and tax increase from Wallkill Valley High School. Mr. Hurley spoke about the increase of taxes for the Borough. There are more kids coming in from Ogdensburg then from the other towns. Mr. Hurley handed out sheets with the breakout from the State showing how they are to breakdown the taxes. The State is the one who determine the percentages not the school. If you have a higher student population, you are going to pay more in taxes. Based on what the State is saying for this year it is going to be a132 students from Ogdensburg compared to last year which was 108 which explains why there is such an

increase in taxes. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hurley said he would go over the numbers again to make sure it is correct. The resolution for Sussex County Technical School non tuition or user fee was also discussed. Heidi Gallagher, 157 Kennedy Avenue asked Mr. Walker what it cost to educate a student at Wallkill Valley High School and where does her tax dollars go. Mr. Walker explained how the County taxes get distributed and the money that Wallkill pays to Sussex Technical School. County taxes get distributed to County facilities including Sussex Technical School. Mr. Walker also mentioned that the tuition fee was enforced back in 2011 by the County Freeholders. Dana DiJacomo, 164 Main St. asked why is it an issue with the number and what is it being allotted to. If everyone is paying the same school taxes, and it's a public school and there is a choice if you want to send your child to Sussex Technical School why is it being disputed and how is it damaging Wallkill's budget. Thomas Washer, 46 N. Clark Street spoke about Passaic County and Morris County and what they were charged for school taxes. Mr. Washer feels that Ogdensburg is only hearing one side of the story. Richard Predmore mentioned that before 2011 the 2% cap went in. He feels the taxes are way off and the municipality is missing something. Council feels they need to have all the information before they can make a decision. Ogdensburg also needs to hear from the Freeholders to get both sides of the situation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor