

WORK SESSION  
MAY 27, 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 May 27, 2014. 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, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla. Absent: Astor, Rizzo.

Notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 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 Hutnick seconded motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. Yeas: Amodeo, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla.

1. Approval of Application for Pavilion at Heaters Pond
2. Approval of Resolution for Corrective Action Plan
3. Approval of Resolution for Annual Audit Report

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

WHEREAS, a Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Report Year of 2013 has been prepared and filed by Chief Financial Officer, Monica Goscicki; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Corrective Action Plan for the Audit Report Year of 2013 is accepted and approved for filing in the Borough Clerk's Office.  
Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 required the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2013 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

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and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

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as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgation's of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 – to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousands (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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

Mayor Ciasullo presented Wasco Hadowanetz with a Proclamation for Older American Month. Mayor Ciasullo felt because of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ogdensburg this year and Wasco Hadowanetz is the Borough's Historian that it was fitting to honor Mr. Hadowanetz with the Proclamation.

Council discussed the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mayor Ciasullo met with a chef to see about food to sell but not as a business. The Mayor mentioned that it has to be affordable and drinks are included. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts would also like to do some type of food. It was mentioned that the parade is scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. The PTO will be doing a type of inflatable. The Historical Society would like to do a pamphlet on the history of Ogdensburg and if the Borough is willing to sponsor it, all monies would go back to the Borough. Also a Proclamation for Ogdensburg is in the works. The Committee is still looking for a band. WSUS will be asked to cover the day.

The Water Commissioner gave an update on the water meters. The Water Department is down to 100 meters left to be installed and the broken curb boxes will be done at the end. The camera to be installed at the Department of Public Works will be installed on Thursday. The water pressure valve was discussed to be repaired and right now the Borough is looking at pricing.

Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the Main Street Streetscape and mentioned that the benches and light posts are in the shop. The Mayor met with JCP&L and the poll by Danforth's will not be put back in and the Borough will get credit for the light. The Mayor mentioned about different areas of sidewalk that need to be replaced. A dedication for Main Street was mentioned. Mayor Ciasullo also spoke to the owners of the Sterling Hill Mine and they would also like to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Mayor mentioned briefly about the inspection for Heater's Pond Dam. Every two years the dam get's inspected by Cherry Weber & Associates. Cherry Weber sent an estimate for the inspection, which is \$2,500, and the Mayor felt the cost for the inspection is high so he called Cherry Weber to get an explanation on the cost. They informed the Mayor that the State fee is around \$2,000. The Road Commissioner mentioned briefly about the street weeping. The company is not getting it done within the time frame. The Mayor went over the contract and spoke to them and they will be coming back to finish. The Mayor stated that if they are not done by next week, the Borough is ready to move on it, but there is nothing the Borough can do right now.

It was mentioned that the Borough Fire Siren is out of order and the Fire Department is waiting for quotes on the repair to the motor. A beer garden for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was discussed briefly and more information will be forth coming. Mayor spoke briefly about an issue with a broken pipe with a resident on Beardslee Hill Drive. The pipe was put in many years ago and at the request of the Mayor the pipe was looked at by the Borough Engineer. It was determined that the pipe is not the Borough's property and it is up to the land owner to fix it. The Mayor also mentioned about a hole on Adams Drive that a resident had informed the Mayor and Council about and that will be repaired. The complaint coming from 1 Washington Rd. about trees being damaged from plowing was looked into by the Mayor and the Department of Public Works Supervisor and the Mayor said there is nothing the Borough can do and the resident will be notified. The Mayor spoke about a property owner, Jessie Wolowski who has put in a tort claim for a crack in his driveway and damage to his lawn.

Council spoke about some Capital Fund Ordinances and which ones can be cancelled. There was a brief discussion on lifeguards for the new season. Councilman Amodeo will be calling the YMCA to see about helping out with lifeguards. There were only two people who applied for lifeguards this year. Further discussion will be forth coming.

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

Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street asked if the residents could be notified when the sweepers are coming so residents can sweep the sidewalk dirt into the streets. The Mayor stated that he could try to reach out to them but he doesn't have any schedule as to when they will be coming. He would have to try and find out. As far as the sidewalks go, the residents are responsible for their own sidewalks.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Mayor