

WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 September 22, 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: Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo. Absent: Amodeo, Astor.

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 Mc Guire moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to approve items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Resolution for Resignation of Tax Collector
  2. Approval of Resolution for DOT Grant for Edison Road
  3. Approval of Resolution for Emergency Management Coordinator K. Kervatt
  4. Approval of Application for Raffle License No. 518 for a 50/50 and Raffle License No. 519 for a Tricky Tray to be held by the Ogdensburg PTO on November 22, 2014.
- Yeas: Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo.

Because the Mayor was unable to attend the meeting, Council President, Robert McGuire read the following letter from Mayor Ciasullo.

First off, my apologies for not being present at tonight's meeting. Saturday's 100th year celebration was an all around success. On behalf of the residents and myself Id like to say thank you to everyone involved in the planning and executing of the day. Thank you to the entire Council. Thanks to our DPW, Police, Fire department and first Aid Squad for your work prior to, during and after the event, your Ogdensburg pride was shining ever so bright. Thank you to the PTO, Municipal Alliance, Scouts, Sterling Hill mine, Garden State Bow and Reel, Historical Society, Laurie Lally, Fielders Choice Baseball, Jeanette Spooner, Wayne McWilliams, Antony Nasisi, Judy Perentin and all the field volunteers and the many parade planners and marchers.

A very special thanks to the Lt Robert A. Madden VFW Memorial Post and George Lott as well as every veteran that marched or were spectators during the parade. Thank you to the dignitaries that marched with us as well as the neighboring towns fire departments, Sussex County Sheriffs and many different vehicles used in the parade. Once again a special thanks to Ms. Patricia Dolan and Wasco Hadowanetz for graciously being our Grand Marshals.

A special thanks to Robert McGuire and George Hutnick for putting up with my craziness and working tirelessly as a team to see this day to a successful finalization. Our vision of a great day only worked because of the effort put forth. Lastly, the great feeling of pride, sense of community and that great felling of enjoying our small borough with friends and family was outstanding and stronger than its been in a very long time. At this time I would like to ask Councilmember's to stand with me and make Ogdensburg Day a yearly event so that every resident can continue to enjoy a celebratory day in observance of our wonderful Borough.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Ciasullo

Councilman McGuire 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 resignation of the Tax Collector, Linda Pettenger effective as of December 1, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective immediately.  
Yeas: Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

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

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Edison Road project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2015-00129 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Ogdensburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ogdensburg and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.  
Yeas: Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo. Copy attached as Schedule 2.

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

WHEREAS Kevin Kervatt was appointed as Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management for 2014; and

WHEREAS there should have been no salary paid to Kevin Kervatt for the year 2014; and

WHEREAS Kevin Kervatt has requested not to be appointed as Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management for 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that Kevin Kervatt understands that half of the salary has already been paid to him and agrees to pay back the money by having it removed from his future pays.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective retroactive back to January 1, 2014.

Yeas: Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo. Copy attached as Schedule 3.

Council briefly recapped the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and said that everything went well and it was a great celebration.

Councilman McGuire informed Council that the Borough's Tax Collector will not be renewing her license and will be retiring on December 1, 2014. The Borough will be looking for a new Tax Collector.

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

Ernest Palestis, interim Superintendent for the Ogdensburg Public School attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Council. Robert Walker, from Wallkill Valley HS attended the meeting to discuss the situation between Sussex Technical School and Wallkill Valley High School. Vicky Schroeder, 60 Center Street informed Council that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was fantastic and spoke about doing an Ogdensburg Day next year. Ms. Schroeder also spoke about the filming that was being done up at the Sterling Mines and that there was quite a bit of noise. She asked that if in the future the residents could be notified about any filming that is going to be done. Councilman McGuire informed Ms. Schroeder that it was a last minute agreement and there wasn't enough time to notify the residents of the filming. Judy Perentin, 3 Swicarz Pl. also said she would like to do an Ogdensburg Day and incorporate Miss Ogdensburg into it. Councilman McGuire mentioned that Miss Ogdensburg really has nothing to do with the Borough. It was started by Brenda Pettenger who also ran it until this year. Ms. Pettenger decided not to do it and no one picked it up. Ms. Perentin said she would look into it for next year. Pat Sabourin, 15 Wilson Dr. mentioned that she would like to see a Mrs. Ogdensburg. Information was also passed on to Council regarding an Ogdensburg Borough Wide Garage Sale for a fund raiser from the Fire Department. There being no further business from the public, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Council President