

WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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 February 22, 2016. Mayor Ciasullo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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 4, 2016.

Councilman Opilla moved, moved, Councilwoman Rizzo seconded motion for approval of items on the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Resolution for purchase of new pistols for Police Department.
  2. Approval of Resolution for Sweeping Services from Sparta Township
- Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilwoman Rizzo seconded motion for adoption of the following resolution.

WHEREAS the Ogdensburg Police Department had purchased seven new Sig Sauer P220 pistols and retired six old pistols back in October, 2015; and

WHEREAS the cost of the new pistols were \$629.00 each.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to add the following new pistol serial numbers to the 2015 property list. 37B033490, 37B033491, 37B033492, 37B033493, 37B033495, 37B033607, 37B033623.

Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilwoman Rizzo seconded motion for adoption of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg has requested the services of Sparta Township to provide street sweeping services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS Sparta Township has the capability and desires to provide street sweeping services to Ogdensburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to accept the Service Agreement for Street Sweeping with Sparta Township in the amount of \$120.00 per hour estimated at \$8,000 of approximately 19 miles of roads.

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

Mayor Ciasullo gave a brief update on Heaters Pond. The Mayor mentioned that Larry Kovar from Aquatic Analysis will be coming to a meeting in March to discuss the possibilities of dredging or harvesting the pond. Mr. Kovar gave the Mayor a rough estimate to harvest the whole area excluding the swim area the

Borough is looking at \$10,000 which is less money than what dredging would cost. The Mayor mentioned that Mr. Kovar would like to mark the depth of the pond. The Mayor also mentioned the Borough will be getting more estimates. Further discussion will be forthcoming.

Councilman Astor spoke briefly about a new Marquee that the school will be getting and sharing with the Borough. It fits three lines on each side and will be for information purposes only, no graphics. The cost is \$12,385. Further discussion will be forthcoming. Councilman McGuire spoke about the fireworks for Ogdensburg Day. The company would like a deposit as soon as possible.

Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting.

Anastasia Schroeder from the FBLA attended the meeting to thank Mayor and Council for all their support for both herself and Scott Mueller when running for office. Ms. Anastasia informed Mayor and Council that she won her campaign to the State Officer's position and Scott Mueller who was running for State President won his campaign to the President's position. It was also mentioned that Samantha Hutnick placed second for Sales Presentation. There are also three students from Ogdensburg that will be going on to the Nationals.

Bob Gunderman, 7 Lesko Tr. inquired about the water line down on Glenbrook by the pond and the flooding. Mayor informed Mr. Gunderman that the Engineer has looked at the pond and there is a plan that the Engineer has spoken to the Department of Public Works about it. The drains need to be cleaned out and there are some pipes that need to be replaced. It was mentioned that work on Glenbrook hopefully will begin in the near future. A resident asked about what the town is doing about abandoned houses. The Mayor mentioned that the Borough has an ordinance pertaining to property maintenance and is aware of the empty homes. Mayor Ciasullo explained that when a complaint comes in it is given to the proper officials and usually takes about 30 days to clear up depending on if it's a bank owned property and the Borough can contact the bank. Mayor Ciasullo also stated that he is aware of the houses that are vacant in town and if anyone has a complaint they need to call it in and it will be handled. John Kibildis, 10 Arch Street, Vice President of the Historical Society informed the Mayor and Council that estimates for new roofing for the Historical Society were handed in for discussion at the budget meeting.

Susan Williams, 29 Christy Lane, Sparta who is associated with the Skylands Group attended the meeting to give her view point on the Sparta Mountain Stewardship Plan. Ms. Williams mentioned how the Plan was released right before the holidays and the public meeting was not properly advertised and many people were not aware of what was going on. The Mayor mentioned that he has been in contact with the State and will be setting up a meeting with the State. Ms. Williams spoke about headwaters and how important they are and wild life and commercial logging. She would like to see Ogdensburg do a resolution opposing the Plan. Marci Golden, Alpine Rd, Sparta spoke about water quality and herbicides. Jennifer Downing from Hardyston commented on the Plan and said she is not against cutting down trees but questions many of the aspects of the Plan and said it not just about Sparta but the different areas that the Plan will affect. Ms. Downing hopes that all the towns will do diligence in resolving the matter. Sue Dorward, resident of Beaver Lake read from a handout about different aspects of the Sparta Mountain Plan. Mentioned ensuring the existence of rare threatened and endangered species and what effect logging will have on the habitat on Sparta Mountain. Ms. Dorward stated that 75 acres have already been cut down. A question was asked about the Hemlock trees. A response was given that the dead

ones will be taken out and leaves the good ones. It was also mentioned that the Plan will go on for 60 years not ten. Greg Gorman, 13 Jennings Rd., Hamburg, NJ Conservation Chair from the Skylands Group and NJ Sierra Club Chapter handed out information and went over costs, scheduling, performance meaning high intensity approach and low intensity approach and no action approach and analysis. Recommendation is have the Department of Environmental Protection adopt a low intensity approach Forest Stewardship Plan for Sparta Mountain WMA. Blaine Rothauser, 54 Park Street, Florham Park, N.J., is a Ecological Consultant. Mr. Rothauser stated that the Plan has been reviewed thoroughly by himself and colleges. Mr. Rothauser stated that the forest needs to be cared for and he spoke about forestry and species that are counterproductive. Mayor Ciasullo stated that they are interested in the plan and appreciate everyone's input.

Mayor and Council went on to discuss the budget. The Chief Financial Officer made changes from the last budget meeting. The Fire Department turned in their budget showing more of a break down in certain areas of the budget. Chief of Fire attended the meeting and went over their budget for Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council briefly spoke about a slide for the dock at Heaters Pond and also went over different parts of the budget. Water capital projects were discussed as well as items for capital projects

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

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Borough Clerk

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Mayor