

WORK SESSION
MARCH 28, 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 March 28, 2016. Mayor Ciasullo 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, 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

Mayor Ciasullo introduced the officials from Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife and the NJ Audubon Society who were in attendance for the presentation on the Sparta Mountain Forestry Plan. The Mayor stated that he, George Hutnick and Rob McGuire had met with the DEP and Division of Fish and Wildlife prior to this meeting to ask different questions about the Sparta Mountain Forestry Plan to get a better understanding and what effect it might have on Heater's Pond. He thanked everyone for coming to help inform the public about the Sparta Mountain Plan. While Council was waiting for the DEP to set up, the Mayor proceeded with the work session meeting. The Mayor mentioned that an update for Heater's Pond is that they will be setting a date to meet with Aquatic Technology to go out on the pond to look at the vegetation and find out the depth for clearing out the vegetation. Councilwoman Slater asked if there will be swimming in the Pond due to the work being done on the dam. The Mayor said the work on the dam should not affect the swimming area in any way. If we have to close down the swimming area for clearing out the vegetation, it would be for only a day. Councilwoman Slater also spoke about a floating dock or stationary dock and the raft and slide requirements, which she is still waiting to hear back from the insurance. Councilwoman Slater mentioned that she has not heard from the swim team for this year's events. Councilman Hutnick informed Mayor and Council that Andy Ball will be in charge of the 5K Run this year and will be coming to discuss some things that he would like to do this year with the 5K Run and road closures. Councilman Astor mentioned that the garbage contract is coming up and we will need to advertise the bid specs 60 days prior to the opening of the bid so he will be looking at the specs to see what options the Borough will want to do. Briefly spoke about recycling and bulk pick-up options. Regarding the budget, it was mentioned that money will be transferred from one of the line items to recreation line item for the use of fireworks for Ogdensburg Day.

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

Jean Castimore, 63 Main Street suggested a separate day for the recycling pick-up. There being no further business from the public, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to close the public session. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

The Department of Environmental Protection did a presentation of the Sparta Mountain Forestry Plan. The DEP said that nothing will be going on near Heaters Pond. Sharon Petzinger, Senior Zoologist gave a short slide show showing the acreage of trees and time frame of what was already done. It will be over a ten year period but there will not be cuts made every year. It was mentioned that the written public comment period ends March 31, 2016 and anyone who wants to make comments can send their comments to the Department of Environment Protection. After the presentation, Councilman McGuire

moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to open the public session for comments on the Sparta Mountain presentation and Heaters Pond. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

There were no comment from the public, but Mayor Ciasullo mentioned in the prior meeting with the State he asked about Heaters Pond and could this forestry plan affect Heater's Pond in any way since plans were submitted to the State for the Dam. The Mayor was told this Forestry Plan would not be coming near the Borough and the DEP said there is very little effect on Heater's Pond. Public comments are being received by the DEP until March 31, 2016. McGuire moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to close the public session. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Andy Ball attended the meeting to discuss the 5K Run, which will be held on June 18, 2016. He spoke about encouraging businesses to get involved and will be reaching out to the businesses. Mr. Ball will be using various media to advertise the event, along with doing a mass mailing. Mr. Ball said they had 400 runners in last year's event.

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

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s). The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Police Contract

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when settled. Action may be taken on the above listed matter/matters or on other matters discussed in closed session. This resolution shall take effect immediately. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

At 8:17, Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss the police contract. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

At 8:41 p.m. after returning from executive session and there being no further business, Councilman Hutnick moved, Councilwoman Slater seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41. p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor