

SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 16, 2017

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey, was held in the Council Chambers in the Borough Hall on February 16, 2017.

Mayor Ciasullo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Upon roll call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, McGuire, Nasisi. Absent: Opilla

Notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4-6 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 NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall on February 8, 2017.

Mayor spoke about the 2% cap. Mayor and Council were informed by the CFO that because the Borough is in a good place they can utilize some surplus. In 2016 the Borough had \$824,000 in surplus. Now the surplus is \$1,099,000. The CFO went over any changes that were made from the last budget meeting. The Mayor spoke about the amount to be raised by taxation on a house assessed at \$221,250.86 the increase will be \$48.42. Supervisor for Department of Public Works attended the meeting to go over the DPW's budget. Council went over the repair list for the 1996 dump truck Ford L8000, which is currently out of service. The DPW Supervisor was asked to get numbers for a new dump truck.

Council spoke about recycling and the line item for recycling was cut by \$3,000. The topic of cleaning out the catch basins came up. Council spoke about using money from the Clean Community Funds for cleaning the basins. There is \$31,000 in Clean Communities which the Borough can use 25% of the grant money for catch basins.

Eric Slater, Engineer for the Fire Department was at the meeting and went over some items for the Fire Department. He mentioned that some money can be cut from training. A \$1,000 was taken out of training line item. Council went over the budget for the Fire Department and made adjustments where necessary. Mr. Slater mentioned that the Fire Department will start to put together a plan for a new truck in the future. Councilman Hutnick spoke about adding another \$6,000 to the First Aid Squad to help with the repairs on the building. The First Aid Squad is putting out \$13,000. Councilman Hutnick suggested that the Borough should take over the maintenance on the vehicles for the First Aid Squad. Mayor and Council went over the budget for the Police Department. Council went over various items that have been requested by the Chief for the Police Department. They are looking at cameras for the police station, new cameras for the police cars, new tables and benches for the evidence room and virus protection for the computers. Councilman Nasisi also mentioned that repairs are needed for the roof of the Municipal Building.

Mayor and Council spoke about the Heaters Pond Dam project and are considering taking out the loan for the full amount at the lowest interest rate. CFO will start working on the Ordinance. Mayor and Council went over the various items for some of the departments that could be put in capital.

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Slater.

There being no business from the public, Councilman Hutnick, moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Slater.

Council looked at dates for the next budget meeting and agreed on March 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Councilman Astor moved, Councilwoman Slater seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Slater.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor