

WORK SESSION
MARCH 27, 2017

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 27, 2017. 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, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Slater. Absent: Opilla.

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, 2017.

Mayor Ciasullo called for a moment of silence in honor of Miss Dolan who was very active with the community and had recently passed away.

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion for approval of items on the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Loan Agreement between the Borough of Ogdensburg and the State of New Jersey by and for the DEP.
 2. Approval of Raffle Application #542 for a Tricky Tray and Raffle Application #543 for a 50/50 for the Ogdensburg Fire Dept. to be held on April 15, 2017.
- Yeas: Astor, Gunderman (abstain #2), Hutnick, Slater (abstain #2)

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion for adoption of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg desires to further the public interest by obtaining a loan from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$660,000.00 to fund the rehabilitation of Heaters Pond Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Borough solicitor has found the agreement to be proper and in order.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Mayor and Borough Clerk or the successor to the offices of are hereby authorized to execute a loan agreement with the State of New Jersey for a loan in an amount not more than \$660,000.00, and to execute any amendments thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Borough Council authorizes and hereby agrees to complete the dam restoration project and reimburse the State of New Jersey in accordance with the terms and conditions of the loan agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Ogdensburg agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State and municipal laws, rules and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Slater. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

Mayor spoke briefly about Heater's Pond. The State permit has been completed and now they will apply to Sussex County Soil Conservation for a certificate. The Borough can finally move forward and proceed with going out to bid in mid July and start the work in September after the pond is closed. Councilman Astor asked on behalf of the school if the kids can be a part of working with the Engineer and completing research which would be a great experience for them.

Mayor mentioned that the Supervisor of the DPW will meet with a contractor to get an estimate on the work to repair the loop on Beardslee Hill Dr. As far as Building Dept. concerns, the Mayor has not heard from the State yet but will keep on top of it. He wants to make sure the State Building Department was not hindering or making the process more difficult than necessary. Contractors should not be apprehensive of working in town or charged according to the aggravation. The Mayor is waiting to hear back from Elizabethtown Gas regarding a mock-up of the paper they will be sending out to residents.

Councilman Nasisi stated that he has obtained a third quote for removal of the underground storage tank and will move forward with the removal. Mayor Ciasullo spoke briefly about a court merger with Franklin. There is not enough to go on for a merger. The Mayor said he has asked for numbers but has not heard back from Franklin. Mayor asked Council to think about doing something to honor Ms. Dolan. The Mayor thought it would be nice to honor her memory in some way. Councilman Hutnick spoke about Ogdensburg Day and when to have it. He said he will check with some other organizations to see about dates so there wouldn't be a conflict. Further discussion will be forthcoming.

Mayor asked about the weeding at Heaters Pond and who will be going out to look at the condition of the pond. Council is thinking about Solitude Management and Councilwoman Slater will contact them to go over their proposal. Mayor briefly mentioned ordering boat permits and will go with a bigger size. Mayor also mentioned about boat racks at the pond. Councilman Nasisi will be looking into American Power and Gas for electricity. At present the Borough spends over 10 cents a kilowatt hour and American Power and Gas may charge 8.5 cents a kilowatt hour. American Power and Gas has a rebate and at the end of the year you get back 25% of what was spent on three specific charges that are on the electric bill. Councilman Nasisi will also be looking at the phone bills. Right now the Borough is paying about \$22,000 in phone bills. Councilman Nasisi will be checking to see if there are any lines which are not being used and can be removed.

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

Pat Sabourin, 13 Wilson Drive had a complaint regarding the house next door. It has been renovated and the workers have left a mess of debris all over the front and back yard. Mrs. Sabourin would like to see it cleaned up. The zoning official will be contacted to resolve the issue.

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

Councilman Hutnick moved, Councilman Astor seconded 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.

At 7:39 p.m. Councilman Hutnick moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss the police contract. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Slater.

At 8:32 p.m. after returning from executive session and there being no further business, Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Gunderman seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Slater.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor