

WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 September 25, 2017. Acting Mayor, Rachel Slater 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, 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.

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to adopt the following resolution. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla.

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:

Mayoral Candidates

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 7:02 p. m. Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss candidates for Mayoral position. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla.

After returning from executive session at 7:45 p.m. Councilman Opilla stated that after carefully reviewing the nominees put forth by the Ogdensburg Republican Committee, Council hereby appoints Rachel Slater to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor of Ogdensburg for the unexpired term which runs through December 31, 2018. Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to appoint Rachel Slater as Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Mayor through December 31, 2018. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla.

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

1. Approval of Resolution for Appointment for the Unexpired Term of Mayor.
2. Approval of Resolution Forming Negotiating Committee for Collective Bargaining with FOP Franklin Lodge #57.

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg to appoint Rachel Slater to fill the vacancy of the Office of the Mayor of the Borough of Ogdensburg for the unexpired term which is through December 31, 2018.

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

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg to form a negotiating committee with Councilman Gunderman, Councilman Astor and Councilman Opilla for collective bargaining with FOP Franklin Lodge #57.

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 2.

Mayor Slater stated that Councilman Hutnick and Councilman Astor both met with the Engineer about two weeks ago. Mayor Slater stated that Heaters Pond will be lowered in October about five feet and the fish will be removed. The Engineer will be working with Solitude Management for most of the work. Mayor Slater also mentioned that there will be no use of the pond. No ice fishing, skating or any activities at the pond. Councilman Hutnick mentioned that the pond will need to be restocked and pending the weather they may be able to work through December. Councilman Opilla mentioned there is nothing new with the repair of the loop.

Mayor Slater stated that Councilman Hutnick and Councilman Astor met with Elizabethtown Gas last week and the numbers are close with Beardslee Hill, Bettino and Maryann Estates. Presidents Estate the number are a little low and hope to get the number up by leaving the survey open until October 1, 2017. There may be another town hall meeting.

Councilman Opilla mentioned that the Borough is in the process of putting together some numbers and scope on repair for the pump house. Councilman Nasisi spoke about the codification of ordinances. A lot of work has been done but there still needs to be review work done. Councilman Nasisi mentioned that he will be following up with the departments and the Chief so the Borough can move forward with the codification. Councilman Nasisi also mentioned that the Borough has received a check in the amount of \$4,454 from Statewide Insurance from a 1994 Fund Surplus. Councilman Hutnick spoke about Ogdensburg Day and feels the Borough needs to pick a new date for the event. Council decided on June 9, 2018 as the date. Councilman Hutnick will start looking into reserving rides for next year. Councilman Hutnick also mentioned that the Sterling Hill Mines has offered to have the fireworks up on the Mine's property. It will need to be looked into due to requirements for fireworks.

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

Michael Nardini, 5 Ridge Ct. inquired about dredging the pond since the water lever will be lowered and the fish are being removed. Mr. Nardini was informed that dredging the pond had previously been discussed but has not been looked into and no permits were pulled. The Borough would have to go out to bid. There being no further business from the public, Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor