

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG  
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM  
February 5, 2018**

Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Mayor Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Astor (arrived at 6:25PM during executive session) Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Opilla.

Absent: Nasisi

Also in attendance for the executive session was Richard Brigliadoro, Borough Attorney.

Monica Goscicki, CFO was also present for the budget workshop.

**STATEMENT BY MAYOR:** “Notice requirements of P.L. 1975, Open Public Meeting Act, NJS10:4- et.seq. 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 January 29, 2018.”

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Hutnick 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;

**Anticipated Litigation tort claim**

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:

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 p.m. Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss anticipated litigation tort claim.

**Upon Roll call Vote:**

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Opilla

Nays: None Absent: Nasisi None Abstain None

The Mayor and Council returned from executive session at approximately 6:35PM.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**2018 Budget**

The first discussion was regarding the shared service agreement with the Board of Education for janitorial supplies. Councilman Astor explained the schools process for going out to bid for supplies vs. ordering supplies from the State contract. There was a discussion on the prices. The Council agreed to keep the agreement to use on an as need basis.

**Fire Department Budget**

Rick Keslo and Eric Slater were present representing the Fire Department.

Mr. Slater gave their proposed budget to the Council for review. Mr. Slater commented the light upgrade from last year worked out nice with a recent call the department went out on.

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The Council went over the presented budget with Mr. Keslo and Mr. Slater. There was a discussion on air bottles, turnout gear and the need for the turn out gear to be replaced after 10 years. There was a discussion on the 2018 County Fireman's Parade to be held in Ogdensburg this October. Mr. Keslo explained the fire department is requesting in their budget \$10,000 to help with the parade. The Sussex County SWAP Program is being requested to come in and help clean the town before and after the parade.

**Police Department Budget**

Chief Gordon was present to review the police department budget with the Council. Chief Gordon presented the Council with his requested budget explaining each line item. Chief Gordon was not requesting a new vehicle this year but requested funds for various vehicle repairs etc which he explained. During the review of line item for police utilities/internet/MTD the Chief requested a 2018 cell phone for the primary duty officer with a camera and explained.

There was a discussion on police seminars, maintenance agreements, new alcotest, cameras in police cars and weapons.

Chief Gordon explained obtaining the services of Rodgers group to revamp rules and regulations for the police departments, the importance of updating this information. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this line item.

Mrs. Goscicki reviewed the fund balance explaining the amount in fund balance in 2017 and what was used last year. Among the items discussed on the 2018 revenue page were amounts to be raised by taxations, anticipated revenue, ABC licensing, other licensing and sale of municipal assets.

Mrs. Goscicki explained the pages with salaries showing the difference between a 1% and 2% increase for employees.

There was a discussion on the current internet provider for emails and what could be done to correct problems that have been occurring with emails. One suggestion was to change and update all the wiring in the building to see if this helps the problem. Councilman Hutnick explained what and how this could be done.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Councilman Hutnick moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. All were in favor.

No one from the public was present.

There being no further business from the public, Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. All were in favor.

There being no further business, Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

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Rachel Slater, Mayor