

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG  
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM  
February 13, 2018**

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

Mayor Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Astor, Hutnick, Nardini (Mayor Slater)

Absent: Gunderman, Nasisi, Opilla

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

**STATEMENT BY MAYOR:** “Notice requirements of P.L. 1975, Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA10:4- 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 February 13, 2018.”

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**2018 Budget**

**DPW Budget**

Chris Ross, DPW Supervisor was present for the discussion.

Councilman Astor commented it is that time of the year for street sweeping and discussed with the Council the quote received by Chris Ross with Sparta Twp. for street sweeping.

Mr. Ross went over his proposed budget starting with streets/roads. There was a discussion regarding the material used, quality of asphalt, stone and oil that was used last year, the need for Borough roads to be repaved and/or repaired. The Borough is going to look into grants for road repairs with NJDOT.

Mr. Ross explained the amount requested for the clothing allowance, cost of items and what is covered. Tools and supplies were discussed and a suggested amount of one thousand was to be cut from the requested amount.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding street signs/replacement, flowers on Main Street and need for various flower beds in town to be repaired, materials used for snow removal, parts for the equipment and material used and needed to maintain the parks and playgrounds.

There was a lengthy discussion on Capital Items option one, two and three for a new vehicle, new dump truck, water line tracer and new roof for the salt shed.

**Water Budget**

The Council reviewed the proposed water department budget, hydrant maintenance, tools and emergency repairs.

Mrs. Goscicki, CFO, explained there were funds left in water and sewer capital to help with the Beardslee Hill repair. There was a discussion on the cost last year repairing the Edison pump/valves. Mrs. Goscicki suggested checking the Franklin meter valve; there is a possibility of this needing to be fixed. Our Water Plant Treatment Operator isn't sure if this is working correctly.

Councilman Nardini spoke about checking for broken fire hydrants. Mr. Ross was going to work on getting quotes for this project.

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Mrs. Goscicki questioned if there was a fee for shutting off water when residents do not pay their bills. There was a lengthy discussion on shutting water off, replacing water meters in empty houses, cost of meters and water being turned on for inspections before closing.

Councilman Hutnick asked about having fireworks this year at Ogdensburg Day. The Council discussed getting donations to help set off the cost for the fireworks.

Mrs. Goscicki explained the fund balance; the amount used in the beginning of 2017, the amount put back in fund balance at the end of 2017 and amount starting in 2018. Mrs. Goscicki spoke about money in a capital ordinance that was never used.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Chief of Police Steve Gordon referred to an item in the Police Budget for Rodgers Group to update the rules and regulations for the police department. Chief Gordon expressed the importance of the update and explained the payment for this service can be in 4 quarterly installments.

There being no further business from the public, Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Nardini 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 8:25p.m.

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

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Rachel Slater, Mayor