

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG  
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM  
February 22, 2018**

Council President Opilla called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Council President Opilla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla (left approximately 6:40 pm and return approximately 8:00 pm.)

Absent: Mayor Slater (arrived approximately 6:40 pm)

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 February 13, 2018.”

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **2018 Budget**

Mrs. Goscicki started the meeting off explaining the surplus used last year, what was regenerated at the end of last year and percentage of increase the Council was at without making any additional cuts. Mrs. Goscicki also explained there are several onetime items in the budget this year and will not be in the 2019 budget; \$12,000 for police insurance per their new contract, Rodgers Rules which is updated police policies and procedures and this is the last year for the deferred charge spread over five years for the revaluation.

There was a discussion on an additional employee for DPW and the Police Department, and Ogdensburg day. This is the year the Borough has fireworks; there was a discussion on the cost, getting quotes and donations.

The Council decided to go line by line through the budget to see where cuts could be made. Beginning on page one of the current fund Clerk OE. Publications, legal advertising and office equipment was discussed. Ms. Hough explained office equipment suggestions for the building, a new shredder, fire proof file cabinets for permanent records such as minute books and vital statistics records and a small copier that prints in color. There was a discussion on raising licensing fees.

The fire department was discussed; training radios and tanks. There was a brief discussion on who owns the First Aid squad building. The Council discussed PFRS Annual Payment line item. Councilman Astor questioned the increase in the line item. Mrs. Goscicki explained the percentage rate used for the increase which is based on the salary of the 2017 second quarter.

There was a lengthy discussion on repairs needed to various buildings. Councilman Nasisi explained the problem with the roof of Borough Hall, Yankee gutters, the roof leaking and different scenarios on how the roof could be repaired. Repairs also need to be done on the salt shed and basketball court. Mrs. Goscicki suggested some of the items can be listed under the capital expenses. Mrs. Goscicki explained using extra from surplus this year and use less next year giving different amount scenarios.

Councilman Nardini explained the software updated needed, the three year maintenance plan for the software and the water meter reading regarding Franklin usage. There was a discussion on raising the water rates.

The Council discussed with Mrs. Goscicki items that could be put in the capital budget.

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**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Astor 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 Hutnick 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