

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG  
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM  
March 26, 2018**

Council President Opilla called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Council President Opilla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla.

Absent: Mayor Slater

Also in attendance was Richard Briigliodoro, Borough Attorney.

**STATEMENT BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** “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 January 3, 2018.”

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of budget workshop meeting minutes for March 8, 2018.
2. Approval of regular meeting minutes for March 12, 2018.
3. Approval of the NJ State Firemen’s Association membership application for William Allen IV.
4. Resolution 39-2018 Authorizing the cancellation of water operating fund interest on bond anticipation notes.
5. Resolution 41-2018 transfer Resolution – 2017 Budget
6. Approval of raffle application for St. Thomas of Aquin Roman Catholic Church off premise 50/50 to be held on September 9, 2018 at 3:00PM.
7. Approval of seven individual applications for peddler permits representing Slomin’s merchandise solicited will be home security systems and home heating oil. The permits will be issued to the following individuals; Sleyker Carhuallanqui, Jennifer Tucker, Wolf Barthelemy, David Colaire, Jedediah Gordon, Pritesh Patel and Venex Nicolas.

**Upon Roll call Vote:**

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

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

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

**Resolution 39-2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Water Operating Fund has a remaining balance for accrued interest on bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$751.20 and;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balance so that the unexpended balance may be credited to Fund Balance;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, that the above listed unexpended balance of the Water Operating Fund be canceled.

**Upon Roll call Vote:**

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

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

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**Resolution 41-2018**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the following transfer of Appropriations (2017 Municipal Budget) in accordance with N.J.S. 40A 4-58 be and is hereby approved.

**SALARIES & WAGES**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
Council 01-203-20-110-010	500.00
Clerk 01-203-20-120-010	594.00

**OTHER EXPENSES**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>		
Group Insurance 01-203-23-220-020	4,500.00	Snow 01-203-26-290-294	\$15,000.00
Fire Dept. 01-203-25-255-021	9,463.00	DCRP 01-203-36-477-020	\$57.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	\$15,057.00	\$15,057.00
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**Upon Roll call Vote:**

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla  
Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 01-2018**

Councilman Nardini made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2018 “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$47,250 CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN WATER CAPTIAL – CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” Seconded by Councilman Astor.

**Prior to final roll call, Council President Opilla opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding Ordinance 01-2018.**

No one from the public stepped forward.

**Upon Roll call Vote:**

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla  
Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

**INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 02-2018**

Councilman Nasisi made a motion to introduce an Ordinance 02-2018 entitled “CALENDAR YEAR 2018, ORDINANCE 02-2018 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14” Seconded by Councilman Gunderman.

**Public Hearing will be held April 9, 2018**

**Upon Roll call Vote:**

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla  
Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

**RESOLUTION 40-2018**

Councilman Gunderman made a motion to adopt resolution 40-2018 authorizing participation in self-examination program of the municipal budget for the 2018 budget year. Seconded by Councilman Nardini.

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**Upon Roll call Vote:**

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla  
Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CY 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Councilman Hutnick made a motion to adopt resolution 42-2018 introducing the CY 2018 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Ogdensburg. Seconded by Councilman Nasisi.

**Public hearing will be held April 23, 2018**

**Upon Roll call Vote:**

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla  
Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

**INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 03-2018**

Councilman Astor made a motion to introduce an ordinance 03-2018 entitled “BOND ORDINANCE 03-2018 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$262,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.” Seconded by Councilman Nasisi.

**Public hearing will be held April 9, 2018**

**Upon Roll call Vote:**

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla  
Nays: None Absent: Mayor Slater Abstain None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Heathers Pond Dam – Councilman Opilla commented there were some delays up there caused by the winter storms but they are still on track and explained items completed. The last thing that is not installed yet are the boards that regulate the height of the pond. They anticipate that being done in the next couple of weeks and start to fill; they don’t think it will take as long to fill as it did to drain the pond so we still should be back to normal and be available for recreation once the summer hits.

Repair of Loop – Councilman Opilla reported we have to get together with Chris Ross and see about getting a scheduled date and time.

JCP & L – Councilman Opilla commented we did have some lights delivered; they haven’t been installed yet with the recent weather and all the outages. JCP & L will hopefully come in a few weeks and install Brooks Flat first and light them up and see what kind of reaction we get from the residents. The plan is to move forward with Plant Street and Passaic.

Predmore Road – Councilman Astor has nothing new to report regarding Predmore Road; he is going to get together with Chris Ross to discuss possibilities now that weather is nice.

Elizabethtown Gas – Councilman Opilla reminded everyone that April 10 is the town hall meeting at the Ogdensburg Fire Department; if you are interested the meeting starts at 7:00PM.

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Land Use Board Appointment – Councilman Opilla commented we reached out to the Land Use Department to provide recommendations to fill the vacancy on the Land Use Board. Hopefully, by the next meeting we will have some recommendations.

Proposal to provide Collection Management Service for Municipal Collections – Councilman Opilla asked if everyone reviewed the memo from the Court Administrator. This was discussed recently; the memo has information on what was collected from other town.

The Council discussed having a representative from the Collection Agency come to the next council meeting to answer questions regarding their collection agency.

Well Four – Councilman Nardini commented for clarification well four is Plant Street and three is Center Street. The Plant Street pump may be fine and explained. Well four we need to get an electrician in to clean up all the small stuff and explained.

Water Personnel – Councilman Nardini explained he went over the job list with Rob Lawler and explained his conversation with DEP regarding requirements and certification for water assistant.

Health Insurance- Councilman Opilla commented we are pursuing other quotes for insurance; we have quotes through the State insurance fund and we received quotes from our insurance agent currently today. What he is going to try and do is condense all the quotes on one spread sheet so it is easy to see and talk about hopefully at the next meeting. A lot of this plays into the police contract as well and impacting them so they have to be involved as well in discussions. We are looking at A. trying to save money and B. see if we can provide better coverage if possible.

There was a brief conversation regarding insurance, dental coverage and the police contract.

Emergency Preparedness – Councilman Astor commented OEM had a meeting; they discuss different options and our OEM representative is looking at Grants to see if we can upgrade the School to have power and water. Councilman Astor commented he does not have a date for their next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ogdensburg Day – Councilman Hutnick commented unfortunately this year we are going to cancel Ogdensburg Day and the fireworks. We are going to forgo it until next year and take care of things we need to take care of.

Center Street Well (quotes) – Councilman Nardini commented we have the ordinance in place; he has three quotes and explained the quotes. There was a discussion on the quotes.

Migratory Bird Permit – Councilman Opilla commented we completed the paper work for this year and sent it out so that will be in place again.

Councilman Nardini commented he was asked by a resident to bring up snow removal and what is the timing of plowing the roads because residents need to get to work.

Councilman Gunderman commented the last couple of storms have been a State of Emergency and you aren't supposed to be on the roads.

Councilman Astor explained there are a lot of factors that go into how the roads get plowed, it is a complicated process and explained different scenarios.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

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No one from the public stepped forward.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

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Rachel Slater, Mayor