

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
September 24, 2018**

Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mayor Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance was Richard Briigliodoro, Borough Attorney.

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 January 3, 2018.”

Mayor Slater commented we are going to skip everything and go to Mr. Horuzy, Captain of the First Aid Squad.

Councilman Hutnick commented he asked Mr. Horuzy here because of the state of the First Aid Squad, we had several calls in the last two weeks and your membership is down.

Mr. Horuzy commented we currently have 14 members, 4 on the injured list, 4 of them are first responders, one just moved out of town, one is a probationary member with no certification and three people who are really running the place. We have interest; a lot of people come in get their certification then leave. We had 7 first responders, five of them disappeared; so we are in a tough spot, we are covered by Saint Claire’s if we don’t show up. When you see the same three or four people all the time you put two and two together. If we lose one of those three we are in trouble.

Pat Sabourin, exempt member of the First Aid Squad commented, unfortunately she and George are not riding [anymore].

Mr. Horuzy commented there is a lot involved; it is not only responding, it is certifications, recertification, meetings, cleaning, it’s everything involved in running the place.

Councilman Hutnick asked if Mr. Horuzy had any recommendations.

Mr. Horuzy commented the three or four people who are doing most of the stuff are not going without a fight; we will stay as long as we can, and we will try to get new members.

Mayor Slater commented there is a new member in the fire department who is more interested in being an EMT.

Councilman Opilla asked if the first aid squad is restricted to Ogdensburg residents only.

Mr. Horuzy commented no, we’ve had people that lived in other towns at one time that were responding.

Councilman Hutnick commented he started this because he is concerned there is only a couple of people doing everything plus you have lives and families. We have had an unusually high amount of calls in the last week or so and he knows the responders have been other towns which tell him you guys are overwhelmed.

Mayor Slater commented it is the same with the Fire Department the [members] home during the day are the ones responding.

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Councilman Astor commented is there a possibility that we (the School) may need to use the red building as a class room. Currently we use the red building for the teen canteen. Would we be able to move the teen canteen to your facilities?

Mr. Horuzy commented that is fine he thinks Girl Scouts are there Thursday nights and George Lott's group meets there once a month.

Councilman Hutnick commented teen canteen has a lot of equipment. Mr. Horuzy commented there is a shed in the back; you can have it.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes from September 10, 2018.
2. Approval of Resolution 76-2018 Discharge of Mortgage dated July 30, 2016 between Gail Leeds, 18 Avenue A., Ogdensburg NJ and the Borough of Ogdensburg recorded in the Sussex County Clerk's Office Mortgage Book 9453 Page 106.
3. Approval of the Division of Alcohol Beverage Control for a permit application for a one day extension of premises for Atlantic Manor LLC. October 6, 2018 from 10:00Am to 10:00PM.
4. Approval of raffle application from Ogdensburg PTO, 100 Main Street, Ogdensburg for a tricky tray to be held at the Ogdensburg Fire House on October 13, 2018 from 6:30 to 11:30PM.
5. Approval of raffle application from the Ogdensburg PTO, 100 Main Street, Ogdensburg, for a 50/50 raffle to be held at the Ogdensburg Fire House on October 13, 2018 from 6:30 to 11:30PM.
6. Approval of resolution 77-2018 hiring Department of Public Works labor 1 employee to start October 5, 2018.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Astor (abstain #1), Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi (abstain #1), Opilla

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

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

Resolution 76-2018

WHEREAS; a mortgage in the amount of \$18,400.00 was made on the 30th day of July, 2016 between Gail Leeds, 18 Avenue A., Ogdensburg, NJ 07439 the borrower and the Borough of Ogdensburg 14 Highland Ave, Ogdensburg, NJ 07439 the lender; and

WHEREAS; this mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Sussex County Clerk on November 30, 2016, in Mortgage Book 9453 Pages 106; and

WHEREAS; the mortgage was paid in full on or about September 13, 2018, from Title Closing Services, LLC d/b/a Weichert Title Agency – Settlement Trust Account II, 1909- Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ, 08003 check number 356357 in the amount of \$18,400.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the attached Discharge of Mortgage for Gail Leeds, 18 Avenue A., Ogdensburg, NJ 07439, Ogdensburg, NJ 07439 Bok 9453 Pages 106 and send the executed Discharge of Mortgage to the aforementioned title company to have the mortgage discharged.

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

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

Resolution 77-2018

WHEREAS; an intergovernmental transfer agreement was signed by all parties; Christopher Smith, County of Sussex and Borough of Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS; the signed agreement was sent to Civil Service for approval; and

WHEREAS; Christopher Smith will start his employment for the Borough of Ogdensburg as a Labor 1 in the Department of Public Works on October 5, 2018 with an annual salary of \$36,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Borough of Ogdensburg, Mayor and Council approve resolution 77-2018 hiring Christopher Smith, as labor 1 for the Department of Public Works at a salary of \$36,000 annually.

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

JCP & L – Mayor Slater commented no update on JCP &L.

Elizabethtown Gas – Mayor Slater commented aside from a bunch of problems they are working on phase one; they will be starting phase two eventually and everything will be done by the end of November. That is the plan.

Hot Water Heater – no update

Borough Hall Roof– no update

Steam Boiler for Historical Building – no update

Firehouse Parking lot light – no update

No trespassing sign at Pond – Councilman Astor commented there are some signs up; Chris needs to get with Gene Buczynski, Borough Engineer to figure out where they can put the remaining two signs.

Guard Shack- Councilman Opilla commented no real update for the guard shack; we can probably take this off the agenda he isn't sure anything more will get done this year.

Block 30 Lot11.05 Wausau Street Septic Repair – Councilman Nasisi commented this was pending locating the septic system over there; the big problem is spending some money, it has been sitting like this a long time; it is probably ok for a bit of time but the couple thousand dollars here and there if we can wait until next year to regroup.

Borough Hall Landscaping – Councilman Nasisi commented this can wait until next year.

Councilman Opilla asked if we should remove them [from the agenda].

Councilman Nasisi commented he doesn't want to brush the decommission of the septic system under the carpet and forget about it because it could pose a potential threat; not at this point but

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in the future. Councilman Nasisi commented it really needs to stay on but we are really looking to shelf it once we get into November and can move some things around we should be able to close that system up.

Internet upgrade- Councilman Hutnick commented we can take this off the agenda since we are in no position to do anything at the moment.

Budget – Mayor Slater commented she and Councilman Hutnick spoke to Monica last Thursday. Councilman Hutnick commented we did put money aside for rewiring. Mayor Slater commented we have to get the camera system in here. Councilman Hutnick explained the difference between the wiring and getting the items needed for Court.

Mayor Slater commented the budget is frozen until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS

Sparta Dispatch – Mayor Slater commented the contract ends this year, she believes it renews by itself. There was a brief discussion. Mayor Slater asked the Clerk to call Sparta see about renewing the contract.

School as a designated shelter – Councilman Astor commented we had talked about the School as a shelter, currently there is no way the school could be designated as a shelter when Red Cross comes to inspect the school because we have no showers. The showers are none functioning, if the power goes out we have no generator, if the power goes out it goes out in the school also.

Mayor Slater commented she thinks Rick Keslo spoke to Mr. Vogel to let them know we will be using Sussex VoTech as our shelter; if need be we will have to go there. We can always use the fire house as a warming station.

Hydrants – Councilman Nardini commented hopefully this is in motion; there is plenty of Capital left for the hydrant part of the budget. Chris is going to reach out to contractors again to try and get two quotes at least to give us an idea on how much it is for each install.

Heaters for Wells – Councilman Nardini commented he spoke to Rob; regarding the electrical and heat and told him to expedite this. Rob is buying the heating units straight from the manufacture, if he can install them he will if not we will get quotes for getting them installed and fixing the switches and everything.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Steve Davis 25 Jefferson Terrace commented on his road coming apart by his house.

Councilman Astor commented the DPW supervisor, Mayor and himself will be going over things on Thursday.

Mr. Davis asked if there is any way to make it easier to get out of Bettino Drive.

Mayor Slater commented we did reach out to our Zoning Officer to check into this. Ms. Hough commented he did go out and check the property by Green Thumb and the end of Center Street.

Chief Gordon commented he did see the County DPW down by Green Thumb last week; it looked like they trimmed some stuff back on the retaining wall.

Michael Palintano, 28 Jefferson Terrace, commented on the berm Elizabethtown Gas replaced was fixed to high and his family cars are bottoming out.

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Mayor Slater commented the Clerk will reach out to the engineer and he will contact you.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Nardini moved, Councilman Astor 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;

Personnel and FOP

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:

Personnel and FOP

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.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

The Mayor and Council returned from executive session at 7:50p.m.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Opilla made a motion to approve the payment of voucher and departmental finance reports. Seconded by Councilman Hutnick.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

Current

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9/25/2018	30012	Agra Environmental Services	65.00
9/25/2018	30013	Aurora Electrical Supply	148.50
9/25/2018	30014	Braen Aggregates, LLC	1,025.24
9/25/2018	30015	CenturyLink	543.95
9/25/2018	30016	CenturyLink	1,202.95

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9/25/2018	30017	LINA	175.50
9/25/2018	30018	Econo Signs LLC	164.48
9/25/2018	30019	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,009.49
9/25/2018	30020	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,661.91
9/25/2018	30021	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	631.62
9/25/2018	30022	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	310.10
9/25/2018	30023	JCP&L	2,109.06
9/25/2018	30024	Johnny on the Spot, LLC	155.90
9/25/2018	30025	MGL Printing Solutions	112.00
9/25/2018	30026	New Jersey Herald	222.00
9/25/2018	30027	NJ League of Municipalities	115.00
9/25/2018	30028	NJ League of Municipalities	160.00
9/25/2018	30029	Ogdensburg First Aid Squad	5,000.00
9/25/2018	30030	Oxford Health Plans	9,515.26
9/25/2018	30031	Rileighs Outdoor Decor	998.67
9/25/2018	30032	Staples Business Advantage	53.43
9/25/2018	30033	Team Life	1,695.00
9/25/2018	30034	Weiner Law Group LLP	1,692.00
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			28,767.06

Developers Escrow

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9/25/2018	2066	Sussex County Clerk	8.00
9/25/2018	2067	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	5,782.50
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			5,790.50

Grant Fund

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9/25/2018	30035	Brimar Industries	28.83

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9/25/2018	30036	Cherry, Weber & Associates, PC	1,464.28
9/25/2018	30037	Goscicki, Monica	122.00

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Payroll

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9/25/2018	427	AFLAC	597.52
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Water Capital

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9/25/2018	1046	Rio Supply Inc	2,590.00
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9/25/2018	4807	JCP&L	385.67
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9/25/2018	4808	Staples Business Advatage	6.15
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There being no further business, Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Nasisi seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

Rachel Slater, Mayor

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