

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
January 22, 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, 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 3, 2018.”

Councilman Hutnick moved Councilman Opilla seconded motion for approval of items on the consent agenda requesting a discussion for item number 3, to clarify what that is.

Mayor Slater commented resolution 21-2018 we are appointing Brian J. Aloia, Esq. as hearing officer in the disciplinary matter for Sgt. Joseph Sanfilippo in regards to Civil Service.

Mr. Briigliodoro explained Mr. Aloia is the independent hearing officer, if there is a hearing.

Councilman Astor asked what company is Mr. Aloia; from is the \$1,000 per diem something we should go out to bid.

Mr. Briigliodoro commented no, this is a flat rate. Mr. Briigliodoro commented our firm has designated him.

Councilman Aster asked if he has all of the qualifications in the Civil Service area.

Mr. Briigliodoro commented he is the Corporation Counsel for the City of Hoboken.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes for January 8, 2018.
2. Resolution 20-2018 Transfer Resolution
3. Resolution 21-2018 Appointment of Hearing Officer
4. Resolution 22-2018 Establishing salary for the position of Municipal Court Judge

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Astor (abstain for item 1), Gunderman, Hutnick, Nardini, Nasisi, Opilla

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

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

Resolution 20-2018

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

FROM:

Mayor/ Comm. 01-203-20-110-099

TO:

500.00	Finance 01-203-20-130-010	\$1,250.00
	Coll. Of Taxes 01-203-20-145-010	\$25.00
	UCC 01-203-22-195-010	\$28.00

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Police 01-203-25-240-010 \$7,300.00

OTHER EXPENSES

FROM:		TO:	
Land Use 01-203-21-180-020	490.00	Telephone 01-203-31-440-020	\$1,200.00
Health Benefit Waiver 01-203-23-221-020	210.00		
Roads 01-203-26-290-020	8,603.00		
TOTAL	\$9,803.00		\$9,803.00

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

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

Resolution 21-2018

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, hereby approves the appointment of Brian J. Aloia Esq. as Hearing Officer in the disciplinary matter for Sgt. Joseph Sanfilippo at the rate of \$1,000 per diem.

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

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

Resolution 22-2018

WHEREAS, the Honorable Glenn Gavan, J.M.C. was appointed Judge of the Borough of Ogdensburg Municipal Court on January 2, 2018 for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have established the salary for the position of Municipal Court Judge in the annual amount of \$10,000 per year for each year of the three-year term; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no increase in salary for the three-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg appointed the Honorable Glenn Gavan, J.M.C. to the position of Judge of the Borough of Ogdensburg Municipal Court on January 2, 2018 for a three-year term effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 at an annual salary of \$10,000 per year for each year of the three-year term. Furthermore, there shall be no salary increase during the three-year term.

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Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

OLD BUSINESS

Heaters Pond Dam – Mayor Slater commented they were suppose to start work today with the Dam but was not up there today to check.

Repair of Loop- Councilman Opilla reported this is still on hold. Councilman Opilla commented he will reach out to Chris Ross to try to see if we can get some dates for scheduling and talk to the homeowner about it again.

JCP & L – Mayor Slater commented Jackie Espinoza, JCP & L sent an email update; the light technician is working on the LED street light conversion. The lights have to be ordered and once they get the lights Ms. Espinoza will give the Borough the days they will be installed. The Atlantic Manor was getting power surges; JCP&L trouble shooter did met with the owner of Atlantic Manor voltage reading were taken and they are in the limits of what they are supposed to be. There were some other suggestions; he was submitting the suggestions to the district layout technician to evaluate. Mayor Slater commented we don't have the status on that yet. Mayor Slater gave an update on the light at the corner of Passaic and Main Street.

Councilman Hutnick commented he received a call from the owner of Atlantic Manor apparently JCP& L went there today, shut the power off to the building and replaced some lines.

Predmore Road – Councilman Astor reported Chris Ross went out and spoke to the owners of the property and together they cleaned out an area that got clogged because there was some flooding. In the spring time we will sit down and figure out what to do.

Elizabethtown Gas – Mayor Slater commented she, Councilman Astor and Councilman Hutnick met with Gary from Elizabethtown Gas, and he still needs to meet with his boss to see if they are going to be able to do the project. There was some questions as to shutting down the road would the police department need to be there or just have their flag guys do it. Mayor Slater commented the flag guys are fine on the back/side roads but when they get onto 517 the police would need to be there.

Mayor Slater commented Elizabethtown Gas has questions regarding the permit, permit cost, can one permit be done for the entire project or individual permits for each development. There was also a questions regarding restoration which they said is automatically done and we are trying to figure out who actually approves the permit and explained. The Engineer needs to be involved, the attorney and clerk have reached out to the engineer and a bond would need to be posted.

Mr. Brigliadoro commented if there are any post construction issues (with the bond) we would be able to make any restoration that is necessary. This is done all the time and shouldn't be an issue.

Mayor Slater commented Robin reached out to the Engineer to find out his fees for inspecting the project. We are waiting for the engineer to get back to us.

Mayor Slater commented once this is done we will have another town hall meeting, go over what is going to be done, how much it is going to cost and people can sign up then.

Center Street – Mayor Slater commented the engineer, Chief Gordon, Chris Ross and Councilman Hutnick went down to look at the Road, they deemed it not passable. We are going to work on an ordinance to shut it down. Chief Gordon and Chris Ross will work together to get the signs to put up.

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Councilman Astor asked if that was the end of Center Street.

Mayor Slater commented yes the whole dirt part. Mayor Slater commented she doesn't know where they are placing the Jersey barriers but it may cause problems in the future with the snow because there will not be any place to push the snow if those barriers are going to be there.

Councilman Hutnick commented Gene [Buczynski, Engineer] suggested the barriers hug that fire hydrant area just to make sure that area is protected and explained where the barriers will be placed.

Vicky Schroeder, Passaic Ave, Ogdensburg, thanked the Council and Chris Ross.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Workshop dates – Mayor Slater commented we had to change the workshop date. The Workshop date is Monday, February 5, 2018. The next workshop day will be February 13, 2018. Both workshops will begin at 6:00PM. There is a possibility of a third workshop which will be determined on February 13th. Councilman Astor and Councilman Nardini will be a little late for the February 5 workshop.

Housing Rehabilitation fee – Mayor Slater explained an email from Steve Weinberg, Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator for the Borough. Mayor Slater commented he will come to the next meeting to introduce himself and explain his request.

There was a brief discussion on the request.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

No one from the public stepped forward.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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;

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 Longevity and Police Contract

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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 7:20p.m. Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Nasisi seconded motion to go into executive session.

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

The Council returned from executive session at 7:40PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

Rachel Slater, Mayor