

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
May 29, 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.”

Councilman Opilla moved.

Mayor Slater commented a revision to the consent agenda number 1 its May 14 minutes not May 29 minutes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes for May 29, 2018. (Revised May 14 were the minutes approved.)
2. Approval of the NJ State Firemen’s membership application for Earl R. Hornyak.
3. Approval of Application for a peddler permit to Luis Ponce, services to be sold or solicited is Financial Services. Trade name under which business is to be conducted is Edward Jones.

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

OLD BUSINESS

Heaters Pond Dam – Mayor Slater explained the last stop log was put in today it is painted; it doesn’t look very pretty. Councilman Hutnick can fill you in on that. Councilman Hutnick met with Gene Buczynski, Borough Engineer and the contractor last Thursday to figure something out with it.

Councilman Hutnick referred to an email in the packets with a picture of the area. It looks like cement was thrown on it. According to the contractor this is State requirements and how it is suppose to be done. Something has to be done cosmetically because coming up the road this is the first thing you see. We went through a list of possible options and explained the different options and the area.

Mayor Slater commented this is with the understanding we are not paying for it. Councilman Hutnick commented he argued with them that this doesn’t appear to be done right, we didn’t like the way it was done and they are off schedule.

Mayor Slater asked Councilman Astor to have DPW order signs for no trespassing or walking back there so the town is covered liability wise.

Councilman Astor asked George Morville, the Borough insurance representative where those sign should be posted.

Mr. Morville commented he would rather go up there with you, when you are talking about a walkway and asked where the walkway was. Mr. Astor explained the path. Mr. Morville and Mr. Astor will meet to go over where the signs should be.

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Mayor Slater asked for an update on the fish.

Councilman Opilla commented we talked last meeting that we will restock the Pond; Councilman Gunderman looked into some options. Councilman Opilla explained he talked with the Borough's CFO regarding the funds and explained.

Councilman Gunderman commented he had one place he looked into so we do have some options. There was a discussion on the number of fish that were removed from the pond.

Repair of Loop – Councilman Opilla commented we are waiting for a revised quote from the contractor.

JCP & L – Mayor Slater commented she does not have any update from the last meeting.

Councilman Hutnick commented do to conflicting schedules he has not met with the JCP& L and the mine. Councilman Hutnick explained with the leaves on the trees the issue with the lighting might have gone away for now giving us more time to deal with the situation.

Mayor Slater commented we are looking to put in more lights on Brooks Flat; she is having DPW check the tags on the polls. We want lights on Passaic by the tunnel and one by the pond.

Elizabethtown Gas – Mayor Slater explained the project is under way; we have no update on that.

Well Update – Councilman Nardini commented the VFD was a special order; Rob said it comes with a bypass switch so if it does fail again the pumps would not fail. They had special ordered this so there is no time as to when we will receive it. Councilman Nardini commented he told Rob to go ahead with the electrician and explained.

Water Personnel – Councilman Nardini commented he spoke to Councilman Astor and sent everyone the job specs. Councilman Nardini commented his thought is to give this person 6 months to get their CDL and the basic water line to help Rob with the basic day to day stuff and to have someone ready to one day take that over.

Councilman Astor commented he and Councilman Nardini have been talking back and forth and they also spoke to Chris Ross. Councilman Astor commented he isn't sure if one of our current employees would want to get that water class license as well so maybe we should have two guys have this.

Health Insurance – Councilman Opilla commented as previously discussed at the last meeting we did come up with an alternative for the health insurance. We are going to have to renew this year for June 1st but we did discover we can vacate that insurance policy any time we want if we choose to go with the State plan. Councilman Astor requested George Morville, our insurance representative to come tonight for any questions regarding the plan. The benefit of the State plan for us is it renews every calendar year January 1st so for budgeting prospective we would have a much easier time knowing what our insurance is going to be vs. guessing six months into the year. It would benefit the Borough as far as the police contract goes with renewals and changes in the health insurance.

Councilman Astor asked if the insurance representatives could explain the policy and coverage with the State plan vs. our existing plan.

Joe Colombo, representative for the State Insurance from Author J. Gallagher and George Morville, representative from Arthur J. Gallagher was present to explain the insurance plan.

Mr. Colombo explained the Omnia Plan within the State Health Benefits; there are two tiers with the plan and explained each tier, co pay and deductibles.

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Mr. Morville commented if anyone has any questions or if the police representatives have any questions to call him.

Councilman Opilla commented the next step in the process is to take this and present it to the FOP representatives and let them review it. We do have to renew the Oxford plan and if we decide to go with the State plan it takes about 75 to 90 days to get into the plan.

Code Book Codification – Mayor Slater reported there is no update as of yet they are still reviewing.

Guard Shack – Councilman Opilla commented we are redoing it; it is coming along we are about a third of the way done.

Mayor Slater commented do we need DPW to step up and help or are we going to have this done.

Councilman Opilla commented maybe, he will work with Chris Ross, DPW supervisor on that.

Garbage Contract – Councilman Astor commented we were all in agreement to approve the transfer from Globe to Blue Diamond. We didn't get any paper work.

Mr. Briigliodoro commented the bids specs and the contract provides for the contractor to assign but it is subject to the Borough's approval. There should be a written document that the one company says they are going to assign their rights to Blue Diamond and outline exactly what is being transferred whether it is everything or part of it. Also, the new company is going to provide insurance that we need so there is a written document between the two companies that one company is going to be in and one company is going to be out. We will have that signed by them and the Borough can sign that we agree.

Councilman Astor commented we don't have that document.

Mr. Briigliodoro commented he spoke to the Clerk about this; this is between two companies and should be at their expense with the agreement.

Mayor Slater asked if anyone reached out to tell them we are looking for this.

Ms. Hough commented she spoke to Tom, representative from Global that was present at the last meeting and told him we needed a written assignment signed by both parties.

Mayor Slater commented she would reach out to the owner of Global.

Sterling Hill Mine Train Overpass – Councilman Hutnick commented at the last meeting we approved that the Mine can go ahead and put signage on the overpass as long as they provided insurance and liability information. The Mine is just looking to put decals on the overpass.

Mayor Slater commented to double check that with George Morville regarding insurance.

Request for Easement – Councilman Opilla commented no real update. Ms. Hough commented on a letter she received today from Mr. Szanyi and emailed to the Mayor and Attorney.

Mr. Szanyi commented there is an expense on his end, he is saying he is prepared to do this if the Council tells him (an agreement in principle) that he is going to get or use the land. He is asking the Borough to committee to something and then he will spend the money. Mr. Briigliodoro commented he said at the last meeting; before this Council can make an informed decision you need certain information which is the extend of an easement, there are certain factors we have to consider and explained.

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Councilman Opilla commented all this is on the property owner to do that discovery. Mr. Briigliodoro commented yes and explained. There was a discussion on the request for easement.

Mr. Briigliodoro read the letter Mr. Szanyi submitted to the Borough earlier that day regarding the easement/sale of a portion of the property adjacent to his property. Mr. Briigliodoro commented he spoke about two things a sale and easement. Mr. Briigliodoro commented we really need a title search, we don't know if there are any other easements on the property. There are certain things we need before we can make a decision.

The Council continued to discuss the easement.

Mayor Slater commented have him come to the June 11 meeting however we are going to need a title report which is something Mr. Szanyi might want to start doing now because that could take some time.

Councilman Nasisi asked the Mayor if Land Use should look at this.

Mayor Slater commented we need the title report before we do anything else.

Hot Water Heater and Roof Borough Hall – Councilman Nasisi commented we had talked about the hot water heater; we are getting a requisition together for that. Councilman Nasisi commented he is getting all the estimates together for the roof for this building and the boiler because they are over the threshold so we need to get three proposals. The hot water heater is for this building the boiler is for the historical building and the roof is for this building.

NEW BUSINESS

Security – Councilman Hutnick commented the clerk brought an issue to his attention. Ms. Hough explained some concerns regarding security. The Council discussed security for the building.

Delinquent water bill options – Councilman Nardini commented this is adding some language to the notice that goes out to help try to speed up the payments, maybe do a payment plan but for people how are slacking or ignoring payment once they are late add a note you have 30 days to pay or we shout your water off and have a separate water turn on fee separate for those situations. This would be to add a line when sending out the payment, once they are 30 days late the water will be shout off and subject to a turn on fee. There is a fee on the books either \$50.00 or \$75.00.

Mayor Slater suggested if there are problems call to make payment arrangements.

Internet Service – Councilman Hutnick commented we have been doing a lot of computer repairs lately; one of the things the computer person Rich brought up was that our internet is so bad with Century link it is affecting emails incoming and outgoing. We had this problem last year. Rich reached out to PenDela Data regarding an upgrade for the internet and explained. In the long run this would save the Borough money. Rich also said if we upgrade he can help with computer trouble remotely which would save time with him coming to the Borough.

Wifi at Heaters Pond – Councilman Nasisi commented this was brought up a few years ago about putting Wifi up at Heaters Pond. Councilman Nasisi asked if the Council had any thoughts pros or cons on this.

Mayor Slater commented you have to make sure the lifeguards are not utilizing it and it would have to go into the risk management plan. That is why we didn't go with it last time we didn't want the lifeguards on it.

Councilman Hutnick asked what is the need for this.

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Councilman Nasisi gave some reasons to get Wifi. Councilman Nasisi explained some things have been going on at the pond, vandalism etc. There was talk about getting security cams up at the pond.

Councilman Astor commented he doesn't see the need for Wifi up there; you shouldn't be on Facebook if your child is in the water lifeguard or no lifeguard.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Ted L'Estrange, 43 Prospect Hill Road, Cuddebackville NY stepped forward and address the Council. Mr. L'Estrange handed out an envelope to the Mayor and Council and explained his request for a resolution condemning China's State-sanctioned harvesting organs from Falun Gong Practitioners for profit.

Councilman Nardini left the meeting at this time 8:05pm.

Mr. L'Estrange continued to explain his request.

Councilman Astor commented he would have to review this but he already sees the US House of Representatives condemned it; he doesn't know what Ogdensburg could do.

Vicky Schroder, Center Street, Ogdensburg, commented on the Wifi at the pond and suggested to put cheap camera's in at the pond first.

Jean Castimore 53 Main Street Apt. C. commented she is glad the Passaic Street Bridge is done but she was under the impression it was suppose to have a pedestrian walkway. Is that still on the books?

Mayor Slater commented she is going to say no, not anytime soon but that isn't because of us; that was something they discussed with the previous Mayor doing it in two phases. We do not know when that next phase is going to be done and we don't have control over that.

Councilman Astor commented that is a yes and a no; yes it is still on the books.

Ms. Castimore commented this is a County question; she also asked if this had been paid for.

Mayor Slater commented as far as she knows, no it was part of the second phase.

Ms. Castimore asked about the Heaters Pond Dam work. There was a discussion on the stone at the Pond.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Nasisi 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;

Attorney- Client Privilege: Status of disciplinary matter

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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:
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 8:10p.m. Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Nasisi seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss **Attorney- Client Privilege: Status of disciplinary matter**

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla

Nays: None Absent: Nardini (left at 8:05PM) Abstain None

The Mayor and Council returned from executive session at 8:30PM.

Councilman Opilla made a motion to move forward with presenting the FOB delegates with the insurance information so that they can do a comparison.

Mr. Briigliodoro commented we will inform them the Borough will continue with the existing coverage.

Councilman Astor seconded the motion.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Astor, Gunderman, Hutnick, Nasisi, Opilla

Nays: None Absent: Nardini (left at 8:05PM) Abstain None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

Rachel Slater, Mayor