

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG  
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 6:00PM  
February 3, 2020**

Mayor Hutnick called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Cruz, Nasisi, O'Dell, Slater, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Alvarez, Nardini (arrived approximately 6:30)

Michel Marceau, CFO arrived approximately 6:15.

**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 14, 2020."

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**2020 Budget**

**Fire Department Budget**

Mr. Eric Slater, Chief of the Fire Department presented his budget to the Council. Mr. Slater spoke about flow test, problems with the pack, replacing tanks and OSHA requirement.

There was a discussion on using the County Dispatch, getting the siren fixed at the Fire House, money still in the Capital budget from last year, turn out gear, air bottles, radios, high and low ban.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a command vehicle. Mr. Slater was looking in a used command vehicle; two in particular, one was already to go set up for lights and all. Mr. Slater will do additional research for the next budget meeting on a command vehicle.

There was a discussion on a new Fire Engine for the future, the cost, setting up a truck committee and joining the National Coop.

Mr. Marceau, CFO referred to new handouts he gave the Council; he explained areas he cut, added back in the health care change and he is waiting on information from the tax assessor so he can have final figures for the budget.

**Buildings and Grounds Budget**

Councilman Nasisi commented on the small amount budgeted for buildings and grounds; he explained an estimated quote he received for getting the heating fixed in Borough Hall. Councilman Nasisi explained other repairs and other items to upgrade the Buildings.

**Land Use Budget**

The Council discussed the Land Use Budget; professionals are not needed at every meeting, having additional parking on Main Street and how to get businesses to come to Main Street. They also discussed planning services and the best way to proceed with their budget.

**DPW Budget**

Councilman Nardini referred to the DPW budget aka Streets and Roads. There was a discussion on the budget, buying a sweeper rather than spending the money every year to have another Municipality do the sweeping. If the Borough bought a sweeper than we could possibly have a shared services with other towns that would help offset the cost of the sweeper. There would be the cost of maintaining the sweeper and parts which could be expensive, checking into the possibility of using some of the Clean Community money toward the purchase of the sweeper. The Council discussed the benefits to buying vs. renting the sweeper.

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Councilman Nardini referenced to the capital items listed; he spoke about purchasing the welder, plasma cutter and portable generator. The top two would probably be the portable generator then plasma cutter. The American Flags are in need to be replaced soon.

The Council discussed the next budget meeting date; which will be March 2, 2020 at 6:00PM.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Councilman Nasisi moved, Councilman Nardini 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, Councilwoman O'Dell moved, Councilman Nardini seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. All were in favor.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Slater moved, Councilwoman O'Dell seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

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George P. Hutnick, Mayor