

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
January 13, 2020**

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

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Alvarez, Nardini, O'Dell, Slater, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Cruz (arrived late 7:05PM), Nasisi

Also in attendance was Robert McBriar, 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, 2020."

Councilman Nardini moved Councilman O'Dell seconded motion for approval of items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from December 9, 2019.
2. Approval of reorganization meeting minute from January 2, 2020.
3. Approval of Resolution 15-2020 Authorizing Professional Service Contract to Phoenix Advisors LLC.
4. Approval of Resolution 16-2020 to redeem third party tax sale certificate 0018-006 Block 13 Lot 8, 31 Kennedy Ave to Dennis Moeller in the amount of \$1,812.19.
5. Approval of Resolution 17-2020 Authorizing the Discharge of Mortgage for Joan Stevens, 24 Kennedy Ave., Ogdensburg Block 15 Lot 10 in the amount of \$14,515.00.
6. Approval of application for a raffle license from St. Thomas of Aquin R.C. Church to hold a Tricky Tray on April 17, 2020 from 6:30 PM to 10:00PM at the Ogdensburg Fire House.
7. Approval of application for a raffle license from St. Thomas of Aquin R.C. Church to hold an on premise 50/50 raffle on April 17, 2020 from 6:30PM to 10:00PM at the Ogdensburg Fire House.
8. Letter from NJ Department of Transportation to Mayor George Hutnick informing the Borough NJDOT is unable to provide Municipal Aid Grant for the Brooks Flat Road Improvements Project.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Nardini, O'Dell, Slater

Nays: None Absent: Cruz (arrived 7:05PM), Nasisi Abstain None

Resolution 15-2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey has previously issued it bonds, bond anticipation notes and/or other debt obligation (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of certain Bonds and for purposes of assisting underwriters to comply with Rule 15c-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Borough of Ogdensburg has covenanted and/or entered into one or more undertakings or agreements to provide Continuing Disclosure Agent Services Agreements (the "CDA") to the public marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors LLC provides such Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and is an independent registered municipal advisor under the SEC regulations; and

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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended that Phoenix Advisors LLC be retained to provide Continuing Disclosure Agent Services agreement services to the Borough of Ogdensburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, State of New Jersey the following.

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Phoenix Advisors LLC for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services applicable to bonds in an amount not to exceed the base fee \$1,050.00 (for up to three outstanding issues).
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. and the local public contract law.
3. The term of this contract shall be until December 31, 2020.
4. The total fee authorized for this contract shall not exceed \$1,050.00 without prior written approval of the Governing Body.
5. That a notice of this action shall be published in accordance with law, and said notice to provide that the contract awarded and this resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Resolution 16-2020

TO REDEEM THIRD PARTY TAX SALE CERTIFICATE# 2018-006
BLOCK 13 LOT 8
31 KENNEDY BLVD

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR, REGINA FLAMMER HAS ADVISED THAT PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1812.19 TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2018-006

WHEREAS,

DENNIS MOELLER
118 LONG POND ROAD
HEWITT, NJ 07421

IS THE HOLDER OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2018-006
AND AS MUCH IS DUE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1812.19
TO REDEEM SAME.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1812.19 TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2018-006

REGINA FLAMMER
TAX COLLECTOR
DEC. 17, 2019

Resolution 17-2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg(“Borough”) previously instituted a Home Improvement Program (“Program”) for the purpose of providing low cost home improvement financing to qualifying homeowners; and

WHEREAS, as part of this Program, the Borough granted a loan in the principal amount of \$14,515.00 to be used to rehabilitate property located at 24 Kennedy Ave, Ogdensburg, New Jersey, identified on the Official Tax Maps of the Borough as Block 15, Lot 10; and

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WHEREAS, said loan was secured by a mortgage in favor of the Borough dated July 25, 2005 which was recorded in the Sussex County Clerk's Office on August 30, 2005 in Book 07104, at Pages 00118-00121; and

WHEREAS, the loan in the principal amount of \$14,515.00 was paid in full evidenced by check number 86841 issued to the Borough endorsed by A Absolute Escrow Settlement Company, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a discharge of mortgage relative to the above-referenced property and take such further actions as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Hall Roof– Mayor Hutnick commented we have a pre-construction meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00AM for the roof [project]. Councilman Nasisi will be attending the meeting.

Employee Handbook- Mr. McBriar commented we are at the final review things were a little hectic over the holiday season but he will finalize that and double check with the CFO to make sure everything is in order and present that to you for approval .

Councilman Cruz arrived to the meeting at this time.

Water/DPW duties/Projects – Councilman Nardini commented nothing new here we just have to go over where things stand with DPW and with what things need to be done.

Brush Clean Up Tree Removal – Councilman Nardini commented Chris has made good progress with the team; he thinks they finished Presidents and are moving this way.

Mayor Hutnick commented they did Foothills South as well. They are making fantastic progress for what they have to work with.

Councilman Nardini commented they are cleaning what they can; there are a lot of people talking about chipping but that would slow down this process. Residents just need to know to bundle the best they can so DPW can just grab it rather than picking up piles of sticks. DPW is moving along pretty well.

Mayor Hutnick commented so everybody understands one of the main reasons we are not chipping is that these piles are so tangled together it is just as easy and fast to pick it all up put it in a truck and take it away. For the residents that were questioning why we are not chipping that would be the reason why. As far as clean up goes they are taking care of the properties picking things up; we are not here to rake, sweep the driveways or front yards it is not what the project is for. It is a quick clean up they are taking away and yes there is some debris and some things left behind.

Mayor Hutnick commented they are doing a fantastic job.

Health Insurance – Mayor Hutnick commented no need to discuss.

Building/Grounds Differentiations – No update

Police – Mayor Hutnick commented [our newest Police Officer] started the academy today, he will home the rest of the week working upstairs and goes back full time on Monday, today was orientation day.

Salt Shed Roof – No update.

Plant Street/Passaic Ave Grant scope of work – Councilwoman Slater commented we can remove this now.

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NEW BUSINESS

Declaring a 2nd Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary – Councilwoman Slater commented West Milford did a resolution to be a 2nd amendment/lawful gun owner sanctuary township; she would like to do the same here be a sanctuary Borough protecting the lawful gun owners right so they can't be taken away.

Mayor Hutnick commented he did some research on this and also spoke to the Chief about it; it actually doesn't change anything, he thinks it might not be a good idea right now. The Freeholder are not on board with this right now; they even tabled this because they want to find out more research about it to see if there would be any side effects or backlash in the future. Mayor Hutnick commented he believes in it, supports it but just doesn't see that it is going to be anything beneficial at the moment.

There was a brief discussion on the Borough passing the resolution declaring a 2nd amendment/lawful gun owner sanctuary Borough.

Round Table Meeting

Mayor Hutnick commented there is going to be a round table congressional type meeting next Tuesday; he need to reach out to the Fire House. Councilwoman Slater commented she doesn't know when they have yoga in there [the fire house] it is in the mornings but doesn't know what day. Mayor Hutnick commented he will have to find out; he would like to keep the meeting in Ogdensburg rather than move it to Sparta. The round table meeting will include Congresswoman Sherrill, Congressman Gothhemer, Senator Oroho, Senator Sweeney and several others including Mayors; the meeting is to discuss the recent events of the storms and storm damage JCP&L power failure etc. This will be January 21, at 10:00 AM the location to be determined after he reaches out to the Fire House.

Budget meeting dates – Mayor Hutnick commented it is budget time. There was a discussion on budget meeting dates.

There will be a budget meeting Monday, January 20, 2020 and Monday, February 3, 2020 both meetings will start at 6:00PM

PUBLIC SESSION

Councilwoman Slater moved, Councilman Cruz seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. All were in favor.

Vicki Schroder, 60 Center Street, Ogdensburg, asked what it would entail if the Borough does decide to become a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Borough. Councilwoman Slater explained. Mrs. Schroder spoke about the go fund me page regarding replacing the trees at the Ogdensburg Elementary School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hutnick commented we do need to go into executive to discuss contract negotiation.

Mr. McBriar commented it would be appropriate to make a motion to go into executive session to discuss the police contract negotiations.

Councilwoman Slater moved, Councilman Cruz seconded motion to adopt the following resolution

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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;

Police Contract Negotiation

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:

Police Contract Negotiation

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: Alvarez, Cruz, Nardini, O’Dell, Slater
Nays: None Absent: Nasisi Abstain: None

The Mayor and Council returned from executive session at 7:35 PM.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Cruz made a motion to approve payment of vouchers and departmental finance reports. Seconded by Councilwoman Slater.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Cruz, Nardini, O’Dell, Slater
Nays: None Absent: Nasisi Abstain: None

Current

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
12/26/2019	30985	CenturyLink	601.92	
12/26/2019	30986	Elizabethtown Gas	1,498.58	
12/26/2019	30987	JCP&L	3,168.05	
12/26/2019	30988	New Jersey Herald	491.70	
12/26/2019	30989	Petty Cash Fund	25.20	
12/31/2019	30990	US Postal Service	278.00	
1/14/2020	30991	Accu Weather	59.95	
1/14/2020	30992	Allied Oil	2,141.50	
1/14/2020	30993	Amazon	500.26	
1/14/2020	30994	Atlantic Communications	60.00	

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1/14/2020	30995	Aurora Electrical Supply	29.30
1/14/2020	30996	B & R UNIFORM	596.50
1/14/2020	30997	Bassani Power Equipment, LLC	877.96
1/14/2020	30998	Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc.	17,775.00
1/14/2020	30999	CenturyLink	1,270.90
1/14/2020	31000	LINA	216.80
1/14/2020	31001	Dave's Towne Service	560.45
1/14/2020	31002	Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc	34.72
1/14/2020	31003	Elizabethtown Gas	1,472.34
1/14/2020	31004	Emergency Reporting	1,420.00
1/14/2020	31005	Employee Data Forms of MO LLC	40.00
1/14/2020	31006	Fail Safe Testing, LLC	2,447.50
1/14/2020	31007	Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva	9,768.00
1/14/2020	31008	Geene, Christopher	1,080.00
1/14/2020	31009	Gordon, Stephen	1,074.53
1/14/2020	31010	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,068.90
1/14/2020	31011	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	361.50
1/14/2020	31012	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,796.07
1/14/2020	31013	JCP&L	1,648.61
1/14/2020	31014	Kimberly Cucci	48.60
1/14/2020	31015	Kuiken Brothers	21.89
1/14/2020	31016	Lafayette Auto Parts	103.66
1/14/2020	31017	Lame, James	729.94
1/14/2020	31018	Leppert Group, LLC	254.16
1/14/2020	31019	Mile High Net Stores LLC	236.51
1/14/2020	31020	Municipal Capital Finance	119.00
1/14/2020	31021	New Jersey Herald	89.70
1/14/2020	31022	NJ League of Municipalities	356.00
1/14/2020	31023	NJCM	295.00
1/14/2020	31024	Ogdensburg Board of Education	208,562.83

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		Ogdensburg First Aid		
1/14/2020	31025	Squad	5,000.00	
1/14/2020	31026	Petty Cash Fund	100.00	
1/14/2020	31027	Randolph Township	1,100.00	
1/14/2020	31028	Robin Hough	140.60	
1/14/2020	31029	Schenck Price Smith & King LLP	4,299.38	
1/14/2020	31030	Selective Insurance Company	7,448.00	
1/14/2020	31031	Staples Business Advantage	374.39	
1/14/2020	31032	Staples Business Advantage	464.35	
1/14/2020	31033	Sussex County Community College	75.00	
1/14/2020	31034	Sussex County Treasurer	249.75	
1/14/2020	31035	Sussex County Treasurer	16.93	
1/14/2020	31036	Sussex County Treasurer	1.40	
1/14/2020	31037	Team Life	400.00	
1/14/2020	31038	Treasurer, State of NJ	25.00	
1/14/2020	31039	TRI STATE PAPER & CLEANING SUPPLIES	75.50	
1/14/2020	31040	Mr. John	311.80	
1/14/2020	31041	US Postal Service	235.00	
1/14/2020	31042	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	1,212.00	
1/14/2020	31043	Verizon Wireless	120.66	
1/14/2020	31044	Wallkill Valley Regional H.S.	106,577.00	
1/14/2020	31046	Staples Business Advantage	429.21	
1/14/2020	31047	Staples Business Advantage	34.61	
1/14/2020	31048	Elizabethtown Gas	467.32	
1/14/2020	31049	Verizon Business	106.36	

			392,445.79	
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1/14/2020	31032	Staples Business Advantage	(464.35)	Wrong Amount
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			391,981.44	

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Admin Trust**

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1/14/2020	2162	Moeller, Dennis	1,812.19
1/14/2020	2163	Morton Salt, Inc. Shepard Kays	4,255.08
1/14/2020	2164	Attorney At Law PC	300.00
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			6,367.27

Dog Fund

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/17/2019	232	US Postal Service	165.75
1/14/2020	233	FRA Technologies , Inc	650.00
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			815.75

General Capital

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1/14/2020	1118	Mahwah Tire, Inc. Van Cleef Engineering	3,587.00
1/14/2020	1119	Assoc. LLC	2,750.00
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			6,337.00

Grant Fund

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1/14/2020	31045	Sussex County Municipal Utility	320.80
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			320.80

Payroll

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/26/2019	1028	AFLAC	627.28

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RCA Vernon

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/26/2019	141	Sussex County Clerk	8.00

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8.00

Water Op

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12/26/2019	4960	JCP&L	2,203.62
1/14/2020	4961	Agra Environmental Services	60.00
1/14/2020	4962	Atlantic Switch and Generator, LLC	112.50
1/14/2020	4963	Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva	3,532.00
1/14/2020	4964	Jackie Ward	1.80
1/14/2020	4965	JCP&L	2,309.94
1/14/2020	4966	One Call Concepts, Inc.	17.68
1/14/2020	4967	Staples Business Advantage	23.63
1/14/2020	4968	State of New Jersey-PWT	106.77
1/14/2020	4969	Weldon Asphalt	1,046.17

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9,414.11

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor