

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 6:00PM
February 3, 2021**

Mayor Hutnick called the meeting to order at 6:09PM.

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Alvarez (via zoom), DeMeo (via zoom), Nardini (via zoom), Slater, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Nasisi, O'Dell

Michel Marceau, CFO was also present for the workshop.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR: "Notice requirements of P.L. 1975, Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A.10:4- 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 Tuesday, January 26, 2020." Notice of this remote meeting has also been published in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1 through 1.7 which establishes standard protocols for remote public meetings governed by OPMA during a Governor-declared state of emergency. Said notice contains instructions and information for (i) accessing remote public meeting using the Zoom web-based platform via internet web address or teleconferencing number, (ii) making or submitting public comments, and (iii) accessing relevant documents, if any, for the public to view.

This meeting was held via zoom/audio. Participation/public access to the meeting was available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82646267560> and entering Meeting ID: 826 4636 7560 or via teleconferencing/audio conferencing using a traditional phone by calling 1-646-876-9923 and entering Meeting ID: 826 4636 7560 followed by the # sign.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2021 Budget

Mike Marceau, CFO explained the increase in pension and benefits; this number is outside the cap. Mr. Marceau explained the fund balance for the last few years and what would be the lowest amount the Borough could go in fund balance. He would have to consult with the auditor regarding the total in fund balance. Mr. Marceau also explained he had a conversation with Mrs. Pavia regarding the clean community grant funds; costs for street sweeping can be used with clean community grant money.

There was a discussion regarding using clean community grant money for street sweeping costs, municipalities are still waiting on guidance from the state for this years budgets, fire safety line item, Parks and recreation along with the field use, accumulated sick leave line item, need to wait for the Levey Cap workbook to come out, insurance and how often is it renewed, interest rates for bond notes, capital budget, fire department line items, Beardslee Hill Loop, fire hydrant on Beardslee Hill and grants currently being worked on.

The next budget meeting workshop will be held March 1, 2021 at 6:00PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Councilwoman Slater 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 Slater 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, Councilman DeMeo seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor