

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 6:00PM
March 1, 2021**

Mayor Hutnick called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: DeMeo (via zoom), Nardini (via zoom), Nasisi, (via zoom), O'Dell (via zoom)
Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Alvarez, Slater

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 Thursday February 11, 2021" 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/84682814054> and entering Meeting ID: 846 8281 4054 or via teleconferencing/audio conferencing using a traditional phone by calling 1-646-876-9923 and entering Meeting ID: 846 8281 4054 followed by the # sign.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2021 Budget

Mike Marceau, CFO explained everything is either flat or down except for pensions which has increased this year. Mr. Marceau explained the Borough should have the figures from the Annual Financial Statement by the end of the week; those numbers could change the budget either way or stay the same. Right now, we are looking to cut around \$40,000, line items we could take from are \$7,500 from Ogdensburg Day and a few thousand out of Mayor and Council. Mr. Marceau explained debt service and a new ratable.

Chris Ross, DPW Supervisor joined the meeting via zoom at approximately 6:15 P.M.

Councilman Nardini asked Mr. Ross to explain a new item they would like to add to the budget.

Mr. Ross explained they don't have a spare plow for the mason truck and if that plow broke the mason truck would be down. A new plow would cost about nine to ten thousand dollars and asked if this could be under Capital to get a spare plow.

Councilman Nardini explained DPW is getting hit with a lot of repairs on the backhoe, the engine is in front and they use the backhoe to load the truck with salt. Councilman Nardini explained if they sell the backhoe they could use those funds to get a front loader and excavator. An excavator would help DPW when doing the repairs on water main breaks.

Mr. Marceau questioned whether or not the backhoe was paid for since it was bought with a bond. He would have to check into this. Mr. Marceau suggested they look on the Houston-Galveston website to price what is out there regarding the equipment.

Mr. Ross explained if the backhoe breaks down they won't be able to load the trucks with salt, the last storm DPW spent about 2 to 3 hours getting the backhoe started.

There was a discussion regarding the backhoe and equipment.

Mr. Ross left the meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding Land Use and the Land Use Secretary position.

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Elliott Honig, Chairman of the Land Use Board joined the meeting approximately 6:55 P.M.

Mr. Honig explained to the Council the Land Use Board has been actively working with the Board Planner on the Revitalization Plan for Main Street. The Land Use Board has addressed loop holes in the Land Use Ordinances making changes to the BC Center District. They are also looking at an ordinance that would address property maintenance code. The Board is making progress this past year with surveying the residents to see what they would like to see happen in the Borough, discussions on bike paths and walking paths.

There was a discussion on Board professional and not being needed for every meeting, Borough owned properties and a vacant property maintenance code.

The next budget meeting workshop will be held March 15, 2021 at 6:00PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

No one from the public commented.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor