

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
January 11, 2021**

Mayor Hutnick called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN ALFONSE A. DEMEO by the Borough clerk. At this time the Borough Clerk gave the oath of office to Councilman Demeo for a three-year term.

ROLL CALL: DeMeo (via zoom), Nardini (via zoom), O'Dell (via phone but arrived in person at 7:35PM), Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Alvarez, Nasisi, Slater

Also, in attendance was Robert McBriar, Borough Attorney and Mike Marceau, CFO

STATEMENT BY MAYOR: "Notice requirements of P.L. 1975, Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-6 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." 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/89712646430> and entering Meeting ID: 897 1264 6430 or via teleconferencing/audio conferencing using a traditional phone by calling 1-646-876-9923 and entering Meeting ID: 897 1264 6430 followed by the # sign.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes from December 14, 2020.
2. Approval of reorganization meeting minutes from January 4, 2021.
3. Approval of Resolution 17-2021 agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC.
4. Accept for filing public notice regarding property 20 Willow Grove Ct. Ogdensburg.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: DeMeo (abstain #1 and#2), Nardini, O'Dell

Nays: None Absent: Alvarez, Nasisi, Slater Abstain None

INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 01-2021

Councilman Nardini made a motion to introduce an ordinance 01-2021 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 30 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING FOWL". Seconded by Councilwoman O'Dell.

Public hearing will be held February 8, 2021.

Councilman Nardini commented he has been doing a lot of research on this because it would be of interest getting something fresh [eggs] on a daily bases and he knows a lot of people that have them [chickens]. From word of mouth and research he isn't sure, maybe we should up that count of how much is allowed per household because they don't always lay eggs every day depending on the type of breed you get. Maybe we can have a slightly higher maximum.

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Mayor Hutnick commented this has been going on now for about two months maybe three months in the Land Use Board. It has also gone through several other towns within the Sussex County area that are having similar issues including some that are actually farm assessed towns and the numbers were based on the fact of demographics; how close the houses are, the number of chickens, noise, waste, attraction of predatorial animals and things of that nature. There was a subcommittee on the Land Use Board that was but together to do all the research and that is how the number came to be. It wasn't something that was randomly selected.

Councilman Nardini commented he didn't think it was; [but questioned the] production standpoint but he does agree with the roosters and asked about the run off in neighbors' yards.

Mayor Hutnick commented there are some properties where their back yards are in a wooded area; but there are some properties that have a fence right next to them. You have to take into consideration what happens with the waste, the water run-off and the smell in the summer. That seemed to be from what the committee came up with the appropriate number to keep everything under control.

Councilman Nardini commented section B number 4 for coups and runs restricted to the rear area and the setbacks 15 feet and 75 feet to an occupied adjacent dwelling.

Mayor Hutnick commented correct. Mayor Hutnick commented this was put into place with regards to those areas in town where the houses are very close to each other.

Councilwoman O'Dell commented is this paper work in our folder tonight.

Councilwoman O'Dell commented because she has not seen anything of this information and she would like to review it.

Mayor Hutnick commented it was in the packets; if the Council is choosing to table it until the next meeting that is fine but you have to make that decision.

Councilwoman O'Dell commented she would suggest to table it because she hasn't read it yet and doesn't know half of what is being talked about.

Mayor Hutnick commented if we are going to table it until the next meeting once we discuss it; the ordinance has to go back to the Land Use Board and then final adoption. It's the Council's decision to table it for review.

Councilwoman O'Dell made a motion to table this content (ordinance 01-2021) until further review for the next meeting. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Upon Roll call Vote to table ordinance 01-2021:

Yeas: DeMeo, Nardini, O'Dell

Nays: None Absent: Alvarez, Nasisi, Slater Abstain None

Mayor Hutnick commented 01-2021 has been tabled until the next meeting to be discussed.

INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 02-2021

Councilman Nardini made a motion to introduce an ordinance 02-2021 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 30 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" RELATING TO THE BOROUGH'S BC BOROUGH CENTER DISTRICT". Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Public hearing will be held February 8, 2021

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: DeMeo, Nardini, O'Dell

Nays: None Absent: Alvarez, Nasisi, Slater Abstain None

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Councilwoman O'Dell arrived in person 7:35PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Playground safety – Mayor Hutnick commented there is nothing new.

Borough Property/subdivision/sales – nothing new to report.

Paper Road (Orchard Street) – nothing new to report.

First Aid Squad – nothing new to report.

Wallkill Valley FBLA – Mayor Hutnick commented he will have an update for the next meeting.

Fire Marshall Service – Mayor Hutnick commented stays as is; Kevin Kervatt is going to cover the Borough until his certificate runs out or until we find someone.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonfire Fire Department – Mayor Hutnick commented the fire department is going to host a bonfire on January 30, 2021; there will be ice skating, they are monitoring the pond for safety.

Budget – Mayor Hutnick commented he wanted to discuss budget meeting dates. Mayor Hutnick selected Monday January 18 at 6:00PM for the first budget meeting.

There was a brief discussion on the budget meetings.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

No one from the public had any comments.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not executive session.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Nardini made a motion to approve payment of vouchers and department finance reports. Seconded by Councilwoman O'Dell.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: DeMeo, Nardini, O'Dell

Nays: None Absent: Alvarez, Nasisi, Slater Abstain None

Current

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1/11/2021	31780	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	1,872.60
1/11/2021	31781	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	157.68
1/11/2021	31782	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	427.56
1/11/2021	31783	LINA	229.50
1/11/2021	31784	Ogdensburg Board of	

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	Education		212,734.00
1/11/2021	31785	Petty Cash Fund	100.00
1/11/2021	31786	Selective Insurance Company	7,860.00
1/11/2021	31787	Wallkill Valley Regional H.S.	100,054.92
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			323,436.26

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor