

WORK SESSION
JULY 23, 2012

A work session of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey, was held in the Council Chambers in the Borough Hall on July 23, 2012.

Mayor Ciasullo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon Roll Call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call: Amodeo, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla arrived at 7:20p.m. Absent: Andrews, Hann

Notice requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, NJSA 10:4:4-6 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 the New Jersey Sunday Herald, and posted on the bulletin board in the Borough hall on January 3, 2012.

Mayor spoke briefly about a use for the lot after the house on Main Street is taken down. One suggestion was to have a local farmer's market. Mayor reached out to the gentlemen who owns Anderson's Farm and also had a place on Rt. 517 by Stop and Shop. He is interested in having a farmer's market. Council will have to decide if they want to move forward with this idea. The attorney has drawn up a draft agreement whereby the Borough will receive \$1,000 a month rent for whatever length of time the Borough decides on. Anderson Farm is looking to open by August. Right now it is just in the talking stages. The back side to this is the house need to come down. Councilman Ingerto informed Mayor and Council that all the furniture is out of the house and is ready for demolition.

Councilman McGuire spoke about old trust accounts that are still open. There are two water fund trust accounts with two small balances which the Borough can close and the money can go back into water capital and then there are three accounts in the trust fund. One is from the 5K run from the Borough a few years ago which is almost \$3,800. Councilman McGuire felt this money could be used towards the 100th Anniversary of the Borough. The second account is \$.16 which can be closed and the third account is the reserve for Memorial Park, \$3,000 which is money collected this year for the badges which will be kept for Heater's Pond. Councilman Ingerto informed Mayor and Council that Aquatic Analysis was at the pond to spray. It was discussed that the swim area and the fishing docks area still doesn't look any better. It was suggested to have someone from the company come to the next meeting to discuss further treatments. Councilman Ingerto also mentioned about looking into saving money on the Borough phone bills through a consulting company. Council was informed that the septic will be pumped on Tuesday by Accurate Waste System and because the Borough belongs to the Morris County Cooperative Agreement the cost is \$290.00. Councilman McGuire spoke about giving the lifeguards more money for swim lessons. Apparently, whoever does the lessons gets \$10.00 per hour for doing lessons. Another resolution will be done at the next meeting.

Mayor Ciasullo mentioned that the dump truck is up for sale and so far there have been two bids placed on it. Will leave the truck another week before selling. Councilman Opilla mentioned that he has spoken to the CFO regarding the bond ordinance for the water meters. Councilman Opilla has also spoken to a few companies that deal with installing water meters.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Amodeo, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Brenda Pennington and Janice Poole, 15 Jefferson Terrace attended the meeting to discuss the visits from the police department because of a neighbor's complaints regarding music being played too loud. They feel they are being harassed by the neighbor. They recently had a visit from the Police regarding a noise level complaint from this neighbor and the officer said the noise was not even loud. Ms. Poole commented that the ordinance states "between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet from the building, structure or vehicle....". Ms. Pool stated that the music is turned off way before 10:00p.m. It was stated that the noise complaints started last year. Mayor explained the Council cannot do anything about the noise complaint, explained the noise ordinance and why the Borough doesn't use the decibel system. Mayor Ciasullo said it is at the discretion of the Police Department and they need to go through the Police Department and tell them they are being harassed. Sue Montalbano, 15 Washington Rd. came before Council to discuss her water bill. She stated that her bill hasn't been right for some time. She also mentioned that she is not receiving a card to send in her readings. Mayor Ciasullo explained that there has been a problem with the billings and the Borough is presently working on it. The Borough is working on getting everyone on the same meter system.

Steven Verbesky, 345 Main Street came before council to discuss his water meters. He presently has individual meters for each tenant. Because the tenants are not paying their water bills, being the owner it falls on him. He requested to have just one meter and to get rid of the five meters he presently has. He asked if he could buy a meter and put it in but the Mayor said he would have to use a meter from the Borough. Council gave him permission to go back to using one meter. Mr. Verbesky also complained about the bears coming around. He was informed to keep the garbage somewhere where the bears cannot get to it. Jean Castimore, 62 Main Street asked if the house on Main Street is cleaned out. Mayor informed her that the house is cleaned out and will be coming down soon. Dave Varcadipane, 11 Main Street stated he would like to start a limo service and asked what he has to do to start a service. Mayor asked Mr. Varcadipane to attend the next Council meeting to discuss further. There being no further business from the public, Councilman Opilla moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Amodeo, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

There being no further business, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Amodeo, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor