

WORK SESSION
MARCH 26, 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 February 27, 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, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

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.

Councilman Ingerto moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg employs a Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the Property Maintenance Code in the Borough of Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it may become necessary for the Borough Department of Public Works to be directed to undertake property maintenance for the public's health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is normally the function of the Governing Body to direct the Department of Public Works to take any such action; and

WHEREAS, situations may arise requiring the Department of Public Works to undertake property maintenance for the public's health, safety and welfare at a time prior to when a regularly scheduled Council meeting would occur; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Governing Body that the Code Enforcement Officer should have limited authority to issue work orders to the Department of Public Works for property maintenance issues prior to formal authorization by the Governing Body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Code Enforcement Officer shall have authority to issue work orders to the Department of Public Works for code enforcement and property maintenance issues under the following conditions:

1. A need shall arise for property maintenance which, if delayed for authorization to a regularly scheduled Council meeting, could adversely affect the public health, safety and welfare.
2. The Code Enforcement Officer shall receive the prior approval of either the Code Enforcement Liaison or the Department of Public Works' Liaison of the Governing Body before issuing any work order to the Department of Public Works.
3. The work order shall be limited to those activities that can be accomplished by the Department of Public Works with its current staff and equipment.

4. There shall be no authority to engage outside contractors or equipment for any code enforcement or property maintenance issue and any such authorization shall only be granted by the Governing Body.
5. The issuance of any work order by the Code Enforcement Officer shall not unduly interfere with the regularly scheduled activities of the Department of Public Works and any such work order shall be reasonably scheduled between the Code Enforcement Officer and the Department of Public Works.

Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla. Copy attached as Schedule 1.

Councilman Opilla spoke about getting new automatic read water meters to be installed for those residents who don't have them. We need about 300 more to cover the rest of the town. Councilman Opilla is getting specs together and then will be able to go out for bid. Mayor Ciasullo spoke about recreation with Hardyston and the meeting on March 28th. The Mayor mentioned that Hardyston Recreation is looking for \$8,000 from the Borough to join the recreation with Hardyston. The Mayor does not want to expend \$8,000 out of this year's budget but will look into it for next year. Council will have to decide if they want to take money out of budget for this year to join Hardyston Recreation.

Councilman Andrews mentioned that the Chief of Police contract is ready to go and the Police contract is pending a date to get together for finalization. Councilman Ingerto gave an update on the recycling. Because people are not crushing down their boxes it's taking up most of the room with the bins. Councilman Ingerto mentioned that he was looking into a compactor. Councilman Ingerto also said he has spoken with Global and they will be coming on Mondays and Saturdays to empty out the dumpsters because our recycling has increased so much. Councilman Ingerto also spoke about requesting the services of SCMUA and their Recycling Coordinator in order to file annually a Recycling Tonnage Report. The County Recycling coordinator is a Certified Recycling Professional and according to the Recycling Enhancement Act the annual report must be filed by a CRP. The Borough does not have a Certified Recycling Professional at this time so the Borough is asking to enter into an inter-municipal Letter of Agreement with SCMUA for the purpose of certifying and submitting the annual report.

Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the Dobbins Estate maintenance. He informed Council that Kevin Kervatt went out to inspect the catch basins. It was noted that the catch basins are clear except for one that has a piece of plywood sticking out of the soil that could effect the water from running into the basin, which should be removed. Mr. Kervatt noted that there are three grates on the down hill side of the retention pond but couldn't tell if they had basins under them. The grates are full of mud and leaves and should be cleaned. Councilman McGuire informed Mayor and Council that the Land Use Board Secretary will be changing her hours due to a back problem. She will be working on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p. m instead of work on Mondays from 9 to 5. The Board Chairman said he has no problem with the change of hours. Councilman Ingerto informed Mayor and Council about Danforth's is once again having their boat show. It will be held on their property in the beginning of April. Also discussed was a request to use Heater's Pond by a youth group. Councilman Amodeo discussed the meeting of the Heater's Pond Committee. Some of the items discussed were ground keeping, water quality, lifeguards, aeration system for the pond, and boat racks. Mayor Ciasullo spoke about weed harvesting and the Lake Hopatcong Commission. He spoke with Mr. Felter from the Lake Hopatcong Commission and was told there are two harvesters they have and there is a chance that the Borough may be able to use them. The Mayor will be checking again to see if the Borough would be able to borrow one of them to use for Heater's Pond. Mayor Ciasullo also spoke about the

meeting he attended with the Senator regarding the Saw Mill Creek. The State is looking to cut the fine in half, but will come back to do a final inspection when everything is completed. Councilman Opilla spoke about getting some maintenance work done on the Booster Station. Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the softball field. The Department of Public Works have been working on it and getting it ready. Councilman McGuire mentioned that St. Thomas has made a request to use the field for a flea market on June 2nd, with a rain date of June 9th. They are hoping to have at least 50 plus tables. Councilman Andrews spoke about getting a security system for the Borough Building. Looking at cameras on the four corners of the building. Also mentioned that the Police need a lock for their door. Councilman Andrews spoke about the possibility of having a man go to the Academy for a class that may be coming up in July in Morris County. Councilman Andrews would like to start the interviewing process.

Councilman Amodeo spoke about the blasting coming from the Quarry. It has been rather noticeable lately and questions the stability of the homes and pipes in the area. Mayor Ciasullo said he would call the Mayor of Franklin to see if there is anything that could be done. Councilman Andrews mentioned about Jake Brake and the ordinance that Andover has adopted. Will be reviewed by our attorney.

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Jesse Halloran from AA1 Self Storage came before council to request permission to put a sign where the corner sign is for the Mines. Mayor explained that AA1 would have to get a permit through the Land Use Board for a zoning permit. The Mayor also asked if she has spoken to the owners of the Mines and suggested that she might want to discuss it with them since they might be sharing the same sign that is presently in use. Ms. Halloran was told there was a meeting of the Land Use Board on Tuesday and she could inquire about the sign.

Wasco Hadowanetz congratulated the Mayor and Council on the fine job they did with the Municipal Budget. Ray Witty from Hampton representing the Homestead came before Council to give an update on the Homestead. Mr. Witty mentioned that they got the deficit down to \$78,000 from a projected \$282,156. Mayor Ciasullo said he would like to speak with one of the freeholders to hear their side of the story.

At 8:32 p.m. Councilman Hann moved, Councilman Ingerto seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts. Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

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:

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:

Contracts

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.

Yeas: Amodeo, Andrews, Hann, Ingerto, McGuire, Opilla.

At 8:44 p.m. Council returned to the work session. Councilman Hann read a letter from Mr. Hadowanetz regarding the grant for the Edison House.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor