

WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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 23, 2015. Mayor Ciasullo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Upon Roll Call the following Council Members appeared and answered the call: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

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 2, 2014.

Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion for approval for items on the Consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2015, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Resolution for Police Contract
3. Approval of Resolution for Shared Service Agreement with SCMUA
4. Approval of Resolution for Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
5. Approval of Raffle License No. 523 for a Tricky Tray and Raffle License No. 524 for a 50/50 to be held by the Ogdensburg Fire Dept. on March 28, 2015.

All items were approved except for item No. 2. Resolution approving Police Contract was tabled.

Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to open the public hearing on an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY OF THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG THEREFORE.**

Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

There being no comment from the public, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Rizzo seconded motion to close the public hearing. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion for adoption of said ordinance. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to open the public hearing on an ordinance entitled **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW BACKHOE IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$89,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

Council had a brief discussion on what they should do with the old backhoe. The Mayor asked about the limitations on the new backhoe. Councilman Hutnick feels the Department of Public Works shouldn't use the new backhoe for the same things that the old one was use for because of the workload. There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion to close the public hearing. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Hutnick seconded motion for adoption of said ordinance. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Councilman McGuire discussed a tax lien for \$9,600 that was purchased at the tax sale. There was an additional \$7,500 that was part of the sale but not included in the redemption. The Tax Collector inadvertently forgot to add on the additional \$7,500 so the Borough will now have to reimburse the lien holder \$7,500.

Mayor Ciasullo informed Council the Borough has received a renewal contract for shared services with West Milford for our CFO. Council will be reviewing the contract. Councilman Hutnick spoke about changes for the Borough website. There will new drop down boxes added and would like to put on a banner. Also would like to make it more users friendly.

Councilwoman Slater informed Mayor and Council that she has contacted the YMCA regarding lifeguards but has not heard back as yet. She will be following up with another call. Councilman Opilla discussed the valve and meter that is used for the water readings for some of the homes in Franklin. There is an agreement with Franklin regarding the usage of water and the valve which shows Franklin is responsible for meters and valves. The valve may need to be change. Franklin will be contacted.

Mayor Ciasullo informed Council that the garbage contract is up for renewal this year. The Borough may have the option of renewal for one more year or go out to bid. The Mayor stated that he will check with the attorney regarding renewal for one more year. Mayor Ciasullo also spoke about the VFW property that the Veterans want to give back to the town. A title search will have to be done. Nothing has been done with the property. It was also mentioned that an environmental study should be done. Further discussion will be forth coming.

Mayor Ciasullo spoke about the improvements to be made to Heater's Pond. The Mayor, Borough Engineer and the Engineer from Cherry, Weber & Associates attended a meeting with the State to discuss improvements to the dam to meet NJDEP Dam Safety requirements. There were four options given by the State which are: armoring the dam to resist overtopping, complete removal of the dam, lowering a portion of the earthen embankment so that it can act as an additional outfall maintaining the existing normal water surface elevation or lowering a portion of the dam so that it can act as an additional outfall and permanently lowering the existing normal water surface elevation. The Mayor stated that any of the options we do may require other changes to be done. Mayor Ciasullo wants to move forward and authorize Cherry Weber to prepare an Alternatives Analysis Report. The cost to prepare the report will be \$29,600. The Mayor also suggested having communication with the residents regarding Heaters Pond improvements. Councilman Astor moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to move forward with Cherry Weber & Associates preparing a report to evaluate the alternative and the preliminary cost estimate for each alternative for Heaters Pond in the amount of \$29,600. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Councilman McGuire moved, Councilwoman Rizzo seconded motion to open the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Judy Perentin, 3 Swicarz Pl. asked where the VFW property was located. She was informed it is next to the Post Office. There being no further comments from the public, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Astor seconded motion to close

the public session of the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

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

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: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

At 8:55 p.m. Councilman Astor moved, Councilman McGuire seconded motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

After returning from executive session at 9:56 p.m., and there being no further business, Councilman McGuire moved, Councilman Opilla seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Astor, Hutnick, McGuire, Opilla, Rizzo, Slater.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Borough Clerk

Mayor