

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
February 24, 2025**

Mayor Hutnick called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame, Ruitenberg, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: None

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, NJS10:4-6 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, 2025.”

Councilman Gandarinho made a motion to approve the consent agenda Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from February 10, 2025.
2. Approval of Resolution 28-2025 transfer resolution – 2024 Budget.
3. Approval of Resolution 29-2025 to redeem a third-party tax sale certificate #2024-001 for 10 Lincoln Ave Block 3.03 Lot 10 to Christiana T C/F CE 1 FIRSTRUST, P.O. Box 5021, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021 in the amount of \$386.56.
4. Approval of Resolution 30-2025 authorizing compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the consideration of arrest and conviction records in employment decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”.
5. Approval of Resolution 32-2025 authorizing to amend Resolution 37-2024 approving the agreement between the Borough of Ogdensburg and Lake Management Services, Inc. for the seasonal maintenance and monitoring of Heater Pond.
6. Approval of New Jersey State Firefighter’s Association Application for membership for William Charles-Rowe Gunderman.
7. Approval of Raffle License application for a Tricky Tray from the Ogdensburg Fire Department to be held March 22, 2025 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.
8. Approval of Raffle License application for an On Premise 50/50 from the Ogdensburg Fire Department to be held March 22, 2025 from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.
9. Accept for filing Township of Vernon Resolution #25-70.
10. Accept for filing Township of Vernon Resolution #25-71.
11. Accept for filing letter dated February 7, 2025 from Dawn Center for independent living to Ogdensburg Borough.
12. Accept for filing Township of Sparta Ordinance 25-06.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

At this time, the Mayor and Council will sign the Group Affidavit Certification Pursuant to P.L. 2017 C. 183 of compliance with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s.

Resolution 28-2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, Sussex County, New Jersey, that the following transfer of Appropriations (2024 Municipal Budget) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 be and is hereby approved:

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Account Description		From:	To:
Mayor & Council O/E	01-203-20-110-099	\$ 1,750.00	
Municipal Clerk O/E	01-203-20-120-099	3,000.00	
Land Use O/E	01-203-21-180-183	2,500.00	
Employee Group Insurance	01-203-23-220-092	4,250.00	
Streets & Roads O/E	01-203-26-290-029	4,035.00	
Garbage Removal O/E	01-203-26-305-020	3,500.00	
Police Dept O/E	01-203-25-240-099		\$ 4,475.00
Fire Dept O/E	01-203-25-255-056		3,575.00
Electricity	01-203-31-430-021		10,900.00
Telephone	01-203-31-440-020		30.00
Fuel Oil	01-203-31-447-021		55.00
TOTALS		\$ 19,035.00	\$ 19,035.00

Resolution 29-2025

TO REDEEM THIRD PARTY TAX SALE CERTIFICATE# 2024-001
BLOCK 3.03 LOT 10
10 LINCOLN AVE

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR, REGINA FLAMMER HAS ADVISED THAT PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 386.56

TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2024-001

WHEREAS,

CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1 FIRSTRUST
P.O. BOX 5021
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19111-5021

IS THE HOLDER OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2024-001
AND AS MUCH IS DUE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$386.56
TO REDEEM SAME.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT APPROVAL BE GRANTED TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 386.56
TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2024-001

REGINA FLAMMER
TAX COLLECTOR
FEB. 4, 2025

Resolution 30-2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L.

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2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Resolution 32-2025

WHEREAS, Resolution 37-2024 ("Resolution"), approved by the Borough of Ogdensburg ("Borough") on April 8, 2024, authorized an agreement Lake Management Sciences, Inc., having an address at P.O. Box 2395, Branchville NJ, 07826, for maintenance and monitoring of Heaters Pond; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution incorrectly described the contract term as beginning March 1, 2024, and ending October 31, **2024**; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Resolution to correct the contract term to beginning on March 1, 2024 and ending October 31, **2025**; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the contract has not changed and shall not exceed \$6,599.00 for the contract term as amended herein; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer has previously certified that sufficient funds are available for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that Resolution 37-2024, approved by the Borough of Ogdensburg on April 8, 2024, is hereby amended to reflect the correct contract term beginning on March 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, CFO and staff are hereby authorized to process purchase orders for the corrected term.

RESOLUTION 31-2025

Councilwoman Ruitenberg made a motion to approve resolution 31-2025 authorizing the award of Non-Fair and Open Contracts for Professional Services to Bruno Associates, Inc. for grant writing services. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg ("Borough") requires the continued provision of professional grant consulting services to most effectively obtain outside funding for the Borough's public projects and operations; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Associates, Inc., having a business address at 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, provided a proposed contract to the Borough to continue providing said services, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Associates, Inc. provided said services to the Borough pursuant to a contract awarded for the 2024 year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to continue the services of Bruno Associates, Inc. for a new contract term effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the value of the services to be provided by Bruno Associates, Inc. under said contract will not exceed the hourly rate of \$125.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, Bruno Associates, Inc. shall be required to complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Bruno Associates, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Bruno Associates, Inc. from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40 A: 11-5(1)(a)(i), requires the public advertisement of notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Bruno Associates, Inc. in accordance with the foregoing under the following terms:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a professional services contract with Bruno Associates, Inc. for Grant Consulting Services for a new contract term effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at the hourly rate of \$125.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, subject to any contract changes or additions deemed necessary and appropriate by the Borough's Municipal Attorney and Chief Financial Officer.
2. This engagement is being made for the provision of professional services under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(a)(i) and the contract for said services is being awarded under a non-fair and open process in accordance with New Jersey's Pay-to-Play law.
3. Notice of the Resolution shall be published in the designated official newspapers as required by law within ten (10) days of the passage of this Resolution.
4. A certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, and Bruno Associates, Inc.

LIASON REPORTS

Councilman Ciasullo reported on issues with the wells and air in the lines. Councilman Ciasullo explained Councilman Gandarinho, Rob and himself had a meeting we went over a couple of different things. We are looking at a small project for now and possibly a bigger project for later this year or next year. Councilman Ciasullo explained on Friday they pulled the pump out of the Plant Street well to see why it wasn't [pumping] enough water as it normally does; we figured there was a hole in the pipe and explained the holes in the pipe which were multiple holes. Councilman Ciasullo explained the condition of the pipe and the repair.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked for Plant Street or Center Street?

Mayor Hutnick commented Plant Street Well.

Councilman Ciasullo commented it is the Well for Center Street. The Plant Street is running but it is over pumping; it is pumping harder then it is supposed to because the other one is leaking water so that is why we are working on pump 4 and the other would fall back in line. We are sitting with one well right now. We are sitting with a pump that is basically not usable; it was left out because it has to be fixed. Councilman Ciasullo explained the estimates to fix the issues.

Mayor Hutnick commented if we are going to go through with all this he would prefer to do this right and not do it in pieces. If we can; if not then obviously we have to do what we have to do to get this up and running.

Mike Marceau, CFO explained the processes the Borough can do; one of them is an emergency repair. Mr. Marceau explained the process with the State for doing an emergency repair, resolution awarding the contract and resolution to the State declaring an emergency.

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There was a discussion on the cost of the repairs, whether or not this was an emergency repair and we can't wait for the next meeting to decide.

Mr. McBriar commented he agrees with what Mr. Marceau explained on what constitutes an emergency as long as you have an engineer professional certifying that such an emergency exists there is certain relaxation on the public contract law that allows for emergency repairs conducted and performed.

There was a discussion on the number of holes in the pipe and the condition of the motor and pipes, the threshold for the Borough is \$17,500.00 due to not having a QPA and CFO will reach out to the auditor on the best way to do the process for the funds.

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion for the Council to allow the Mayor, himself and Councilman Gandarinho to work with the CFO and attorney to make sure we can get this fixed as soon as possible.

Mr. McBriar commented to clarify that; the motion is to authorize the individuals that Councilman Ciasullo stated to take such actions deemed necessary and appropriate to make emergency repairs to the water pump for the health, safety and welfare of the Borough and its residents.

Councilman Ciasullo commented your motions sounded better than his. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented her report is also under old business. Councilwoman Ruitenberg reported she and Jake had done another interview of a well-qualified candidate for our assistant position. Again, now for the second time the position was offered, would you be interested in the position. The candidate took a couple of days to think about it, she shared our handbook with the individual, the potential salary was given and it was denied. So, we are back to square one; there is one other person we are looking to interview. If that doesn't work we will have to figure out what we are going to do to move forward.

Mayor Hutnick asked did the individual give a reason why.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg replied the salary was not appropriate, they would be taking a cut in pay for a higher position.

Councilman DeMeo reported the fire department did ice and rescue drills training yesterday. Other than that, there is nothing new this week. The Chief is here tonight for the budget later.

Mayor Hutnick commented he received a request from the police department if we could put a no parking sign at the pond by the gate that swings out that allows you to drive out the small road to go out to the pavilion area. People are parking and blocking the gate and in case of an emergency the gate can't be opened.

Chief Gordon explained the new car should be on the road this week. The new guys in the academy are doing well and the two guys in field training should be on their own soon.

Councilwoman Cowdrick reported on the cleaning of the pond but Lake Management, this is the second part of their contract or plan with the Borough. They did a great job last year the pond is looking great. Councilwoman Cowdrick explained the pricing.

Councilwoman Cowdrick commented she spoke to the lifeguards from last year at the end of the season to see if they were coming back this year. They all said yes, she reached out to them a

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few weeks ago and again they said they are coming back. She advised them to complete the application with Robin and submit their certifications again to us.

Councilwoman Cowdrick commented Robin we can start our ad for that, at the firehouse, Herald, the newsletter and Facebook.

Mayor Hutnick asked how many returning guards.

Councilwoman Cowdrick commented four. We could use five' one as an alternate if we need it.

There was a brief discussion on the age and certification required.

Councilwoman Cowdrick commented she would like to open the lake on Memorial Day and close on Labor Day if it permits; she doesn't think we will get that far because they are collage students and leave mid-August. They really did a great job helping last year.

Mr. McBriar commented you should probably do a motion authorizing Robin to advertise for the lifeguard positions as a temporary seasonal employee for the anticipated 2025 summer season.

Councilman DeMeo made that motion. Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick. All were in favor.

Councilman Gandarinho reported he spoke to Jake he is dealing with some issues at DPW; he is looking to start using the tractor to clean up the streets. He is also starting to clean out the basins around town. Councilman Ganarinho asked have we ever talked about maybe doing outside services hiring landscapers to come in or going to a contractor or maybe doing away with the DPW.

Councilwoman Ruitenbergh explained in years past we hired summer help to help with the grass and stuff; that would probably be the cheapest thing to do. Then use labors to do other work that we need to catch up on.

Councilman Gandarinho commented we are having issues with hiring or having people come in when they are supposed to come in. Councilman Gandarinho commented he thinks it is time for this town to start looking to outsource our DPW. Our streets are looking [terrible] right now.

Councilman Ciasullo explained years ago we talked about shared services. We can't get anybody here to work; whatever the reason may be, they don't get paid enough. At some point we are going to need people to work here. It is probably something we should start the process again.

There was a discussion on a drain repair on North Clark that needs repaired and we just need the manpower.

Councilman Ganderinho reports on Municipal Alliance, the teen canteen was at Unplugged on Friday, basically 12 eighth graders attended. Mr. Astor said it was a good time. There will be another one in March at the same place Unplugged; she is volunteering her building. In May Mr. Astor would like to have it at the firehouse field.

The facility use form needs to be field out to keep things constant and so we know who is using the field when.

Councilwoman Lame asked she noticed one of the basins on Plant Street isn't draining so she was going to reach out to Jake to check on that one.

OLD BUSINESS

DPW Department Personnel – Already discussed in liaison reports.

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Notification System – Mayor Hutnick asked do we have anything new.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg explained just the three we are looking into.

There was a discussion on the costs.

2025 Goals – The can be removed from the agenda for now.

Liaison Ordinance Progress – Councilman Ciasullo commented a few council members had some comments and Rob and Robin worked to get us some kind of framework here for the Council committees.

Councilman Ciasullo suggested for everyone to review it and get comments to [Rob and Robin] Mr. McBriar commented it is a work in progress.

Auction Borough Properties Progress – Councilman Ciasullo explained the properties that we are looking to auction off we are still working on it. Rob and Robin are working with MaxSpann to start to put that all together so we can approve what we are going to move forward with.

Mr. McBriar commented he ordered title reports, he reviewed the proposed form of contract from MaxSpann in anticipation that we will have that on as a future agenda item. What Robin is passing out is confidential information for an initial review; it is an internal packet prepared by Max Spann. We will keep working on this.

Mr. Marceau explained some of the properties could be of interest for redevelopment and suggest to have the planner review the properties.

Councilman DeMeo asked last year we had properties with issues regarding the address have we figured that out yet.

Mr. McBriar commented it was more than the address; there were other [issues] those were not included in the list. This list was to streamline one to include the Willis Ave properties and the other two were large acreage amounts. The ordinance hasn't been presented to you yet, like Mike, Robin and I have said there are a lot of moving parts it would be beneficial to explore all of those avenues as we move forward to contemplate auctioning them or seeing what redevelopment options are for them.

There was a discussion on what was done with the local planning services grant, redevelopment process that has started for certain properties and a redevelopment committee.

Grant Application – Councilman DeMeo explained a copy of the AARP grant application that everyone received. This was a draft he put together since we approved Bruno Associates tonight we will send this to Bruno to complete the application. The application has to be submitted by next Friday the grant writes asked for it to be in by this Friday. So, if you have any comments or changes get them to him in the next day or two.

Bridge Street Field/Application to NJDEP – Councilman DeMeo commented the application is clearly different then in the past; this asks if you would like to use it permanently.

Ms. Hough explained as directed at the last meeting she sent an email to DEP regarding the field, the only response was to complete the application on line. ORA soccer is starting March 15th so she needs to know, this is just the application she doesn't know if they are going to charge us anything.

Mr. McBriar commented we are going to have a lease agreement with terms and conditions.

Ms. Hough asked do you want to apply for permanent or muliti year?

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Mr. McBriar commented so you are aware the options are one year, multi year, permanent or other. We need to know that answer tonight.

There was a discussion on the application and whether to ask for permanent or multi year use, how large the parcel is vs what is used for the soccer field,

Mayor Hutnick commented go with multi year because every year we are renewing it anyway. The application will be submitted for multi year use.

There was a discussion on sending DEP an email to see if the field can be used prior to this application being approved.

Mr. McBriar commented we can communicate that soccer season starts on such a date as it has from the many past seasons.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug testing companies – Councilwoman Ruitenberg explained some new companies we are looking at for drug testing employees; probably at the next meeting there will be a resolution for one to take over.

Emergency well pump repair – Already discussed in liaison reports.

Ogdensburg Day/Festival – Councilwoman Lame commented the committee has been meeting regarding the festival we are trying to plan. Last year we had it later in the year and this year they are looking at June. The fire department wasn't available so they were looking at the school and the questions came up regarding having any truck vendors that have a liquor license. There was a discussion on Ogdensburg Day Festival and certain activities, maybe fireworks, and to incorporate Miss Ogdensburg in the event.

Lifeguards/ Heaters Pond 2025 – Already discussed

Employee Handbook – Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented we had discussed looking at the handbook this year; she will send out everyone the last updated copy and we will work on sections at a time to get it all updated as soon as we can.

Senior of the year – Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked if anyone has any thought on who to designate this year to let someone on the Council know.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Jane Kruger, Ogdensburg Historical Society explained some ideas being worked on for Ogdensburg Day and if Ogdensburg Day will work like it did last year. Ms. Kruger asked about internet for the Historical Society building.

Jean Ortiz, 26 Willow Grove Court, gave her concern regarding extra salt that was put down on Glenbrook Road.

Maria Mascuch, Ogdensburg Employee, commented she wanted to take a few minutes to talk about Jacob Kinney our DPW Assistant Supervisor. She works with him, she assists in the water department. Mrs. Mascuch commented she wanted to say working with him especially in the water department has been nothing but an easy transition from the time he started working here. Especially with meter reading, asking technical questions; he always answers his phone no matter where he is and explained. He is always ready to lend an explanation or give a solution to a problem we may have with the water, water meters; she has been in public service for 30 years and she has worked with many other DPW supervisors and workers; Jake is a true asset to this Borough. Because of his knowledge as a supervisor he does know how to supervise he knows the rules and laws that govern his position. She likes the fact he tells it how it is person and

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explained she never feels like she is bothering him when she calls him; he is always very polite, he explains what is going on.

Carol Hart, 5 Lincoln Ave., commented she read in the minutes you are not going to utilize the first aid squad building; she found out the teen canteen couldn't be held there because you are possibly selling it. Ms. Hart explained her concerns about selling it and not using the property.

There was a discussion on the reasons considering selling the properties, cost to maintain the property, zone the property is in and financially the town can't afford the upkeep of that building.

Kris Gordon, 4 Avenue B. asked why the properties can't be sold regularly and not by auction.

Mr. McBriar explained the process for municipalities to auction properties.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion to review payment of vouchers and review departmental finance reports. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

CURRENT

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
02/24/2025	35338	Action Data Services, Inc.	181.07
02/24/2025	35339	Allied Oil	1,242.18
02/24/2025	35340	Anthony Giordano	201.40
02/24/2025	35341	BIS Digital, Inc.	160.50
02/24/2025	35342	Brightspeed	19.90
02/24/2025	35343	Brightspeed	59.61
02/24/2025	35344	BrightSpeed	820.68
02/24/2025	35345	Brightspeed	387.97
02/24/2025	35346	Brightspeed	253.72
02/24/2025	35347	Brightspeed	63.96
02/24/2025	35348	Brightspeed	54.96
02/24/2025	35349	Brightspeed	101.23
02/24/2025	35350	Bruno Associates, Inc.	500.00
02/24/2025	35351	Bullseye Calibration of NJ	150.00
02/24/2025	35352	Draeger, Inc.	78.00
02/24/2025	35353	Elizabethtown Gas	715.29
02/24/2025	35354	Elizabethtown Gas	519.75
02/24/2025	35355	Elizabethtown Gas	1,988.89
02/24/2025	35356	Elizabethtown Gas	543.72
02/24/2025	35357	Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	459.71
02/24/2025	35358	Fire Fighters Equipment Company Inc	469.00
02/24/2025	35359	Fred Yarosz Janitorial Services LLC	463.00
02/24/2025	35360	JCP&L	3,661.54
02/24/2025	35361	JCP&L	2,279.47

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02/24/2025	35363	JCP&L	5,927.70
02/24/2025	35364	JCP&L	33.84
02/24/2025	35365	JCP&L	13.69
02/24/2025	35366	JCP&L	309.08
02/24/2025	35367	JCP&L	1,657.98
02/24/2025	35368	Joseph Simone	152.89
02/24/2025	35369	JPMonzo Municipal Consulting, LLC	50.00
02/24/2025	35370	Lumen Technologies Group	125.62
02/24/2025	35371	Montague Tool & Supply Co	176.70
02/24/2025	35372	Morris County Public Safety	1,000.00
02/24/2025	35373	Morton Salt, Inc.	4,032.37
02/24/2025	35374	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	1,325.00
02/24/2025	35375	My Corporate Hosting Solutions, LLC	329.25
02/24/2025	35376	Napa Auto Parts	493.48
02/24/2025	35377	New Jersey Herald	243.71
02/24/2025	35378	New Jersey Herald #8001	269.19
02/24/2025	35379	Nielsen Ford, Inc.	195.26
02/24/2025	35380	NJ League of Municipalities	45.00
02/24/2025	35381	NJMVC	60.00
02/24/2025	35382	ReadyRefresh	7.88
02/24/2025	35383	Sanfilippo, Joseph	103.96
02/24/2025	35384	Schenck Price Smith & King LLP	4,065.20
02/24/2025	35385	Staples Business Advantage	108.97
02/24/2025	35386	Sussex County Assessor's Assoc.	100.00
02/24/2025	35387	Sussex County Municipal Utility	27.50
			15,501.2
02/24/2025	35388	Township of Sparta, Police Dept.	5

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ADMIN TRUST

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
02/24/2025	2210	Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust	386.56
			386.56

GRANT FUND

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
02/24/2025	35389	The Illusion Maker	1,250.00
			1,250.00

PAYROLL

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
02/24/2025	1341	AFLAC	562.96
			562.96

GENERAL CAPITAL

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DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
02/24/2025	5	1222 Strategic Safety Dynamics, LLC	6,054.00
			6,054.00
WATER OPERATING			
DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
02/24/2025	5	5429 Garden State Laboratories, Inc.	4,110.00
02/24/2025	5	5430 One Call Concepts, Inc.	12.87
			4,122.87

BUDGET

At this time there was a discussion on the 2025 Municipal Budget.

Bill Allen, Chief of the Fire Department presented his budget to the Council. Mr. Allen explained the increase cost of equipment, vehicle maintenance, capital items and maybe getting three set of gear, how long the gear last and the apron needs to be repaired.

There was a discussion on the repair of the apron, cost for the repair, possibly a temporary fix and getting a price on concrete.

Mike Marceau, CFO explained the deadline to introduce and adopt the budget, the appropriation cap and the budget needs to be cut approximately one hundred thousand to one hundred and thirty thousand to make the borough's appropriation cap. Health care has increased 23% one year, then 8% the following year and this year an increase of s 16.4%. The Borough will be paying health care coverage for employees that will be retiring until the age of sixty-five. Mr. Marceau explained going to a JIFF instead of the State insurance.

There was a discussion on health care insurance and exploring other options, items to cut from the budget, redevelopment, Pilots (Payment in lieu of taxes) that comes with redevelopment. There was also a discussion on the water budget.

There being no further business, Councilman DeMeo moved, Councilwoman Cowdrick seconded motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor

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