

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
November 9, 2020**

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

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Alvarez (via zoom), Nardini, Nasisi (via zoom), O'Dell, Slater, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Cruz

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

This meeting was held via zoom/audio. Participation/public access to the meeting was available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82592530898> and entering Meeting ID: 825 9253 0898 or via teleconferencing/audio conferencing using a traditional phone by calling 1-646-876-9923 and entering Meeting ID: 825 9253 0898 followed by the # sign.

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, 2020."

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

Mr. McBriar commented he has one comment on item 3. Mr. McBriar commented item number 3 by additional background the resident/owner of 72 Passaic Ave. has requested that the Borough subordinate its lien on the property to allow him to refinance that property. If you recall precovid back in February the resident sought to refinance the property and at that time the Borough did indeed subordinate its lien which was from the Home Improvement Program. It was a modest amount of thirteen thousand and change; this resolution will subordinate the new mortgage so the individual can satisfy the lenders requirement and proceed with their refinance. In light of the fact that this resident did this within the last year and it is the same lender he is willing to waive any additional fees that would incur from our office in order to make this happen.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from October 26, 2020.
2. Approval of Resolution 83-2020 transfer resolution.
3. Approval of Resolution 84-2020 authorizing the subordination of mortgage lien held by the Borough of Ogdensburg with respect to property located at 72 Passaic Ave., Ogdensburg, NJ.
4. Accept for filing letter dated October 30, 2020 to Council members from Rogut McCarthy LLC. re: Bond Anticipation Note.
5. Accept for filing letter dated October 23, 2020 from Horizon Re Borough of Ogdensburg Horizon Medicare Blue Group 2021 Renewal.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez (Abstain #1) Nardini, Nasisi, O'Dell, Slater

Nays: None Absent: Cruz Abstain None

RESOLUTION 82-2020

Councilwoman Slater made a motion to adopt resolution 82-2020 awarding contract to HME, Incorporated for the purchase of the Fire Service Apparatus through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Program. Seconded by Councilman Nardini.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Nardini, Nasisi, O'Dell, Slater

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Nays: None Absent: Cruz Abstain None

OLD BUSINESS

Playground safety – Councilwoman O’Dell had no new information.

Borough Property/subdivision/sales – Councilman Nasisi commented we don’t have anything else as far as the other properties. Mayor Hutnick commented he has nothing new. Councilman Nasisi commented he has nothing new but will speak to the interested party to let them know we have the ball rolling.

Little Free Library – Mr. McBriar commented at the last meeting there was a requestor who submitted a plan to locate a little free library that would obtain books; he thinks so the minutes are clear it would be appropriate to entertain a motion to approve that plan and the location of the Little Free Library as proposed by the requestor.

Councilwoman O’Dell made a motion to approve the Little Free Library at the soccer field on Plant Street. Seconded by Councilwoman Slater.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Nardini, Nasisi, O’Dell, Slater

Nays: None Absent: Cruz Abstain None

Paper Road (Orchard Street) – Mayor Hutnick commented he doesn’t think there are any updates.

Mr. McBriar commented he requested a quote from the title company who did the initial reports in support of the in-rem properties so we reached out to them to see if they can look at the public records to see if there is anything there. As you know the paper road known as Orchard Street does appear on the tax maps unless there is anything of record he thinks it is safe to say it is still owned by the Borough but he will report back when he hears back from the title company.

First Aid Squad – Councilwoman O’Dell commented she was unable to make the meeting with Anthony Nasisi and Alan Arduini; maybe Councilman Nasisi has something else to add.

Councilman Nasisi commented he met Mr. Arduini and walked the building; he let them know if he would ask them to remove underground oil tank and install one that is above ground. Councilman Nasisi commented he has a tank he would donate to the first aid building it is a 275 tank for outdoor use. We will have it removed and we are looking into see if there is any record on file with the County for the septic system. This will take a couple of months to do this transfer. Councilman Nasisi commented he doesn’t think it is necessary to leave on the agenda.

Councilman Alvarez commented he has to leave the meeting via phone at this time [7:14pm] and will try to get back to the meeting.

Councilman Nasisi explained the first aid squad will need some area to store first aid equipment that they think the police department will find useful to replenish their supplies as we move forward and maybe move some to the municipal building.

Mayor Hutnick commented in last weeks paper it was stated that Sparta ambulance squad would be covering Ogdensburg. That was not true that is a miss quote. Mayor Hutnick commented what I believe I said was that we would be looking at the different local squads but he did not specify Sparta was covering Ogdensburg. They are not covering Ogdensburg.

Councilman Nasisi commented he read in the Advertiser that Sparta Dispatch would be utilized.

Mayor Hutnick commented he is making it clear Sparta is not our responder.

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NEW BUSINESS

Grants- Councilman Nardini commented we had a few grants that have been sitting for a little while; one is for catch basins the other was Plant Street. The Mayor, Chris, the engineer and Councilman Nardini met last week. We are trying to push things along; Mike Vreeland, Engineer had helped us get all the paper work together and get the grant for the catch basins so he and Chris are getting together to see which ones to fix and get a plan together. They will need a month or two to get things together and explained; then continued to explain the process for Plant Street.

Councilwoman Slater asked about the grant for the storm drains. There was a discussion. This was the grant for the catch basins. There was a discussion on Plant Street Grant; this has to be awarded by March [2021].

Wallkill Valley FBLA – Councilman Nardini commented they had emailed us and asked if anyone was on the meeting from FBLA.

Mayor Hutnick commented we will put FBLA on hold for the moment.

Fire Marshall Service – Mayor Hutnick commented we are going to shift to the County for Fire Marshall inspections, Kevin Kervatt is retiring as the Fire Marshall effective January 1st. So, we are going to switch over to the County for this.

RESOLUTION 85-2020

Councilwoman Slater made a motion authorizing the Borough of Ogdensburg to enter into a shared service agreement with the County of Sussex, New Jersey for the County Fire Marshall to enforce the uniform fire safety act, the State Fire safety Code and relevant regulations. Seconded by Councilman Nardini.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Nardini, Nasisi, O'Dell, Slater

Nays: None Absent: Cruz, Alvarez (left the meeting 7:14PM) Abstain None

Wallkill Valley FBLA

Brian Hall, 281 Wildcat Road, Franklin, NJ. Mr. Hall commented he is a member of Wallkill Valley Reginal HS Chapter Future Business Leaders of America; one of our major goals is to contribute to our community. The Wallkill Valley FBLA 2020-2021 is focusing on honoring Veterans from our four sending districts, Franklin, Hardyston, Ogdensburg and Hamburg. Tonight, he is here to explain what the project is about and to see if Ogdensburg Town Council wants to partner with them. Mr. Hall explained the project they would like to do to honor the Veterans. Mr. Hall asked if the Council had information regarding the Veterans in Town.

Mayor Hutnick explained all of the town Veterans information would fall under the VFW run by retired Police Chief Lott. Mayor Hutnick commented he will give him your contact information; he handles all the ceremonies and he will be your main source of information on this.

Mayor Hutnick commented to put together a plan and send it over to him.

Mr. McBriar suggested to reached out to George Lott to get the information then submit to the Council.

Mr. Hall thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Vera Olinski, reporter for the Advertiser news apologized about the article. Ms. Olinski commented she will make that correction Sparta ambulance will not cover Ogdensburg; then asked will the Sparta Dispatch be involved.

Mayor Hutnick commented we don't know how it is going to work yet but if someone dials 911 they will get an ambulanced dispatched but we just can't tell you where they are coming from.

Ms. Olinski asked what the approximate cost of the fire truck. Mr. Marceau CFO explained.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Slater made a motion to review payment of vouchers and review of departmental finance reports. Seconded by Councilman Nasisi.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Nardini, Nasisi, O'Dell, Slater

Councilman Alvarez commented I am here. Mr. McBriar asked Councilman Alvarez when he joined the meeting again. During public comment. Mr. McBriar commented since then you have heard everything that was discussed.

Roll call vote continued:

Yeas: Alvarez.

Nays: None Absent: Cruz Abstain None

Current

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11/10/2020	31683	Aaron Septic Service, LLC	250.00
11/10/2020	31684	Action Data Services, Inc.	196.25
11/10/2020	31685	Atlantic Tomorrows Office	543.77
11/10/2020	31686	CenturyLink	139.02
11/10/2020	31687	Chelbus Cleaning Company, Inc.	443.00
11/10/2020	31688	FedEx	66.46
11/10/2020	31689	Gramco Business Communications	1,045.00
11/10/2020	31690	JCP&L	1,261.57
11/10/2020	31691	Laddey, Clark & Ryan	625.00
11/10/2020	31692	Michel Marceau	15.98
11/10/2020	31693	Montague Tool & Supply Co	68.46
11/10/2020	31694	Ogdensburg Board of Education	212,734.00
11/10/2020	31695	ReadyRefresh	25.25
11/10/2020	31696	Staples Business Advantage	32.79
11/10/2020	31697	Sussex County Treasurer	270,168.44
11/10/2020	31698	Sussex County Treasurer	20,172.86

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11/10/2020	31699	Sussex County Treasurer	1,086.00
11/10/2020	31700	TRI STATE PAPER & CLEANING SUPPLIES	52.00
11/10/2020	31701	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	2,275.00
11/10/2020	31702	Verizon Business	109.21
11/10/2020	31703	Verizon Wireless	122.02
11/10/2020	31704	Walkkill Valley Regional H.S.	96,663.92
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			608,096.00

Developers Escrow

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11/10/2020	2091	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	357.50
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			357.50

Dog Fund

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11/10/2020	249	FRA Technologies, Inc	650.00
11/10/2020	250	NJ Dept of Health & Senior Service	3.60
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			653.60

General Capital

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
11/10/2020	1131	Rogut McCarthy LLC	828.58
11/10/2020	1132	Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.	2,190.00
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			3,018.58

Grant Fund

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11/10/2020	31705	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	2,528.00
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			2,528.00

RCA Vernon

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAID TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
11/10/2020	145	MAJP Contracting LLC	20,000.00
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			20,000.00

Water Op

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11/10/2020	5063	Agra Environmental Services	460.00
11/10/2020	5064	JCP&L	1,005.05
11/10/2020	5065	One Call Concepts, Inc.	27.17
11/10/2020	5066	Staples Business Advantage	2.42
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			1,494.64

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor