

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
October 12, 2022**

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

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Alvarez, Cowdrick (via phone arrived in person 7:30pm) Nasisi, Poyer, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: DeMeo

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, NJSA10:4-6 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 4, 2022.”

Mayor Hutnick commented he was moving things around.

Ralph Bonard was present from Sterling Hill Haunted Mine. Mr. Bonard commented he is here to request on October 21 and 22 Friday and Saturday he is requesting police and fire presence that we request every year and the light tower.

Mayor Hutnick commented ok it is on the record.

PRESENTATION

At this time Dawn Latinsics, SCMUA Recycling Coordinator gave a presentation on Recycle Coach. She is not a representative from recycle coach she is here to talk about this program which is something we are trying to implement to all of the towns in Sussex County. We taught our resident to recycle and now we want to tell them how to recycle correctly. What can go in recycling what can't; we want to increase recycling around the County and we think this is something new that will push us over to a higher recycling rate for each of the towns.

Ms. Latinsics commented NJDEP is paying for Recycling Coach to have this program available State wide. Ms. Latinsics explained the program and features to the council and public present. One of the reasons she came to Ogdensburg because we are one of the lowest three towns in the County for Recycling.

Mayor Hutnick commented we get recycling picked up twice a month. Ms. Latinsics commented is could be education.

There was a discussion on ways to educate and promote recycling.

Council and members of the public asked Ms. Latinsics questions at this time.

Councilman Nasisi moved Councilman Alvarez seconded motion for approval of items on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from September 26, 2022.
2. Approval of resolution 58-2022 curfew for October 28 – 31, 2022.
3. Accept for filing Sandyston Township resolution R-62-2022.
4. Accept for filing Township of Hardyston resolution 81-22,
5. Accept for filing letter to All County of Sussex Municipalities from the Sussex County Board of County Commissioners Re: rock salt for this upcoming season.
6. Accept for filing the 2022 Abstract of Ratables County of Sussex breakdown of general tax rate.

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7. Accept for filing letter dated October 3, 2022 from Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Commission New Jersey Department of Transportation Re: Fiscal Year 2023 Local Freight Impact Fund.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Cowdrick, Nasisi, Poyer

Nays: None Absent: DeMeo Abstain None

Resolution 58-2022

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends a curfew be imposed beginning at 9:00PM for October 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the curfew shall be for all individuals under the age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg approve the curfew beginning at 9:00PM for October 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2022 for all individuals under the age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

ADOPTION ORDINANCE 05-2022

Councilman Nasisi made a motion to adopt ordinance 05-2022 “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CSC TKR, LLC. AND REPLACING CHAPTER 19 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A FRANCHISE TO SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY INC.” Seconded by Councilman Alvarez.

Prior to final roll call, Mayor Hutnick opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 05-2022.

Stacey Walsh, 7 Cider Court asked are they the only cable company.

Mr. McBriar commented it is not exclusive they are governed by the BPU but they are required to apply to the municipality for municipal consent which is part of that process.

Prior to final roll call, Mayor Hutnick closed the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 05-2022.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Cowdrick, Nasisi, Poyer

Nays: None Absent: DeMeo Abstain None

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 06-2022

Councilman Nasisi made a motion to introduce an ordinance 06-2022 entitled “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATION IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$155,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIAPTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.” Seconded by Councilman Poyer.

Public hearing will be held October 24, 2022.

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Nays: None Absent: DeMeo Abstain None

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 07-2022

Councilman Poyer made a motion to introduce and ordinance 07-2022 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 2, LOT 7 [read 17 in error]; BLOCK 4, LOT 1; BLOCK 26.01, LOT 22; BLOCK 26.01, LOT 23; BLOCK 26.01, LOT 24; AND BLOCK 27, LOT 8 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH”.

Public hearing will be held October 24, 2022.

Councilman Nasisi commented the first is block 2 lot 7 not 17 for record keeping purposes.

Seconded by Councilman Nasisi.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Cowdrick, Nasisi, Poyer

Nays: None Absent: DeMeo Abstain None

OLD BUSINESS

State Fire Marshal Notice of Violations – Councilman Nasisi explained we were on the scheduled to have the doors installed but it was changed. Councilman Nasisi stated he is confident of the reassurance [the doors will be installed soon.]

Downstairs Bathroom – Councilman Nasisi explained he is still looking for contractors.

Borough owned properties sale – Councilman Nasisi explained with the ordinance we are slowly [getting] through the properties the Borough doesn’t need.

DPW/Personnel – Mayor Hutnick commented we are back to three people. The two new labors that were hired, they are working away and were doing black top today. Our supervisor is back in house so he is working. We are back to the original staff that we had. We are still looking/interviewing for a replacement supervisor hopefully that will be resolved by time our current supervisor retires.

Predmore Road- Mayor Hutnick commented he checked with the engineer; for the most part it is done, there is some cosmetic work to do. For those of you that don’t know Predmore Road for the last 20 years needed the drain replaced that went underneath the road that was washing out and was damaged from years of storms. It is finally done.

Senior Citizen of the year – Mayor Hutnick commented we are still taking suggestions.

Local Planning Grant – no update.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar and Board of Health Secretary position – Mayor Hutnick commented we are going to need to hire new office staff for 2023 and explained.

Mayor Hutnick commented one of the previous meetings he was asked why he didn’t do anything or try to prevent the health benefits from increase. Mayor Hutnick commented he didn’t have anything to work with until today he attended a zoom state meeting for Mayor’s.

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Which encompassed 100 different Mayor's and Legislators from around the State. It was an overall discussion to what is going on, what has already been approved and trying to put heads together to find out what we can do. As it turns out the Governor has already negotiated for State employees a three percent increase as far as everybody else we get 22 percent increase. It stopped at the State; that was the biggest thing that came from the State Legislators. Some suggested to use the ARP money that was put aside the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to try and offset costs to the municipalities. Asking if open enrollment can be extended an extra 30 days to give municipal employees extra time to try and find other means of health benefits or if they choose to not go with the state. It was even suggested that Municipalities ban together and from their own insurance group. That came from the larger cities that are going to have a great impact. That was what came out of the meeting so far.

There was a discussion on health insurance.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Joel Delellis, Mud Pond Road, Sparta. Mr. Delellis explained he owns three houses on Mud Pond Road and there is a problem with the Dam which is in Ogdensburg. The beaver dam. Mr. Delellis explained the issue with the beavers; he talked to the State, it is on Brean Aggregate property but they don't want to be bothered. They did before when he first moved in. Mr. Delellis asked for help from Ogdensburg and explained what is happening now.

Mayor Hutnick commented he has been in discussion with Franklin Mayor for the last week or so. They had people come to them as well. They wanted permission from Ogdensburg since it is in Ogdensburg to trap the beaver. Mayor Hutnick explained he has agreed to work with Franklin to help with this.

Mr. Delellis asked the Mayor to give him a heads up on what is going on.

Mayor Hutnick commented give your phone number to Robin.

Mike Nardini, 5 Ridge Court, Ogdensburg, asked about number five on the consent agenda from the County regarding rock salt for the upcoming season. What is the County telling you guys about rock salt for the upcoming season?

Mayor Hutnick commented there is going to be a shortage but we have already put our orders in. It [the shortage] is across the State and explained.

Mr. Nardini commented Ordinance 07-2022 about the sale of properties do you have the details of that ordinance. Mayor Hutnick explained. Ms. Hough gave him a copy of the ordinance which will be posted tomorrow.

Stacey Walsh, 7 Cider Court, Ogdensburg asked about resolution on the consent agenda from other towns. What are those. Ms. Hough explained it is a paper trail for her that the council received those resolution. You can go to their websites to get a copy or see her she has copies.

Councilman Nasisi explained it is just us acknowledging we saw the resolution.

Ms. Walsh asked about the Senior of the year; do we tell you in writing. Mayor Hutnick explained put it in writing and give it to Robin.

Ms. Walsh asked about health insurance; she doesn't understand how this whole thing works. This 22 percent is that tax on to municipal employees. Mayor Hutnick commented it gets passed on the residents. Ms. Walsh commented in corporate America the rates get passed on to the employees?

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Mayor Hutnick commented it goes to everybody.

Mike Marceau, CFO explained Chapter 78; the percent an employee pays depend on their plan and their salary. Based on their level of coverage and salary the highest percent people pay is 34 percent. Depending on your salary you can pay as much as 34 percent of the premium that is charged to the Borough.

Mike Nardini commented on the consent agenda the Hardyston Ordinance has to do with their opposition to Tier B to Tier A. Do we have letters to the State? Requirements have completely changed.

Ms. Hough commented Mike Vreeland is supposed to come to a meeting and explain this.

Mr. McBriar commented maybe put him on the agenda for a presentation.

Dave Astor, 15 Lincoln Ave. commented he thinks we explored this once before but maybe piggy backing off the school insurance. They use Brown and Brown.

There being no further business from the public, Councilman Nasisi moved, Councilwoman Cowdrick 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 Nasisi made a motion to review payment of voucher and review department finance reports. Seconded by Councilman Poyer.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Cowdrick, Nasisi, Poyer

Nays: None Absent: DeMeo Abstain None

CURRENT

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
9/26/2022	32999	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	130.00
10/12/2022	33006	Action Data Services, Inc.	83.
10/12/2022	33007	Bassani Power Equipment, LLC	86.
10/12/2022	33008	Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc.	17,775.
10/12/2022	33009	CenturyLink	148.
10/12/2022	33010	Complete Security Systems, Inc.	24.
10/12/2022	33011	Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc	51.
10/12/2022	33012	Elizabethtown Gas	652.
10/12/2022	33013	Fred Yarosz Janitorial Services LLC	4.
10/12/2022	33014	Home Depot	138.
10/12/2022	33015	Horizon BC/BS of NJ	549.
10/12/2022	33016	JCP&L	4,625.
10/12/2022	33017	Joseph Marino	44.
10/12/2022	33018	Lumen Technologies Group	125.
10/12/2022	33019	Magloclen	4.
10/12/2022	33020	Michel Marceau	95.
10/12/2022	33021	Montague Tool & Supply Co	76.
10/12/2022	33022	Municipal Capital	1.

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10/12/2022	33023	Noah's Ark Prot-a-Jon	4
10/12/2022	33024	Ogdensburg Board of Education	220,164.
10/12/2022	33025	Richard Luthcke	79
10/12/2022	33026	Smith, Ken	829.
10/12/2022	33027	Township of Sparta, Police Dept.	14,897.
10/12/2022	33028	Valley Vision Care, LLC	2
10/12/2022	33029	Verizon Business	221.
10/12/2022	33030	Verizon Wireless	121.

262,439.
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9/26/2022	32999	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	-130.00	** Voided checks issued in an earlier period
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WATER OP

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10/12/2022	5240	Reliable Restoration Logistics	150
10/12/2022	5241	Tire King	50

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DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
10/12/2022	2101	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	913.5

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GENERAL CAPITAL

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
10/12/2022	1169	Montague Tool & Supply Co	2,045.58
10/12/2022	1170	Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.	1,115.60

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