

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND LAND USE BOARD  
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG  
AT OGDENSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
100 MAIN STREET, OGDENSBURG AT 11:00AM  
JULY 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hutnick called the meeting to order at 11:10am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Hutnick

**ROLL CALL MAYOR AND COUNCIL:** Ruitenberg, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer

**ROLL CALL LAND USE BOARD:** Fierro, Fitzgibbons, Honig, Mayor Hutnick, Kibildis, Marceau

Absent: Nasisi, Councilman Poyer.

Also present: Joseph Vuich, Land Use Board Planner

The following individual were also in attendance and made suggestions and comments throughout the presentation:

William and Denise Kroth, Sterling Hill Mine  
Jeff Osowski, Sterling Hill Mine  
Alex Kerstanski, Sterling Hill Mine  
Stephen Gordon, Chief of Police

**STATEMENT BY MAYOR:** “Notice requirements of P.L. 1975, Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-6 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 July 7, 2023.”

**PRESENTATION BY THE LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES**

Robert Tessier from the Local Planning services thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Tessier explained how the Local Planning Services do projects for Municipalities at the request of their Mayor.

Mr. Tessier began the presentation with the slide “Reports and Recommendations”. The Borough has completed 2018 Ordinances and Main Street Zoning Analysis. The goal is to revitalize Main Street, how to bring business to Main Street, redevelopment and having annual events to include Main Street.

Mr. Fitzgibbon asked about getting sewers on Main Street or if that was out of the question. It was suggested to contact the Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority (SCMUA) regarding the possibility of getting sewers at least on Main Street.

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Mr. Tessier asked what internet service was in Ogdensburg.

Mayor Hutnick explained Planet Network is coming through the Borough now.

Mr. Tessier suggested to have a public access in the Borough; Plant Networks will work with Municipalities regarding that.

Mr. Kibildis asked to keep in mind with revitalizing Main Street the old School/Firehouse which is currently the Ogdensburg Historical Society building. Mr. Kibildis explained this is the oldest building in the Borough; built in 1910.

There was discussion on recreation being a huge part of the plan.

Mr. Fitzgibbons asked about hiking trails to draw people into the Borough.

Mr. Honig explained at the Land Use Board meetings we talked a lot about a walking path, trails and recreation activities to bring people into town.

Mr. Kibildis suggested having a pickleball court.

Mayor Hutnick explained the Borough will be redoing the basketball/tennis courts with grant money the Borough received. One of the tennis courts will be lined for a pickleball court.

Mr. Tessier explained he had done a redevelopment study for the lots behind Borough Hall back in 2010, which are owned by the Borough. At that time the Borough did not move forward with this study.

Mr. Tessier advised to have Mr. Vuich the Land Use Board planner to update this report send to the Governing Body to adopt by resolution. The Clerk would send the report and resolution to the Lieutenant Governor in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). They would in turn place this area on their website as an area designated for redevelopment.

Mr. Honig left the joint presentation at 11:40am.

Mr. Tessier presented his slide show; showing different ideas they came up with for Main Street; banners, signs and to include the intersection by the school.

There was a discussion regarding signs throughout the Borough.

Mr. Vuich spoke about state incentives. Mr. Tessier explain a new program that will be coming out next year for developing Main Street which would gear towards smaller towns.

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There was a discussion on turning the two lots on Main Street the Borough owns into a little park area.

Jeff Osowski suggested to get people to stop in Ogdensburg would be with recreation activities. Having a bike shop and ice cream shop.

Mayor Hutnick explained currently we are dealing with unknowns for Main Street. The Borough has three buildings recently redone on Main Street available to rent and they are all empty.

Alex Kerstanski suggested looking into having a bed and breakfast.

Mr. Tessier asked the Mayor to get together a Implementation Committee to consist of five members.

**PUBLIC SESSION -**

Mr. Fierro made a motion to open the presentation to the public. Seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbons. All were in favor.

No one from the public had any comments.

Mr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to close the presentation to the public. Seconded by Mr. Fierro.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:15pm Mr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Fierro. All were in favor