

**MINUTES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE, OGDENSBURG AT 7:00pm
January 2, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hutnick

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 December 1, 2023.”

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION was read by the Borough Clerk for Steven Ciasullo, Common Council and Alfonse A. DeMeo, Common Council.

OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN STEVEN CIASULLO by the Borough Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMAN ALFONSE A. DEMEO by the Borough clerk.

ROLL CALL: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Ruitenberg, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: Poyer

Also Present: Carly Clinton, Esq.

MAYOR HUTNICK’S Address.

Mayor Hutnick commented Senior of the Year; let’s try and get that done this month. Mayor Hutnick commented he would like to activate the Community and Cultural Events Advisory Committee this year. This is something we set up to have more events within the town with regards to movie nights, music nights, senior citizen events, things that are available to the community at no charge. To bring the community together and people together whether it is here in town, the ball field or wherever. He has received some ideas from last year.

Mayor Hutnick commented this group of people we have up here has been doing an amazing job. He is very happy and he feels the town is happy with all our progress and all of the projects we have been able to complete. We finally have a fully staffed DPW which we are all excited about.

Mayor Hutnick commented he is very pleased with the direction we are going and the Council we have; everyone really cares about what is going on and really puts in an effort to make things happen for this town.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Ruitenber

Nays: None Absent: Poyer Abstain None

- **Resolution 01-2024** re 8% and 18% interest on delinquent taxes.
- **Resolution 02-2024** to name **NEW JERSEY HERALD** and **NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD** as official newspapers for the calendar year 2024.
- **Resolution 03-2024** authorizing a fee to be charged for individual meeting notices upon request.
- **Resolution 04-2024** to adopt a Cash Management Fund as official depositories for Borough funds.
- **Resolution 05-2024** Petty Cash Fund
- **Resolution 06-2024** Professional Services
- **Resolution 07-2024** authorizing Tax Assessor and Borough Attorney to defend contested tax appeals.
- **Resolution 08-2024** appointing Safety and Loss Prevention Reps
- **Resolution 09-2024** appointing Borough Clerk as P.A.C.O.
- **Resolution 10-2024** to establish a Current Fund Surplus Policy
- **Resolution 11-2024** to establish a Water Operating Fund Surplus Policy
- **Resolution 13-2024** to accept the 2024 Temporary Budget.
- **Resolution 14-2024** authorizing change funds
- **Resolution 15-2024** appointing prosecutor and public defender for the Ogdensburg Municipal Court.
- **Resolution 16-2023** reappointing Judge Glenn Gavan for a three-year term.

Resolution 01-2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 authorizes the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes, utility and other municipal assessments subject to any abatement or discount for late payment as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the fixing of said rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 further permits an additional penalty of six percent (6%) to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes and Water Utility on or before the date that they would become delinquent shall be set at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency, and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.
2. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, a six percent (6%) penalty shall be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. Delinquency in this instance shall mean the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a specific parcel of property covering any number of quarters or tax years.
3. Effective January 1, 2024 there shall be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments.
4. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph 2 of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph 1 of this resolution.
5. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in an official newspaper of the Borough of Ogdensburg.
6. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Tax Collector, Borough Attorney and Borough Auditor for the Borough of Ogdensburg.

Resolution 02-2024

WHEREAS, Section 3d of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the second newspaper designated by this body must be one, which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public with the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

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1. The NEW JERSEY HERALD and the NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD, 2 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey, are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Ogdensburg for 2024 and shall receive all notices of meetings as required under the Open Public Meetings act.
2. It is the opinion of this body that the said newspapers have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meeting.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 03-2024

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the public body to fix a reasonable sum to be charged to persons who request that notice of meetings as required under the Act be mailed to them individually; and

WHEREAS, said sum is to cover the cost of providing such notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Each person who requests that individual notice as required under the Act be mailed to him shall pay \$.05 per page plus postage to cover the costs thereof.
2. The sum here in designated is subject to change upon the adoption of a superseding resolution by this public body.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 04-2024

See Attached.

Resolution 05-2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a petty cash fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time to allow the availability of a petty cash fund for immediate unforeseen minor cash expenditures each as follows:

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| 1. Finance Petty Cash | \$100.00 |
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, that a reimbursable aforementioned impress funds aggregate of \$100.00 be re-established for 2024; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said amounts for petty cash are to be returned to the Borough's General Fund no later than December 31st each year.

Resolution 06-2024

WHEREAS, there exists a need for engaging various professional services for the Borough of Ogdensburg as non-fair and open contracts, pursuant to and in accordance with, the provisions or N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated terms for each professional service contract are set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals and firms have submitted proposals indicating that they will provide the professional services described below for the prices stated their proposal; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals and firms have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Ogdensburg in the previous year, and that the contract will prohibit the following individuals and firms from making any reportable contributions through the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Ogdensburg certifies that the appropriations specified with this resolution have been provided for within the Municipal Budget and/or proceeding capital ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the following individuals and firms as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Determination of Value for the following individuals and firms be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals and firms are hereby awarded a contract for providing professional services for the Borough of Ogdensburg, as indicated below:

Van Cleef Engineering Associates, is awarded a contract for providing engineering and planning services for the Borough of Ogdensburg for the year 2024 dated January 1, 2024 in the amount of \$147.00 per hour with Michael G. Vreeland, PE, PP, CME, as principal engineer and planner.

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Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP. is awarded a contract for providing legal services for the Borough of Ogdensburg for the year 2024 dated January 1, 2024 with Robert B. McBriar, as the principal attorney, in the amount of \$3,250.00 monthly retainer to include attending all meetings, drafting and reviewing resolutions and ordinances, legal research regarding non-litigation legal matters, drafting legal opinion and memos regarding the same, reviewing contracts, agreements and other business documents to which the Borough is a party, reviewing OPRA requests and assisting the clerk with responses, drafting and reviewing bid documents in connection with requests for Proposals/Information and communications with the Mayor, Council and staff. All matters outside the retainer will be charged at the rate of \$170.00 per hour; the rate for paralegals will be \$100.00 per hour.

Wielkocz & Company LLC. is awarded a contract for providing services in the capacity of Municipal Auditor for the year 2024 dated January 1, 2024 for the annual fee of \$30,250.00

Community Action Services, Steven J. Weinberg is awarded an appointment as Borough Grantsman for the Borough of Ogdensburg Housing Rehabilitation program for the year 2024 at the amount of \$3,100.00 for each completed unit \$350 loans subordination \$350 loan payout discharge of mortgage and recorded.

Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services Inc. is awarded an appointment as the Borough of Ogdensburg Risk Management Consultant for the year 2024.

Rogut McCarthy LLC. is awarded a contract for providing general Bond Counsel legal services to the Borough of Ogdensburg for the year 2024 dated January 1, 2024 in the amount of \$150.00 per hour for partners and \$100.00 per hour for associates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a notice of the action shall be published at least once in the New Jersey Herald.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michel Marceau, Chief Financial Officer does hereby certify that the appropriations specified within foregoing resolution have been provided for within the Municipal Budget and/or proceeding capital ordinance.

Michel Marceau, CFO

Resolution 07-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be, and they are hereby, authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Borough of Ogdensburg tax list including, but not limited to, rollback complaints, added and omitted assessment

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complaints, and such other appeals as are necessary to correct the assessments for the Borough of Ogdensburg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby designated as the agents of the Borough of Ogdensburg for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation.

Resolution 08-2024

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg to appoint Chief of Police, Stephen Gordon and Department of Public Work Supervisor, Christopher Ross as the Safety and Loss Prevention Representatives for Statewide Insurance Fund for the year 2024.

Resolution 09-2024

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5, designation of Public Agency Compliance Official (P.A.C.O.).

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Borough Clerk be designated as the Public Agency Compliance Official.

Resolution 10-2024

WHEREAS, in 2011 the State of New Jersey instituted a best practices checklist in an effort to “make government operate more efficiently, strengthen its accountability, and better manage scarce taxpayers’ resources”; and; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the best practices checklist, the Borough of Ogdensburg has made every effort to comply with the standards established by the State resulting in high ratings each year for compliance; and

WHEREAS, the best practices checklist recommends the adoption of a surplus policy to serve as a basis for decisions regarding future solvency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Auditor and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the historic budget and financial records and recommended a surplus policy to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, said surplus policy shall establish a goal in the annual budgeting process whereby the Governing Body shall strive to consistently maintain a \$550,000.00 surplus on hand annually to retain a consistent year-end surplus.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg that the Borough Council does hereby concur with the surplus policy recommended by the Borough Auditor and Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council shall strive to achieve that goal annually during the budget process.

Resolution 11-2024

WHEREAS, in 2011 the State of New Jersey instituted a best practices checklist in an effort to “make government operate more efficiently, strengthen its accountability and better manage scarce taxpayers’ resources”; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the best practices checklist, the Borough of Ogdensburg has made every effort to comply with the standards established by the State resulting in high ratings each year for compliance; and

WHEREAS, the best practices checklist recommends the adoption of a surplus policy to serve as a basis for decisions regarding future solvency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Auditor and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the historic budget and financial records and recommended a surplus policy to the Governing body; and

WHEREAS, said surplus policy shall establish a goal in the annual budgeting process whereby the governing Body shall strive to consistently maintain a \$250,000 surplus on hand annually to retain a consistent year-end surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg does hereby concur with the surplus policy recommended by the Borough Auditor and Chief financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council shall strive to achieve that goal annually during the budget process.

Resolution 12-2024

WHEREAS, all of the meetings listed below will be held at the Ogdensburg Municipal Building, 14 Highland Avenue, Ogdensburg, New Jersey, at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg will hold their 2024 regularly scheduled meeting on the second and fourth Monday of the month except for Tuesday, May 28, 2024, Wednesday, October 16, 2024 and Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

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2024 Regular meeting dates:

January 8 and 22

February 12 and 26

March 11 and 25

April 8 and 22

May 13 and (Tuesday) May 28

June 10 and 24

July 8 and 22

August 12 and 26

September 9 and 23

(Wednesday) October 16 and October 28

(Tuesday) November 12 and November 25

December 9

The following agenda will be adhered to by the Council at these meetings:

1. Roll Call.
2. Statement by Mayor or other presiding officer as to compliance with Provision of P.L. 1975, Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6
3. Consent Agenda
4. Action on Minutes of previous meetings
5. Opening of bids (if any).
6. Ordinances (if any).
7. Bond Ordinances (if any).
8. Preparation/Action on Budget (if necessary).
9. Public Session.
10. Old or Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Discussion.
13. Reading of correspondence.
14. Action on bills and vouchers.
15. Adjournment.

A copy of this resolution shall be posted on the Borough of Ogdensburg Municipal Bulletin Board and copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Official Newspapers, namely the New Jersey Herald and the New Jersey Sunday Herald located in Newton, NJ, and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerks of the Borough of Ogdensburg. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 13-2024

**RESOLUTION 13-2024 AUTHORIZING 2024 TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATIONS**

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WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amount required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2023 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvement fund, is the sum of \$3,289,433.94 for the Current Budget and \$277,000.00 for the Water Budget;

WHEREAS, twenty-six and twenty-five one hundredths of a percent of the total appropriations in the 2023 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvement fund in said 2023 budget is the sum of \$863,476.41 for Current and \$72,712.50 for Water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the records:

<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mayor and Council S&W	01-201-20-110-010	\$ 4,725.00
Mayor and Council OE	01-201-20-110-020	2,000.00
Clerk S&W	01-201-20-120-010	22,000.00
Clerk O/E	01-201-20-120-020	7,000.00
Financial Administration S&W	01-201-20-130-010	20,000.00
Financial Administration O/E	01-201-20-130-020	3,000.00
Computer Services O/E	01-201-20-140-020	3,000.00
Tax Collector S&W	01-201-20-145-010	3,125.00
Tax Collector O/E	01-201-20-145-020	900.00
Tax Assessor S&W	01-201-20-150-010	10,000.00
Tax Assessor O/E	01-201-20-150-020	1,000.00
Legal O/E	01-201-20-155-020	14,000.00
Engineering O/E	01-201-20-165-020	1,500.00
Land Use Board S&W	01-201-21-180-010	6,000.00
Land Use Board O/E	01-201-21-180-020	3,000.00
Police S&W	01-201-25-240-010	240,000.00
Police O/E	01-201-25-240-020	10,000.00

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<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT - Cont'd</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Emergency Management S&W	01-201-25-252-010	\$ 625.00
Fire Dept. O/E	01-201-25-255-021	7,000.00
Streets & Roads S&W	01-201-26-290-010	50,000.00
Streets & Roads O/E	01-201-26-290-020	12,000.00
Snow S&W	01-201-26-290-194	6,250.00
Snow O/E	01-201-26-290-294	15,000.00
Garbage Removal O/E	01-201-26-305-020	65,000.00
Building & Grounds O/E	01-201-26-310-020	2,750.00
Board of Health S&W	01-201-27-330-010	9,000.00
Board of Health O/E	01-201-27-330-020	200.00
Parks/Playgrounds O/E	01-201-28-370-020	5,000.00
Electricity O/E	01-201-31-430-020	17,000.00
Telephone O/E	01-201-31-440-020	9,000.00
Fuel O/E	01-201-31-447-020	750.00
Gas/Diesel O/E	01-201-31-460-020	7,000.00
Natural Gas O/E	01-201-31-448-020	4,000.00
Municipal Court S&W	01-201-43-490-010	4,500.00
Liability Insurance O/E	01-201-23-210-020	38,000.00
Workers Compensation	01-201-23-215-020	14,000.00
Group Insurance	01-201-23-220-020	58,000.00
UCC S&W	01-201-22-195-010	5,500.00
PERS	01-201-36-471-020	14,000.00
Social Security	01-201-36-472-020	37,451.41
PFRS	01-201-36-475-020	56,000.00
DCRP	01-201-36-477-020	500.00
Animal Control Interlocal Contract	01-201-42-340-020	5,700.00
911 Services Interlocal Contract	01-201-42-250-020	26,000.00
CFO Services Interlocal Contract	01-201-42-342-020	24,000.00
Municipal Court Interlocal Contract	01-201-42-343-020	18,000.00
Total Current Fund Appropriations within the 26.25% of Prior Year Appropriations		\$ 863,476.41

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<u>WATER OPERATING BUDGET</u>			
Water S&W	05-201-55-500-510	\$	25,000.00
Water O/E	05-201-55-500-520		42,000.00
Statutory Expenditures	05-201-55-580-000		5,712.50
Total Water Fund Appropriations within the 26.25% of Prior Year Appropriations			72,712.50
<u>WATER DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Bond Principal	05-201-55-560-001		80,000.00
Bond Interest	05-201-55-560-003		17,550.00
Total Water Fund Debt Service Appropriations			97,550.00
Grand Total for Water			\$ 170,262.50

Resolution 14-2024

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time to allow the availability of a change fund for day to day operations in the following departments:

1. Board of Health Change Fund \$100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg, that a reimbursable aforementioned impress funds aggregate of \$100.00 be re-established for 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said amounts for petty cash are to be returned to the Borough’s General Fund no later than December 31st each year.

Resolution 15-2024

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2022, the Borough of Ogdensburg (“Ogdensburg”) and the Township of Sparta (“Sparta”) (collectively the “Parties”) entered an interlocal services agreement for the consolidation of their municipal courts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c) (“Agreement”) without establishing a joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, Section IV(B) of the Agreement provides that one Prosecutor shall prosecute for both Parties, and shall be appointed by Sparta after consultation with Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, Section IV(C) of the Agreement provides that one Public Defender shall provide public defense services for both Parties, and shall be appointed by Sparta after consultation with Ogdensburg; and

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WHEREAS, Sparta has expressed its intent to Timothy J. Profeta, Esq. as Prosecutor and John C. Grey, Esq. as Public Defender for the Sparta Municipal Court for 2024; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Agreement, Ogdensburg seeks to acknowledge and approve the appointments made by Sparta for the positions of Prosecutor and Public Defender for the Ogdensburg Municipal Court for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the salaries, benefits, and fees for these positions are fully covered under the annual payment that Ogdensburg pays to Sparta for Sparta's operation of the Ogdensburg Municipal Court in Sparta's facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that Timothy J. Profeta, Esq. and John C. Grey, Esq. are hereby appointed as Prosecutor and Public Defender, respectively, for the Borough of Ogdensburg Municipal Court for 2024 subject to each completing and filing with the Clerk all items included in the Borough of Ogdensburg Checklist for Professional Services.

Resolution 16-2024

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg desires to reappoint the Honorable Glenn Gavan, J.M.C. as Judge of the Borough of Ogdensburg Municipal Court for a three-year (3) term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026 at the rate of \$10,000 per year for each year of the three-year (3) term;

WHEREAS, there shall be no increase in salary during the three-year (3) term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ogdensburg hereby reappoint the Honorable Glenn Gavan, J.M.C. to the position of Judge for the Borough of Ogdensburg Municipal Court for a three-year (3) term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 at a salary of \$10,000 per year for each year of the three-year (3) term. Furthermore, there shall be no salary increase during the three-year term.

MOTIONS

Motion for appointment of Council President.

Mayor Hutnick commented if everyone agrees he would like a motion to appointment Alfonse DeMeo as Council President. Does anyone have any thoughts on that?

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion to appoint Alfonse DeMeo as Council President for 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Ruitenberg.

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Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Ruitenberg
Nays: None Absent: Poyer Abstain None

Motion to confirm Borough Appointments for 2024.

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to approve the Borough Appointments for 2024. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Ruitenberg
Nays: None Absent: Poyer Abstain None

Motion to accept List of Officers, Members and Drivers of Ogdensburg Fire Department for 2024.

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to approve the list of officer, members and drivers of the Ogdensburg Fire Department. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Ruitenberg
Nays: None Absent: Poyer Abstain None

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to approve Resolution 12-2024 to hold regular monthly council meetings on the second and four Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. with the following exception: Tuesday, May 28, 2024, Wednesday, October 16, 2024 and Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Borough Hall, 14 Highland Avenue, Ogdensburg. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Ruitenberg
Nays: None Absent: Poyer Abstain None

PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick. All were in favor.

Bill Allen newly elected Chief of the Ogdensburg Fire Department commented the fire department is very appreciative for the apparatus they have received in the last few years and that communication will be better between the town and the fire department moving forward.

**MINUTES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE, OGDENSBURG AT 7:00pm
January 2, 2024**

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor