

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
February 26, 2024**

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

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, 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, 2024.”

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from February 12, 2024.
2. Approval of Resolution 24-2024 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”.
3. Approval of Resolution 25-2024 to redeem a third-party tax sale certificate #2022-010 for Block 12 Lot 8, 11 N Clark Street to Pro Cap 8 Firstrust Bank, PO Box 774, Fort Washington, PA 19034 in the amount of \$85,575.34.
4. Approval of Resolution 26-2024 authorize the execution of a shared service agreement with the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) for Provisions of Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) services to certify and submit the Borough of Ogdensburg’s 2023 recycling tonnage reports to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
5. Approval of Resolution 27-2024 of the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey supporting RevolutionNJ.

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.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick (abstain #1), DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

Resolution 24-2024

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.

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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. 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 25-2024

TO REDEEM THIRD PARTY TAX SALE CERTIFICATE# 2022-010
BLOCK 12 lot 8
11 N CLARK ST

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR, REGINA FLAMMER HAS ADVISED THAT PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85575.34** (LIEN 32575.34 PREMIUM 53000.00)
TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2022-010

WHEREAS,

PRO CAP 8 FIRSTRUST BANK
P.O. BOX 774
FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034

IS THE HOLDER OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2022-010
AND AS MUCH IS DUE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 85,575.34
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 \$ 85,575.34
TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2022-010

REGINA FLAMMER
TAX COLLECTOR
FEBRUARY 8,2024

Resolution 26-2024

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter "SCMUA") has passed a resolution agreeing to shared services of their Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) with the Borough of Ogdensburg by providing the services of a CRP for submission of the Borough of Ogdensburg's 2023 Recycling Tonnage Report to the Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A 40A:65-1 et. Seq.) (hereinafter, "the Act") provides that local units of government may enter into a contract to provide or receive any service that either local unit participating in the Agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating units (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg will prepare the 2023 Recycling Tonnage Report; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg has requested the services of the SCMUA in the form of the District Recycling Coordinator as a Certified Recycling Professional to certify and submit the required 2023 Borough of Ogdensburg Recycling Tonnage Report to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection by April 30, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, the SCMUA has the qualified staff to certify the Recycling Tonnage Report prepared by the Borough of Ogdensburg and electronically submit it to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on behalf of the Borough of Ogdensburg under the terms and conditions set forth in the Shared Services Agreement.

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. The Mayor and Council are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, with SCMUA for the provision of Certified Recycling Professional Services to certify and submit the Borough of Ogdensburg's 2023 Recycling Tonnage Report to NJDEP.
2. All SCMUA Staff and Professionals are authorized to take any and all necessary actions to see to the implementation of this Resolution
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 27-2024

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey state Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Thesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiative, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas and events that shaped our Country, State and Sussex County, Borough of Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jersey played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution and when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ogdensburg here by endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Borough of Ogdensburg Town Council commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.

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2. The Borough of Ogdensburg Town Council authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for the commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations and institutions in the commemorations.

3. The Borough of Ogdensburg Town Council further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in the important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion to approve the executive session minutes from February 12, 2024. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 04-2024

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion to adopt Ordinance 04-2024 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF ENTRY-LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ALTERNATE ROUTE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 AND N.J.S.A. 52:17B-69.1”. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Hutnick will open the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 04-2024.

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 04-2024. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo. All were in favor.

No one from the public had any comments.

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to close the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 04-2024. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo. All were in favor.

Upon Roll call Vote:

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 05-2024

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to adopt ordinance 05-2024 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATE OF SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG”. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Hutnick opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 05-2024.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented she isn't sure where this all came from she inquired for clarification on that; can we have a discussion about salaries.

Mayor Hutnick commented this isn't about salaries this is extending the range so we fall within the salaries. Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented then it the next one.

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No one from the public

Prior to final roll call Mayor Hutnick closed the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 05-2024.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

RESOLUTION 28-2024

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to adopt resolution 28-2024 fixing the salaries of certain officers and employees of the Borough of Ogdensburg. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented last meeting we were going to have a discussion on salaries and what they are going to be adjusted to and nothing has happened; she isn't sure where these numbers came from; they range from anywhere no raise to over 5 percent.

Mr. Marceau explained we have a couple of employees that don't qualify because of their hiring dates. Everything else was previously discussed with the Mayor and it is put up for a discussion.

Councilman Ciasullo asked these are basically the raises for the year correct? Councilman Ciasullo commented he doesn't think we ever discussed percentages or anything before this happened.

Mayor Hutnick commented he believed we started to discuss it he isn't sure.

Councilman Ciasullo commented we may have but he really doesn't remember. Normally wouldn't we look at a couple of different columns 2023, 2024 then ranges from 1 percent 2 percent etc. To look at the ranges to make a decision as a body before we got to this point. If we vote on this and pass it these are the raises and we never really discussed any of it. Correct him if he is wrong.

There was a discussion on the ranges, how we normally do this process, if anyone has a contract, the only contract the Borough has is PBA, to have an excel spreadsheet to discuss this as a group, to make the best financial decision we need to know exactly what we are looking at and how much and where it all falls, and where the numbers on the resolution came from.

Councilman Ciasullo commented he thinks we should table this and have a discussion.

Mayor Hutnick commented keep in mind we are still one of the lowest paying towns in the County.

Councilman Ciasullo commented absolutely but these are all points that we will discuss; he thinks what we need to do and have a couple of columns with some options and then come to a decision. Does that make sense?

Mayor Hutnick commented you guys need to decide so we can continue.

Councilman DeMeo commented what you are saying is a discussion as a body this is our discussion here; its not like we can sit in a room.

Councilman Ciasullo commented normally stuff like this doesn't just pop up; normally when you are looking at raises of the employees the Council will make a decision as to what the numbers are. Having a discussion here is perfectly fine but probably what should happen is we should create some columns here with some different raises so we can look at it. I would assume all the percentages are the same. Councilman Ciasullo asked Mr. Marceau if they are all the same.

Mr. Marceau commented they are not.

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Councilman Ciasullo commented if the raises are not all the same there is a reason; the six of us make the decision; other than that he doesn't know how anybody can come up with numbers that aren't one percent across the board. We may end up with these exact numbers but we would have to calculate them out to see why there are differences and that would be a decision we would discuss.

Ms. Hough asked the motion and the second was to approve it. Mr. McBriar commented no, there was a motion and a second that is now before the council with no vote on this. Mr. McBriar explained you would do a superseding motion to table it someone would have to make that motion and seconded with a roll call vote on that.

Councilman Ciasullo asked he will do that but is there a reason why we wouldn't.

Councilman DeMeo commented he isn't sure what is jumping out at you.

Councilman Ciasullo commented nothing but it is just one column of numbers. If some employees are getting on number as a raise and others employees are getting another number he really doesn't know who is getting what or who is getting nothing. Doesn't that concern anybody?

Councilman DeMeo commented it is your call if you want to table it I'll support you tabling it then ask any questions to Mike in the next two weeks on any discussions you want to have.

Councilman Ciasullo commented he will table it and ask Mike to make up columns so they can look at it and see different numbers.

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion to table resolution 28-2024 until the next meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Ruitenberg.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND RECREATION AREA APPLICATION

Councilwoman Cowdrick made a motion to approve the Facility Use Application submitted by Sussex Professional Baseball, Chris Stelman, Director for use of the Municipal Park baseball field and to determine the seasonal fee. Seconded by Councilman Ciasullo.

Councilman DeMeo explained he didn't see the insurance certificate. Ms. Hough explained they submitted that after the packets were done.

Councilman DeMeo asked did we get the coach list. Ms. Hough explained they don't have that together yet.

Mr. McBriar commented he thinks in the past where the application preceded the season in a considerable amount of time this Council has voted to conditionally approve it subject to completing the submission requirements.

Councilman DeMeo commented he was more concerned we had the insurance certificate. What are you recommending?

There was a discussion on the fee.

Mr. McBriar commented the motion would be for the amount of \$1,500.00 for the season and that would be conditioned on the borough clerk receiving the coach list with contact information.

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Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

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Councilwoman Cowdrick made a motion to approve the Facility Use Application submitted by Wallkill Valley Little League Baseball, Rosa Collins, Treasurer for use of the Municipal Park baseball field and to determine the seasonal fee. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

There was a discussion on the application and dates.

Councilman DeMeo commented he has a question on this application; there are dates requested April 1 to June 15th then there is another date list for August 1 to November 9th wouldn't that be a different season.

Councilwoman Cowdrick explained our season under us is spring and fall is considered one season. They would pay once for both.

There was a discussion on the fee for one season vs. two season and the Borough's cost to maintain the fields.

Councilman DeMeo suggested if they are doing the application for two season it should be \$500.00

There was a discussion on the fee to charge, if it is for one season \$250.00 and two seasons \$500.00 and what was done last year and why.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

OLD BUSINESS

Hiring of Police Officers –

Councilman Ciasullo asked Chief Gordon if there was anything new with hiring the police officers.

Chief Gordon explained we handed out applications that is as far as we are right now. They have two weeks to get them back to us.

Grant Writers –

Councilman DeMeo commented he could meet [with the companies that submitted proposals] on March 13 or 27th.

It was decided for the clerk to call the three grant writers that sent in proposals to set up interview for March 13 starting at 5 half hour each interview.

Budget – M. Marceau, CFO commented the Governors address is supposed to be tomorrow at 2:00pm we should have our state aid numbers after that and for the next meeting.

Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator –

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented she had looked into this it has to be somebody in town; she has been told that other towns have the Chief of Police the Emergency Management Coordinator; she doesn't know if we could add that to his duties with an additional stipend.

Chief Gordon explained he already has enough to do.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented maybe somebody under the chief.

Councilman Ciasullo asked if we could do a shared service with another town if we don't get anyone.

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There was a discussion on finding someone to be the borough emergency management coordinator.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented our plan also needs to be updated it is out of date as of now which means we are out of compliance.

Mayor Hutnick explained he could reach out to Rick Keslo to see if you would stay on a few more weeks.

Employee Handbook discussion – Mr. Marceau commented this can be removed.

Finance/Tax Department Software – Mr. Marceau commented this can be removed.

IT services – Mr. Marceau explained he spoke to Planet Networks to start everything.

CDL Classes – Mayor Hutnick explained there is a employee that we should send to get his CDL.

SLF Grant Discussion – Mr. Marceau explained this was talked about at the last meeting. If you want to move forward and submit an application. This is something the state is offering us but we don't have to do it. The Council will look over the information for the next meeting and make a decision.

There was a discussion on whether or not to apply for the grant and what paper work is involved with this.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) discussion – This can come off the agenda.

Parks and Recreation – Councilwoman Cowdrick commented this was just handled with the facility use applications.

Municipal Alliance – Councilwoman Cowdrick explained she doesn't have much now but for the next meeting she will; she will be meeting with Dave Astor and an invite list as to who we think in town we should have as a collective group and invite them to our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Hall Revitalization – Mayor Hutnick commented if anyone noticed the new carpets when you walk in Borough Hall. Mayor Hutnick commented he thinks we should look into fresh new paint for the office; to try and update the building and revitalize the landscaping on the outside.

Senior of the Year – Mayor Hutnick asked if anyone has thought about who this year. One name has come to his mind lately and is standing out. Does anyone wish to discuss this? We would keep it a secret.

There was a discussion on senior of year.

Councilman Ciasullo made a motion that the Council approves the Mayor to decide this years Senior of the Year. Seconded by Councilman DeMeo.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

First Aid Squad Building Discussion – Councilman Ciasullo commented he put this on for discussion so we can start talking about taking possession of the property which is the first aid squad; he believes the process is completed. We never really fully talked about it but now that we have the building we need to start discussing it. This is something we may have to auction

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off to get this back on the tax rolls and maybe get some money that can be used in the town for some other things. His thought is for being involved for years doing work on this building and everything that we are involved in he can't see us having another building to maintain. We have been in the process and we are getting rid of some properties we have throughout the town. This could be one for them to get some money out of it.

Mayor Hutnick commented roughly two years ago when the first squad was disbanding the Council began discussion on the exact topic We just took ownership of that building it has been discussed we were going to look into that being a community center, a warming station which can be and offer it to different organizations such as youth organizations, Municipal Alliance, Scouting, VFW, Senior Citizen groups at the same time over the course for those two years the garage is heated and electric has been available to emergency service personal in times of need with hurricanes and snow storms. The building has received a new ADA compliant bathroom that has been the general direction that the town was looking. The town doesn't have a lot to offer we want to maybe generate some revenue off it but at the same time it does have value to the rest of us.

Councilman DeMeo commented he believed that is why the first aid squad has been rehabbing the building and taking care of certain issues down there like the bathroom and the oil tank.

Mayor Hutnick commented they [first aid squad] had money that they needed to reinvest and they reinvested it back into the building.

Councilman DeMeo commented we still have a number of properties for auction well before we go down to this property.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked would that [building] generate more money than actual pieces of land?

Mayor Hutnick explained number one that is a flood zone so that is why it can only be listed as a warming station it can't be used as a shelter.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked someone can potentially by it for business purposes, correct?

Councilman DeMeo commented at some point we will have to take a vote on it.

There was a discussion on if there is a septic that works for this property, getting septic records for this building, deciding on whether to auction the property or use it for a warming center and if there is an organization that wants to use the building now.

Heater's Pond – Councilwoman Cowdrick explained she contacted Lake Hopatcong and she had two ladies that she was going back and forth with in regards to lake management and to see who they use. She tracked down the one contact that they use; which is Lake Management Sciences. Councilwoman Cowdrick explained a conversation she had with them and had information they sent to her for the Council to review.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Jane Kruger, President of the Ogdensburg Historical Society commented this year is our 40th Anniversary and a dinner at the Fire House. Ms. Kruger spoke about creating an historical award and working with the clerk on a proclamation recognizing the Historical Society 40th Anniversary. Their next meeting is March 14th, they are having a guest speaker from Sussex County Library and explained what this individual does. Ms. Kruger explained they are working on a quilt the Historical Society will be selling for their anniversary.

There was a discussion on getting internet services for the Historical Society Building.

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Rob McGuire, 1 Short Court asked about if the Borough was doing geese management.

Mayor Hutnick explained we just received the permit; they are far behind.

There was a discussion on the geese at the pond.

Mr. McGuire asked if there was a copy of Resolution 28-2024 fixing the salaries.

Mayor Hutnick explained it didn't pass. Ms. Hough explained the copies of the ordinance are on the table.

John Fierro, 4 Wallkill Terrace, commented while we are on the subject of the first aid squad building, it is good for the town that you were handed a gift and that gift has tremendous value. In the market we are currently in, as a realtor the market is high; that building has a good market value if you were going to sell it now would be the best time. Get it back on the tax rolls, based on its assessed value at almost two hundred and eighty-five thousand when you apply the ratio a true market value is around three fifty-five-three sixty. If you were ever to get that in an auction or bid process that would be great money for the municipality and he would recommend that. Mr. Fierro commented financially he would recommend the governing body to due their dudiligence and make sure that you look into the possibility of selling it. He understands you have plans for its use but this town since he has been here we never had a community center and we got along well. We work well with the school; he looks at the school as a community center. He thinks it would be the best thing for the residents of the town to cash out on it; as a Commissioner on the County Tax Board that is his opinion.

There being no further business from the public, Councilman DeMeo 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 DeMeo made a motion to review payment of vouchers and review departmental finance reports. Seconded by Councilman Poyer.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

CURRENT

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
2/26/202	4	34336 Action Data Services, Inc.	111.83
2/26/202	4	34337 Blue Diamond Disposal, Inc.	21,000.00
2/26/202	4	34338 Brightspeed	54.6
2/26/202	4	34339 Brightspeed	63.6
2/26/202	4	34340 Brightspeed	60.88
2/26/202	4	34341 Brightspeed	103.77

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2/26/202	4	34342	Brightspeed	257.53
2/26/202	4	34343	Brightspeed	389.03
2/26/202	4	34344	BrightSpeed	764.54
2/26/202	4	34345	Brightspeed	19.9
2/26/202	4	34346	Bullseye Calibration of NJ	145
2/26/202	4	34347	Couch Braunsdorf Insurance Group Inc.	693
2/26/202	4	34348	Division of Consumer Affairs	100
2/26/202	4	34349	Elizabethtown Gas	358.8
2/26/202	4	34350	Elizabethtown Gas	316.15
2/26/202	4	34351	Elizabethtown Gas	298.27
2/26/202	4	34352	Elizabethtown Gas	1,327.62
2/26/202	4	34353	Fred Yarosz Janitorial Services LLC	463
2/26/202	4	34354	JCP&L	1,873.15
2/26/202	4	34355	JCP&L	113.49
2/26/202	4	34356	JCP&L	91.81
2/26/202	4	34357	JCP&L	4,673.29
2/26/202	4	34358	JCP&L	2,093.32
2/26/202	4	34359	JCP&L	357.07
2/26/202	4	34360	JCP&L	2,897.61
2/26/202	4	34361	Lumen Technologies Group	125.62
2/26/202	4	34362	MicroSystems-NJ.com, LLC	1,900.00
2/26/202	4	34363	Montague Tool & Supply Co	524.54
2/26/202	4	34364	Morton Salt, Inc.	13,766.68
2/26/202	4	34365	My Corporate Hosting Solutions, LLC	272.25
2/26/202	4	34366	Napa Auto Parts	325.92
2/26/202	4	34367	New Jersey Herald	674.16
2/26/202	4	34368	One Call Concepts, Inc.	32.89
2/26/202	4	34369	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	411.3
2/26/202	4	34370	Robin Hough	50
2/26/202	4	34371	Rose Marie Gammaro	1,353.04

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2/26/202	4	34372	Schenck Price Smith & King LLP	4,596.33
2/26/202	4	34373	Sparta Discount Tire, Inc.	639.12
2/26/202	4	34374	Staples Business Advantage	116.57
2/26/202	4	34375	Sussex County Assessor's Assoc.	100
2/26/202	4	34376	Sussex County Clerk	8
2/26/202	4	34377	Sussex County Lock & Safe	79.96
2/26/202	4	34378	Township of Sparta, Police Dept.	15,197.25
2/26/202	4	34379	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	2,988.00
2/26/202	4	34380	Wallkill Valley Regional H.S.	92,681.50

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PAYROLL

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
2/26/202	4	1300	AFLAC	562.96

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GRANT FUND

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
2/26/202	4	34381	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	147

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ADMIN TRUST

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
2/26/202	4	2202	Pro Cap 8 FBO FirstTrust Bank	85,575.34

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DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
2/26/202			
4	155	Community Action Services	3,100.00
2/26/202			
4	156	FCR Construction LLC	20,000.00
2/26/202			
4	157	Sussex County Clerk	8

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			23,108.00

WATER OPERATING

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
2/26/202			
4	5351	DPS Pump Service. LLC	1,018.32
2/26/202			
4	5352	New Jersey Water Association	465
2/26/202			
4	5353	Reliable Restoration Logistics	4,000.00

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor