

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
October 28, 2024**

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

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Ciasullo

Also, in attendance was Joseph Maddaloni, 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 3, 2024.”

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from October 16, 2024.
2. Approval of Resolution 71-2024 New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development recommendation of award State Aid Project Passaic Avenue Phase 2.
3. Approval of Resolution 72-2024 New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development recommendation of award State Aid Project Edison Road Phase 2.
4. Accept for filing 2024 Abstract of Ratables for the County of Sussex.
5. Accept for filing letter from Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority re: FY 2025 proposed rate schedule effective December 1, 2024.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: Ciasullo Abstain None

INTRODUCTION TO ORDINANCE 13-2024

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to introduce an ordinance 13-2024 entitled “AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 20, SECTIONS 1-7; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 20, SECTIONS 1-18; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.” Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick.

Public Hearing will be held November 12, 2024.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Alvarez, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: Ciasullo Abstain None

OLD BUSINESS

Lead Line Replacement Plan – Poyer/Ciasullo/Ruitenberg

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented Robin sent the information in.

Ms. Hough explained there is one other report due on or before November 15.

Police Department – Mayor Hutnick commented this can be removed.

Employee Handbook – Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked if anyone reviewed the draft?

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Councilman DeMeo explained he had given his comments.

Mr. Marceau explained we are waiting on comments from Councilman Ciasullo. Then he will start sending everything to the attorney's this week.

Lead paint inspections – Mayor Hutnick commented we signed up with LEW Environmental; they will start the process identifying rental properties in town, sending out their postcards to notify the landlords that there is a potential lead base hazard and would require an inspection. They will handle all that for the Borough. As they are taking care of it they will update their online portal and we will get the results. This has nothing to do with Ogdensburg it is the State of New Jersey. We just need to provide the service to have this done.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman DeMeo commented we had a conference with the grant writing service last week, Mike and Robin were on the call it was to identify priorities for the upcoming year. We advised them that our top priorities right now are stormwater infrastructure, streetscape, town hall improvements, personal grants, lead line replacement, DPW equipment and potentially lighting upgrades that we have been discussing to try and get the LED's. There is money out there for that and there is stormwater money; we are hoping to see some proposed grants on that and maybe water infrastructure. It was a good meeting.

Mayor Hutnick commented something came up this weekend; it appears that Main Street is full or almost full with all the open [business] spaces. As a result of that we are starting to develop parking issues for the businesses; the weekends are seeing more and more business and explained the parking issues.

Mayor Hutnick explained with that being said maybe we can see where we are with the vacant property that is across the street from us behind the Atlantic Manor we talked about it the paper road.

Mr. Maddaloni commented he will follow up with Robert.

There was a discussion on the two areas in town for potential parking for Main Street.

Mayor Hutnick explained he went to the Ogdensburg School today; he was invited by the third-grade class, for a question and answer session and speaking on what it is like to be a Mayor and how do you get elected to be a Mayor. He read their educational book that they were going through that is part of their course study right now voting with the upcoming elections and they focused on local government and how it works. Mayor Hutnick commented he spent about an hour with the kids, the information he was supposed to read and then spent the next 45 minutes answering questions. They were good questions, they were very excited and they focused on our town and council. How do you become a council person what do they do? He invited them all to come to tonight's meeting.

Councilman DeMeo commented on Ogdensburg Day; committee did a great job. It was a good day it seemed like everybody was having a good time. The fire department did a great job with the food. The committee put a lot of work into this to get it all put together as quickly as they did. Councilman DeMeo thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Councilwoman Ruitenbergh replied thank you.

Councilwoman Cowdrick explained someone had asked if the borough could look into getting a solar power light for the tunnel.

Mayor Hutnick commented he doesn't see why not; we have gone through this before with JCP&L. They won't do it; the engineering isn't overly confident. It won't take much to light up

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that tunnel at night just enough to see if something is moving. We can address that we can ask the engineers; technologies have changed.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked if there has been any update on the street lights that were out.

Ms. Hough explained she reported them all it usually takes three business day but she usually waits a week until she sends a second request.

There was a discussion on the street lights in town that aren't working.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Jane Kruger, Ogdensburg Historical Society thanked the Council for Ogdensburg and explained the finances left from all the sponsor ships and they will keep track of it. It was a success; we are going to start planning for next year in December.

Mayor Hutnick commented we are going to form an actual Ogdensburg Day committee starting in January.

Ms. Kruger read the names of sponsors they received.

Ms. Kruger explained the reason she is here is for the Historical Society building; Ms. Kruger explained there are no emergency lights by the exit and the hallway coming down the stairs is too dark which is a safety issue.

Mayor Hutnick commented we will get an electrician in there it is a public building you need emergency lights by the exit and an extra light in that hallway.

Ms. Kruger explained they will be doing one more open house this year. Ms. Kruger thanked Councilwoman Ruitenberg she was very helpful with Ogdensburg Day. Ms. Kruger also commented that the Haunted mine went well.

Jeanie Ortiz 26 Willow Grove Court, Ogdensburg explained we were here about two weeks ago regarding a late fee. This week we have taxes due again. Mrs. Ortiz asked if there were any answers to her questions regarding that fee.

Mayor Hutnick explained he hadn't heard anything yet [from the tax collector].

Mike Sanford 14 Ave. B explained word must have got out because they haven't been riding the motorcycles behind his house on borough property.

Mayor Hutnick explained aside from Mr. Connolly and I the Council is not aware of what you are talking about.

Mr. Sanford explained the paper road behind his house that was never built. The neighbors had built a motorcycle track with trails back there. In the last week no one has been riding back there.

Mayor Hutnick explained he did update the police on this and they will patrol back there.

Mr. Sanford also gave his concern about residents running and walking early in the morning; if they don't wear reflective clothing it is hard to see them. Mr. Sanford thanked the Mayor and Council for the job they do.

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.

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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, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Poyer, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: Ciasullo Abstain: None

CURRENT

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
10/28/202	4	35007 145 Media	1,500.00
10/28/202	4	35008 Allied Oil	1,148.51
10/28/202	4	35009 Amazon	10
10/28/202	4	35010 Associated Appraisal Group, Inc.	750
10/28/202	4	35011 Aurora Electrical Supply	76.73
10/28/202	4	35012 Brightspeed	61.7
10/28/202	4	35013 Brightspeed	63.71
10/28/202	4	35014 Brightspeed	60.09
10/28/202	4	35015 Brightspeed	102.19
10/28/202	4	35016 Brightspeed	255.16
10/28/202	4	35017 Brightspeed	386.34
10/28/202	4	35018 BrightSpeed	766.88
10/28/202	4	35019 Brightspeed	19.9
10/28/202	4	35020 Brightspeed	56.71
10/28/202	4	35021 Brightspeed	51.02
10/28/202	4	35022 Bruno Associates, Inc.	500
10/28/202	4	35023 Bullseye Calibration of NJ	145
10/28/202	4	35024 Chemung Supply	4,952.70
10/28/202	4	35025 Enforsys Police Systems, Inc.	250
10/28/202	4	35026 Fred Yarosz Janitorial Services, LLC	463

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10/28/202	4	35027	JCP&L	1,966.01
10/28/202	4	35028	JCP&L	124.26
10/28/202	4	35029	Lumen Technologies Group	125.62
10/28/202	4	35030	Lumen Technologies Group	125.62
10/28/202	4	35031	New Jersey Herald	222.04
10/28/202	4	35032	NJ League of Municipalities	115
10/28/202	4	35033	NJ League of Municipalities	115
10/28/202	4	35034	Noah's Ark Port-a-Jon	730
10/28/202	4	35035	Party Time Rentals	4,503.25
10/28/202	4	35036	Staples Business Advantage	69.87
10/28/202	4	35037	Township of Sparta	250
10/28/202	4	35038	Verizon Business	104.73
10/28/202	4	35039	Wielkocz & Company, LLC	250

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GENERAL CAPITAL

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
10/28/202	4	1206	Montague Tool & Supply Co	22,750.45
10/28/202	4	1207	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	930.5

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DOG FUND

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	
10/28/202	4	321	J.P. Cooke Company	314

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DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
10/18/202			
4	162	Sussex County Clerk	8

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DEVELOPER"S ESCROW

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
10/28/202			
4	2112	Dolan & Dolan Esqs.	618.25
10/28/202			
4	2113	New Jersey Herald	23.68

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WATER OPERATING

DATE	CHEC K #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
10/28/202			
4	5400	Braen Aggregates, LLC	152.25
10/28/202			
4	5401	Core & Main	1,643.64
10/28/202			
4	5402	Genserve, LLC	112.5
10/28/202			
4	5403	Staples Business Advantage	21.25
10/28/202			
4	5404	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	294

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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 7:31p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor

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