

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
July 28, 2025**

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

Mayor Hutnick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ciasullo (via phone), Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lane, Ruitenberg, Mayor Hutnick

Absent: None

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, 2025."

Councilman Gandarinho made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of regular meeting minutes from July 14, 2025.
2. Approval of Resolution 69-2025 authorizing the Borough Clerk to renew liquor licenses for the 2025-2026 licensing term for liquor license 1916-33-002-006 Atlantic Manor and 1916-44-003-006 Tammy Mannion.
3. Approval of Resolution 71-2025 authorizing the refund for an overpayment of a certificate of occupancy to Stephen Finegan.
4. Approval of a raffle application from Ogdensburg PTO for an off-premise merchandise raffle to be held on September 1, 2025 at 11:30am at 100 Main Street, Ogdensburg.
5. Accept for filing letter dated July 10, 2025 from the Sussex County Board of Commissioner, re; Authorizing the placement of a public question on the official ballot for the General Election on November 4, 2025 concerning a proposition authorizing the County of Sussex to continue a trust fund to support farmland preservation recreation and open space programs, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1, ET SEQ.
6. Accept for filing letter dated July 14, 2025 from Lori Davina, Sussex County Recovery Community Center re; Remembrance and Recovery, A Day of Healing and Hope.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo (abstain #1), Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lane, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

Resolution 69-2025

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG FOR THE 2025-2026 LICENSING YEAR, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, BE AND THE SAME HEREBY APPROVED:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION – \$414.00

LICENSE #	LICENSEE	ESTABLISHMENT	ADDRESS
1916-33-002-006	Atlantic Manor	Atlantic Manor	83 Main St.

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION - \$302.00

1916-44-003-006	Tammie Mannion	ABC Pocket
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CLUB LICENSE - \$70.00

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Resolution 71-2025

WHEREAS, Stephen Finegan paid for a certificate of occupancy “CCO” inspection twice and only had one inspection for 10 North Clark Street, Block 13 Lot 13; and

WHEREAS, the fee for one CCO inspection is one hundred dollars; and

WHEREAS, he applied for a CCO on February 6, 2025 when he didn’t have a buyer for his house and paid the \$100.00 fee, then applied and paid \$100.00 again for a CCO on July 1, 2025 forgetting he already applied and paid for a CCO in February, and

WHEREAS, the zoning/code enforcement officer is requesting Mr. Finegan be refunded \$100.00 for the overpayment of a CCO.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey authorize the refund of \$100.00 to Stephen Finegan, 10 North Clark Street, Block 13 Lot 13 for the overpayment of a Certificate of Occupancy.

ADOPTION ORDINANCE 07-2025

Mayor Hutnick read a motion is in order to adopt ordinance 07-2025 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 26.06 LOT 9, BLOCK 26.06 LOTS 6 AND 8, BLOCK 21 LOT 27 AND BLOCK 26.09 LOT 39 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH.”

Councilman Ruitenbergh made that motion. Seconded by Councilwoman Lame

Prior to final roll call Mayor Hutnick opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 07-2025.

Chief George Lott Ret., Ogdensburg. Chief Lott thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing us the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Lt. Robert A. Madden Veteran of Foreign Wars of Ogdensburg.

Chief Lott stated “I personally have been a resident of the Borough of Ogdensburg for many years and had the privilege of working here as a Police Officer for over 34 years. Commander Davis is also a long-time member of the community as well as serving as a Police Officer with over 25 years of service. This has allowed us the opportunity to gain valuable insight and knowledge into our community, and especially the residents. Our remarks will be based on the perspective of our Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Chief Lott continued “Representatives from other town organizations and Borough residents will have an opportunity to present their thoughts far better than we could and we wouldn’t wish to speak for them. Our Ogdensburg VFW has been in existence since 1968, and the OFAS was formed before that. Various members of our community with approval and backing from the Borough and backing of the residents saw a need for a First Aid Squad and the Squad was formed. Eventually a building was built to house an Ambulance, and later an addition was added to the building which contained a meeting room, kitchen and bathrooms.”

“For many years we in the VFW used the meeting room to hold our monthly meeting, Sussex County VFW meetings, and we also housed State and National VFW Members on their official visits to Ogdensburg and to Sussex County. All were impressed that a small town such as ours was able to have such a great facility. In addition, our VFW Post held many dinners, ceremonies and fundraisers at the Squad Building, as did many local groups. During that time many of the organization in the community utilized the building as well, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Ogdensburg Recreation and numerous others. Many residents were fortunate to have the ability to hold family get togethers, bridal showers, birthday parties and so on in a great and save venue.”

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“Although there were many individuals who were responsible for the Squad and the building itself over the years, no two people we believe did more to further the organization and keep moving forward than Pat and George Sabourin. So much so as the hall was named and dedicated in their honor recognizing their service to the squad and more importantly recognizing and honoring their dedication to the residents of the Borough of Ogdensburg.”

Chief Lott continued “The Lt. Robert A. Madden Veteran of Foreign Wars respectfully request that the Borough Council consider NOT selling the building but keep it for the use of the organizations in the town and keep it for the use of the residents for the future. As we all know, once something is gone it will be gone forever. It would be a shame to allow the building and forever memories to slip away. It would be shameful to let the squad building become just a memory. We today have been entrusted to be the stewards of the ship. We were given this outstanding gift of a building and now it is our turn to pass it on to our children and those who come after us who will then take on the same responsibility to carry on this legacy. We understand there are many factors to debate, but we owe it to those who had the dream. We need to continue keeping our commitment to them, to never forget, and respect their memory and their devotion in the best way we can.”

Chief Lott stated “I leave you with this, NO ONE EVER DIES UNLESS THEY ARE FORGOTTEN. Please don’t forget. Thank you.”

Carol Hart, Ogdensburg asked for the addresses of the properties on the ordinance. Mayor Hutnick explained the addresses for each property.

Mrs. Hart asked what could be done on that property and asked if the State could come in and make that low-income housing.

Mayor Hutnick explained anything is possible if someone comes in with an application for the Land Use Board.

Mrs. Hart commented she is for keeping the first aid squad. Mrs. Hart spoke about low income housing, senior housing and what taxes they would possibly pay.

Susann Brush, Ogdensburg commented in regards to the first aid squad, obviously there are many people would to see it be held on to. Most people understand it is a huge undertaking but have you guys over the past several years looked into grants. There are so many out there and some directly to do with the community.

Mayor Hutnick explained we have had the squad house property for several years, there was no push to hurry up and do anything. The building was used still as when it was the first aid squad, it was used for youth stuff, school items and things like that. The building is maintained, it has been maintained all these years by our DPW. It has heat, electric, a brand-new bathroom and it is clean. There was no rush to say we have to do this to the building now or else.

Ms. Brush asked why is there a rush now to sell it. Mayor Hutnick commented he doesn’t have that answer for you.

Councilwoman Lane commented when she came onto the Council and started doing the budget there was no money. So, we were trying to find ways to come up with money to keep the town running.

Ms. Brush commented that brings her back to her question; has the town applied for grants. There are so many options.

Councilwoman Lane replied she wasn’t here; she came on the Council in January. Grants is not my department.

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Mayor Hutnick commented in Councilwoman Lane defense she was not part of this from the beginning she came into it. Councilman Gandarinho wasn't here for it, he came in to the end of it. There was a request/push every year we go through property for auction; to try and get property off of our records and to generate some income. He had never vision putting this property up for auction he always visions at some point we would get the Borough to the point where we can say ok now we need to update that building. Let's start promoting it and using it for community events and activities. He didn't do it before hand because number one there was no rush and two we were busy focusing on other things while maintaining that building. It is not an unsafe building; it needs to be brought up to current codes.

Ms. Brush asked is it still an option to look for grants. Mayor Hutnick commented as of tonight there is a final roll call vote the council will vote to put it out for auction.

Cristian Zamphir, Ogdensburg, commented it is a way to make easy money. He heard at previous meeting people say to use for the community this is another option. He supports against selling it.

Vicki Schroder, Ogdensburg commented she was a girl scout in that building; the VFW always took care of the building. We don't have anyplace to be a community; a place to gather. She created her Facebook page so we had a place to talk. We need to start acting like a community. We can't get into the school without the superintendent permission without the Board of Ed permission, you can't get into the fire house and rightfully so. What better place to have the first aid squad building as a community center and explained what the building could be used for. She is asking Council to give us [the community] six months to show you what we can do as a community with that building. If we fail we fail but why does it have to be sold today.

Donna Heverly, Ogdensburg asked what the projected revenue is for selling this property.

Mayor Hutnick commented we don't have that number yet.

John Fierro, Ogdensburg, commented before he starts he has much respect of the Council; tough situation. Chief Lott much respect. He had his son's communion party at the first aid squad. The truth is the town cannot afford to keep this building. We are not in a great financial situation. The Mayor and Council's responsibility are infrastructure, public safety, we have roads that are crumbling. We have a DPW that one full time employee, we are trying to get our police department straightened out and he believes that is going in the right direction. We have to cover health insurance for retirees, we have a lot of expenses. Mr. Fierro explained his research; we went from four to five building and the condition of the current buildings. This is a vital part of the governing body responsibility. Mr. Fierro explained we don't have a cost analysis to repair the building. We took over the building without doing a phase one environmental study, we don't know if there is contaminated soil on that property, we don't know if the septic was functioning and up to code and we never did a building inspection. This should have been done prior to taking over that building.

Mr. Fierro explained he is the president of the Sussex County Board of Taxation, he pulled the record cards for those properties and did an analysis as to what they would revenue based on their current assessed value. The current assessed value of the First Aid Squad is \$283,700. With the ratio which is 65.01% it is an adjusted assessed value of \$435,900. If that property was on the tax rolls and not owned by the municipality would generate \$11,784.00 taxes per year. The vacant lot we will call it the pump house lot is assessed at \$77,400. When it is adjusted with the ratio the true market value is \$118,900 when you apply the tax rate the tax dollars generated from that would \$3,215. So that is \$15,000 a year generated in taxes if those properties were not owned by the municipality.

Donna Heverly asked where did you get your tax analysis from?

Mr. Fierro explained we just finished the tax rates this week from the County and he certifies them.

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Mr. Fierro explained if we sell the property we could generate a couple of hundred thousand dollars that we could utilize for roads, police and DPW.

Ms. Hough questioned a phone on the copier that was recording the meeting. Which was determined to be fine.

Mr. Fierro explained what the money could be used for and to help replace surplus which is at a low. We need to get our surplus back to a safe number. This is different then selling land it has a building on it. He feels strongly at this point we can't afford this building. He respects both sides of the argument.

Donna Heverly, asked she did research there are other properties to sell why does it have to be that property that is in a flood zone. There are plenty of other properties available where we can put senior housing or 55+ communities that are not going to break our school system and it is going to bring us tax revenue. We are looking at a building that means so much to so many people in this town. What is going to be next? We are in a financial hole because are taxes decreased for years. The taxes in the town went from a dead phase then they spiked really high all at once. Why do we have to sell this property?

Mr. Fierro commented Ogdensburg now has the fourth highest tax rate in Sussex County; you don't want to be number one.

Mayor Hutnick explained with regards to everyone and their taxes let's not forget we have no industry in Ogdensburg. All of our money is generated by everybody sitting in the room. So, yes, we run into issues and run out of money for things but we are also a community of pride let's not forget that.

Frank Sanfilippo, Ogdensburg commented he can't agree with John [Mr. Fierro]. Fifteen thousand dollars, twenty thousand dollars is nothing. To do something you have to raise taxes. Everything is falling apart around here; it is time to raise taxes when you can't buy paper for a copy machine you have a problem.

Kris Gordon, Ogdensburg explained to answer Councilwoman Lane's comment she made, we don't know what the repair cost is because there has never been an estimate. If you are wondering where the septic is, it is in the same place since he worked here in the back corner of the building. Mr. Gordon commented you want to sell the acre and a half sell it; this is the first time we have a piece of land with a building on it that we are selling. So why don't we give the residents the courtesy of a referendum in November and let them speak. Whatever the town speaks on that referendum in November it is what it is but we should at least give the residents a say on what happens to that building.

Shana Gordon, Ogdensburg commented everybody in this town knows her parents put their heart and sole into that building; she knows it is in disrepair, it needs to be upgraded. There was a comment made that it had been looked at by an engineer how come we didn't hear about that.

Mayor Hutnick commented he doesn't know what engineer looked at it.

Mrs. Gordon commented the individual that made that comment is not here and he hasn't been for several meetings. Mrs. Gordon asked an engineer comes in and says this, this and this needs to be done. What about grants why can't we look into them. She doesn't want to see that building sold for the sole purpose of one person's agenda. There is one person that has an agenda and they want that property for themselves.

Trudy Lehman, Ogdensburg asked if the building on 517 is vacant? The industry building and asked if it generates income for the Borough?

Mayor Hutnick commented not really.

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Mayor Hutnick asked is there was anybody that hasn't spoken yet?

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to close the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 07-2025. Seconded by Councilwoman Ruitenberg. All were in favor.

Roll call vote for adoption of ordinance 07-2025

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Lame, Ruitenberg

Nays: Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Mayor Hutnick Absent: None Abstain None

Ordinance 07-2025 Did not pass. Mayor Hutnick broke the tie vote.

There was a brief discussion on the resolution for professional services for Max Spann.

Councilman DeMeo asked what about the idea of a referendum. Can we do a resolution.

Mr. Maddaloni commented you can do a referendum, you can move forward and auction other properties you will have to do another ordinance.

Councilman DeMeo asked to we do an ordinance or resolution for a referendum?

Ms. Hough explained you need to do a resolution; it would have to be done tonight because the County Clerk needs it by August 8.

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to put the property sale out to referendum.

Ms. Hough asked we don't have a resolution?

Mr. Maddaloni commented the Governing Body can pass an oral resolution that can be memorialized afterwards. Giving you the authority to take whatever action necessary in order to get the referendum on the ballot for the next election.

Ms. Hough commented the resolution we send to the County has to have the exact question as to what we are putting on the ballot. So, where do I get that from.

Ms. Hough asked they are going to vote to go out for a referendum. We are going to do the resolution; are we doing to draft a resolution to send to the county.

Mr. Maddaloni asked they need an actual paper resolution.

Ms. Hough commented yes.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented we can have a special meeting; this is a whole different perspective that was never brought up before apparently it has been researched. So, she thinks we all really need to make an educated decision on this.

Mr. Maddaloni asked on the referendum itself.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented yes.

Mr. Maddaloni commented if there is a resolution there would be a discussion before the vote. We can adjourn for ten minutes and Robin and I will go in the office and write a resolution. Or you can decide to have a special meeting and adopt it in time.

Councilman DeMeo commented he can make a motion "Should the Borough sell the property, the first aid squad property Block 26.06 Lot 6, 8 and 9." That is what will be on the ballot.

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Ms. Hough asked if they are ok doing a motion and a second and you and I doing a resolution.

Mr. Maddaloni commented he thinks we will be ok doing that. Say the motion one more time for the record the exact wording in the motion is going to be the referendum question.

Councilman DeMeo commented “Should the Borough sell the properties Block 26.06 Lots 6, 8 and 9 by public auction.

Mr. Maddaloni commented the motion is for a resolution authorizing a referendum at the next general election with that as the stated question.

Seconded by Councilman Gandarinho.

Mayor Hutnick asked if there was any discussion amongst Council.

Councilwoman Cowdrick asked does it have to be specifically stated it is the Ogdensburg First Aid Squad Building.

Mr. Maddaloni commented we can put the identifying information.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lane, Ruitenberg

Nays: Ciasullo Absent: None Abstain None

Mayor Hutnick commented as of tonight the auction is put on hold the squad house will go up for a referendum on November election.

Chief Lott asked on the referendum should we put on the referendum that says “formally known as the Ogdensburg First Aid Squad Building.”

Mayor Hutnick commented yes, we will put that on there so the property easily identifiable.

INTRODUCTION ORDINANCE 08-2025

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to introduce an ordinance 08-2025 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” SECTION 7-38 CONTROL FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ADD SECTION 7-38.6. Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick.

Public hearing will be held August 11, 2025.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lane, Ruitenberg

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

RESOLUTION 68-2025

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to adopt resolution 68-2025 authorizing the award of professional service agreement to Max Spann R.E. Auction Co. as auctioneer for the sale of certain real property no longer needed for public use. Seconded by Councilwoman Ruitenberg.

Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked if we could still use them for properties moving forward?

Mr. Maddaloni commented sure. If you want to move forward and pass the resolution for their services that is fine. Again, you have no ordinance right now authorizing the sale of any property.

Ms. Hough explained at the end of their contract there is an attachment that has the list of properties that are in the ordinance.

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Mr. Maddaloni commented he would recommend you table this until you pass an ordinance identifying the properties you are going to auction. Then once that is adopted you can add the resolution for their services.

Councilman DeMeo withdrew his motion.

Ms. Hough asked Councilwoman Ruitenbergh if she was going to withdraw her second.

Resolution 68-2025 was withdrawn.

RESOLUTION 70-2025

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to adopt resolution 70-2025 authorizing and supporting the Ogdensburg Volunteer Fire Department to submit an application to the State of New Jersey, Division of Fire Safety to become an eligible organization in the Fire Certification Program. Seconded by Councilwoman Lame.

Councilman DeMeo explained the resolution.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame, Ruitenbergh

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain None

Resolution 70-2025

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Fire Safety has created a voluntary program to certify firefighters, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg “Borough” has reviewed and discussed the program and supports the Ogdensburg Volunteer Fire Department in submitting their application to become an eligible organization; and

WHEREAS, the Borough appoints the Chief of the Ogdensburg Fire Department as the authorized signatory to sign any documents necessary to implement the Fire Certification Program for the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Ogdensburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey authorizes and supports the Ogdensburg Volunteer Fire Department to submit the application to become an eligible organization and appoints the Chief of the Ogdensburg Fire Department as the authorized signatory to sign any documents necessary to implement the Firefighter Certification program.

LIASON REPORTS

Councilman Ciasullo reported he spoke to Rob Lawler as far as lead line reporting; he is willing to do whatever he has to do to get that done. Councilman Ciasullo explained we have to go through the next steps on the repair at Brooks Flat.

Councilwoman Ruitenbergh had nothing to report.

Councilman DeMeo reported the funding for the grant writers is depleted we have to either stop using them or we have to authorize additional funds.

Councilwoman Ruitenbergh asked how many grants did they get for us?

Councilman DeMeo explained we haven’t received any grants yet; we have applied for a number of them.

There was a brief discussion on the grant writers.

Sgt. Sanfilippo updated the Council on the paving projects.

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Councilwoman Cowdrick reported there is a bee problem in one area of the pond. They are working on the issue.

Councilwoman Lane had nothing new to report.

Councilman Gandarinho reported the DPW assistant supervisor has left, only one labor Jacob he is doing a great job. It is a one man show right now.

OLD BUSINESS

Resident follow ups – Councilwoman Cowdrick commented she has spoke with the Braen and she and the Mayor will be meeting with the owner on Friday. We should have more of a game plan then.

Meetings with Braen Stone – already reported.

Security cameras at the fire house and museum – Councilwoman Lane explained we have all the information and should have a resolution at the next meeting.

Kenney Ave. – Councilwoman Ruitenberg asked for an update.

Mr. Maddaloni explained we have to submit a legal brief to the presiding Judge and explained why that ordinance increasing the traffic fine does not preempt state law. Until we present that to the Judge you can't move forward with the ordinance and explained why.

Mayor Hutnick explained we are trying to address the truck issue and truck fines issue.

SHBA/Options – No update

State Firefighter Certification Program – Can be removed.

Employee Drug Policy –

Councilwoman Ruitenberg commented we have some updated information and some changes.

Mr. Maddaloni explained we prepared a draft and circulated it; we received some comments from Councilwoman Lane and Councilman DeMeo. He thinks if that is all the comments we are going to get, he will put out a final version, circulate and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Main Street Study by County Engineers – Councilman Ciasullo commented we had requested the County to look at a speed limits and line of sight on Main Street. We spoke about it last year, we requested it in 2024. He spoke to the County and they need accident reports from 2019 to current. Robin resent the letter from the Borough requesting the study. We need the accident reports and he believes the Chief is working on that. We don't have to leave this on the agenda he will keep everyone up to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Writers – Already discussed earlier.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Jacob Brush, Ogdensburg asked about a getting a stipend for doing the assistant supervisor duties. He is pretty much doing what Jake was doing beside what he doesn't know or have knowledge of. He is requesting some sort of compensation. He is doing all the work checking the computers, checking the phone and doing everything an assistant supervisor would be doing. Mr. Brush requested a stipend.

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Mayor Hutnick commented in regards to the email you sent yes it was received by everyone on Council he had discussions with Councilman Gandarinho about it he did some looking into. Mayor Hutnick commented personally don't have any issue with taken care of you for exactly what you said. You have stepped up, you have gone above and beyond and you will have to keep doing that for hopefully a short amount of time. We are actively searching; we have done a few interviews. We are not getting many applications. We do have some funding available. There is a stipend in the budget that has not been touched yet. We have a three-thousand-dollar stipend that hasn't been assigned we have that available. Is there something he needs to do?

Mr. Maddaloni commented first this gentleman was rice noticed and asked for this discussion to be in public.

Councilman DeMeo commented we have executive session on the agenda why don't we discuss it at that time instead of public session we can address this at the end of the meeting when we normally do executive session.

Cristian Zamphir spoke about taxes, the quarry should pay more taxes not the same as him and when you fine the trucks you should fine the businesses too.

Suzann Brush spoke about the signage regarding the quarry and if Franklin could be asked to put signage closure to the Ogdensburg end. Ms. Brush asked if they know when the current employee in DPW was going to return.

Mayor Hutnick commented we cannot discuss that.

Sgt. Sanfilippo commented if you see a truck they might not necessarily be from the quarry. We can't be everywhere.

There being no further business from the public, Councilman DeMeo moved, Councilwoman Lane seconded motion to close the public session of the meeting. All were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

Mayor Hutnick asked if Council was aware of the email we are going to discuss. All said yes. Councilman Gandarinho read the email from Jacob Brush that he submitted to the Council. The email explaining his additional work he has been doing and requesting a stipend.

Mayor Hutnick asked the Council if they had any comments.

Councilman Gandarinho commented he doesn't have any problem giving this gentleman a stipend; he deserves it, he has stepped into a role of a super, that is not easy. His title is labor 1 doing more then he is supposed to do. He is doing an excellent job out there; he has helped Sgt. Sanfilippo a lot with traffic due to paving. There were issues with bees, he has to cut the grass, he has a seasonal guy Joe with him. He deserves the stipend.

Councilwoman Cowdrick commented she has also been in contact with Jacob he is handling everything if he needs help he calls us and asks, she is all for it [the stipend]. Councilwoman Cowdrick commented she thinks he is doing an excellent job and really helping us out right now.

Mayor Hutnick commented Jacob stays in contact with him and he doesn't have to stay in contract with Jacob. Mayor Hutnick thanked Jacob and commented he appreciates the work you are doing.

Sgt. Sanfilippo commented DPW and the Police Department work hand in hand a lot of the times. He is really helping out a lot.

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Mayor Hutnick commented in the budget there is a line item a stipend for building maintenance, for an individual to do that work. That stipend was never assigned to anybody this year. The stipend is \$3,000 and that is what he would recommend to Council.

Councilwoman Ruitenbergh asked will that be prorated for half the year.

Mr. Brush explained in his opinion he will be doing the role until you find another assistant. He was going to request \$1,500., stipend a month; it is less than what the assistant would be making and you guys would still be saving money. He isn't getting full pay for an assistant.

Councilwoman Lame asked is that a stipend that would continue until we found an assistant.

Councilwoman Ruitenbergh commented she thinks this is something we can think about.

Mr. Brush commented if this is going to go through he would like it to be prorated for the past full week until the date you find an assistant.

Councilman Gandarinho commented we have \$3,000, you are asking \$1,500 a month; that give us two months to find an assistant supervisor. If we don't find something in two months we can come back and decide if we are going to continue the \$1,500 per month.

Mr. Brush commented he thinks that is fair.

Councilman DeMeo asked do we need a resolution or can we make a motion on what he just said.

Councilman Gandarinho made a motion that we give Jacob his \$1,500 a month for the next two months and then once the third month approaches we can sit down and revisit this situation. Seconded by Councilwoman Lame.

Mr. Brush asked if we this could be discussed before the third month.

Council agreed.

Councilman Ciasullo asked if anyone checked with our CFO no problem correct.

Mayor Hutnick commented yes.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame

Nays: Ruitenbergh Absent: None Abstain None

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilman DeMeo made a motion to review payment of vouchers and review departmental finance reports. Seconded by Councilwoman Cowdrick.

Upon Roll call Vote:

Yeas: Ciasullo, Cowdrick, DeMeo, Gandarinho, Lame, Ruitenbergh

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

CURRENT

CHECK			
DATE	#	PAID TO	AMOUNT
07/28/202			
5	35789	Action Data Services, Inc.	191.07
07/28/202			
5	35790	Airgas USA	506.97

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG
14 HIGHLAND AVE. OGDENSBURG AT 7:00PM
July 28, 2025**

07/28/2025			
5	35791	Amazon	145.70
07/28/2025			
5	35792	Bruno Associates, Inc.	875.00
07/28/2025			
5	35793	County of Sussex	15.63
07/28/2025			
5	35794	Elizabethtown Gas	41.05
07/28/2025			
5	35795	Elizabethtown Gas	44.66
07/28/2025			
5	35796	Elizabethtown Gas	225.29
07/28/2025			
5	35797	Elizabethtown Gas	42.27
07/28/2025			
5	35798	Home Depot	171.27
07/28/2025			
5	35799	Jacob Brush	149.98
07/28/2025			
5	35800	JCP&L	1,784.32
07/28/2025			
5	35801	JCP&L	28.23
07/28/2025			
5	35802	JCP&L	115.25
07/28/2025			
5	35803	JCP&L	720.30
07/28/2025			
5	35804	JCP&L	1,851.16
07/28/2025			
5	35805	KS State Bank	307.40
07/28/2025			
5	35806	MGL Printing Solutions	508.60
07/28/2025			
5	35807	Napa Auto Parts	189.42
07/28/2025			
5	35808	New Jersey Herald	119.96
07/28/2025			
5	35809	Noah's Ark Port-a-Jon	352.00
07/28/2025		Quadient Leasing USA,	
5	35810	Inc.	157.00
07/28/2025			
5	35811	Sussex County Clerk	1,238.49
07/28/2025			292,569.1
5	35812	Sussex County Treasurer	2
07/28/2025			
5	35813	Sussex County Treasurer	22,698.50
07/28/2025			
5	35814	Sussex County Treasurer	1,127.83
			326,176.47

DOG FUND

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
07/28/2025		NJ Dept of Health & Senior	
5	329	Service	24.00
			24.00

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DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
07/28/2025			
5	2128	Van Cleef Engineering Assoc. LLC	152.00
			152.00

WATER OPERATING

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT
07/28/2025			
5	5461	MGL Printing Solutions	699.00
07/28/2025			
5	5462	One Call Concepts, Inc.	70.30
07/28/2025			
5	5463	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	157.00
			926.30

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk

George P. Hutnick, Mayor