

CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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Office of the Interim City Manager

TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Council Update

DATE: January 27, 2023 *ALS*

Grant Updates

Upcoming Submissions and Deadlines

- **USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program**
 - Eligible Communities: Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including Federally recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Decennial Census.
 - Purpose: The Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan Program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community.
 - The City would be eligible to apply for a **Loan/Grant** combination, but the amount of the grant funds made available are limited. The interest rate at this time is fixed at 3.75% for the lifespan of the project. For example, if the roof was a 30-year roof the term of the loan could be 30-years.
- January 27, 2023 – NYS Restore NY 7
 - Application was submitted today requesting **\$1,854,100** from NYS Empire State Development
 - Other sources of funds include 25%, up to **\$300,000** from National Grid Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

Project Updates

Wastewater Treatment Plant, capital Project – The following work is anticipated to occur the week of January 30th:

- Griffin Insulation returns to complete remaining interior insulation work.
- Material for CSO pipes scheduled to be delivered. Pending arrival, CSO pipe insulation will begin.
- SCADATEK will be on site starting Tuesday 1/31/23 to close out remaining items for the project. Kaman will be on-site as well to finish up work with PLC-CB.
- Collins-Hammond (electrical sub to JETT) on-site with SCADATEK and Kaman.

Charter Review Commission – In accordance with C-§ 100 “The Mayor and City Council, shall either appoint a Charter Review Commission or place on the ballot the election of a Charter Review Commission no later than December 31, 2023, and immediately following each six-year period thereafter. Should the appointment/election of a Charter Review Commission not occur by December

31, 2023, or in six-year periods immediately thereafter, all powers of the City vested in City Council pursuant to the Charter shall be vacated other than to cause the establishment of a Charter Review Commission, at which time vacated powers shall be restored. Such appointed or elected Commission shall consist of 12 qualified voters of the City of Ogdensburg. It shall be the duty of said Commission to review the Charter in light of current needs and trends and make recommendations to the City Council.

Surplus Property – The City will hold a public auction at **2 PM on March 2, 2023** of the 31 parcels declared surplus at the January 23, 2023 City Council meeting. A complete detailed listing of the properties will be available on the city’s website next week.

Snow Removal Reminder – In the wake of recent winter storms please be reminded that there are specific local ordinances prescribing standards for snow removal and overnight parking. Specifically, **§189-9. Sidewalk Maintenance** – The owner, lessee, or occupant of every building or lot and the owner of every unoccupied building or lot adjoining which there is any sidewalk shall keep the same clean and free from dirt and rubbish, snow and ice. The owner of every building or lot adjoining which there is a sidewalk shall maintain the same in a state of good repair to provide safe passage to pedestrians. Safe passage requires a minimum of a 36-inch-wide cleared path to accommodate all pedestrians. A safe passage path also requires use of salt, sand, or like material if the surface is slippery due to residual snow and/or ice. Safe passage must be provided within 24 hours after the cessation of every fall of snow or the formation of any ice thereon and shall otherwise maintain such sidewalk in a safe and proper condition.

Personnel

Recreation

Marina Docks – City staff are working to provide New York State Department of Homeland Security with a detailed estimate of the damage caused to the Municipal Marina and Docks as the result of the Christmas Blizzard. We will have estimated quantities of damaged floats, spud poles, U brackets and linear feet of damages electrical and water lines that service the south shore docks.

Despite the damage, at this time, the city is still projecting that the marina will open on schedule to recreational boaters.

Arena – A Rock-n-Skate will be hosted at the Lockwood Arena on February 18th from 6 PM to 8 PM. The cost of admission is \$5.00.

Recreation Director Mackenzie Cole has submitted a **Stewarts Holiday Match Grant** seeking funds in support of purchasing new rental skates at the Lockwood Civic Center. Successful Grant Recipients will be notified in March of awarded funds.

Summer Camps – Dates for the upcoming 2023 Summer Youth Camps are being developed. Due to budget constraints each camp will have a minimum participant number assigned and strict deadlines for registration will be upheld. The Recreation Department will provide registration forms and camp details beginning in May to ensure time for orderly registration.

Unanticipated Overtime – Unanticipated overtime (UOT) occurs when an employee is unable to report to work for reason that were foreseen at the time of the preparation of the 2023 budget and

therefore have not been accounted for in the respective 2023 overtime budget for a particular department. Often time unanticipated overtime occurs as the result of a work-related injury causing a shortage in a shift and may be covered to some extent by Workers' Compensation. Due to the fiscal constraints of the 2023 budget the last update of the month will report on the budgetary impact of unanticipated overtime by Department as they are known.

Fire Department – Overtime caused by surgery for a non-work-related injury, therefore no coverage from workers' compensation is applicable.

A3410.120 Overtime

Current Budget:	\$655,000.00
Unanticipated Overtime Modification: 168hrs x 3(months) x \$57.00 =	\$28,728.00
Total amount of A3410.120 after modification:	\$683,728.00

This overtime will need to be filled with an officer which creates the higher estimated hourly rate

Police Department – Two injured officers will require leave for surgery. At this time, time off is unknown. Greater detail on the UOT will be provided in the February 3rd weekly update.

A3120.120 Overtime

Current Budget:	\$260,000.00
Unanticipated Overtime Modification:	\$TBD