

Mayor Ashley called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

PRESENT: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Mitchell,
Morley, Price and Stevenson

ABSENT: *Councillor Skamperle

Mayor Ashley made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the financial history of a particular corporation, and Councillor Mitchell seconded the motion.

*Councillor Skamperle arrived at the meeting

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

Upon returning from Executive Session, all members of Council were still present.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing regarding a Local Law to amend the Ogdensburg City Charter, as recommended by the Ogdensburg Charter Review Commission was held. No one being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

2. A public hearing regarding the sale of City-owned property described as 1,283.2 square feet of land and being a 15' wide lane off State Street, known as 48.079-1-61 was held.

Anthony Calascibetta, Cam's Pizzeria, thanked Council and the community for the welcome received in Ogdensburg. Mr. Calascibetta said he is interested in purchasing the parcel to expand his properties. Mr. Calascibetta said a Grand Opening is being planned at Cam's Pizzeria and invited Council members to attend.

No one else being present to speak, the hearing was declared closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ashley moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #19-2017 in the amount of \$587,772.90 and Library Fund Warrant #19-2017 in the amount of \$21,305.91 and Capital Fund Warrant #19-2017 in the amount of \$136,576.73 and Community Development Fund Warrant #19-2017 in the amount of \$30.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #19-2017 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Morley seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Morley moved a Local Law to amend the Ogdensburg City Charter, as recommended by the Ogdensburg Charter Review Commission, and Councillor Mitchell seconded to wit:

LOCAL LAW #7 of 2017
AMENDING THE OGDENSBURG CITY CHARTER AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE OGDENSBURG CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

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A Local Law providing for changes in the Ogdensburg City Charter as recommended by the 2017 Ogdensburg City Charter Review Commission.

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg as follows:

SECTION 1. Article II, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Election Districts be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-4. Districts established; boundaries.

There shall be six election districts within the City of Ogdensburg, as follows:

A. Within County Legislative District No. 1:

(1) District No. 1: Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly City corporation line where Ogden Street meets State Highway 68 and traveling Northwesterly and then Northerly along said corporation line in the St. Lawrence River to where it intersects with a visual extension of Franklin Street; thence in a Southeasterly direction along said visual extension and the center of State Street to the intersection with Washington Street; thence southwesterly along the center of Washington Street to the intersection with State Street; thence Southeasterly along the center of State Street to the intersection with Montgomery Street; thence Southwesterly along the center of Montgomery Street to the intersection of Pickering Street; thence Southwesterly along the center of Pickering Street to the intersection Lafayette Street across the Oswegatchie River (turning into Spring Street) to the intersection with St. Lawrence Avenue; thence Northwesterly along the center of St. Lawrence Ave. to the intersection with Ogden Street; thence Southwesterly along the center of Ogden Street to point of beginning.

(2) District No. 2: Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly City corporation line where Ogden St. meets State Highway 68 and traveling in a Southeasterly direction along said corporation line to where it intersects with State Highway 37; thence in a Northeasterly direction along the center of State Highway 37 to the intersection of County Route 6; thence in a Northeasterly direction across the Oswegatchie River to an intersecting point between Mechanic Street and Fine Street;

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thence in a Northeasterly direction to the intersection of Fine Street and Shea Way; thence in a Northern direction along the center of Shea Way to the intersection of Jersey Avenue; thence Southwesterly to the intersection of Pickering Street; thence North along the center of Pickering Street to the intersection of Lafayette Street; thence Southwesterly across the Oswegatchie River along the Southern border of Election District 1, along the center of Ogden Street to the point of beginning.

(3) District No. 3: Beginning at a point on intersection of Montgomery and State Street; thence North down the center of State Street to the intersection of State Street and Washington Street; thence Northeasterly to the intersection of Washington Street and Franklin Street; thence Northerly along the center of Franklin Street to the intersection of Riverside Avenue; thence Northeasterly along the center of Riverside Avenue to the intersection of Riverside and Paterson Street; thence Northerly to the intersection of Paterson and Railroad Street; thence Northeasterly along the center of Railroad Street to its end. Thence the election district boundary travels Southerly along Denny Street to its intersection with Ford Street; thence Northwesterly the center of Ford Street to its intersection with Paterson Street; thence Southerly along the center of Paterson Street to its intersection with Montgomery Street; thence Northwesterly along the center of Montgomery Street to Morris Street; thence Southerly along the center of Morris Street to Lafayette Street; thence Northwesterly along Lafayette Street to the intersection of Franklin Street; thence Northerly along the center of Franklin to the intersection of Montgomery Street.; thence Northwesterly along the center of Montgomery Street to the point of beginning.

(4) District No. 4: Beginning at a point on the Southern City corporation line where it intersects with Shea Way and traveling Northerly along the center of Shea Way to Jersey Avenue then Northwesterly along Jersey Avenue to its intersection with Pickering Street; thence Northerly along the center of Pickering Street to its intersection with Montgomery Street; thence Northeasterly along Montgomery Street to its intersection with Franklin Street; thence Southerly one block down Franklin Street to Lafayette Street;

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thence Northeasterly along Lafayette Street to its intersection with Morris Street; thence one block North to the intersection of Morris Street and Montgomery Street; thence traveling Northeasterly along Montgomery to its intersection with Paterson Street; thence Northerly along Paterson Street to Jay Street; thence traveling Northeasterly along the center of Jay Street to the intersection of Grant Street; thence Southerly along the center of Grant Street Extension to its intersection with Montgomery Street Ext.; thence traveling Northwesterly along the center of Montgomery Street Ext. to its intersection with Rosseel Street; thence traveling Southerly along the center of Rosseel Street to Lafayette Street; thence traveling one block Northwesterly to Plover Hill Avenue; thence traveling Southerly along the center of Plover Hill Avenue to its intersection with Jersey Avenue; thence travel one block Northwesterly to the intersection of Jersey Avenue and Park Street; thence travel Southerly on Park Street to a point on the Southern city corporation line, which travels Northwesterly to a point at the beginning of the Election District.

B. Within County Legislative District No. 2:

(1) District No. 5: The Northern boundary of Election District 5 utilizes the St. Lawrence River from the Northwestern most point of Franklin Street heading Easterly to a point where Wall Street would intersect the St. Lawrence River. Heading Southeast inclusive of all property South and West along the Railroad tracks extending to the Northwest side of Ford Street at its intersection with Linden Street. Traveling South inclusive of the Western side of Linden Street to its intersection with Greene Street, Election District 5 includes the Northern side of Greene Street traveling Westerly to its intersection with Kiah Street. From this point, Election District 5 heads South on Kiah Street including all property on the West side of Kiah Street, to its intersection with Jay Street. From Jay Street, the Election District includes all property on the North side of Jay Street heading West to a point where Jay Street intersects Paterson Street. From this intersection, Election District 5 includes all property on the East side of Paterson Street to its intersection with Greene Street. At this point of intersection, the boundary of Election District 5 travels East including all property on the South side of Greene Street to its intersection with Proctor Lane.

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At said intersection, Election District 5 continues North along Proctor Lane, including all property to the East of Proctor Lane to a point where Proctor Lane intersects Ford Street. At this point, Election District 5 continues East along Ford Street inclusive of all property on the South side of Ford Street to its intersection with Denny Street. At this point of intersection, Election District 5 continues Northerly along Denny Street including all property to the East side as far as Denny Street's intersection with Railroad Street. At this point of intersection, Election District 5 includes all property to the East of Denny Street, and North of Railroad Street as far as Railroad Street's intersection with Paterson Street. From Paterson Street, heading South, Election District 5 includes all property on the West side of Paterson Street as far as the intersection with Riverside Avenue. From this point of intersection heading West along Riverside Avenue, Election District 5 includes all property on the Northern side of Riverside Avenue as far as its intersection with Franklin Street continuing to the original starting point of the Election District at its boundary inclusive of all property on the East and North side of Franklin Street to the St. Lawrence River.

(2) District No. 6: The election district is defined by following the City limits line with Lisbon from the Eastern most boundary where it intersects the St. Lawrence River and travels South and West to the intersection of Park Street and State Highway 37. Election District 6 then proceeds Northerly along the Northeast side of Park Street to the intersection of Jersey Avenue. From this intersection, Election District 6 continues inclusively of everything in the City to the East along the Southeastern side of Jersey Avenue as it turns into Plover Hill Avenue, to its intersection with Lafayette Street heading Easterly to its intersection with Rosseel Street. Heading North on Rosseel Street, to its intersection with Montgomery Street heading Easterly to Grant Street, heading North to Jay Street. From Grant Street's intersection with Jay Street, continuing East one block to Kiah Street and then including the East side of Kiah Street heading North to its intersection with Greene Street. From Greene Street, heading East to its intersection with Barre Street and then proceeding Northerly on Barre Street to Ford Street. The Election District continues to include all that territory on the South side of Ford Street proceeding East on Ford Street to its intersection with Linden Street.

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At this point, the Election District includes all territory to the North and East of the Railroad Tracks heading Northwest towards Wall Street and then utilizes the St. Lawrence River as its Northern most boundary North of North Meadow Drive heading East to its intersection with the City of Ogdensburg's common boundary with the Township of Lisbon.

SECTION II. Article III, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled City Council and Mayor be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-13. City Attorney.

C. Duties of the City Attorney:

- (1) Act as legal counsel for the City of Ogdensburg;
- (2) Perform such other duties as are assigned by this Charter, the City Council (consistent with this Charter) and the City Manager.

SECTION III. Article IV, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled City Manager be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-19. Powers and duties.

- A. The City Manager shall be the chief executive officer and chief administrative officer of the City and shall:
 - (7) Submit to the City Council and make available to the public by April 1 of each year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City as of the end of each fiscal year.

SECTION IV. Article V, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Administrative Departments; Administrative Code be and the same is amended as follows:

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§ C-23. Administrative Code.

The Administrative Code shall prescribe the functions of all City departments, offices and agencies and shall be amended by City Council from time to time upon recommendation of the City Manager. However, no function assigned by this Charter to a particular department, office or agency may be discontinued or, unless this Charter specifically provides for it, may be assigned to any other department, office or agency except by local law subject to referendum upon petition. The Administrative Code shall be brought into compliance with the Charter by within two years of adoption of the amended City Charter. Thereafter, the Administrative Code shall be reviewed annually by the City Council.

SECTION V. Article VIII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Department of Planning and Development be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-28. Department established; head.

B. - Minimum qualifications:

(1) A Master's degree in planning, engineering, urban geography; landscape architecture, Public administration, environmental studies or a related field; OR

(2) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in planning, engineering, urban geography, landscape architecture, public administration, environmental studies or related field and one year of experience in municipal, community or regional planning.

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C. Duties of the Director of Planning and Development:

(2) Performs research and conducts studies on planning issues including housing, recreation, transportation, tourism, land use regulation, community development and environmental concerns;

(3) Participates in comprehensive projects involving research, data collection, investigation and analysis of sociological, economic and environmental factors related to community planning concerns;

(4) Reviews and critics proposals and requests for land use changes, site plan development applications, subdivision, variance and rezoning;

(5) Participates in meeting with civic and business leaders, neighborhood groups and planning committees to determine community planning needs and provides technical assistance on land use regulations and related planning concerns and makes presentations on planning proposals and issues;

(6) Participates in the preparation of promotional literature and grant applications and grant administration processes.

SECTION VI. Article VIII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Department of Planning and Development be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-32. Board of Appeals.

There shall be a Board of Appeals which shall be constituted and empowered as a Board of Appeals pursuant to the General City Law, Article 5-A. The Board shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Such members shall serve for terms of three years pursuant to § 81 of the General City Law.

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The Board shall hear and decide appeals from administrative decisions, petitions for variances to City Council ordinances in the case of peculiar and unusual circumstances where practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship would prevent carrying out the strict letter of any such ordinances and such other matters properly coming before it pursuant to the General City Law and other laws applicable thereto.

SECTION VII. Article X, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Department of Public Works be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-36. Tree Commission.

There shall be a Tree Commission which shall be constituted and empowered as a Tree Commission pursuant to General Municipal Law, Article 13, except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The Commission shall consist of seven members, called "Commissioners", who shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council for terms of three years. The Ogdensburg Tree Commission is charged with assisting the City with the development and administration of a comprehensive tree management program for the care of trees on City property.

SECTION VIII. Article XII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Department of Fire be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-42. Department established; head.

A. There shall be a Department of Fire, the head of which shall be the Fire Chief.

B. Minimum qualifications, job description and duties of the position of Fire Chief shall be established by the Ogdensburg Civil Service Commission.

C. Powers and duties of the Fire Chief:

- (1) The Fire Chief shall have jurisdiction and control of the administration, disposition and discipline of the Department of Fire and Code Enforcement Division;
- (2) Works with other emergency response leaders by coordinating fire control, rescue, hazardous material clean-up and medical treatment efforts.
- (3) Schedules and assigns duties to firefighters, trains and drills them in firefighting and rescue techniques, evaluates their performance and oversees their advancement.
- (4) Monitors the care and maintenance of the fire station and all equipment, submits requests for new acquisitions and works with fire department budgets.
- (5) Makes sure firefighters follow established policies and procedures by keeping records and reports of all fire response actions.
- (6) Reports to and assumes command at all major fires and extraordinary emergencies;
- (7) Plans, coordinates, and directs the over-all activities of the firefighting unit and code enforcement division;
- (8) Directs the inspection of buildings for fire hazards to insure compliance with fire Prevention ordinances;
- (9) Maintains discipline and promotes the morals of the fire department and code enforcement division;
- (10) Reviews reports and makes inspections to determine the condition and efficiency of all firefighting unit and code enforcement division;
- (11) Prepares and presents the annual budget for the fire department and code enforcement division;
- (12) Consults with superiors regarding major policy determinations;
- (13) Initiates and develops public relations policies for the fire department and code enforcement division.

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SECTION IX. Article XIII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Department of Assessments be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-45. Department established; head.

C. Duties of the City Assessor:

- (1) Annually values and revalues all real property in the city; utilizes and maintains current tax maps and appraisal cards;
- (2) Attends hearings of the Board of Assessment and makes changes in assessments in accordance with law as directed by the board;
- (3) Attends the public examination of the tentative assessment roll as those from property owners and transmits them to the Board of Assessment Review;
- (4) Prepares reports and maintains records of assessment activities as needed;
- (5) Prepares and files aid reimbursement request to the State ORPS;
- (6) Coordinates data retrieval with the Code Enforcement Department's inspectors.

SECTION X. Article XIII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Department of Assessments be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-46. Board of Assessment and Review

There shall be a Board of Assessment and Review which shall be constituted and empowered pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Article 5, § 523 except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The Commission shall consist of not less than three, nor more than five members to be appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The members shall serve for terms of office as provided in § 523(c) of the Real Property Tax Law. The Board of Assessment and Review shall be charged with the duty of reviewing and correcting all assessments of real property made pursuant to the provisions of Title 1 of this article.

SECTION XI. Article XIV, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Department of Parks and Recreation be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-51. Pride & Beautification Commission.

There shall be a Pride and Beautification Commission which shall be constituted and empowered as a Pride and Beautification Commission pursuant to General Municipal Law, Article 13, except as otherwise provided in this Charter. The Commission shall consist of eleven members, called "Commissioners", who shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council for terms of three years. The Ogdensburg Pride and Beautification Commission shall be entitled to advise the City Council on all matters involving beautification of the City and to make recommendations for making public property, and streets more attractive and aesthetically pleasing.

SECTION XII. Article XVII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Fiscal Policies be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-61. Acceptance of preliminary budget; modifications.

The City Council, after receiving the City Manager's preliminary budget, shall accept the proposed preliminary budget or make any modifications to it as the City Council may desire and, on or before the 15th day of November of each year, shall file the accepted proposed preliminary budget with the City Clerk and the Comptroller of the City of Ogdensburg. The proposed preliminary budget shall be a public record and shall be available for inspection by the general public at the office of the City Clerk.

SECTION XIII. Article XVII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Fiscal Policies be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-71. Extension of taxes.

The City Clerk, on that day following the adoption of the annual tax levy by the City Council, shall deliver to the Comptroller a certified copy of the resolution making such levy. Thereupon, and on or before March 31 of the current year, the Comptroller shall extend the City tax as levied by the City Council, and shall enter these extensions along with all delinquent special assessments, delinquent sewer rates, delinquent water rates, delinquent rubbish collection charges and any other delinquent special charge on the original assessment rolls filed with him, which rolls then become the tax rolls of the City for the ensuing year. When the tax rolls have been thus completed, a warrant signed by the Manager and by the City Clerk shall be attached thereto, directing the Comptroller to collect from the persons named in the rolls the sums specified as levied against the parcels described in the rolls as owned by them.

SECTION XIV. Article XVII, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Fiscal Policies be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-72. Payment of taxes.

The City tax and all delinquent assessments and charges added to the rolls pursuant to §§ C-80 and C-81 hereof shall be due and payable at the office of the City Comptroller in two installments on the 15th day of April and on the 15th day of July.

SECTION XV. Article XIX, of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg entitled Transitional Provisions be and the same is amended as follows:

§ C-100. Charter Review Commission.

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.

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Should the appointment/election of a Charter Review Commission not occur by December 31, 2023, or in the 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 twelve 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.

SECTION XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State which filing shall occur no less than 45 days from the date of adoption by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg and no more than 65 days from said date in accordance with sections 24 and 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and sections C-17, C-22 and C-23 of the City Charter of the City of Ogdensburg.

Mayor Ashley thanked the Charter Review Commission for their time and Commissioner McNamara for the research completed. Councillor Morley said the recommended changes are posted on the City website. Councillor Skamperle said he did not agree with the recommendation for a charter review to be completed every six years versus ten years. Mayor Ashley explained the Charter Review Commission felt ten years was too long to wait for a review. Councillor Stevenson said the worst that could happen with a six year review would be the Commission could have no recommended changes.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Mitchell,
Morley, Price and Stevenson

NAYS: Councillor Skamperle

CARRIED, 6 TO 1

2. Mayor Ashley moved an ordinance to sell City-owned property described as 1,283.2 square feet of land and being a 15' wide lane off State Street, known as 48.079-1-61, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

ORDINANCE #19 of 2017
AN ORDINANCE TO OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION
CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, as follows:

SECTION ONE:

The following properties shall be offered for sale at public auction by the City of Ogdensburg:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM PURCHASE PRICE</u>	<u>RESTRICTION(S)</u>
1,283.2 square feet of land, being a 15' wide lane off State Street and known as 48.079-1-61	\$5,000.00(includes survey \$250., recording fees \$350. & attorney fee \$400.)	none

SECTION TWO: The City does not guarantee clear property title in the transfer of properties by auction and conveyance will be made by Quit Claim Deed. The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to withdraw any parcel from sale.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall become effective after public notice has been published at least once each week for three weeks in the official City newspaper.

The vote was:

CARRIES, AYES ALL

3. Mayor Ashley moved a resolution to establish the Ogdensburg Journal as the official newspaper for the City of Ogdensburg for 2018, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE
2018 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the official newspaper for the City of Ogdensburg for 2018 shall be the Ogdensburg Journal.

The vote was:

CARRIES, AYES ALL

4. Councillor Mitchell moved a resolution designating the official City bank depositories for 2018, and Councillor Price seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING THE
2018 OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Bank NA, NBT Bank NA, Upstate National Bank, Key Bank of Northern New York NA, and NYCLASS through Public Trust Advisors, LLC be designated as official depositories of City Funds for 2018.

The vote was:

CARRIES, AYES ALL

5. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution designating the 2018 City Council Meeting Dates, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular City Council meetings for the City of Ogdensburg, shall be on the second and fourth Mondays, of each month except July, August and December, and unless such date is a legal holiday, in which event the meeting will be held on the next business day. The dates of these meetings are listed below:

January	8, 22
February	12, 26
March	12, 26
April	9, 23
May	14, 29
June	11, 25
July	9
August	13
September	10, 24
October	9, 22
November	13, 26
December	3, 10

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all the meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall or at such other places as may be designated by the City Council. All meetings are open to the public.

Councillor Morley questioned if two December meetings would be needed. City Manager Sarah Purdy asked City Clerk Kathleen Bouchard if a meeting has ever been cancelled, and Ms. Bouchard said no. Mayor Ashley suggested keeping the meetings scheduled just in case there is business that needs attention.

The vote was:

CARRIES, AYES ALL

6. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority for security services at the Ogdensburg International Airport through the Police Department, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG
AND THE OGDENSBURG BRIDGE AND PORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority and the City of Ogdensburg wish to execute a security services agreement for the Ogdensburg International Airport, and

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority subcontracts security services to the Ogdensburg Police Department with full reimbursement for these services accruing to the City of Ogdensburg,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority for security services for the Ogdensburg International Airport.

Councillor Morley said he will not support the agreement. Mayor Ashley said the airport cannot continue flights without security, and there would be a loss of sales tax revenue. Councillor Stevenson said the City would also lose the revenue in the Police Department budget. Councillor Morley said our police officers are already overworked.

Councillor Skamperle said there are unseen expenses associated with this agreement. Councillor Skamperle explained when one of our officers is fatigued from working airport security and calls in sick for the regular shift at our police department, the City is then paying someone else overtime to cover that officer's regular shift. Councillor Skamperle said he would like to see an alternate plan or a better agreement to address this issue because the numbers are not accurate. City Manager Sarah Purdy said the rate was increased by \$1.00 per hour. Councillor Skamperle asked if that increase will cover the PBA contract increase, and Ms. Purdy said yes. Councillor Morley asked how much the rate increase will raise the revenue line for the year. Police Chief Andrew Kennedy said the agreement guarantees 50 hours per week so the increase would be \$50 per week. Mayor Ashley asked if officers called in for airport security complete the four hour shift at the police station if they are needed less than four hours at the airport. Chief Kennedy said yes, which provides for an additional officer to cover other duties. Chief Kennedy explained the City does not lose money on overtime if his department provides more than 50 hours of airport security in the week.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis,
Mitchell, Price and Stevenson

NAYS: Councillors Morley and Skamperle

CARRIES, 5 TO 2

7. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, for ambulance/rescue squad service within the boundaries of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Davis seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG
AND THE OGDENSBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

WHEREAS, the City desires to recognize OVRS as a provider of ambulance/rescue squad service within the boundaries of the City of Ogdensburg;
and

WHEREAS, OVRS is willing to provide said service within the boundaries of the City of Ogdensburg and will bill the users of the service directly for their services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is for the parties to exchange services to their mutual benefit; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to sign the attached agreement between the City of Ogdensburg and the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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Councillor Morley said he does not like the agreement and thought more negotiations were going to be made. City Manager Sarah Purdy said the City was unsuccessful with further negotiations. Ms. Purdy suggested Council meet with the Rescue Squad Board if Council is not satisfied with the agreement. Ms. Purdy noted the proposed agreement has a two year term which is shorter than previous agreements.

Councillor Skamperle said the Rescue Squad only uses part of their building but still doesn't pay taxes on the other portion of the building. Councillor Skamperle said he would like to open up negotiations. Councillor Morley added the City shouldn't be doing their plowing, and the Rescue Squad should be paying water and sewer rates. Councillor Morley said they charge for their service and should pay for City services. Ms. Purdy suggested Council meet with the Rescue Squad Board before the end of the year. Councillor Mitchell suggested the matter be tabled. Ms. Purdy said the Rescue Squad Board will not meet with Council on camera. Mayor Ashley suggested an Executive Session at the next Council meeting to discuss the agreement.

Councillor Morley made a motion to table the matter, and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

The vote to table the matter was:

AYES: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Mitchell
Morley, Price and Skamperle

NAYS: Councillor Stevenson

CARRIED, 6 TO 1

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Morley said changing the City to a village would result in a loss of government aid and sales tax revenue. Councillor Skamperle agreed there would be a huge revenue loss and said he does not agree with the City changing its status to a village. Councillor Skamperle explained the City's financial issues cannot be resolved by continuing to cut the budget. Councillor Skamperle expressed displeasure with New York State not offering parcels of currently tax exempt property for sale to expand our tax base.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill said he provided Council with a copy of the Tisdal Associates' study regarding the City's fuel tanks and asked for feedback from Council on how to proceed. Mr. Thornhill explained there will be long term costs associated with maintaining our tanks and described the option where City vehicles could be fueled at any gas station. Mayor Ashley asked if other agencies are purchasing their fuel at the gas stations, and Mr. Thornhill said yes. Councillor Mitchell said it seems the fuel usage could be tracked more efficiently under the proposed option. Mr. Thornhill explained a card is issued with a PIN number which provides the vehicle and employee information. Councillor Skamperle asked if the service is limited to certain gas stations. Mr. Thornhill explained the service is available at any gas station, and there is no tax applied to the set negotiated price.

Mr. Thornhill said we could use up our remaining fuel, remove the tanks, perform necessary testing and end our DEC regulation requirements. Councillor Morley asked how the rate gets adjusted after the purchase is made at the gas station. Mr. Thornhill explained Wright Express pays for the fuel and bills the City at the negotiated rate. Councillor Morley asked what fee Wright Express charges the City for the service, and Mr. Thornhill said it is built into their contract.

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City Comptroller Timothy Johnson explained the City already has these types of cards for out of town use. Councillor Skamperle asked if we would still maintain emergency fuel, and Mr. Thornhill said yes. There was a consensus of Council to move forward with the option provided for fuel purchase at gas stations.

2. Mr. Thornhill explained he had already advised Council that a new sander would be required in the near future, and unfortunately one has already failed. Mr. Thornhill said he has been able to reserve funds in the Public Works budget and has the funds available to purchase a new sander now. There was a consensus of Council to approve the purchase of the new sander at the next Council meeting and for Mr. Thornhill to order it immediately.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.