

\*Amended - **AGENDA**  
Council Meeting  
**Monday, February 24, 2014**  
**7:00 P. M.**

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Presentation

IV. Public Hearing

1. A public hearing regarding the application of Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC, for a franchise agreement renewal to provide cable television services through the City of Ogdensburg. (Agenda Bill #8)

V. Personal Appearance

(Anyone wishing to address the Council should notify the Clerk prior to the meeting)

VI. Correspondence

VII. Consent Agenda

(All Matters listed under this item are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form below without separate discussion. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.)

1. Approval of previous minutes
2. Approval of warrant

VIII. Appointments

IX. Items for Council Action

1. A resolution to appoint the audit firm for the years 2013-2015. (Agenda Bill #11)
2. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Black River Tree Removal LLC, for a sum not to exceed \$10,500, for the removal of 54 trees along Paterson Street. (Agenda Bill #12)
- \*3. A resolution supporting Senator Ritchie's legislation to convey 160 acres of surplus SLPC property to the City of Ogdensburg. (Agenda Bill #13)

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Items for Discussion

1. Council Meeting Video Link, City Website

IXV. Adjournment

Business of the City Council  
City of Ogdensburg

SUBJECT: FOR AGENDA OF: February 24,2014  
To appoint the audit firm for the years BILL #: 11  
2013-2015 DEPT. OF ORIGIN: City Comptroller  
DATE SUBMITTED: February 19, 2014  
APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY EXHIBITS: resolution  
ATTORNEY  
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMITTAL

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EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED: -0-	BUDGETED: -0-	REQUIRED: -0-

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

This resolution is to appoint the audit firm for the years 2013-2015.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

**Approval of resolution.**

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR NELSON	_____	COUNCILLOR ASHLEY	_____
COUNCILLOR HOSMER	_____	COUNCILLOR MITCHELL	_____
COUNCILLOR MORLEY	_____	COUNCILLOR SKAMPERLE	_____
COUNCILLOR STEVENSON	_____		

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT  
FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2013-2015**

WHEREAS, the City Charter, Chapter C-15, requires that the City have an independent annual audit, and

WHEREAS, the City Comptroller has solicited proposals for a three year contract, for the years 2013-2015, and

WHEREAS, the City has received and reviewed the proposals, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Pinto Mucenski Hooper VanHouse has met the requirements of the proposal,

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Pinto Mucenski Hooper Van House to perform the annual audit for the years 2013-2015 for the price of \$17,400 for 2013, \$17,500 for 2014 and \$17,600 for 2015.

City of Ogdensburg  
 Results of RFP for Auditing Services  
 For Fiscal years 2013-2015

Firm	2013	2014	2015	Total
1. Pinto Mucenski Hooper Van House & Co. 301 Ford Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669	\$17,400.00	\$17,500.00	\$17,600.00	\$52,500.00
2. Bonadio & Co., LLP 115 Solar St, Suite 100 Syracuse, NY 13204	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$56,000.00
3. D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP 200 E. Garden St., P.O. Box 4300 Rome, NY 13442	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00 *	\$67,500.00
4. Toski & Co., P.C. 300 Essjay Road, Suite 115 Williamsville, NY 14221	\$24,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,500.00	\$75,000.00

\* D'Arcangelo submitted a bid of \$20,500 for 2015 if there was no Single Audit work needed.

Business of the City Council  
City of Ogdensburg

SUBJECT:  
Resolution Authorizing City Manager to  
Enter Into Agreement With Black River  
Tree Removal LLC for the Paterson  
Street Tree Removal Project

FOR AGENDA OF: February 24, 2014  
BILL #: 12  
DEPT. OF ORIGIN: Engineering/Public Works

DATE SUBMITTED: February 20, 2014

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY  
ATTORNEY

EXHIBITS: Resolution/Memo

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMITTAL

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED: \$10,500	BUDGETED: \$-0-	REQUIRED: \$10,500

SUMMARY STATEMENT

As part of the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project, 54 trees along Paterson Street will need to be removed. The City has been notified by the NYS DOT that these trees need to be removed prior to the start of the reconstruction project as they could be habitat for the endangered Northern Long Eared Bat. As such, NYS DOT funding will only cover removal of these trees during the months of November-March.

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Black River Tree Removal LLC, for a sum not to exceed \$10,500., for the removal of 54 trees along Paterson Street.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

**Approval of resolution.**

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR NELSON _____	COUNCILLOR ASHLEY _____
COUNCILLOR HOSMER _____	COUNCILLOR MITCHELL _____
COUNCILLOR MORLEY _____	COUNCILLOR SKAMPERLE _____
COUNCILLOR STEVENSON _____	

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO  
ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH BLACK RIVER TREE REMOVAL LLC  
FOR THE PATERSON STREET TREE REMOVAL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City desires to proceed with the Paterson Street Reconstruction project during this construction season; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified that the 54 trees along Paterson Street that are scheduled for removal during the project could be habitat for the endangered Northern Long Eared Bat and can only be removed during the months of November to March utilizing NYS DOT funding; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited quotes for the removal of the trees along Paterson Street; and

WHEREAS, four quotes were received and City staff have evaluated the quotes and have recommended the City enter into an agreement with Black River Tree Removal LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Black River Tree Removal LLC, for a sum not to exceed \$10,500., for the removal of 54 trees along Paterson Street upon NYS Dept. of Transportation approval of funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for these services will come from the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project – H5110.518.

**City of Ogdensburg**  
**Department of Engineering**  
Ogdensburg City Hall  
330 Ford Street - Room 11  
Ogdensburg, New York 13669  
<http://www.ogdensburg.org>



MEMO TO: John Pinkerton  
FROM: Patricia Paquin  
SUBJECT: Paterson Street Tree Removal  
DATE: February 20, 2014

Four proposals were received in response to the RFP for the Paterson Street Tree Removal project.

Black River Tree Removal, LLC	\$10,500
Richard Sears Tree Experts	\$12,835
Putney Tree Service	\$19,550
TTS Tree Service	\$27,400

Black River Tree Removal is DOT certified.

Staff have reviewed the proposals and recommends the City enter into an agreement with Black River Tree Removal for this work.

Business of the City Council  
City of Ogdensburg

SUBJECT:  
Resolution supporting Senator Ritchie's  
legislation

FOR AGENDA OF: February 24, 2014

BILL #: 13

DEPT. OF ORIGIN: City Manager

DATE SUBMITTED: 2/24/14

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY  
ATTORNEY

EXHIBITS: Resolution

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMITTAL

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED: -0-

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED: -0-

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED: -0-

SUMMARY STATEMENT

A resolution in support of legislation prepared by Senator Patty Ritchie, granting authorization to the Commissioner of General Services to convey approximately 160 acres of surplus real property, inclusive of any buildings and improvements, located on the site of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, Ogdensburg, New York, to the city of Ogdensburg, New York.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

**Approval of resolution.**

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR NELSON \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILLOR ASHLEY \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILLOR HOSMER \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILLOR MITCHELL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILLOR MORLEY \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILLOR SKAMPERLE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILLOR STEVENSON \_\_\_\_\_



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATOR RITCHIE'S BILL TO AUTHORIZE  
THE CONVEYANCE OF FOUR SLPD PARCELS TO THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, since 1887, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, located on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, in Ogdensburg, N.Y. has been home to literally thousands of New York State residents who were in need of long term inpatient psychiatric care, where they were not only provided that specialized care but were also offered vocational programs aimed at giving them a sense of normalcy in their day to day lives at the facility, and

WHEREAS, in the 1970's, the Department of Mental Health changed its focus from inpatient care to outpatient care and off site living accommodations. To this end, buildings formerly used to house, treat, sustain and teach residents, were taken from service, boarded up, and over the years were neglected and allowed to deteriorate. The lands on the periphery of the Center, some of which in years past were home to farm animals, animal shelters and crop land went unneeded, unused and uncared for. Other lands originally thought to be needed for expansion of the facility or other reason went undeveloped, seldom if ever used in productive social or therapeutic ways, and

WHEREAS, the essential services currently offered at the Center, have been concentrated in but a few of the formerly used buildings resulting in considerable acreage on which the Psychiatric Center is situated, being no longer needed in its entirety to sustain the programs that currently are offered to a greatly reduced number of in house recipients, and

WHEREAS, the transfer of these unused lands and structures to the City of Ogdensburg, would not only result in development of the properties for potential residential, commercial, industrial and recreational use but would stimulate the local economy by creating the jobs associated with such development. Land which heretofore has been exempted from taxation would be returned to local tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, there is no publicly known or advocated plan by the State of New York or the Department of Mental Health, to make productive use of any of the parcels referred to in the proposed bill, nor is there any reasonable expectation that any of the parcels requested to be conveyed to the City of Ogdensburg, would be needed to maintain, or even expand, the current levels of service provided, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Council supports Senator Ritchie's bill to authorize the conveyance of the four parcels identified in the bill, to the City of Ogdensburg and strongly urges favorable consideration of the bill, by the members of the Senate and Assembly, without delay, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senators Joseph Griffo, Betty Little and Patricia Ritchie, Assemblywomen Addie Russell and Janet Duprey, and Assemblymen, Ken Blankenbush and Marc Butler.