

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

PRESENT: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Dillabough, Fisher,
Kennedy, Powers, Rishe and Skamperle

ABSENT: None

Councillor Fisher participated in this meeting remotely from 2311 Rochelle Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

Councillor Skamperle called for a moment of silence in memory of long time City independent contractor Harry Granger who passed away last Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Skelly made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and Councillor Dillabough seconded the motion.

The vote to adjourn to Executive Session was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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

PRESENTATION

1. Mark Mashaw with Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, VanHouse & Co. made a presentation to Council to provide the 2021 audit. (A copy of his presentation follows these minutes.)

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Councillor Rishe requested more details regarding the Insurance Reserve Fund. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith said that information will be provided to Council.

2. City Comptroller Angela Gray made a presentation to Council regarding the REDI project. (A copy of her presentation follows these minutes.)

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

1. St. Lawrence County Undersheriff Sean O'Brien addressed Council and said he wanted the record to reflect that the Sheriff is independently elected and not beholden to the County Legislature or City Council. Undersheriff O'Brien explained he was not addressing Council in an adversarial way, but there have been rumors that the Sheriff's Department is trying to circumvent the service provided by the Ogdensburg Police Department which are not true. Undersheriff O'Brien said citizens and City employees have expressed concern about the rumors. Undersheriff O'Brien said the Sheriff's Department fully supports the Ogdensburg Police Department. Undersheriff O'Brien added St. Lawrence County is the largest county in New York State and it takes a lot of personnel to cover that area. Undersheriff O'Brien noted the members of the Ogdensburg Police Department are great law enforcement partners, and the Sheriff's Department and the citizens need them. Undersheriff O'Brien explained the response time that the Sheriff's Department can provide in the City is nowhere near what the Ogdensburg Police Department can do. Undersheriff O'Brien said everyone knows there is a drug epidemic, and OPD is a great contributor to the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force. Undersheriff O'Brien said he was there to support OPD and asked that if there is one extra penny available in the City that it be directed to add members to the Drug Task Force or detectives. Undersheriff O'Brien said St. Lawrence County Legislator Jim Reagen who represents Ogdensburg asked him to pass along a message that anyone is welcome to call him, and the Sheriff's Department wants to continue a good partnership with the City. Mayor Skelly said the City is operating with a \$2 million loss in sales tax revenue. Undersheriff O'Brien said he understands that, and he just wanted to state that the Sheriff's Department fully supports OPD and needs them. Mayor Skelly said the City needs them too.

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Undersheriff O'Brien said he had a brief conversation with Interim City Manager Andrea Smith and Police Chief Mark Kearns and encouraged anyone who has any concerns to reach out to him. Councillor Fisher said St. Lawrence County Legislators Jim Reagen and David Forsythe both represent the City, and Undersheriff O'Brien agreed.

2. Greg McNamara addressed Council and said Undersheriff O'Brien was basically saying Council will not bully the Sheriff's Department into taking on police duties in the City. Mr. McNamara said he was disappointed Council did not approve the grant writer for the Fire Department knowing that there was an opportunity to save money. Mr. McNamara noted Council has spent a lot of money on other stuff and added the public would probably raise the money for the grant writer. Mr. McNamara said Councillor Fisher stated at the last meeting that he hated to bring it up but all resolutions must be reviewed by the City Attorney. Mr. McNamara said he reached out to the Interim City Manager to ask if the former City Manager Stephen Jellie's crazy resolutions were legal. Mr. McNamara said he was called a liar for the stuff that happened last summer, and the Interim City Manager told him to submit his concerns in writing. Mr. McNamara said he has been to many meetings to express his concerns and began to address Interim City Manager Andrea Smith directly. Mayor Skelly said Mr. McNamara must address Council as a whole. Mr. McNamara said if Mayor Skelly would admit what was done to him last summer he will stop coming to meetings.

3. IAFF Local 1799 President Jason Bouchard addressed Council regarding the Fire Department's request for a grant writer for the SAFER grant application. Mr. Bouchard explained the union is looking for help and needs additional staff. Mr. Bouchard the union understands the City is in tough times, and they have been told by the new group of Council members that the fire department needs to be built up differently. Mr. Bouchard said those members of Council will not make the fiscally responsible decision to save the City money. Mr. Bouchard explained the union members are getting countless hours of overtime and being shamed for it but Council will not hire more firefighters at a lower cost to the citizens. Mr. Bouchard said Council has now decided that the City will not apply for free firefighters and noted eleven positions have been eliminated.

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Mr. Bouchard said Councillor Fisher said the only problem is the cost of the grant writer. Mr. Bouchard explained the union is prepared to pay the \$10,000 for the grant writer if Council guarantees it will approve the contract with the grant writer and apply for the SAFER grant. Mr. Bouchard explained the union is more than happy to pay the cost if Council is serious about proceeding. Mr. Bouchard said he would like to set up an agreement because the fire department is dedicated to rebuilding the department and asked Council to consider the union's proposal. Councillor Skamperle asked for clarification that the union will pay the cost of the grant writer if Council passes a resolution to support applying for the SAFER grant, and Mr. Bouchard confirmed. Councillor Skamperle said that is a generous offer from the union. Councillor Powers agreed and said it is a matter that should be discussed at a later time and not in a public forum.

4. Mike Tooley addressed Council and questioned if the City is applying indirect costs into grants. Mr. Tooley explained applying indirect costs, such as administrative costs, may be a way to get money back into the general fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Skelly moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #03-2023 in the amount of \$528,969.28 and Library Fund Warrant #03-2023 in the amount of \$0.00 and Capital Fund Warrant #03-2023 in the amount of \$976,055.26 and Community Development Fund Warrant #03-2023 in the amount of \$75.98 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #03-2023 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Dillabough seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution to approve the issuance of a Bond Ordinance in the amount of \$4,188,027 to cover the construction improvements to Parks and Recreations areas, including the marina and docks, and Councillor Kennedy seconded to wit:

BOND ORDINANCE DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2023.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$4,188,027 BONDS OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, INCLUDING MARINA AND DOCS, IN AND FOR THE city OF OGDENSBURG.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Common Council of the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying part of the cost of the construction of improvements to parks and recreation areas, in and for the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, including marinas and docks as well as incidental improvements and expenses, there are hereby authorized to be issued an additional \$4,188,027 bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the \$8,732,822 maximum estimated cost is as follows:

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- a) By the issuance of the \$415,849 bonds of said City heretofore authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to a bond ordinance dated November 25, 2019;
- b) By the issuance of the additional \$4,188,027 bonds of said City herein authorized; and.
- c) By the expenditure of \$4,128,946 grants and available funds; provided, however, any grants received in excess thereof shall be used to reduce the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purpose is at least fifteen years, pursuant to subdivision 90 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the City of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk.

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Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the City Comptroller shall deem best for the interests of the City; including, but not limited to, the power to sell said serial bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the City by the facsimile signature of the City Comptroller, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the City), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the City Comptroller. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the City not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the City Comptroller shall determine.

Section 9. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

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- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. This ordinance shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this ordinance, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 11. This ordinance, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the City Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Kennedy, Powers,
Rishe and Skamperle

NAYS: Councillors Dillabough and Fisher

CARRIED, 5 TO 2

2. Councillor Rishe moved a resolution providing for public notice and public hearing with regard to an amendment to the Administrative Regulations, and Councillor Powers seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCING ORDINANCE # ___ FOR 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that proposed Ordinance # ___ of the year 2023 entitled:

Amendment to the Administrative Regulations of the City of Ogdensburg be and it hereby is introduced before the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, NY, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Ordinance at the City Council Chambers at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 27, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Ogdensburg of said public hearing at least seven days prior thereto.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Rishe moved a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract with Bronze Contracting, LLC; Bid No. #2022-011, and Councillor Powers seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRONZE CONTRACTING, LLC

WHEREAS, in accordance with Unsafe Structure NYS IPMC 107.1.1, 107.1.3, and 107.4 the City of Ogdensburg solicited bids for the emergency demolition of 309 Grant Street, request for Bids No. 2022-011; and

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WHEREAS, Bronze Contracting, LLC a New York State Certified Women Owned Business and New York State corporation having offices in Remsen, NY has proven their capacity and ability to perform the work to the City's satisfaction;

WHEREAS, Bronze Contracting, LLC has the ability and capacity to complete the work within the schedule specified in the Bid Documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Interim City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Bronze Contracting, LLC, for a sum not to exceed \$29,968, for the demolition of the unsafe structure at 309 Grant Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenses for this project will be charged to FY2023 account numbers A3620.515.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

4. Councillor Powers moved a resolution to accept the 2021 Audit, and Councillor Kennedy seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2021 AUDIT

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires an independent annual audit of all City accounts, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 audit has been completed by Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, VanHouse & Co. and was presented to the Audit Committee on February 7, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby accepts the 2021 audit as presented.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

5. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution to support the War of 1812 Battle of Ogdensburg weekend, February 18-19, 2023, and Councillor Powers seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE OGDENSBURG CITY COUNCIL
TO COMMERATE THE BATTLE OF OGDENSBURG RE-ENACTMENT
FEBRUARY 18-19, 2023

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Council has been advised that Ogdensburg and Prescott will jointly commemorate the War of 1812 Battle of Ogdensburg weekend February 18-19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 18, 2023, re-enactors from both communities will battle along the streets of Ogdensburg, following a route similar to the one taken on February 22, 1813 between British and American forces as they fought their way to the fort at Lighthouse Point; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the War of 1812 Battle of Ogdensburg re-enactment is to promote a more general awareness of the history of the War of 1812 throughout this state and among the citizens of the United States and Canada; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ogdensburg City Council hereby encourages the residents of Ogdensburg to experience a look back into Ogdensburg's history and attend the War of 1812 Battle of Ogdensburg weekend activities.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

6. Councillor Rishe moved a resolution to establish a task force dedicated to addressing state-owned, tax-exempt property within the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE DEDICATED TO
ADDRESSING STATE-OWNED TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY WITHIN THE
CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Council is dedicated to addressing problems and finding real solutions to the current volume of state-owned, tax-exempt properties in the City of Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Task Force (“the Task Force”), shall be composed of 3 members of the governing body, and appointed by resolution annually; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force shall be a temporary body with the following goals:

1. Garner political support in Albany for the approval of Senate Bill S9606
 - a. To allow state-owned property in the City of Ogdensburg to be subject local real property taxation on state lands.

State land in certain places within New York state is subject to property taxation, however, although the state of New York owns 30% of the land in Ogdensburg, and much of it is unused, the city is not able to collect taxes on any of this land.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg City Council

1. Appoints the following Members to the PILOT Task force
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

Councillor Rishe said this was something that he proposed, and he was glad Interim City Manager Andrea Smith wrote a resolution for it. Councillor Rishe said he has spoken with Senator Mark Walczyk, and there is not a Senate Bill this year.

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Councillor Rishe proposed to amend the resolution to garner all political support for the approval of a new bill, noting the resolution is a little premature because we do not have a bill number for this legislative session. Councillor Rishe said the resolution should be forwarded to Senator Walczyk's office, a bill will be generated this week, and they would like a Home Rule in support of it. Councillor Powers suggested amending to add the language "the same as bill S9606" because it will basically be a reintroduction, and Councillor Rishe agreed. City Clerk Cathy Jock asked if Council intended to name the members of the task force or move that amendment separately. Councillor Powers recommended naming the members of the task force in one motion, adding he is happy to serve on the task force. Councillor Skamperle said he was also happy to serve on the task force, adding he was pushing for this legislation years ago. Councillor Rishe said he believes there are a lot more issues the task force needs to address, but it can be discussed amongst the task force.

The vote to amend was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

The vote on the amended resolution was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

The amended resolution now reads:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE DEDICATED TO
ADDRESSING STATE-OWNED TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY WITHIN THE
CITY OF OGDENSBURG

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Council is dedicated to addressing problems and finding real solutions to the current volume of state-owned, tax-exempt properties in the City of Ogdensburg; and

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WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Task Force (“the Task Force”), shall be composed of 3 members of the governing body, and appointed by resolution annually; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force shall be a temporary body with the following goals:

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 - a. To allow state-owned property in the City of Ogdensburg to be subject local real property taxation on state lands.

State land in certain places within New York state is subject to property taxation, however, although the state of New York owns 30% of the land in Ogdensburg, and much of it is unused, the city is not able to collect taxes on any of this land.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg City Council

2. Appoints the following Members to the PILOT Task force
 - a. Councillor Powers
 - b. Councillor Rishe
 - c. Councillor Skamperle

OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Powers made a motion to renew a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract with Titan Roofing, Inc., Bid No. 2022-008, and Councillor Kennedy seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
TITAN ROOFING, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg solicited bids to replace the roof at 330 Ford Street, also known as the City Hall, request for Bids No. 2022-008; and

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WHEREAS, Titan Roofing, Inc. a Massachusetts corporation having offices in Springfield, MA has proven their capacity and ability to perform the work to the City's satisfaction;

WHEREAS, Titan, Inc. has the ability and capacity to complete the work within the schedule specified in the Bid Documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Interim City Manager or her designee is authorized to enter into a contract with Titan Roofing, Inc., for a sum not to exceed \$396,220, for the replacement of the roof at City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenses for this project will be charged to account code A1620.330.

Councillor Rishe asked if any effort had been made to find grant funding for this project. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith said she reviewed the St. Lawrence County Rural Development grant program, and it appears the City Hall roof may qualify for loan funding but not likely a grant. Ms. Smith said the current loan rate is 3.75%. Councillor Rishe asked what the current bond rate would be. City Comptroller Angela Gray said the rate would not be known until the City decided to bond for the project. Ms. Smith said the Preserve New York program is currently open but that project does not fund brick and mortar projects on a historical structure. Councillor Fisher asked what account the project would be funded from. Ms. Smith said it is the City Hall building maintenance account. Councillor Fisher asked how much was budgeted to that account. Ms. Smith explained staff would likely bring a funding resolution for Council consideration. Councillor Skamperle asked for an update on the condition of the City Hall roof. Ms. Smith said the roof is in excess of twenty years old. Public Works Director Shane Brown said the roof was installed in the 90's, all seams are leaking and the roof has been patched in the past. Ms. Smith said a building assessment of City Hall was completed in 2021, and the roof is a paramount project, adding City Court on the second floor would help pay for the roof with a contribution of approximately \$40,000 under the terms of the current lease agreement.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Kennedy, Powers and Skamperle

NAYS: Councillors Dillabough, Fisher and Rishe

CARRIED, 4 TO 3

2. Councillor Kennedy asked if the lights at Montroy Park could be replaced since the City is making the transition to LED lighting. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith said the City was notified today that those lights are not included in the project. Councillor Kennedy asked if the City could obtain an estimate on the cost to convert those lights as well.

3. Councillor Rishe asked for an update on funding options for the Vactor truck and asked if any of the new federal infrastructure funds might apply. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith said the City could qualify for grant/loan combination funding, but she would have to look into it further. Ms. Smith explained most of the available federal funding is for roads, etc. Councillor Rishe asked about potential funding from the Financial Restructuring Board, adding the FRB had commented about the City relying on water and sewer funding more than we should. Councillor Rishe said the City needs to identify outside funding sources.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith reviewed the Dobisky Center fee form and application for use and outlined the proposed changes. Ms. Smith explained the proposal was being provided now so everyone knows the proposed rates to speak at the public hearing. Councillor Rishe said the rates at the Dobisky Center seem low. Ms. Smith explained the City has affordable rates, and the proposed increased rates are included. Ms. Smith added Council can certainly make recommendations to increase the rates more.

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Councillor Kennedy asked if the proposed rates for the Dobisky Center are the same for residents and non-residents, adding a recommendation that there be different rates for residents and non-residents. Councillor Rishe agreed. Ms. Smith said the current rates will be provided to Council, noting the proposed changes include the use of both rooms at the Dobisky Center which was previously discontinued due to COVID-19. Ms. Smith said the proposed rates will be amended for residents and non-residents.

2. Councillor Fisher said the City received many requests for the ARPA Individual Assistance Program, and Council had discussed the CDBG program for additional assistance. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith explained the City is not eligible for community wide assistance under the CDBG program because the City does not meet the City-wide low to moderate income requirements. Councillor Fisher suggested teaming up with St. Lawrence County for a joint County-wide CDBG application, adding it might be an avenue to get help to people in the City. Councillor Fisher said if that is not possible the City should pick a specific neighborhood. Ms. Smith explained when the County applies for CDBG funding, City residents are automatically eligible because their property is located within the County. Councillor Fisher said the County would help with grant writing for this purpose, and Councillor Rishe said DANC would help as well. Councillor Rishe said he does not believe the City needs to define a neighborhood if the City writes a grant specific to the first-time home buyer program. Ms. Smith explained the guidelines are specific to home repair projects. Councillor Rishe said he thinks the City should do something, and he would be disappointed if the City did not apply for the fourth year in a row. Councillor Powers said the City must target a specific neighborhood for home repairs, but any City resident can apply to the County. Ms. Smith said a specific neighborhood must qualify for the housing rehab program and described what programs the City has applied for in the past under the CDBG program. Councillor Rishe said the City could pay DANC \$2,500 to \$5,000 to write the grant for the City.

3. Councillor Rishe asked if Lockwood Arena gets a lot of use after the ice is removed, noting many people are playing pickleball at the local universities. Councillor Rishe said that might be a good idea if Lockwood Arena is not being used.

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Interim City Manager Andrea Smith said the Recreation Director Mackenzie Cole just inquired about that, and recommendations may be coming to Council in the future.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Doug Loffler addressed Council regarding the lighting at Montroy Park and said the lights were obtained from another park and have outlasted their life span. Mr. Loffler asked if the Recreation Commission has reviewed the proposed rates at the Dobisky Center. Interim City Manager Andrea Smith said no, adding there was no proposal to change the rates at Lockwood Arena. Mr. Loffler asked if there is money in the 2023 budget for the City Hall roof project. Councillor Rishe said no. Ms. Smith said there were no funds allocated in the 2023 budget for capital projects. Mr. Loffler said an ad was taken out in North Country This week a year and a half or two years ago indicating that the City Hall roof could be paid for with the elimination of five firefighters and asked where that money went. Councillor Rishe said CDBG funding could be used for the lights at Montroy Park because that program can fund recreational activities. Councillor Kennedy said the park could host more evening events with new lighting.

2. Fort la Presentation President Bark O'Keefe thanked Council for the resolution to support the Battle of Ogdensburg reenactment. Mrs. O'Keefe outlined the weekend events and invited everyone to join in the activities.

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

CITY OF OGDENSBURG
AUDIT PRESENTATION SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

**City of Ogdensburg
2021 Audit Summary – Presentation to City Council
February 13, 2023**

Audit Committee Meeting – February 7, 2023

- A detailed presentation of the financial statement audit was made to the audit committee, city manager, and city comptroller on February 7, 2023.

Audit Sections

- Independent Auditor’s Report
- Management’s Discussion and Analysis
- Financial Statements
- Notes to Financial Statements
- Required Supplementary Information
- Supplementary Information
- Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control and Compliance

Summary of Independent Auditor’s Report

- New Format
 - Auditor’s opinion is now the first section
 - New language in report refers to the City’s ability to continue as a going concern, fraud detection, auditor professional skepticism – these concepts are not new
- Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements
 - The preparations and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.
 - The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the financial statements
- Auditor’s Responsibility
 - To express opinions on the financial statements based on our audit
 - Plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement
- Opinions
 - Unmodified opinions

City of Ogdensburg
Summarized Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
December 31, 2021

	General	Special Revenue	Capital	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash - Unrestricted	\$ 4,352,795	\$ 5,805,672	\$ 1,367,895	\$ 11,526,362
Cash - Restricted	31,256	253,194	623,994	908,444
Taxes Receivable	1,477,713	-	-	1,477,713
Other Receivables	189,787	664,569	1,261,880	2,116,236
Due from Other Governments	1,599,408	-	-	1,599,408
Other Assets	295,617	274,000	35,530	605,147
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,946,576</u>	<u>\$ 6,997,435</u>	<u>\$ 3,289,299</u>	<u>\$ 18,233,310</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 698,540	\$ 157,530	\$ 1,835,747	\$ 2,691,817
Note Payable	-	-	22,924,327	22,924,327
Bond Anticipation Note Payable	-	-	1,575,849	1,575,849
Due to Other Governments	616,353	-	-	616,353
Other Liabilities	490,790	218,638	123,300	832,728
Total Liabilities	1,805,683	376,168	26,459,223	28,641,074
Fund Balances	<u>6,140,893</u>	<u>6,621,267</u>	<u>(23,169,924)</u>	<u>(10,407,764)</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 7,946,576</u>	<u>\$ 6,997,435</u>	<u>\$ 3,289,299</u>	<u>\$ 18,233,310</u>

City of Ogdensburg
Summarized Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ending December 31, 2021

	General	Special Revenue	Capital	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Real Property Taxes and Tax Items	\$ 5,334,559	\$ 110,500	\$ -	\$ 5,445,059
Non-Property Tax Items	4,978,637	-	-	4,978,637
Departmental Income	682,548	5,212,058	-	5,894,606
Local Sources	69,004	211,555	38,649	319,208
State Aid	3,373,242	28,026	8,376,087	11,777,355
Other Revenue Sources	735,753	47,909	503	784,165
Total Revenues	<u>15,173,743</u>	<u>5,610,048</u>	<u>8,415,239</u>	<u>29,199,030</u>
Expenditures				
General Government Support	1,850,395	177,783	-	2,028,178
Public Safety and Health	7,991,510	-	-	7,991,510
Transportation	2,529,701	-	399,720	2,929,421
Home and Community Services	143,757	2,924,161	12,199,311	15,267,229
Debt Service	316,606	350,028	-	666,634
Other Expenditures	613,797	458,369	5,793	1,077,959
Total Expenditures	<u>13,445,766</u>	<u>3,910,341</u>	<u>12,604,824</u>	<u>29,960,931</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	1,727,977	1,699,707	(4,189,585)	(761,901)
Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>376,830</u>	<u>(498,328)</u>	<u>121,498</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) after Transfers	2,104,807	1,201,379	(4,068,087)	(761,901)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>4,036,086</u>	<u>5,419,888</u>	<u>(19,101,837)</u>	<u>(9,645,863)</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 6,140,893</u>	<u>\$ 6,621,267</u>	<u>\$ (23,169,924)</u>	<u>\$ (10,407,764)</u>

City of Ogdensburg
2021 Required Communications – Presentation to City Council
February 13, 2023

Required Communications Summary

- No new auditing standards adopted in 2021.
- Accounting Estimates
 - Accrued Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefit Liabilities
 - Valuation of Accounts Receivable and Government Receivables
 - Useful Lives of Fixed Assets
- No difficulties in performing the audit.
- No uncorrected misstatements. All misstatements posted.
- No disagreements with management on financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matters.
- Management representation letter signed and delivered.
- No management consultations with other independent accountants.

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control and Compliance

- No material weaknesses in internal control were identified.
- No instances of noncompliance or other matters.

City Of Ogdensburg
REDI Project Estimates
 Prepared: November 22, 2022

	\$8,892,311			
	Estimated Projected Costs*	State 95%	Local 5%	Add'l \$ Requirement
SJ.1 - Municipal Marina & City Docks (close to Dobisky Center)	\$911,973	\$866,374	\$45,599	\$0
SJ.158 - Morrisette Park and City Dock	\$4,875,000	\$4,631,250	\$243,750	\$0
SJ.158 - Morrisette Park & City Docks (Bid Price over Estimate)	\$1,209,427	\$0	\$0	\$1,209,427
SJ.158 - Morrisette Park and City Dock (Change Order)	\$1,365,911	\$0	\$0	\$1,365,911
SH.239 - Greenbelt Park	\$530,000	\$503,500	\$26,500	\$0
Total Contract #1	\$8,892,311	\$6,001,124	\$315,849	\$ 2,575,338
SJ.163 - Maple City Trail at Oswegatchie & St. Lawrence Rivers	\$2,000,000	\$1,900,000	\$100,000	\$0
SJ.163 - Maple City Trail (Bid Price over Estimate)	\$61,000	\$0	\$0	\$61,000
Total Contract #2	\$2,061,000	\$1,900,000	\$100,000	\$ 61,000
Engineering Costs (Maple City Trail)	537,900.00	-	-	537,900.00
Engineering Costs (SLR Combined)	694,000.00	-	-	694,000.00
Engineering Costs (Estimated) (Change Order)	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00
Total Contract #2	1,431,900.00	-	-	1,431,900.00
Contingency	119,789.00			119,789.00
Total Project	\$12,505,000.00	\$7,901,124.35	\$415,848.65	\$ 4,188,027

(BAN)

* Source: Memo to Council (2/28/20)

Summary	
Project Costs	\$12,505,000
NYS \$	(7,901,124) 63%
City \$	\$4,603,876 37%

City Obligation	
City \$	\$ 4,603,876
BAN Outstanding (11/20)	(415,849)
BOND ORDINANCE (2/13/23)	4,188,027
Authorized (12/13/21)	(1,305,000)
Authorized (2/14/22)	(1,883,027)
Authorized (11/28/22)	(1,000,000)
Add'l Borrowing	-

Cost Included in REDI Grant