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

PRESENT: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley, Hosmer,
Mitchell, Morley, Skamperle and Stevenson

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nelson moved that the claims as enumerated in General Fund Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$540,394.06 and Library Fund Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$19,589.13 and Capital Fund Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$5,877.31 and Community Development Fund Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and Community Renewal Fund Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$16,612.00 and HOME Fund Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and AHC Funds Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 and NSP Funds Warrant #11-2014 in the amount of \$0.00 as audited, be and the same are ordered paid and Councillor Skamperle seconded the motion.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Councillor Morley moved a resolution establishing the standard work days for elected and appointed City of Ogdensburg officials and reports the days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

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Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution
For Elected and Appointed Officials

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ogdensburg hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Mayor	William D. Nelson	6	01/01/12-12/31/15	N	18
City Councillor	Daniel E. Skamperle	6	01/01/14-12/31/17	N	10.42
City Councillor	Brian R. Mitchell	6	01/01/14-12/31/17	N	3.64
City Manager	John M. Pinkerton	7	10/15/12-12/31/15*	Y	20/22
City Clerk	Kathleen A. Bouchard	7	01/01/12-12/31/15*	Y	20/22
City Comptroller	Philip A. Cosmo	7	01/01/12-12/31/15*	Y	20/22
Deputy City Clerk	Cathy A. Jock	7	01/01/12-12/31/15*	Y	20/22

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Director of Parks & Recreation	Matthew J. Curatolo	7	01/01/12-12/31/15*	Y	20/22
Director of Public Works	Scott A. Thornhill	7	05/19/14-12/31/15*	Y	20/22
Director of Planning & Development	Andrea L. Smith	7	01/01/12-12/31/15*	Y	20/22
Executive Director of Remington Art Museum	Laura A. Foster	7	05/11/14-12/31/15*	Y	20/22

(*Mayor’s term used for purposes of this regulation only, not for internal use.)

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

2. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with H. Richardson & Sons, LLC, for tree cutting on Outer Champlain Street (next to City landfill) , and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR TREE CUTTING ON OUTER CHAMPLAIN STREET

WHEREAS, proposals have been solicited and received for the cutting of trees located on a lot (approx. 6 acres) on outer Champlain Street next to the City landfill to allow for a proposed solar array and distribution of spoils from the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project; and

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WHEREAS, the City's Director of Public Works has evaluated the proposals received and recommended the City enter into an agreement with H. Richardson & Sons, LLC, for this work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that John M. Pinkerton, City Manager, is authorized to enter into an agreement with H. Richardson & Sons, LLC, Ogdensburg, NY, for a sum not to exceed \$9,600.00 on behalf of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds to pay for this purchase will come from Capital – Solar Array Project.

Councillor Ashley asked why this project is not being completed by City staff. Department of Public Works Director Scott Thornhill said we do not have the manpower. Mr. Thornhill explained this company will grind the wood down into woodchips and can complete the project cheaper and quicker. Councillor Hosmer asked how long it will take for the project to be completed. Mr. Thornhill said this company will have the entire project done in one week.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

3. Councillor Ashley moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Vehicle Maintenance Agreement with Seaway Auto Tech, Inc. dba Rishe's Auto, Ogdensburg, NY, and Councillor Skamperle seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has received four proposals for the vehicle maintenance for City-owned motor vehicles; and

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WHEREAS, the City Manager has reviewed the four proposals and has recommended Seaway Auto Tech, Inc. dba Rishe's Auto, Ogdensburg, NY;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Seaway Auto Tech, Inc. dba Rishe's Auto according to the terms set by the City of Ogdensburg Request for Proposal, Vehicle Maintenance, and the proposal submitted by Seaway Auto Tech, Inc. dba Rishe's Auto.

Councillor Ashley said he reviewed the spreadsheet of vehicles to be serviced under this contract and asked why the smaller vehicles are not serviced in-house. Director of Public Works Scott Thornhill said we have a mechanic and a mechanic helper who focus on heavy equipment. Councillor Ashley asked for a list of expenses related to the maintenance of city equipment serviced by outside vendors. City Manager John Pinkerton said he would prepare a report for Council. Councillor Stevenson asked if we have a diagnostics machine to test smaller vehicles. Mr. Thornhill said no. Councillor Morley said he will abstain from the vote because Mr. Rishe is his brother-in-law.

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley, Hosmer, Mitchell, Skamperle and Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councillor Morley

CARRIED, 6 TO 1

4. Councillor Skamperle moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a 2014 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Grant to the North Country Regional Economic Development Council in connection with the LWRP, in an amount not to exceed \$ 25,000., in support of the development of a feasibility study for the proposed Historic Visitor Center at the Fort La Presentation Lighthouse property, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2014 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg desires to submit a 2014 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to the North Country Regional Economic Development Council in connection with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP); and

WHEREAS, the funding assistance will identify the feasibility of construction and operation of the Historic Visitor Center at the Fort La Presentation Lighthouse Point Site; and

WHEREAS, the proposed visitor center would support nearby local businesses, promote waterfront access, and offer new historic, cultural, and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has made significant investments in planning and developing public waterfront access along the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie River waterfronts and 2014 CFA LWRP funding will complement these investments and promote physical and visual accessibility to these waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has identified these improvements in its Step II Brownfields Opportunity Area (BOA) plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg is partnered with the Fort La Presentation Association who will provide *all* financial support for the application as well as the required matching funds in the form of existing funds and in-kind services in accordance with grant guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a 2014 CFA through the NYS DOS LWRP in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in support of the development of a feasibility study for the Historic Visitor Center at the Fort La Presentation Lighthouse Site within the City of Ogdensburg.

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Councillor Morley asked if we applied for this grant last year. Barbara O'Keefe of Fort de la Presentation said the City is the sponsor, not the applicant. Ms. O'Keefe said they have a consultant who is updating their paperwork. Ms. O'Keefe presented Council members with a packet of information. (A copy of that material follows these minutes.)

The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Nelson, Councillors Ashley, Mitchell, Morley, Skamperle and Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councillor Hosmer

CARRIED, 6 TO 0

5. Mayor Nelson moved a resolution to support a fair and equitable re-negotiated settlement of the re-licensing agreement between the New York Power Authority and the Local St. Lawrence Government Task Force, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A FAIR AND EQUITABLE
RE-NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE RE-LICENSING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY
AND THE LOCAL ST. LAWRENCE GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg City Council is interested in promoting the economic well-being of the communities, residents and businesses located in St. Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg is aware of the current negotiations between the New York Power Authority, which in 2001 filed a license renewal application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, and the Local St. Lawrence Government Task Force, which in 2002 entered into a re-licensing settlement agreement with New York Power Authority for the St. Lawrence-

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FDR Power Project, in which New York Power Authority agreed to provide recreation and shoreline related benefits, as mandated by the Federal Power Act of -1935 and New York Power Authority's FERC license, and also to provide a modest economic benefit package for the host communities; and

WHEREAS, in turn, the Local St. Lawrence Government Task Force communities supported New York Power Authority's request for a 50-year license renewal for the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project; and

WHEREAS, the licensing settlement agreement was made final in 2003 upon New York Power Authority's receipt of a new license; and

WHEREAS, given the 50-year term of the license renewal, the licensing settlement agreement mandates a 10-year review and, as appropriate, modification of the licensing settlement agreement, which the Local St. Lawrence Government Task Force and New York Power Authority commenced in the last quarter of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the licensing settlement agreement identifies nine (9) specific issues that "should be considered" as part of any 10-year review, including "a comparative review of costs and benefits provided to local communities by other New York Power Authority facilities," and, additionally, the review is required to consider any "unanticipated" events or impacts; and

WHEREAS, the available public record has informed the St. Lawrence County Town Supervisors Association that:

- There is gross disparity between the benefits provided to the St. Lawrence County host communities and the benefits provided by the New York Power Authority Niagara power project to host communities in Western New York;
- St. Lawrence County and the host community have been severely impacted by the loss of jobs due to the shutdown of the General Motor's facility in Massena and the Alcoa shutdown of the Massena East Plant;

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- In 2001 New York Power Authority promised to work with the Governor to bring new jobs to the North Country if economic conditions ever forced the shutdown of General Motors and/or Alcoa; and

- New York Power Authority's economic performance over the past decade has allowed it to provide significant economic support to the state, Western New York, the metropolitan New York City area, and other communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg along with the Local St. Lawrence Government Task Force and its member communities all have a sincere interest in the ongoing negotiations between the Task Force and New York Power Authority;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by this resolution, the City of Ogdensburg supports a fair and equitable re-negotiated settlement of the licensing settlement agreement, pursuant to the 10-year review, that, at a minimum: (1) supports economic development in St. Lawrence County; (2) addresses land transfer, shoreline stabilization and the return of unneeded St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project lands to the host communities; and (3) provides energy savings programs for businesses, municipalities and residents within St. Lawrence County;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ogdensburg believes a fair and equitable re-negotiated licensing settlement agreement will help attract new business and industry to the State, the North Country and St. Lawrence County that will bring significant job growth and serve as a springboard for economic growth by using the resources from the newly re-negotiated licensing settlement agreement, including the available low cost New York Power Authority hydro-power as envisioned by New York Power Authority's authorizing legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk will forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo and the St. Lawrence County Town Supervisors' Association.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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6. Councillor Stevenson moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Addendum No. 4, in the amount of \$11,600., to the Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Ogdensburg and Barton & Loguidice in connection with the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project, and Councillor Morley seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM NO. 4 TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG AND BARTON & LOGUIDICE
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
PATERSON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has executed an Agreement and Addendums totaling \$1,855,100 with the firm of Barton & Loguidice (B&L) for the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS, additional services were required beyond the original project scope for the design phase of the project, for an estimated total project cost of \$1,866,700.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute Addendum No. 4, in the amount of \$11,600., to the Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Ogdensburg and Barton & Loguidice in connection with the Paterson Street Reconstruction Project, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this project will come from Capital Fund H5110.518.

Councillor Hosmer asked if these funds are in addition to the initial contract. City Manager John Pinkerton said the project has already been budgeted for and this money is included in that budget. Councillor Morley asked if we have a start date yet. Mr. Pinkerton said equipment is being stored at the Newell parking lot and we should see work beginning soon. Councillor Stevenson asked what is causing the delay on the project beginning. Mr. Pinkerton said agreements were required between all parties. Mr. Pinkerton explained contractors will be using the Newell parking lot and will level it for us when the Paterson Street project is completed.

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The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

7. Councillor Ashley moved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a 2014 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Grant, in the amount of \$1,654,000., for the construction of a new Sea Wall on the Oswegatchie River, and Councillor Stevenson seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2014 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING
APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A NEW SEA WALL ON THE OSWEGATCHIE RIVER

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2014, the Maple City Trail between the Pump house and the new walking bridge received extensive amounts of damage due to flooding from the Oswegatchie River and the failure of its current sea wall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg has determined that approximately 1,500 feet of sea wall needs to be replaced between the Pump house and the new walking bridge to avoid future flooding issues from the Oswegatchie River and to protect the Maple City Trail; and

WHEREAS, the new proposed sea wall would be constructed 5-feet further inland and be 3-feet higher than the current sea wall; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Maple City Trail and its lighting system would be rerouted due to the construction of the new sea wall; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a new sea wall along the Oswegatchie River is consistent with the City's LWRP; and

WHEREAS, protecting the Maple City Trail is a desired goal of the City; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a 2014 CFA for the construction of a new sea wall along the Oswegatchie River in the amount of \$1,654,00., and if awarded to enter into any necessary grant agreements.

Councillor Morley asked if making the new seawall three feet higher and moving it inland by five feet will alleviate the flooding problem. City Manager John Pinkerton said an engineer has advised that we will not need a coffer dam if we use the existing seawall and put a new one inside of it. Mr. Pinkerton explained the cheapest and most effective way to complete the project is to dig into the bedrock and build the wall up. Mr. Pinkerton said we need to go higher with the seawall because we even have flooding under normal conditions. Mr. Pinkerton said our current seawall is eroding and would be a buffer. Mr. Pinkerton explained we plan to remove the peninsula near the pump house to redirect the water. Councillor Stevenson asked if there will be access between the two seawalls. Mr. Pinkerton said there will be an incline path to the new wall and we may look at removing the old wall. Councillor Stevenson suggested we look at removing the old wall while the heavy equipment is on site. Mr. Pinkerton said we need to determine if we can even get the money first. Councillor Skamperle questioned if the cement blocks are as strong as rocks. Mr. Pinkerton said he is relying on the recommendation of the engineer. Councillor Skamperle asked if any steel re-rod will be used. Mr. Pinkerton said he will check with the engineers. Mayor Nelson asked if the company did an underwater inspection and if there is any damage to the upper side. Mr. Pinkerton said he doesn't believe so but he will verify with the engineers.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

8. Councillor Hosmer moved a resolution authorizing the Ogdensburg City Manager to submit a Consolidated Funding Application in an amount not to exceed \$1.6 Million, to further the work of the City's Brownfield Opportunity Area Planning initiative at the former Diamond Paper Mill Site, and Councillor Mitchell seconded to wit:

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A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE SUBMISSION OF A CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg desires to prepare a 2014 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to further the work of the City's Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg BOA has established a framework for redeveloping the City's waterfront brownfields; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this BOA planning initiative City staff have prioritized the development of the former Diamond Paper Mill Site, a fully remediated brownfield site located on the St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS, this application for funds will accelerate the implementation of required water and sewer infrastructure, including a pumping station that will support the City's waterfront vision as a regional destination for residents and tourists alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a Consolidated Funding Application in an amount not to exceed \$1.6 Million and, if received, to enter into any necessary contracts to administer the grant.

Councillor Morley asked if we should submit multiple CFA's or concentrate on just one. City Manager John Pinkerton said both grant applications are valid. Mr. Pinkerton explained there are different funding sources for each of these grant applications and Clayton received a total of 4.2 million last year.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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9. Councillor Mitchell moved a resolution authorizing the Ogdensburg City Manager to submit a 2014 Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grant application in an amount of \$250,000 for new water and sewer infrastructure at the former Diamond Paper Mill property, and Councillor Ashley seconded to wit:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF
A NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg desires to prepare a 2014 Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grant application for infrastructure to support the City's waterfront redevelopment vision; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg and the Ogdensburg Growth Fund are actively engaged in negotiations with two developers for a 3 ac. +/- portion of the former Diamond Paper Mill property which will require new water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed redevelopment of this parcel is expected to create more than 32 full-time employment positions; and

WHEREAS, this application for funds will accelerate the implementation of required infrastructure, including a pumping station that will support the City's waterfront vision as a regional destination for residents and tourists alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a NBRC application in an amount of \$250,000. and, if received, to enter into any necessary contracts to administer the grant.

The vote was:

CARRIED, AYES ALL

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Councillor Ashley said he has received a couple of complaints regarding assessments. Councillor Ashley asked if the entire west side of the Oswegatchie River was reassessed. City Assessor Bruce Green said all 950 residential properties on the west side were reassessed and one-third of the assessments were increased. Councillor Ashley asked if it is possible to increase the entire City at one time instead of just certain areas. Mr. Green said that would be next to impossible. Mr. Green said this is the first time in 6 years that these parcels have been reassessed.

Councillor Morley asked if there is any way to defer the increases until a reassessment of the entire City is done. Mr. Green said it could be done on a three year phase but explained a reevaluation can cost over \$250,000. Mayor Nelson said we have always done reassessments in cycles.

Councillor Stevenson said six years is a long time and asked if we can accelerate the assessment of the whole City. Mr. Green explained he evaluates sales of property in relation to assessed values to determine if a neighborhood requires reevaluation. Mr. Green said if someone is not assessed properly they are not paying their fair share. Mr. Green explained seventy people have come in to speak with him, and the Board of Assessment review is next week. Councillor Stevenson said she is concerned Mr. Green is only looking at sales values versus assessed values and asked Mr. Green if he is looking at each property individually. Mr. Green said yes.

Councillor Stevenson suggested a town hall meeting with the City Assessor after this busy season. Councillor Skamperle asked if the tax deferment program still exists. Mr. Green said property owners can apply for an eight year deferment for improvements such as siding or windows. Mr. Green explained less than one-half of property owners respond to the application.

2. Councillor Morley asked if the list of summer employees is finalized. City Manager John Pinkerton said he will check into it.

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3. Councillor Skamperle asked if we can allow residents to place their brush in the street. Councillor Skamperle explained crews are tearing up lawns when picking up brush. Councillor Stevenson said a State regulation prohibits the placement of brush in the street. City Manager John Pinkerton said he has seen DPW crews picking up brush with shovels also. Mr. Pinkerton explained residents can drop their brush at the water treatment plant on Saturdays and DPW crews are leaving notes to residents to explain why they cannot remove the brush. Mr. Pinkerton said sometimes residents are bagging it or putting it out on the wrong week and crews cannot pickup under these circumstances. Mr. Pinkerton said he plans to have the newspaper publish a map of each ward on the week of pickup. Mr. Pinkerton said we are addressing issues as we go. Mr. Pinkerton explained when brush is put out only on the pickup week and not set out weeks in advance the damage to the lawn is minimal. Councillor Morley asked for a comparison breakdown per month of what we are spending to pick up brush for 2013 and 2014. Mr. Pinkerton said we have no overtime or extra expenses and he will obtain the report for Council.

Councillor Morley said there is a lot of trash piled on City property at the corner of Knox and Morris Streets. Councillor Stevenson said that same location was a problem last year. Mr. Pinkerton said we are addressing this. Councillor Morley asked if we have retained as much summer help as in the past and noted the grass is long on some City properties. Mr. Pinkerton said we had a late Spring and crews have been busy on the weekends with hooking up the electrical at the marina and other projects. Councillor Skamperle asked if there is a procedure in place for residents to have their lawn repaired when damaged by brush pickup crews. Mr. Pinkerton said no. Councillor Skamperle said if brush was put into the street this problem would not exist. Mr. Pinkerton said he will verify that placing brush in the street is not permitted. Councillor Skamperle asked if we will still have a Spring and Fall cleanup period. Mr. Pinkerton said we will continue with Spring, Seaway Festival and Fall cleanup periods.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. City Manager John Pinkerton said he has been talking with Larsen Engineering regarding solar power and he will be sending information to Council requesting feedback for a grant application. Mr. Pinkerton explained the application is due at the end of June. Mr. Pinkerton said the engineers have looked at the landfill and the buildings around the City. Mr. Pinkerton said they found a three-phase system near the landfill. Mr. Pinkerton explained the buildings would be less profitable because profit is determined based on the building's output less its demand.
2. Councillor Stevenson said there will be an information session on June 18th at 5:00 p.m. for tenants and at 6:15 p.m. for landlords. Councillor Stevenson said this is only an information session on rights and responsibilities and is not legal advice. City Manager John Pinkerton said residents can contact his office if they have any questions.
3. Mayor Nelson said there will be a Flag Day ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in the Greenbelt on Saturday, June 14, 2014.
4. Mayor Nelson said he received a notice that the PSE is accepting comments on the Comcast/Time Warner merger. Mayor Nelson said we should report our concerns regarding the franchise agreement and service issues. Mayor Nelson suggested we also gather public comments on these matters.
5. Mayor Nelson said last Thursday's meeting with the Office of Mental Health and NYS Department of Corrections concerning the State-owned property was successful. Mayor Nelson said Director of Planning & Development Andrea Smith's presentation was great. Mayor Nelson explained it is a long process but it could increase the tax base. Mayor Nelson said key representatives were present for the meeting. Councillor Stevenson said she feels very positive about the proposal. Councillor Ashley said it is a beautiful piece of property. Mr. Pinkerton said he was pleased the State saw the opportunity and sent representatives here to discuss the matter. Mr. Pinkerton explained it is important the State representatives came to listen to our concerns and hear about the potential benefits.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Director of Planning & Development Andrea Smith advised Council of an upcoming work session with the Planning Board. Ms. Smith explained they wish to adopt specific design guidelines for districts along the waterfront. Ms. Smith said she will send out a request for a meeting date and time in early July.

2. Mayor Nelson said the Pride & Beautification Committee will be distributing flags on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Dobisky Center. Councillor Stevenson said there is a preference for State Street residents.

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