

# CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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Office of the City Manager

MEMO TO: City Council  
FROM: Sarah Purdy, City Manager *SP*  
DATE: December 20, 2018  
SUBJECT: Update 18/46

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**NOTICE** – Due to the upcoming holidays there will be no updates on December 27, 2018 or January 3, 2019.

## **150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION COMMEMORATIVE GLASSES-**

If you haven't purchased one yet, they are still available for \$5 and can be found at the following places:

- Dobisky Visitors' Center, 100 Riverside Avenue
- City Clerk's office at City Hall, 330 Ford Street
- Frederic Remington Museum, 303 Washington Street
- Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce, 1 Bridge Approach

If you have any questions please contact the Ogdensburg Parks & Recreation Department at 315-393-1980.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Please find attached an update regarding 722 Canton Street, FEMA Emergency Repairs from spring 2017 St. Lawrence River flooding, CDBG Imminent Threat funding, and the Ogdensburg Land bank Corporation from Andrea Smith.

## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

Overtime –

RC = Required or Contractual

	12/13 to 12/19
Sewer Beepers (RC)	8
On-Call Supervisors (RC)	4
Waste Water Treatment (RC)	8
Sander Beepers (RC)	12
Safety Training	4
Water/Sewer Issues	15
Snow and Ice	8
Comp Off Books	17
TOTAL HOURS	76
RC	32
Other	44

### Personnel

- Two staff members are registered for their 2A Operator's Test. The test date is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Snow & Ice

- Four significant snow storms in November over the last two years has prompted a request to update OMC to move the starting date of our winter parking restriction to November 1st. This falls in line with about 50% of our local large villages and the City of Watertown. The City of Watertown's restrictions run from November 1st to April 30th. Where a parking ban this long would aid street sweeping in the spring, we are more concerned with not being able to clear streets properly with November storms. The November storms drive up our overtime as the streets cannot be properly cleared causing areas to go untreated and DPW being called back in to treat these areas after vehicles are eventually moved.

### Water Filtration Plant Update

- One of four filters are being cleaned every two weeks. Our next scheduled filter cleaning is December 28, 2018.
- Rural Development has received our Pre-Development Planning Grant application. This will be used, if awarded, to offset Preliminary Engineering Report and environmental survey costs associated with a comprehensive evaluation of our water treatment system.

### Waste Water Treatment Plant Update

- **WWTP DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION**
  - Meeting schedule – Next meeting 1/16 – 9am
  - Meeting Notes for 12/19 meeting:
    - **Project Schedule**
      - East River Lift Station – This portion of the WWTP upgrade project is being funded through CDBG-IT grant. This was imminent threat money from the 2017 flooding. This is a \$500,000 grant that covers both our lift station and the traffic circle. It is considered a single project, and jeopardizing one component could jeopardize the entire grant. Due to requirement to expend this grant we have requested EDR to separate the lift station project from the \$35 million project with a stand-alone budget / project. By separating the lift station from the main project, we will incur additional costs associated with bidding, inspection, mobilization, de-mobilization, etc. The planning office will confirm with the grant agency that these additional required funds are eligible and seek additional grants funds if eligible.
      - Vactor Truck Discharge – we discussed how we will manage the discharge from the Vactor in the future. It was agreed by everyone involved that the new receiving station was our best option. This discussion came about as a result of the drying pit being removed.
      - PLA Study status – this is on track to bring to council on 1/14/19.
      - CFA Grant – City didn't receive the \$1.7M grants. While these grants would have reduced the money awarded from Rural Development in the form of a low interest loan, we still have the \$35M necessary for the project secured at this time.
      - Rural Development Compliance
        - Modification to bid documents
          - All required documentation requested by RD has been provided. Emergency Response Plan has been completed. A certification stating the same will be provided to RD.
          - The DEC and EFC are both comfortable with the RD changes and have only requested final bid specifications once approved by RD.

### Equipment

- Excavator – At vendor for evaluation and repair.
- Vactor – Low fuel pressure, will be evaluated and repaired.
- Trackless – new rear brakes being installed.
- Pickup #395 – Mechanics found used floorboard replacements in a salvage yard and made repair.
- Truck #345 needs new injectors. Purchased new injectors that will be installed this week in-house.
- Loader # 436 – replacing cutting edge on clam portion of bucket. Edge has been received and bucket will be addressed.
- Truck #408 – Repairs completed.

### Sidewalks

The New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) signal and sidewalk work is approaching the end of their project. Minor concerns have been passed along to DOT.

Water / Sewer

- Assisting NYS DOT with storm drop / main issue near State & Ford. Initial dig fixed one issue, but a second was identified further down the line. Planning to dig next week.
- Performing water and sewer services as they arise.
- We are addressing sink holes.

Brush Pickup / Landfill Operations

- We were able to send out trucks last week and canvassed the City for stray piles. We picked up anything that we saw.

Trees

- Tree work is progressing as the weather allows. Contractors are doing a nice job and staff is working well with the public to keep them informed as tree situations change. As we start to trim some trees, they are so badly rotted that it only makes sense to take them down at that time. Property owners that would like to get trees replaced should reach out to Parks and Recreation.
- Riverside Ave cleanup process has been completed for the season.
- Stumps / Top Soil – work is being completed as manpower becomes available.

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Sarah Purdy, City Manager  
**CC:** Coralee Barrett  
**FROM:** Andrea Smith, AICP  
Director of Planning and Development  
**DATE:** December 20, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Planning Department Update

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Below is an update from the Planning Department:

**722 CANTON STREET** – The City has awarded a demolition contract to Bronze Contracting, LLC out of Remsen, NY. The firm has done work previously for the City on other asbestos abatement and demolition projects including, 505 New York Ave, and 520 Barre Street. Atlantic Testing Laboratories (ATL) out of Canton will perform air monitoring during abatement.

The City will utilize CDBG state administered program income to fund the abatement and demolition. The contractor has projected demolition activities to commence in early January 2019.

The property, tax map number 59.024-2-20, is a pre-existing nonconforming parcel located in the City's Business (B) zoning district. The property is 47'x100'. The purpose of the Business zoning district is to provide for areas primarily used or appropriate for retail, service, auto-related, institutional, wholesale and storage and public uses.



Figure 1: Google Street View Image

## **2017 ST. LAWRENCE RIVER FLOODING**

FEMA EMERGENCY REPAIRS – Ogdensburg has completed the damage assessment and project development phases with FEMA. The City is poised to advance toward implementation of repairs on our two boat launches and municipal boardwalk in the spring of 2019.

Little Park Boat Launch and Paterson Street Boat Launch repairs have been approved by FEMA. The Planning Office will be working closely with Tisdell Associates to complete the necessary engineering and survey work and with the DEC on permitting. We anticipate the project will be ready to bid in early March to enable construction to begin as weather permits in the spring of 2019.

Municipal Boardwalk Repairs have been approved by FEMA. Tisdell Associates will be completing the required design drawings and survey work during the first quarter of 2019 with the project anticipated to go to bid in early May 2019.

We do anticipate that both projects will have to adhere to NYS DEC in-water restrictions during the critical spawning period of March 15 – July 15; therefore this restriction has been taken into account in the projected scheduling.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IMMINENT THREAT (CDBG IT) – The Planning Office has been working closely with the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal to secure CDBG IT funding in the amount of \$500,000 to address flooding damage to the Caroline Street Traffic Circle and the East River Pumping Station. We anticipate the release of funds for this project to be effective December 28, 2018. We have established an estimated project timeline for repairs to the traffic circle beginning with the project bid solicitation commencing in early January, with substantial completion of repairs by July 31, 2019.

**OGDENSBURG LAND BANK CORPORATION** – The Ogdensburg Land Bank Corporation continues to work with Enterprise to secure the recent award of \$600,000. This funding will be utilized in 2019 and 2020 to address neighborhood vacancy, property abandonment and blight throughout Ogdensburg.

**Mission Statement:** To facilitate the return of vacant, abandoned, underutilized, and tax delinquent properties in the City of Ogdensburg to productive tax-paying use to stabilize neighborhoods, improve the quality of life, and strengthen the local economy pursuant to New York Not-for-Profit Corporations Law section 1608 through the powers and tools granted to Land Banks by the Laws of the State of New York.

**Purpose:** To lessen the burdens of local government through strategic acquisition and maintenance of properties rejected by the open market and left as growing liabilities and blight within neighborhoods.

The Land Bank will give a formal presentation and update to the City Council at its January 14, 2019 Council meeting.

**REFERENCE** – To review the City’s community planning documents including the comprehensive set of recommended revisions to the zoning ordinance, BOA and LWRP initiatives, please visit our Planning & Development Department section of the City’s website: <http://ogdensburg.org/> under the “Government” tab.

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