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TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Council Update

DATE: April 16, 2020

Please find attached the March monthly report from the Police Department.

Please find attached a report from the Planning Department.

Ogdensburg Police Department

Monthly Report Narrative

April 21, 2020

With regards to the attached monthly report, I would like to add that with the exception of Operation Stonegarden, overtime expenditures are down in all categories when compared to the first quarter of 2019.

Operation Stonegarden is a grant funded border security program and the overtime is reimbursed at 100%.

In addition I am providing the actual overtime breakdown from our 2020 budget:

General Fund -	\$177,784	(Amount available to run department operations)
Vacation Buy Back-	\$15,000	Contractual
Airport Security -	\$52,000	100% Reimbursed
Stonegarden-	\$40,216	100% Reimbursed
Total	\$285,000	

Overtime Related Revenues:

Airport Security - \$158,600
Stop DWI Grant - \$4,179.48

Additional Overtime Reimbursement Sources and trends:

School Resource Officer - Year 2019 - \$714.25
Federal Overtime Reimbursement for joint investigations (SLOT) - Year 2016 - \$67,091.37
Year 2017 - \$ 8,266.27
Year 2018 - \$23,476.27
Year 2019 - \$44,811.68

General Fund Overtime Comparable Budget Amounts:

Year 2010 - \$ 168,115 Year 2020 - \$ 177,784

Note: Budgeted General Fund Overtime has not increased to reflect the rate of inflation which according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index, was 18.37% for that time

period. Additionally there have been no adjustments to reflect the contractual COLA in employee overtime rates.

Out of the \$177,684 General Fund Overtime the police department utilizes funds to fill shifts shortages, provide mandated training, investigate major crimes such as the shootings, home invasions, narcotics complaints, methamphetamine labs and other manpower intensive incidents. In addition, the department utilizes General Fund Overtime to staff the many events put on throughout the year to include, Expo, Seaway Festival, Duathlons and Triathlon, Battle Reenactments / Founders Day Weekend, Smugglers Weekend, etc.

While these events may be impacted by the COVID pandemic, our General Fund Overtime was already cut by \$12,216.00 during the 2020 budget process when compared to the 2019 budget.

Ogdensburg Police Department Monthly Report 2019

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Calls for Service	669	754	821	1135	927	939	1068	910	724	768	944	861	10520
Arrests	40	57	61	84	56	53	58	45	51	47	31	33	616
Domestic Incidents	27	35	31	35	55	48	43	32	27	42	34	51	460
Uniform Traffic Tickets	82	136	103	53	83	57	58	66	39	39	37	53	806
Motor Vehicle Accidents	42	37	30	30	33	36	32	32	23	36	38	46	415
Parking Tickets	137	83	66	6	11	19	6	7	3	4	2	169	513
City Summons	4	7	12	8	6	10	4	10	4	10	3	1	79
Investigation Unit Cases	4	14	30	9	20	17	23	20	25	33	12	26	233
Methamphetamine Labs	0	4	10	5	13	5	5	4	3	1	1	2	53
Search Warrants	0	6	6	5	1	1	4	5	1	6	2	1	38
Monthly Total	1005	1133	1170	1370	1205	1185	1301	1131	900	986	1104	1243	13733

Submitted by Chief Andrew D. Kennedy

Ogdensburg Police Department Monthly Report 2020

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Calls for Service	638	653	684										1975
Arrests	26	29	37										92
Domestic Incidents	55	40	41										136
Uniform Traffic Tickets	53	69	44										166
Motor Vehicle Accidents	32	43	25										100
Parking Tickets	88	140	6										234
City Summons	1	1	3										5
Investigation Unit Cases	20	17	30										67
Methamphetamine Labs	3	3	10										16
Search Warrants	1	1	1										3
Monthly Total	917	996	881	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2794

Submitted by Chief Andrew D. Kennedy

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sarah Purdy, City Manager
CC: Public Update
FROM: Andrea Smith, AICP
Director of Planning and Development
DATE: April 23, 2020
SUBJECT: **Planning Department Update**

Below is an update from the Planning Department:

FORD STREET EXSTENSION WATERLINE REPLACEMENT – Following City Council approval on April 6th, contract documents were supplied to Northeast Concrete Coring & Cutting Inc. The contractor anticipates an estimated start date for construction mid-May. This project is on schedule and is funded through New York State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) Grant number 19213.

LAFAYETTE (SPRING) STREET BRIDGE – The City received a PIA Safety Flag on April 1, 2020 from New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT). This flag pertains to the spalling concrete on the underside of the arched spans. The inspection states “all spans have loose concrete adjacent the spalling occurring along the length of the top edge of the spandrel walls and along the length of the outer edges of the concrete arches. The loose concrete presents a hazard to pedestrian and boating traffic.”

At the time the City received this safety flag, we were in the final steps of preparing bid documents to make repairs to the bridge decking to prevent additional damage to the concrete, as well as to address as much of the failing concrete on the underside of the arches as possible with available funds. Since receiving this report, we have worked with Tisdell Associates to modify the scope of the project to prioritize the removal of loose concrete from all spans.

Repairs to the Lafayette (Spring) Street Bridge have been included in the City’s Capital Improvement plan, but lack of local funding has prohibited the City from taking a more proactive approach. In April 2018, the City submitted a Bridge NY application, seeking funding (\$1,460,207) for necessary repairs and improvements, but was unsuccessful. Since the bridge has not been downgraded it is a lower priority for state or federal funding. Subsequently, the City with support from former Assemblywoman Addie Jenne, received NYS DOT funds through the Multi-Modal #4 (MM4) program in the amount of \$375,000.

The current project has been designed to prioritize the pending April 1, 2020 safety flag repairs, and also provide the City with up to date pricing on all necessary work with the flexibility to allow the City to award as much or as little of the work as funding allows. Bid documents were posted yesterday (April 22, 2020) and are due back May 19, 2020.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – In accordance with Executive Order 202.15 the Ogdensburg Planning and Zoning Board meetings for the month of May will be held remotely.

EO 202.15: “Any local official, state official or local government or school, which, by virtue of any law has a public hearing scheduled or otherwise required to take place in April or May of 2020 shall be postponed, until June 1, 2020, without prejudice, however such hearing may continue if the convening public body or official is able to hold the public hearing remotely, through use of telephone conference, video conference, and/or other similar service.”

The Ogdensburg Planning Board will hold its regular May meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 5:30 PM. This meeting will be held remotely using Go to Webinar, Webinar ID: 390-256-195.

The Planning Board will accept public comment pertaining to the establishment of Lead Agency and Classification of SEQRA action for both the Fort and City’s REDI projects. SEQRA documents for both are available online via “Agendas, Minutes, & Audits” tab on <https://ogdensburg.org/>. Simply navigate to “Planning Board Agenda” and select “May 5, 2020”. The public can also submit written comments via US mail to: Planning Department 330 Ford Street, Room 11 Ogdensburg NY 13669 or via email to asmith@ogdensburg.org. **Written comments must be received by 4 PM on Monday, May 4, 2020.**

The Ogdensburg Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 4:30 PM. This meeting will be held remotely using Go to Webinar, Webinar ID: 263-963-443.

The Zoning Board will accept public comment pertaining to agenda items. The agenda will be available online via “Agendas, Minutes, & Audits” tab on <https://ogdensburg.org/>. Simply navigate to “Zoning Board Agenda” and select “May 12, 2020”. The public can also submit written comments via US mail to: Planning Department 330 Ford Street, Room 11 Ogdensburg NY 13669 or via email to asmith@ogdensburg.org. **Written comments must be received by 4 PM on Monday, May 11, 2020.**

OGDENSBURG LAND BANK CORPORATION – On behalf of the Ogdensburg Land Bank Corporation I am pleased to update you on their accomplishments funded by Enterprise Community Partners through the Land Bank Community Revitalization Initiative grant.

The Ogdensburg Land Bank (LB) presently owns 13 properties within the community, all of which were acquired from the City’s surplus property inventory. The LB is working with City staff to further the recommendations of the FRB to develop a procedure for acquiring future properties in this manner. Of these 13 properties, 11 demolitions have been completed, and the remaining two properties targeted for single-family rehabilitation. The Land Bank is partnering with North Country Housing Council to provide construction oversight of rehabilitation projects, although actual construction is presently on hold due to restrictions in connection with COVID-19. On November 25, 2019 a detailed update on these accomplishments was presented to City Council.

This past February, the Land Bank applied for additional funding through 4.2 of the Land Bank Community Revitalization Initiative Grant and has been awarded \$530,000 from Enterprise Community Partners. This funding will be used to continue the efforts of the Land Bank to facilitate the return of vacant, abandoned, underutilized, and tax delinquent properties in the City 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. Specifically, the Land Bank will utilize these newly awarded funds to pursue acquisition of property that will support 2 additional rehabilitation projects, 2 demolitions, and 2 new construction projects.

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