

ORDINANCE 2024-307  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024-2025 BUDGET ORDINANCE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL,

**SECTION 1.**

<b>Budget Amendment #4</b>				
<b>January 14, 2025</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Police Officer - Health Ins	10-58-52400	\$528.90	\$3,900.00	\$4,428.90
			<b>\$3,900.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Water Fund - Employee Health Ins	50-50-52400	\$16,296.09	\$3,900.00	\$12,396.09
			<b>\$3,900.00</b>	

**SECTION 2.**

<b>Budget Amendment #5</b>				
<b>January 14, 2025</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
UNEMPLOYMENT INS.	10-50-52420	-\$27.78	\$27.78	\$0.00
			<b>\$27.78</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
P.W. FICA TAX	10-50-52300	\$7,569.27	\$27.78	\$7,541.49
			<b>\$27.78</b>	

<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
ZONING/PLANNING COSTS	10-50-53010	-\$55.60	\$55.60	\$0.00
			<b>\$55.60</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
TOWN BOARD SCHOOLING	10-50-54100	\$200.00	\$55.60	\$144.40
			<b>\$55.60</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
AUTOMOBILE INS	10-50-55600	-\$297.01	\$297.01	\$0.00
			<b>\$297.01</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	10-60-61420	\$1,221.41	\$297.01	\$924.40
			<b>\$297.01</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
REAL & PER. PROPERTY INS.	10-50-55800	-\$1,765.02	\$1,765.02	\$0.00
			<b>\$1,765.02</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
GENERAL FUND OTHER	10-50-54000	\$1,780.36	\$1,765.02	\$15.34
			<b>\$1,765.02</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
PUBLIC OFFICIAL & LAW ENF. INS.	10-50-55900	-\$766.11	\$766.11	\$0.00
			<b>\$766.11</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
CONTRACTOR SERVICE	10-60-60510	\$10,000.00	\$766.11	\$9,233.89
			<b>\$766.11</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
2024 TRUCK MAINT	10-60-60734	-\$1,268.92	\$1,268.92	\$0.00
			<b>\$1,268.92</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
P.W. FICA TAX EXPENSE	10-60-52300	\$7,569.27	\$1,268.92	\$6,300.35
			<b>\$1,268.92</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
CHRISTMAS DÉCOR MAINT/REPAIR	10-60-61410	-\$52.81	\$52.81	\$0.00
			<b>\$52.81</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
P.W. OTHER	10-60-54000	\$1,930.00	\$52.81	\$1,877.19
			<b>\$52.81</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
2024 POLICE FOOD EMPLOYER PERMITS	10-50-60774	\$652.22	\$72.00	\$724.22

<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
P.W. OTHER	10-60-54000	\$1,930.00	\$52.81	\$1,877.19
			<b>\$52.81</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Increase</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
2020-POLICE FORD EXPLORER-REPAIRS	10-58-60771	\$650.00	\$70.00	\$720.00
			<b>\$70.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Decrease</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
POLICE EQUIPMENT MAINT	10-58-59540	\$140.05	\$70.00	\$70.05
			<b>\$70.00</b>	

**SECTION 3**

That these changes become effective immediately following adoption.

**ADOPTED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.**

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager

Ordinance # 2024-307 \_\_\_\_\_



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 12, 2024, 6PM  
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC  
Mayor Sally Belangia officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental regular meeting was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 and was called to  
2 order at 6 PM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present. The meeting was open to the public. All  
3 documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at [www.TownofOriental.com](http://www.TownofOriental.com). Mayor starts  
4 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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6 Present: Mayor Belangia(SB), Mayor Pro Tempore Price (AP), Commissioner Overcash(CO),  
7 Commissioner Litzenberger(BL), Commissioner Roe(FR), and Commissioner Crosser(BC). Town Manager Diane  
8 Miller(DM), Finance Officer Lisa Millington, Officer Nic Blayney, and 19 members of the Public.

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10 Public Comment: MPT David White spoke recommending that the Board approve the SUP process changes,  
11 but that they reconsider the changes to the Table of Permissible Uses.

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13 Approval of the Agenda: FR made a MOTION to approve the amended agenda. CO seconded. 5-0.

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15 Consent Agenda: CO made a MOTION to approve the Consent agenda. FR seconded. 5-0.

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17 Mayor begins with the Pledge. Tells audience refreshments available to celebrate new Finance Officer, Lisa  
18 Millington. Congratulations.

19  
20 Auditor's report: The audit was submitted on time to the local government commission and it has been  
21 approved by the local government commission. C. Randolph issued an unmodified opinion, which is the normal type  
22 of opinion you'd want in an audit of your financial statements. On the June 30th, 2024 audit, the town's unassigned  
23 fund balance for the general fund was \$526,167, representing 40% of total general fund expenditures. Your current  
24 property tax collection percentage at June 30th, 2024, was 96.95%. The statewide average at June 30th, 24 was  
25 97%.

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27 Total revenues, You'll see \$1,273,345. This was a decrease from the previous year. Under restricted  
28 intergovernmental revenues, your various grants. In 2023, you had \$188,000 and we received \$990 for 2024.

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30 Total expenditures \$1,307,978. And that was a decrease from the previous year, a little over \$369,000,  
31 actual expenditures below your budget by \$92,087. Net decrease in the general fund as of June 30, 2024, was  
32 \$34,633, and as we discussed earlier. A couple months ago, that was from the purchase of the truck.

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34 Total revenues of enterprise fund amounted to \$412,320. This was an increase from the previous year of a  
35 little over \$57,000. Total expenses amounted to \$322,548, which was an increase of a little over \$16,000. And then  
36 the water fund had a net increase for the year of \$89,772.

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38 Financial performance indicators that you guys have to answer to the local government commission. One of  
39 them being why your general fund had a loss for the current year. The second indicator, I was telling Diane I've been  
40 probably already to five different board meetings for towns and they've all had this, is the water and sewer capital  
41 assets condition ratio. If it's under 50%, the local government commission just says that it may signal the need to  
42 replace the assets, the fixed assets in the near future. As of June 30th, 24, you guys were at 37%. So you're under that  
43 50%. So you just have to, you know, and I think Diane told me before the meeting that you have the big project  
44 going on that will help relieve that.

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46 We also have to look at internal controls within the organization. We did note, and this is not anywhere in  
47 this audit, it's a separate letter, and I think you guys have had it, but the monthly bank reconciliations were not being  
48 prepared in a timely manner. This is a major no by the local government commission. But, as part of this data input,  
49 that is a specific question they asked me. Have bank reconciliations been prepared on a timely manner? And, you go  
into the process of thinking what is timely? If you get your statement a couple days after, I mean, the following

50 month, those first couple days, You need to go ahead and reconcile your bank account- it needs to be reconciled by  
51 the 15th of the following month. A commissioner comes in, opens the bank statement, reviews through it, and signs  
52 off on it. Very good key control there.

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54 However, if they have online access to their bank accounts, as soon as that bank account comes out, have  
55 them to go ahead and print that bank statement and reconcile that bank account. We've got all this reconciliations all  
56 cleaned up.

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58 FR: We discussed you coming back and taking a look in six months. Ms. Randolph agrees to return and  
59 check on things. One of the big takeaways or two of the big takeaways, I think, for the citizens are here- We have no  
60 debt. And we're better off than most communities. Thank you all. CR: And they do a great job. I mean, I probably  
61 audit one big county, but then I probably audit probably 12 to 14 other municipalities. And they do a great job with  
62 the finances and keep and invoicing with the POs and the checks attached and back because, you know, we select so  
63 many to vouch and they've done a really good job with that. FR: The \$268,000 that was floating around, that's all  
64 cleaned up? That is all gone. And I had talked to the previous auditor about that. And he said that he meant to get that  
65 cleaned up in 2023, but he failed to do that. DM: Ms. Randolph did 20 pages of adjustments for us.

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67 Auxiliary board reports. They're attached

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69 BC: Water Advisory Board is working with a consulting firm for the initial analysis and design of the water  
70 distribution grant that we received, \$5.5 million.

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72 1- the replacement of the emergency generator at the water plant. Circa 1970.  
73 2- Is valve replacement. So we can shut off certain areas of the town, and not have to shut off everyone.  
74 3- We'll build a booster station, and it will take the line, tap into the line, It's 10 inch line, and boost the pressure down  
75 the line into the dolphin point area. We think we should gain 10 to 12, 10 to 20 PSI. The town through the enterprise  
76 is responsible for maintaining and operating it. And the estimate on that is like \$28,000 a year.  
77 The priority was to get the pressure and the fresh water out. So it's pressure and flow. It's not just one, it's both. And  
78 with the loop, that would rectify that. It would also decrease your pressure.  
79 We've asked TRC to double down on the estimate for asphalt repair in this project so that we make a very clean, wide  
80 section.

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82 Public Hearing SUP for GMO changes. The planning board worked three sessions in October and two sessions, three  
83 sessions in November. The SUP change is to move the burden of proof onto the applicant. And then, in conjunction  
84 with that, they spent all of November on the TPU. The statement of consistency is included. It's not in red and it  
85 should be- 5.130 nursery school daycare was attached someplace else and we felt like that there was a need to  
86 separate that. Because a nursery school daycare is different than an elementary school or secondary school.

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88 We talked about, you know, golf courses and horse stables had been not allowed in R1. But if you go to a golf course  
89 community, those are R1 houses.

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91 Should we have new development that is currently not in our town, that will be annexed in or, you know, something  
92 like that. So, this was forward looking, what are we looking at coming at us? The laundromat, once we X those out.  
93 Because of chemicals. DM: I had to do a brownfields grant before and dry cleaners can be a nightmare- there's some  
94 that we had as SUPs that we made as LUPs because they- like utilities, police departments, things of that nature. And  
95 we turned them into land use permits because we are required by law to allow them. But the permit allows us as a  
96 government entity to know that they are there and what's happening. So we just move those to LUPs so we have a  
97 record.

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99 Planning Chair: This was a group effort by our board. All of our members had a lot of good input. I know one of the  
100 biggest issues was schools and nurseries. And we discussed that at length as to whether keeping that as an LUP or an  
101 SUP. And we, the board, chose to keep that as an SUP, so we can impose, or at least bring up the question of safety.

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103 Butch Rasmussen was kind enough to do the language for the shifting of the burden of proof.  
104 It was a great effort because the planning board is diverse. And that helped tremendously.

105 Commissioner Price makes a motion to open public hearing. FR seconds. 5-0.  
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107 (No members of the Public signed up.) CO: Commissioner Roe and I are the advisors for the planning board and  
108 changing the burden of proof has been near and dear to my heart and I could think I can speak for him.  
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110 FR: I would be very comfortable to split this into two sections. One is to change the burden of proof tonight, and two  
111 is to ask for additional time to study and discuss with the planning board all the L's and S's and X's to make sure that  
112 we have got this organized in the best possible way.  
113 DM: That would just require me to revise the document.  
114  
115 So, these are from the actual ordinance. It takes an ordinance to change an ordinance. This, these are the sections that  
116 say it's going to change and then, at the bottom, at the beginning of the table of permissible uses. We can take that out  
117 of ordinance 2024-307. And go to the bottom, and we'll just end it there and do the like the copy in your package  
118 says, this will take effect on midnight tonight. And then I'll just remove the table of permissible uses and it'll be a  
119 shorter one. And then we can do that later. So if you would like for me to do that, and if you could close your  
120 hearing, take your vote on that.  
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122 As you can part and then directly to remove the table for this will use this. Any more discussion? Oh, okay. I move  
123 we close the public hearing. Do I have a second? BL Seconds. Motion and second to close the public hearing. Any  
124 discussion? All those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? 5-0.  
125  
126 One thing that is not in this, included in this, are conditions that if we change the short term rentals to land use  
127 permits. Which would be an addition to a section of the road plan and ordinance. We need to put that together. We  
128 have several suggestions of things that we could include, not include.  
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130 And that was the next directed discussion for the planning board. BL makes a motion that we change the ordinance  
131 and the burden of proof to the property owner, the applicant. CO Second. And also that we remove the table of  
132 permissible use changes from the proposed ordinance changes and send it back to the planning board. And also to  
133 look into adding the short term rental caveats. Second by Commissioner Overcash. 5-0.  
134  
135 Budget Amendment. The contracted finance position \$11,000 and some out of the \$41,600 that was allocated was  
136 used, so the \$29,000 will go back to reduce the amount. And then the bottom one is the admin salary is increased by  
137 \$3,200 to account for our new finance director and the public works salaries were decreased and moved over to  
138 admin. FR. Makes the MOTION to accept. BC Second. 5-0.  
139  
140 Manager report. Today, the finance director and I were at the North Carolina Capital Management Trust in New Bern  
141 where we learned a lot of new things.  
142 -brief highlight of U. S. Treasury. -Buyers of UDF's treasuries are not buying U. S. debt. The gross domestic product  
143 is up 3-4%. The geopolitical instability shows no sign of changing, lessening. All of North Carolina's numbers for  
144 employment and economic development and things like that are all skewed because of Helene. We had a big  
145 population inflow at COVID because people could work from home here, taxes are better. And those people are not  
146 leaving. People are fighting for workers. The personal consumption price index -that's up 2.8%, which is better than  
147 9%. Earnings are up 4%. Staffing and proper training is something that boards need to hear.  
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149 The LGC has multiple new members, New treasurer, all those things are all new to be instituted in December.  
150 Your financial report- We're at 41 percent on the year, and we're at 35 percent on revenues and that is partially  
151 because this is the month that we get the most of our property taxes, and we are two months behind from NC in sales  
152 and use tax. Water revenues are doing well. That's all doing good. We moved, we had a special meeting November  
153 19th where we discussed additional investments. We had \$259,000 at the North Carolina Capital Management Trust  
154 from the general fund. And we now have \$460,000 in that account, higher interest yield. We also had moved \$50,000  
155 from the Powell in NCCMT down to the bottom line. So we went from \$68,000 to \$118,000. And that was, the board  
156 decided to invest that money and try to get those better returns. And Harbor and Waterfront has designated \$112,000  
157 that they would like to move. And Tourism is going to move \$30,000. We were one of the few whose occupancy tax  
158 is up.

159 -Daniel was approved by the state yesterday for all three licenses. So, we have two at the end of our contract. We  
160 have asked for Jeff to consider staying on as the consultant to the Water Advisory Board while we're going through  
161 this project. We were approved for our FEMA reimbursement that I've been fighting for for six years. It should be  
162 about \$106,000 should be.  
163 -Lisa was sworn in on November 19th. And so she is now a finance officer with all kinds of legal duties. We have  
164 already switched over to bond. We were reminded again today that the bond has to be increased as you increase your  
165 budget.  
166 -Green waste -I will soon be proposing some additions to chapter G to cover green waste procedures so we can start  
167 enforcing the things which will include the sign that we talked about before we get a new sign as discussed.  
168 -Our water shortage is discontinued.  
169 -CycleNC has contacted us about coming in 2026.  
170 -Police body cams need replacement.  
171 -And the electric at the boathouse was fixed. Duke came out and fixed all that.  
172 -Daniel and the guys did a great job with Willis electric on Christmas lights. They had to literally go fixture by fixture  
173 because there were different things wrong with all of them. Some were on the old line, some were just barely ripped  
174 out of the box, it was all different.  
175 -Parks and Rec, you have a chapter N in the manager's report section that I need for you to review. This is something  
176 that we had worked on years ago, and then Commissioner Crosser took it and got it to the finish line. And it is  
177 something that is required by most of the granting agencies to have included  
178 BC: We would like to bring it back in January, so please do take the time to review it. It's consistent with how we're  
179 operating basically, and it does go into some detail incorporating rules of parks and why we do what we do with the  
180 parks, Dawn to Dusk, that type of thing. So any feedback to either Vicki Rasmussen or myself would be appreciated,  
181 because we'd like to tie that up so we could get going on a grant.  
182  
183 Resolution. You have resolution that moves us from the odd year, traditionally municipal only elections to the general  
184 election cycle. In doing that, it says that the election that's happening in 2025, our upcoming election next November,  
185 the folks that are elected in that one will serve for one year and then we will be on the 2026 general election schedule  
186 and then we will revert back to our normal two years. We are fortunate in this one that Minnesota has done all the  
187 legal legwork and have the a lot of things already prepared. FR move we accept the resolution 2024-12. CO second.  
188 FR: And, the next board will serve for one year. And that was Commissioner Overcash did that. 4-1, Litzenberger  
189 dissenting.  
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191 Schedule changes. July 1st we had decided to go back to agenda meetings because we were having such difficulty  
192 settling on an agenda. So you had put that off to December.  
193 If somebody put something on the agenda that the other commissioners find objectionable, can then at the meeting by  
194 majority vote of the commissioners, they can take it off the agenda.  
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196 BL: makes a motion to take off the agenda meetings. FR: seconds. 5-0.  
197 BL: make a motion to move our January meeting from the 14th back to the 7th. CO seconds. 1-4, Overcash, Price,  
198 Roe, Crosser dissenting.  
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200 Financial Liaison report: I completed a credit card statement reviews with receipts for March, April, May, and June,  
201 found no issues. Our October bank rec was completed December 11th. We're now filing our federal gas receipts  
202 reimbursement on a monthly basis instead of accumulating them and doing it. Mary spearheaded that. Manager  
203 Miller spoke to the cross training. The cross training that we talked about during budget process is happening now.  
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205 Police report. -the trailer first- approved. As far as the body camera thing-Our body cameras have been discontinued  
206 and the software that analyzes and scores our body camera I do have a rough quote from Custom Signals, it's a little  
207 bit over \$10,000-that's for two cameras and the new software system. Potential grant assistance. FR: We don't have to  
208 wait for budget cycle. If it's something that you can jump on or we need to jump on, let us know.  
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210 This is a contract for Park and Rec to engage with a designer. to do the graphics for the proposed Pickleball Pavilion  
211 project at the Rec Park. It was discussed in detail during the budget process. It was budgeted. It was approved by the  
212 commissioners at that time.

213 We're bringing it up now just to make sure that everyone is aware that we're going to be doing this contract and  
214 Manager Miller wanted full board visibility in this that we're moving forward. The individual charges \$45 per hour.  
215 And the graphic will be used not only for the grant, but also for messaging and discussion with residents on what  
216 we're doing out at the rec park and for the grant.  
217 FR: I move that we approve the contract. Commissioner Price Seconds. 5-0.  
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219 Mayor and Commissioner Comments: BL: I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to our incredible  
220 staff, our dedicated boards and the generous local businesses that make Oriental the extraordinary community that it  
221 is. BL recognized reorganization and additional duties in the office, Police, Public Works, previous employees,  
222 Our boards. And then our local businesses, who are here in Oriental, who we are truly fortunate to have. Sailcraft  
223 Boatyard, Towboat U. S. Nautical wheelers, Jenny at Sea Harbor Marina, Pete's Tree Service, Innerbanks Canvas.  
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225 CO: That was great, and we didn't recognize Marsha tonight for the spirit of Christmas. We did finally get the tree  
226 lights lit tonight. And there's candles going on it as we speak. I think it was probably wise that she held off. Until  
227 after all the rain and the wind blowing. And we've got beautiful weather, so everything's in place.  
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229 SB: I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
230 CO move we adjourn. FR Second. 5-0.  
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232 CO makes a motion that we adjourn- next meeting January 14, 6PM with topics that we removed in August. FR  
233 seconds. 5-0.  
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236 Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town  
Manager/Clerk

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238 Approved , 2024  
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Oriental Water Advisory Board  
Friday, December 13, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2024 Town Hall 9:00am

Attendees: Daniel Early, Jeff Sanders, Commissioner Bonnie Crosser and Allen Price, Manager Diane Miller. Ethan Gartin, TRC Consultant, and Steve Drew by phone.

**TRC Project Update**

The decision was made to split the project, at this time, into three components; White Farm Road Booster Station, Water System Valve Rehabilitation, and the Water Treatment Rehabilitation.

**A. White Farm Road Booster Station**

Ethan provided insight into the anticipated pressure increases (10-15 psi depending on final design). Also, the benefits of chemical addition at the location to reduce chlorine residuals in the system. The location optimizes building costs - proximity to power, etc.

**B. Water Treatment Rehabilitation**

Currently, waiting status of the DWI Grant request, anticipate update in the February 2025 timeframe. TRC to coordinate with the Town's DEQ contact regarding the additional Grant leveraged. Components included: new SCADA cabinet, surge protection, inspection of wells, aerator tower replacement/rehabilitation, wiring inspections, and chlorine room repairs. Once receipt of information on the Generator - will determine project scope.

**C. Water System Valve Rehabilitation**

Replacement of 36 Gate Valve(s) and installing 5 new Gate Valve(s). Asphalt Surface repair is included in the project scope.

TRC to submit Engineering proposals for White Farm Road Booster Station and the Water System Valve Rehabilitation. Once reviewed and approved; TRC to prepared to begin the design Phase in early January 2025. It is anticipated that, with design, permitting reviews, the bid process, and experience with similarly sized projects (TRC) that a construction contract should be in place in late 2025.

**Discussion on the pipe sizes in Dolphin Point**

Daniel reviewed the testing todate on the 6" 4" 2" waterlines at end of Dolphin Rd. Sufficient pressure has been measured at the customers meter.

TRC comments: clarify that Public Water Supply allows up to 20 residential customers on a 2" waterline. To prevent water age, it is not uncommon for cul-de-sacs to utilize 2-inch waterlines outside of providing fireflows to hydrants (which require a 6" line). Therefore, TRC would not consider the Town as operating out of the ordinary given the number of houses being served. So long as sufficient pressures are provided at the customer meter, the Town is performing is required duties to provide water service.

**Copper Testing**

Researching the concept of "Copper" caught in the Softeners. Daniel to test hard water softening during the first couple of weeks in January 2025. Adjusting the from 125 to 68 to 48 for one week intervals.

Jeff Sanders has agreed to continue with the Water Advisory Board. Thank you.

Next Meeting January 10, 2025

Prepared by Bonnie Crosser



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
Monday, January 6, 2025, 10AM  
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC  
Mayor Sally Belangia officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Workshop meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 2025 and was called to order at  
2 10AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for  
3 the meeting were available through the Town's website at [www.TownofOriental.com](http://www.TownofOriental.com).

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5 Present: Mayor Belangia(SB), Mayor Pro Tempore Price (AP), Commissioner Overcash(CO), Commissioner  
6 Roe(FR), and Commissioner Crosser(BC). Town Manager Diane Miller(DM), several members of the Public.  
7 Absent: Commissioner Litzenberger(BL),

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9 As a one-item agenda, the Manager requests the Board allow movement of funds to cover health insurance for a staff  
10 member previously covered by spouse's employer.

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12 Manager also notes that an accidental overage sits in the current budget in PW Health line in Water Fund. It can be  
13 used to fund this unexpected expense. BC makes a MOTION to move \$3,900 from the Water Fund PW Health line  
14 to Police Health. CO seconds. 4-0.

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16 Commissioner Roe directs the manager to investigate further the State Health plan for this year's budget.

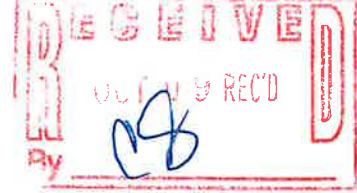
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18 AP: moves that we adjourn. CO: second. 4-0.

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23 Sally Belangia , Mayor

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25 Diane H. Miller, Town  
26 Manager/Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

TOWN OF ORIENTAL  
Application  
Committee Vacancy



The Town of Oriental often has vacancies for its voluntary Boards and welcomes input from the citizens in several departments. Please indicate the Board you are applying to.

Name Amy Dish

Address 402 VANDEMERE ST, ORIENTAL, NC 28571

Phone Number (Home) 252 (Cell) à Email: amydish@outlook.com

Are you a full time resident of Oriental? YES How long have you been a resident? 2017

Are you a non-resident Oriental business owner or employee associated with a public or commercial water related goods and service? YES

What qualifications do you have that would make you a successful committee member

ADMINISTRATIVE & HOSPITALITY ON & OFF THE WATER INTERACTION WITH TOURISTS ON & OFF THE WATER FOR 3+ YEARS AT DIFFERANT VENUES.

Which committee/Board do you want to serve as a member Tourism

What issues would you like to see the committee/Board address?

WATER RIGHTS TO MOUTH OF SMITH & GREEN CREEK FOR TRANSIENT DOCKAGE / REVENUE - ; AUDIT OF LODGING TAX IN MULTIPLE CATAGORIES: AIR BNB, VRBO, LODGING FACILITIES, CAMPGROUNDS & TRAILER PARKS.

Have you read the appropriate chapter for your chosen Board, of Oriental's Code of General Ordinances? \_\_\_\_\_

Date 10/9/2024 Signature Amy Dish

Please fill out the form and return it to Oriental Town Hall. Either via email ([Manager@townoforiental.com](mailto:Manager@townoforiental.com), and [admin@townoforiental.com](mailto:admin@townoforiental.com) or in person to 507 Church Street, Oriental. If you have any question call Town Hall at 252-249-0555