



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on September 3, 2019 was called to order at 7pm. Mayor
7 Belangia determined a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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9 PRESENT: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Dammeyer,
10 Commissioner Simmons, Town Manager Diane Miller, Director of Administrative Service Tammy Cox, , Officer
11 Bill Wichrowski and Members of the Public.

12 ABSENT: Commissioner Price

13 1. Approval of Agenda

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15 Commissioner Overcash made a MOTION to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Dammeyer.
16 Motion passed 4-0.

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18 2. Consent Agenda (Tab 1)

19 a. Consider Approval of CLOSED SESSION Minutes from Town Board Regular Meeting August 6,
20 2019

21 b. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2019

22 c. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Regular Meeting August 6, 2019

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24 Commissioner Overcash made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore
25 White. Motion passed 4-0.

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27 3. Public Comment Period

28 Grace Evans encouraged the Board to read carefully the drafted document from MCAS Cherry Point/JLUS
29 committee before passing the requested resolution. Make sure they are not asking for expanded uses in our area.
30 Pamlico County fought hard to protect fishing and other interests in our area on the first go-round. Specifically, look
31 at the ceiling is not moved from 1500 ft, many changes in nomenclature. Pamlico County Land Use Plan not
32 mentioned. Signage should be installed if we are in a military operating area. Over any buildings is supposed to be
33 500ft and 1500 ft in Oriental. Antenna restrictions- wind energy restrictions mentioned. Drone considerations are
34 likely the precipitating infrastructure. Also- solar energy restrictions which may have to do with reflective surface.
35 Manager Miller is reviewing the document for changes and the Planning Board is taking up solar energy regulation
36 currently. Grace notes shellfishing degradation, water quality, island restricted in Pamlico Sound- please read the
37 draft document for things that impact us.

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39 4. Constitution Week Proclamation: Mayor Belangia presents this Proclamation to the Board for its approval,
40 recognizing the 232nd Anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution. Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a
41 MOTION to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Simmons seconds. 4-0.

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43 5. State of Emergency Proclamation: (Tab 3): Mayor Belangia will declare a State of Emergency in the
44 Town of Oriental ahead of Hurricane Dorian. Commissioner Simmons makes a MOTION to approve the
45 disaster declaration. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 4-0. (THIS ACTION WAS NOT NECESSARY-
46 THE MAYOR HAS THE POWER TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHOUT BOARD
47 APPROVAL) Manager notes the language in the declaration is boiler plate from the State. Police PW and
48 the Manager went to County Emergency Mgmt meeting Monday evening. We are under a voluntary
49 evacuation order, shelter will open tomorrow at 8PM. Use vetted sites for preparation only- NOAA, NWS
50 and NHC. Showed the NWS-Newport last briefing. Confidence in the track is increasing. Threats- surge,
51 rainfall, wind and tornadoes. Last Storm surge warning was 4-7ft. Cape Lookout/Surf City and the Outer
52 Banks looks to get hit hard at the latest update. Ground much more capable of absorbing that we were prior
53 to Florence- we had below avg rainfall this summer. Following the storm- vegetative debris should NOT be

54 piled onto water meters- we do not anticipate large scale debris removal operations. Debris should be taken
55 to transfer station on 306. Again, only one contractor responded to our RFP- and was immediately
56 overwhelmed. A Phase 2 contractor is not going to bid on a town with 738 structures in a large scale event-
57 it will be large cities and whole counties that attract those capable companies. Following Florence every
58 single contract we let had to be bid twice due to lack of interest. Plan for debris rolloffs is already underway.
59 Dumped tomorrow and extra to be staged for debris following the storm. Some time Friday morning the
60 storm should be pulling away. Note the latest summary indicates the tornado threat is up a bit. Let Town
61 Hall or your church know if you are evacuating. Discussed the Response/Recovery Cycle being 48-72 hours
62 following the storm- we need to assess and stage assets before we will be responding to individual residents.
63 First commitment is to infrastructure and emergencies. At this point, staff will likely not be staying at Town
64 Hall in prep for this storm.

65 **6. Legislative Update-** was slid to the next meeting in light of the impending storm. Manager Miller notes that the
66 NCGA did not pass a single local bill last year- this is interesting noting that we will be asking for a local bill once
67 our water survey is complete.

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69 **7. Appointment:** The Manager respectfully requests that the Board appoint Mrs. Janice Cox to the Board of
70 Adjustment to fill their slate.

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72 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to appoint the above positions. Seconded by **Commissioner**
73 **Simmons**. Motion passed 4-0.

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75 **8. Cherry Point JLUS Resolution coming:** The document referenced by Ms. Evans is this agenda item- the
76 Manager echoes Ms. Evans' urging the Board to read the complete document and forward any comments- the
77 Manager is scheduled to meet with this committee next Monday, which very likely will be rescheduled dependent
78 on the storm track/damage. Eventually, when the document is complete, the Board will be asked to sign an MOU
79 with the base to cooperate and make operations safe for both parties.

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81 **9. Police Report**

82 Officer Wichrowski noted the increased traffic enforcement. Manager Miller noted that we are now receiving
83 complaints from those who are being stopped. Officer Wichrowski noted that the meeting with the Sheriff's
84 department was delayed due to an incident immediately prior to the meeting on our dinghy dock.

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86 **10. Manager's Report (Tab 6)**

- 87 • Financials are attached.
- 88 • Discrepancies with 16-17 and 17-18 audits that were accepted by the LGC. Planning meeting with the
89 auditor to correct. We are current with our audits.
- 90 • Secured final match to dredging.
- 91 • Officer Wichrowski now certified by the State following his probation period.
- 92 • Mayor Pro Tempore White asks about Whittaker Pointe. Our permit application is filed, able to be
93 commented on by the Public until Sept. 10. We have applied for gap funding to USDA. Scoping agencies
94 onsite had very different opinions than in the meeting room- suggested additional rock to help capture
95 additional overflow of sand.
- 96 • Commissioner Overcash asks about the Bike MS event scheduled for this weekend in New Bern. We have
97 been told it was to be cancelled and CycleNC says it's still on. CycleNC came today to discuss properties
98 secured for their Spring event.

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100 **11: Auxiliary Board Reports:**

- 101 *Tree Board: no minutes submitted*
- 102 *Bay River : no report received*
- 103 *HWAC: did not meet*
- 104 *Planning: DRAFT August 21, 2019*

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106 **12. Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Dammeyer thanks the Town for its preparations and noted that the
107 people in the Bahamas unfortunately do not have the same governmental support or planning that we do.
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109 **14. Adjourn.** Next meeting scheduled as October 1, 2019.

110 **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 4-
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118 Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 8am

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Special Meeting on September 10, 2019 was called to order at 8:01am.
7 Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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9 **Present:** Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price,
10 Commissioner Simmons, Town Manager Diane Miller, Members of the Public

11 **Absent:** Commissioner Dammeyer

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13 **1. Approval of Agenda**

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15 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore White**.
16 Motion passed 4-0.

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18 **2. Public Comment Period**

19 No members of the Public commented.

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21 **3. Public Hearing:** The Manager apologized for this item having been left off of the Sept 3 agenda. Mr. Aberle
22 requested and the Planning Board recommended that a Public Hearing be set for October for a short term rental
23 in an R-2 on Vandemere St. **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to schedule the Public Hearing
24 and check on the number of parking spaces available. **Commissioner Simmons** seconded. 4-0.

25 **4. Hurricane Dorian update:** Manager gave the damage assessment and relayed cleanup information, including
26 offers of cleanup services offered by several organizations.

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28 **4. Adjourn:** **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. **Commissioner Overcash** second. Next
29 meeting scheduled as October 1, 2019

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33 Meeting adjourned at 8:19AM

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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