



ORIENTAL REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, January 4 at 8:00AM  
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC  
Mayor Pro Tempore White Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 was called to order at 8:00 AM in  
2 the large Board Room. Mayor Pro Tempore White determined a quorum to be present, opened the meeting and  
3 stated there will be a public comment period if anyone would like to speak. The meeting was open to the public.  
4 All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at [www.TownofOriental.com](http://www.TownofOriental.com).

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6 Present:, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner Winfrey,  
7 Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, and members of the public. Mayor Sally Belangia was absent.  
8 The Mayor Pro Tempore opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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10 The Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Commissioner Overcash, seconded by Commissioner Roe.  
11 Unanimous vote: 4-0.

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13 The Consent Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Commissioner Roe, seconded by Commissioner Overcash.  
14 Unanimous vote: 4-0.

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16 Public Comment: 2 individuals spoke at the Public Comment period from 8:05- 8:08AM.

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18 Additional rock at end of Wall Street: The Manager suggested this be combined with the Net House item, but listed  
19 the discovery of the issue and the discussion at the previous Harbor Waterfronts Committee meeting as evidence of  
20 the need, as well as the potential of avoiding staging/storage costs by doing the work now. Commissioners agreed.

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22 Meeting Schedule: Manager noted the meeting schedule goes through February with the adjusted time.  
23 Commissioners asked if action needed to be taken today. Manager notes it does not. Item tabled until February 1.  
24 Manager notes scheduling at item 10- Budget Retreat schedule- whether the Board wants March 1 and March 4  
25 meeting or combine those. Agreed to ask for feedback prior to decision. Manager delineates the budget retreat from  
26 the quarterly meeting and that the whole budget is not accomplished in that session.

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28 USDA Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act Watershed Program Opportunities: Manager introduces new  
29 opportunity from USDA that may be able to fund the extensive fix at Hodges St and asks for designation as the  
30 authorized agent in order to move forward with the application. Commissioner Roe makes the **MOTION** to  
31 authorize the Manager to be the designated agent and authorize her to move forward with the application.  
32 Commissioner Overcash seconds. 4-0.

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34 Mardi Gras Parade Request: Ms. Claudine Fields appeared before the Board to request street closings, extra trash  
35 receptacles and barriers for a Mardi Gras parade to go Saturday, February 26, 2022. She was directed by the Board  
36 to contact business owners along the route and notify them about the event. Commissioner Overcash made a  
37 **MOTION** to approve the request. Commissioner Roe seconds. 4-0. Presentation included in full Minutes.

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39 Topics for January 27<sup>th</sup>- Quarterly Workshop: Commissioner Roe threw out several topics for discussion. Mayor pro  
40 Tempore asks for comment. Sends list to the Manager for scheduling. List included in full Minutes.

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42 Net House Renovation: Manager introduces work to be done and history of the project. HWAC agrees that work  
43 needs to be contracted. Designated funds are still existing approx.. \$61,000. Noted potential donations.  
44 Commissioner Roe makes a **MOTION** that we move forward bidding a contract and authorize the Manager to award  
45 the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder without returning to the Board as well as authorize the

46 Manager to spend up to the funds allocated to add to the rocks at the end of Wall St. Commissioner Winfrey is the  
47 liaison and technical advisor to this project. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 4-0.

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49 Police Report: No officers available for this meeting. Manager presented both the monthly report and the speeding  
50 data from further down Broad St. Question concerned with particular incident- Police will be consulted for response.  
51 Manager directed to schedule meeting with Police in January. Report included in full Minutes.

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53 Manager's Report: Manager Miller discussed the Financial Reports as provided. Upcoming events- Dragon burn,  
54 Dragon run on Chinese New Year. Drainage update- Ragan progress. ECCOG has not yet scheduled Ethics class.  
55 CycleNC planning for 2023 has begun. Town Hall closed Feb 14. Audit behind- expected this month (sickness). Oil  
56 spill update. Question on beach/road progress. GovOS short term rental service- checking into cost associated to  
57 track who rents when. Commissioner Roe clarifies rules on B&Bs filing paperwork on rentals.

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59 Committee Reports: Discussion on moving picnic tables between parks. Reports included in full Minutes.

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61 Commissioner Comments: Comment from resident on the good drainage work on Ragan- compliments to Public  
62 Works Staff. Commissioner Roe distributed NC SOG guidelines/best practices for Minutes. (These Minutes reflect  
63 those guidelines.) Will be discussing this at January workshop.

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65 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Meeting – The Board will meet Tuesday, January 27, 2022 at 8:00AM.

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68 Commissioner Winfrey made a **MOTION** to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Roe. Unanimous vote: 4-0.

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70 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:56AM.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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