



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 @ 6PM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Public Comment: Each speaker is asked to limit comments to three (3) minutes. *Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor prior to speaking.* Direct comments to the full board, not to an individual board member or staff member. Although the Board is interested in hearing your concerns, speakers should not expect Board action or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate town officials or staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda.

3. Consent Agenda: (Tab 1):

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2025
Approve Workshop Board Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2026
Approve Closed Session Minutes from December 9, 2025
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Request from Bike MS to use Lou Mac Park as a Rest Stop Sept 19, 2026.

4. Aux Board reports (Tab 2)

WAB 1-14-26, 2-4-26 cancelled for weather
OTB 1-6-26, 1-27-26 cancelled for lack of quorum
Planning Board 11-19-25, cancelled 12/25

5. Presentation by Register of Deeds Lynn Lewis on protecting your real estate title following several fraud/scam alerts. (Tab 3)

6. Swearing in of Police Chief Bill Wichrowski (Tab 4) At their January 29 meeting, the Mayor and Board chose to make Officer Wichrowski the Chief of Police and also approved a search for a new officer to bring the department back to its allocated number. Chief Wichrowski will assist the Manager in a search for a new officer. No budget amendments are required at this time to accomplish these tasks.

7. Manager's Report: (Tab 5): Financials included: The Manager notes updates to the Valve Replacement Project. Pre-bid meeting was backed up one week for weather and made virtual. RFF is revised and sent to the State. Comments on our new permit from NCDPES are in from our consultant and forwarded to the State for review (included). Other than traffic issues in last storm, several waterline breaks were reported and others located by Public Works. Reminder that our staff or a licensed plumber may turn off the valve at the street- residents and business owners may not. There is no charge for us to do that for you.

8. Budget Amendment: (Tab 6) 2026-326 The Finance Officer offers two budget amendments- one to bring funds expended in the previous fiscal year into the Whittaker Creek Dredging Project, and the other to increase testing funds for the water plant. Following year end, those funds will be moved from the PFAS settlement line into the Water Fund to cover those additional tests. In addition, as required, \$50 was added to the TEXTMYGOV line to accommodate overuse, pulled from dues and subscriptions.

9. Strategic Plan Conference: (Tab 7) Feb 17-18 in New Bern. Not a budgeted item. Funds available in storm prep for movement.

10. Chapter M- (Tab 8) Tree Ordinance revision. *As discussed at your Workshop meeting, the revised Tree Ordinance is offered for your approval. Blueline copy follows proposal.*

11. Mayor and Commissioners Comments

12. Adjourn Next meetings scheduled as March 10, 2026.