



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2022, 8AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Pro Tempore David White officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 (moved from
2 January 3 to ensure a quorum following the New Year holiday) was called to order at 8:00 AM. Mayor Pro
3 Tempore White determined a quorum to be present, with the Mayor absent, opened the meeting and turned it over to
4 the Manager. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the
5 Town's website at www.TownofOriental.com.

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7 Present: Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Winfrey, Commissioner Roe, and
8 Commissioner Price. Town Manager Diane Miller, Administrative Director Tammy Cox, Officers Wichrowski and
9 Blayney, and several members of the public were present. Mayor Belangia was absent/ out of town. Mayor Pro
10 Tempore begins with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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12 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Roe made a MOTION to accept the agenda. Commissioner Overcash seconds.
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14 Consent Agenda: Commissioner Roe made a MOTION to approve the consent. Commissioner Overcash seconds.
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17 Public Comment: 8:03 AM- Calvin Fidler spoke to potential proposed boat lifts to be installed at Oriental Harbor
18 Village Marina. Asks the Board to object to the CAMA permit (has not been filed nor received by Town Hall as the
19 adjacent riparian owner.) Submitted petition from homeowners (attached) Manager suggests to schedule for future
20 meeting if/when application received. Mayor Pro Tempore White notes HWAC Committee will also give a
21 recommendation and they meet this Thursday.

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23 Resolution 2023-290 and Request for Public Hearing: Manager introduces resolution for Board's intent to close the
24 eastern terminus of Hutson Town Rd, which has never been an open, used road. Notes that statute requires this
25 resolution and advertisement and signs on the property for 4 consecutive weeks prior to the Public Hearing.
26 Manager also requests that the Board set a Public Hearing for their regular February meeting. Commissioner Roe
27 makes the MOTION and Commissioner Overcash seconds. 4-0.

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29 Budget Amendment: The Budget amendment is for acceptance of the grant money from NCCF for AEDs and the
30 overage as previously discussed for the Net House. Because we still hold retainage on the final Net House bill, I
31 would like to move this BA to the February meeting so that we do not have to do another and the project will be
32 wrapped up. Manager asks that any materials to be left in Net House be brought directly to Town Hall.

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34 Workshop Topics: Commissioner Overcash would like to talk about roads. Manager suggests we get through the bid
35 first. Commissioner Price forwarded a list- Police activity on speeding, communication, Manager's review: Review
36 form was disclosed in 2022 for the year ending March. Mayor Pro Tempore says we can change it in March going
37 forward, but can't change the review today based on the last 12 months. Staggered 4 year terms. Commissioner
38 Price noted had had some interest in the past, don't know if there is interest going forward. Manager notes a long
39 process. If you want to amend the Charter, you need to start that process soon. Potentially the CAMA permit-
40 Mayor Pro Tempore White wants more comment than at workshop- push off to February- if permit comes in.

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42 Parking: Commissioner Price- parking at the EV station, while not EV. Resolution to post sign and amend parking
43 Ordinance while State is still arguing state law on parking in EV spots. Resolution 2023-289 revises parking
44 Ordinance to prohibit parking at EV spots unless an EV AND engaged in charging. Manager will amend to reflect

45 that. Commissioner Price makes a MOTION to pass the proposed resolution of Ordinance change and add “while
46 charging only”. Commissioner Roe seconds. 4-0.

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48 Police Report- Officer Blayney notes we had several events going through the Christmas holiday and New Year,
49 including escort of fire trucks with Santa through the neighborhoods- no issues. Dragon runs went well. Nothing
50 out of the ordinary on the chart. Mayor Pro Tempore White asks about larcenies. Noted that some reported one
51 way, turn out to not be what is reported. Example that reported stolen vehicle, drove a different vehicle. Officer
52 Wichrowski confirms there is no uptick. Manager notes we will be awarding Advanced Law Enforcement
53 Certificates to both officers. Recognized Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Previous police complaint at last
54 meeting from new resident used to a Charlotte sized Police force.

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56 Manager’s Report: Financials attached. Filing reimbursement for Ian- prep costs only. Net house secured and
57 increase in pace of drain work at beach. Tree lighting, decorating contest, Parks and Recreation, Ms. Crosser,
58 Marsha, fire dept, parade, business open houses- all reinforced and brought back the small town community
59 Christmas celebration enjoyed by all. Closed Jan 16 for MLK Jr. Day. Mgr to Winston Salem for annual
60 conference. Commissioners Roe and Price and myself going to meet with Legislators in Kinston on 23rd. Jan 25th-
61 Pamlico County Mgrs meeting. Legislative dinner for elected- you can register. Pamlico County 100th day of
62 school letter. Manager can draft. Letter attached responding to Sailcraft. RFP for paving out for 2nd round, to be
63 received Jan 13th. Power in, no cameras at Net House- not open until cameras onsite. USDA project-
64 Alterra/Schnabel moving forward with Mr. Blackerby and Rubino for additional information. Commissioner
65 Overcash asks about vandalism. Blunt force to bottom of new toilet tank. At least they turned off water and put
66 down paper towels- between Fri 3PM and Monday morning. Construction bids- 0 bids received first round.

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68 Committee Reports: Jim Blackerby (HWAC) continuing to monitor activity on water-- recent spill- USCG and NRC
69 responded. Net House progressing. Vandalism in Women’s restroom at Harbor. Marsha- Tourism- will reconvene in
70 January- new brochure working- visitor cards, 94.1 radio doing great. Our State advertising- March add is a combo
71 with Rotary. Bonnie- P&R- did not meet in December- will meet today. Dog bag refills are backordered- we have
72 already moved less used roll locations to more heavily used stations. Julie- Planning is finishing up the CAMA plan
73 update, adds glossary and table of contents. Comprehensive Plan afterwards. Draft of CLUP is distributed to Board
74 to intro to their respective committees- and we start budget in March. CycleNC 1st meeting January 20th here
75 at IIAAM.

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77 Commissioner Comments: Mayor Pro Tempore White asks for Commissioners- HWAC and Tourism- presented
78 Active Captain and Navionics that the Town can grab its amenities and update information for sailors. Jenny Jones
79 updated several of ours- we need to do the rest. Membership allows us to claim our facilities. Suggested Tourism
80 and HWAC produce what information needs to be posted to each. Commissioner Roe appreciates the job the Police
81 do daily. Question about Christmas decoration. Manager notes 1 decoration NEVER worked. Others had
82 timing/fuse issues. Beach silting up. Manager notes it has always done that- more visible now. PW will be digging
83 out shortly. Commissioner Roe notes residents need to write our state representatives for assistance with
84 infrastructure.

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86 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Quarterly Meeting – January 26, 2023, 8AM.
87 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:56 AM by MOTION of Commissioner Winfrey, second by Commissioner Overcash.
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92 Sally Belangia, Mayor
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94 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk
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96 Approved _____, 2023