



ORIENTAL ANNUAL BUDGET RETREAT

Thursday, March 3, 2023

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

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7 The Town Board of Oriental Annual Budget Retreat was held on Thursday, March 3, 2023. Mayor Belangia
8 initiated the Meeting at 8:15am. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available
9 through the Town's website at www.TownofOriental.com.

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11 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
12 Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Administrative Assistant Cyndi Brann,
13 Public Works Director/ORC Andrew Cox, Police Officers Nic Blayne and Bill Wichrowski, Volunteer Board
14 Members and Members of the Public.

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16 This is an informal meeting where the Board gathers to discuss budget and other issues. By North Carolina General
17 Statutes the Town is required to have a balanced budget to the Board by June 1 for advertisement, usually approved
18 at the June Board meeting after a Public Hearing, put in place ready to open on July 1. Commissioner Overcash
19 made a MOTION to approve the agenda. Commissioner Roe seconds. 4-0.

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21 The meeting started with the Manager describing the purpose, ground rules, and schedule for the day. Powerpoint is
22 attached to official minutes for reference. Purpose is for the Manager to receive direction as we move through the
23 budget process. Noting that the spreadsheet of discretionary items vs what we HAVE to pay, reduces the number of
24 items we have discretion on is minimal. Certification, licensure, memberships, electric, services- mail, billing,
25 software, etc. We'll discuss priorities, needs, and wants.

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27 Mayor asks for Public Comment: 8:28AM Allison DeWeese suggests that we gather used clean grocery bags for re-
28 use.

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30 The Manager started by recapping previous budget retreats, accomplishments, challenges faced and facing, and
31 remaining priority projects. From 17-18 retreat, one item remains- blowoffs at the ends of streets. Not allowed in
32 new developments. 18-19 version, Net House, capital reserves, kayaks all accomplished. 19-20, and 20-21
33 accomplishments. Issues to overcome: pay is not allowing us to overcome administrative turnover. Public Works
34 down one worker with increased duties. Increases in costs of operations same as residents are experiencing. Water
35 breaks require closing off water because valves are not working. We have been telling the Board this for years.
36 Auditor will be here next week. Town closed out Hurricane Ian funds. We will recover approx. \$20,000. Budgeted
37 and used \$3600, plus additional actions, including staff and equipment time. USDA work on Hodges St fix ongoing,
38 including seawall failure/replacement. Paperwork for mandated unfunded requirements, barely making deadlines.
39 Part of getting new admin up to speed is that many things only happen monthly. Census says we LOST population,
40 however DWQ requires additional testing because of the number of taps installed. Policies and Procedures need
41 revision, prepare for hurricane season, rental property (even if we do not charge) may increase in insurance on our
42 property. Short winter season- drainage progress is behind. Contractor starting shortly. Starting at Whittaker Point
43 because we will be paving there. Awaiting mobilization date for paving equipment.

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45 Water and Wastewater rates dashboard will be shown.

46 Roads- contract is out, awaiting scheduling.

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48 South Water St- two grant applications pending- one to DPS through Duke, but loses points due to non-regional
49 nature. Also Golden Leaf for construction following engineering.

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51 Grant availability- BRIC (just like FEMA- goes through DPS)- most last year were wastewater projects preventing
52 discharge into state waters. Drainage projects discussed and funded tending toward rain gardens and detention
53 ponds, not clearing drainage.

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55 CWSRF. DWSRF- these are loans- not grants- mostly granted for extension of water systems and replacing lines
56 (that's what we need), and regionalization of water systems. It can have partial forgiveness. We are in tier 2- not the
57 best position for loan forgiveness. Hoping our reps will forward earmarked money for us in the budget.

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59 Paving- Gilgo, Ragan, Windward, Neuse at the Beach, and a patch at Dolphin. Several skipped because of low
60 traffic or one or no homes on the street. Assessment does not take into account drainage issues or traffic use.
61 Company will also patch South Ave where road has an issue.

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63 No cleaning contract- and adding Net House- PW is doing that currently.

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65 Road repair and drainage will have work moving at the same time we are working on THIS year's budget.

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67 Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION to go into CLOSED SESSION: In accordance with
68 N.C.G.S.§143.318(11)(a)(5)(i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the
69 acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 4-0.

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71 BOARD GOES INTO SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM at 8:52AM.

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73 BOARD Returns at 9:04AM and takes a break.

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75 Parks and Recreation Committee: Bonnie Crosser – Ms. Crosser goes through last year's priorities and
76 accomplishments. Increased interest in the activities. Manager notes the amount of work they do that relieves those
77 responsibilities from Public Works- thanks for the assistance. Beautification- good response. Tennis Court
78 backboard needs replacing- P&R can do that. ADA access to Lupton is a priority. Attempting a grant application-
79 culvert- parking pad, sign. Playground Mulch- safety issue- ongoing maintenance. Need 2 additional plywood chairs
80 for Lou Mac. (previous removed for safety). Potential ask for replacement chairs to be donated in memory of... To
81 replace those that have disintegrated. Dog Park: Thanks for repairing and fixing following incident. Considering
82 defining small and large dogs. Cost of dog bags. Suggests at parks and waterways- residents and visitors here want
83 them all over. Suggest that residents take care of their own bags and bags are provided at parks and waterways for
84 visitors. Agrees with suggestion to use your own bags. Eliminate stations in residential areas- those not on water or
85 in park. \$500-\$1,000 in annual repair costs. Rec Park- design for pavilion and courts on baseball field. Signage.
86 Walking Trail. Pickleball participants will assist with costs of repainting. Currently baseball fields being used for
87 practice. South Ave electric will move by budget amendment. Ms. Crosser asks for electrical boards to be removed
88 from P&R. Church used Board is left on 24/7. Requests "Board" on pole at Tingle house be repaired for use at kids
89 park at Croaker Festival. Manager notes that Boards sit there and are funded there. Can take out and put into
90 utilities. Manager also notes that we cannot split that between other funds- tripling journal entries. Commissioner
91 Overcash thinks putting it into utilities is the best bet. Commissioner Roe asks for total number- \$26,692. Including
92 Tree Board, but with electrical boards removed. Perhaps we need to charge more for using the Boards. Manager
93 needs direction on movement/removal of dog stations.

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95 Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee: Jim Blackerby – past plans and accomplishments- Last year's plans-
96 introduced Net House renovation as a visitor's center. Thanks committee for effort and progress. Discussed potential
97 use of HWAC funds to recover from storms- required reserve. Need to budget for piling replacement and
98 inspection/tightening of pier bolts. Manager notes revenue should outpace budget substantially. Almost there prior
99 to the largest months of the year. Projections have been skewed dependent on COVID travel trends. This year could
be drastically different. Commissioner Roe asks for maintenance budget numbers. Jurisdiction on hold. Additional

100 funds requested for opening of Net House- \$3300- cupola, furniture, picnic table, landscaping, history plaque and
101 public interest information. Commissioner Roe makes the MOTION to approve moving forward to get the
102 renovation complete. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 4-0. For this budget cycle: erosion at Small boat ramp.
103 NCCF is looking to assist- F&W, condos, etc. Kayak launch is out for comment. Beach shoaling is also potentially
104 to be addressed by NCCF as well. Bill Hines dropped paper to address kayak rentals also. Additional access for
105 launching and parking (recreational fishing)- would require new land. Manager addresses beach blockage- accretion
106 is no different than used to be- is wider now, and all of the vegetation that was blocking it is gone- so it is more
107 visible. Hoping for an NCCF potential fix. (Buddy Kelley)- need signage for street ends. Mayor Pro Tempore White
108 notes we need to take into account fishing charters and the money they bring into us. Bonnie notes that recreational
109 fishermen are gentle tourists. Net House opening is March 24. HWAC will have an opening on the Board coming
110 up. (Business person or resident)

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112 Joe Valinoti- Recycling and BOA- slide is about recycling costs. Projected revenue is \$82,000. Cost is \$64,000-
113 have subsidized some already- \$13,545 without green waste. In total, have subsidized \$29,000 as of Feb 27.
114 Cannot recycle now if you do not already have it. \$52.50/ton tipping on trash, \$0 tipping on recycling. We need to
115 order new labels for recycling carts. Last year we raised recycling some, but not as far as it takes to get the
116 enterprise covered. Commissioner Overcash asked if we had discussed raising it gradually- yes- \$4.50 instead of
117 \$6.75. Mr. Valinoti says tipping fees will likely go up a good bit in the next year or so. Manager notes that we
118 locked in a 2% or less raise for extending the contract. Manager reminds individual contract is \$30-\$40 per home.
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120 Tree Board: Dr. Bob Miller, Chairperson – Budget request is the same as last year: \$4000. Will be planting a tree
121 in honor of Dick Creighton on Arbor Day at the Net House. Large tree pruning is getting more expensive- giant pine
122 taken out right before a storm. Crepes going out to entry sign at the west end. At the request part now- canopy is
123 full- filling in holes and replacements. Pruned area 2 this year, plus nuisance pruning. Commissioner Overcash asks
124 about trees in Dog Park- yes, they are on the rotation.
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126 Planning Board: Allison for Julie Rahm. Driveway Ordinance revised- to make it maintenance friendly AND
127 permissive as possible. CAMA plan revision almost complete. Comprehensive Plan update is underway. Survey
128 forthcoming- on water bill, Town Dock, and website. Budget request \$1,000- printing, legal services (have used
129 more than normal.) ECC class for Planning Board members. Manager notes the PB has done incredible work this
130 year- taking comment to make sure the plan updates are what the people want, and not what we think they want.
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132 BREAK 10 min.

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134 BREAK

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136 UNC SOG Water and Wastewater dashboard: Manager displays how to make the dashboard work. Selects
137 Oriental's water system- monthly bill- compared to rest of the state. Cost recovery should be 1.2- we are at .87. To
138 do that (with slider), would require rate raise of 88%- not possible. Upper dial shows rate- minimum rate at 0, max
139 at 30.10/1000 gallons. Shows Monthly Household Income (MHI)- what percentage of their MHI goes to water bill.
140 Water bill currently takes up .87% of residents' MHI to pay water bill. (?) clicking shows how to calculate your cost
141 recovery (takes into account depreciation). Cash- we are covering costs- once you add in depreciation, we are not.
142 We have 246 days of water operation if NOBODY pays a water bill- should be over a year, closer to 2. Set to
143 "within 25 miles"- 17 systems: our Median Household income is too high for loans, rates too low to get grants. If
144 you put the rates into the pain scale, THEN the state will step in and assist, but if your rates are not recovering cost,
145 the state says either join regional, or raise rates. If we raise rates to PC rates, we are almost at a 1 in recovery. We
146 are also on a UAL list for low cost recovery. These are all the things you can do to recover the cost- we can be
147 forced to combine with PC. Commissioner Overcash asks if the state would give us warning before forcing

148 combination. Manager notes we are on the warning list NOW- must get cost recovery up. You have already added
149 depreciation in THIS budget AND paid off the lead abatement, so maybe a marginal raise is a better option.

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151 When you raise rates, people conserve. If you raise meter fees, it's a guaranteed cost. Could also raise late fee rate-
152 might change how many are late. 50-60 are late every month. Only 5-6 are actually cut off each month. Most
153 expensive payment to take is in cash. Forcing onto cards, forces people to use credit at 18-28% rate- and we are back
154 to balance-we could move the due date to the 30th- this causes problem with crossover with bills. Commissioner
155 Price notes there are more than one program to help people pay. Cross section- lots of capable people make late
156 payments- we also fight the post office not delivering. We changed to full page bills so they would not be lost in
157 junk mail. Mayor Pro Tempore White notes we did not raise rates for years- now we are way behind. We did not
158 because of Florence, then COVID- people were struggling- and still are with the economy.

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160 Also- it's not- MY WATER IS SO HIGH- it's because everything comes on one bill- water, sewer, trash, recycling.
161 On the dashboard, BRMSD rates are very much closer to the highest rates \$64 vs \$82, as opposed to our \$22 vs
162 \$206. [Detailed information given here to refer back.](#)

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164 Accomplishments and Obstacles: Water Plant
165 Completed projects in Water- lead abatement (paid off) . Softener rebed complete. Monitoring pumps to reduce
166 hours of operation to see if we can extend life of impellers (significant rebuild cost), replaced both effluent pumps,
167 dechlorination pumps have helped significantly, chemical room pumps and scales trouble with stray voltages.
168 Monitoring equipment is more sensitive to voltage surges. Looking for a solution to buffer power coming in. Smart
169 valve replaced. Hydrogen sulfide extracted into trays, adds oxygen to remove- that's the raw water smell. 13 month
170 delay on reinstall due to shipping. Installed our first in-house short taps- not paying contractor to do that. Several
171 other important improvements and repairs to the plant and production. Backup systems installed to make water
172 pumping and production more efficient. Several distribution repairs. Manager notes cost increases in this year's
173 budget- chlorine- up \$5,000, and limitations on the number of cylinders we can keep in stock due to shortages of
174 chemicals. Salt was \$45,500 this year, asking \$58,000 for next year. All improvements to reduce need for more
175 chemicals, price differences overtaking exponentially. Water Budget presented is bare bones- no budget for
176 breaking. Mayor Pro Tempore White asks about Capital Reserve. ORC responds that every utility has the piece
177 we're looking for- large utilities have several. Leaks are becoming more frequent. We can do with larger
178 equipment, but will have to close road. Commissioner Price asks about Manager and Admin salaries in water –
179 percentage of time spent in that fund. MPT asks about testing supplies- we test every day- \$15K in-house, and the
180 rest goes to a lab. State does not allow all tests in-house, unless you have a certified lab.

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182 Lunch: adjust return time to 12:45PM.

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184 Discussion: kayak locks increased cost of rental. Town could take it back to \$5 and let them use your own locks- if
185 not removed, we cut their locks. Kayak launch- different shapes and pathways to launch. Issue with them doing what
186 they want is the erosion at the launch.

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188 Public Works: Andrew Cox- Public Works Director Parks, waterfront upgrades, parts on PEV charging stations, dog
189 park repairs, sidewalk/ curb and gutter sections, cutting grass, cleaning, work orders. No big projects in PW this
190 year- looking for a reserve to replace 2012 pickup truck. Uniforms/safety gear. Brush hog for big tractor. Gas, other
191 necessities. Drainage- started working with contractor- awaiting quote.

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194 Roads:

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196 Speed Limits:

197 Admin Priorities:

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199 Commissioner Roe asks about water rates. We did it in 2015-16- consolidated rates to remove summer/winter, in
200 town/out of town. State recommends tiered usage- more you use, more you pay. When we revised, the rates
201 became more equitable- where those who used least and could afford least, were paying least.

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203 Stormwater- we maintain ditches without stormwater utility. Homeowners own the land to the asphalt- we go into
204 undeveloped areas to keep the water moving- but the property owner needs to keep drainage moving. Anywhere it's
205 not moving or moving slowly, we go in to try and get it moving. We have contracted dog park ditch, Seafarer,
206 Audubon, ditch to the stream at Clancy's. Andrew took Patrick out to look at worst to best, awaiting quote.

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208 Mosquito preventative depends on the season, but we have had a mild winter. Capital Project to add parts for large
209 tractor- what we need to maintain. No room for anything to break. Example- replaced 6 toilets this year.
210 Commissioner Overcash asks if there are devices to smooth the electrical power supply. We have some, but the
211 wiring to that building is corroded and does not support. Is there something we can put outside the building coming
212 in- yes- a step down transformer might help- it's in the water lines. The truck in the reserve request has tool boxes
213 mounted to be able to carry parts with the truck to reduce trips back and forth to the plant for parts.

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215 Same truck we paid \$17,000 for in 2017 is selling now for \$45,000.

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217 Police Department: Nic Blayney, Bill Wichrowski – Officer Blayney goes through progress. Connectivity issues
218 have been corrected. Speed data sign operational. Southern Software (annual cost) to retain connectivity and also be
219 consistent with Sheriff and compliant with NCDOJ standard now annual cost. Push bumpers are holding up well and
220 increasing officer safety. Radar certifications complete. Looking into permanent speed signs- most around \$10K
221 each- do not record data, more if they do. Officer Blayney found none-data gathering solar for \$4500 each. Officer
222 Wichrowski notes the sign works to deter speeders. This would accomplish what the Board wants. Event to
223 celebrate Emergency Services, similar to National Night out, but locally controlled. A few potential sites- Lou Mac,
224 Lupton, Rec Park, Marsha's next door- wanted direction from the Board. Asks for reserve to replace Police Vehicle.
225 \$5,000 this year. Would like that increased to \$20,000 per year. Officer Wichrowski notes that mileage does not
226 include the wear and tear of idling.

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228 Manager goes through Capital Reserve Ordinance procedure with Board, noting potential for changes. MPT White
229 agrees with saving for capital purchase.

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231 Vehicle maintenance- increase to have local wash our vehicles. Currently, we wash them- either pay someone to do
232 them, or wash them ourselves. \$50/vehicle/month. Officer Wichrowski sees it as "his" car and prefers to do it
233 himself. Manager's concern is the "stuff" in the vehicles in someone else's custody (access).

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235 Commissioner Price asks about operating outside our jurisdiction- who pays? We do- they are covered as LEOs
236 under our policies and insurance. Some MOUs allow for their insurance to cover our people if we are in their
237 jurisdiction.

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239 BREAK: 1:35PM- 1:40PM

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241 Recap of priorities: Commissioner Overcash, Roe, White- roads, drainage and people. Commissioner Roe- don't
242 know how much money we have left. At some point- (Overcash) we need to do bonds, something- Manager states
243 if you go to bond, you need to have a repayment plan. If you assess, and you do some roads, you'll have complaints
244 from those whose roads do not get done under the bond. MPT White says we have discussed goals for the Manager-
245 coming up with creative ways to fund road maintenance. Not solve the problem, but find a path to the solution.

246 We're not going to solve it with Powell or overlay or patches, we need a longer term solution. Manager notes that
247 daily activities are numerous now- can't add more. We have state mandated requirements, clerk requirements,
248 finance requirements, etc. We can't do all of that and add three huge projects. Last year's priorities- roads,
249 drainage, people. We took care of the people- just entering into roads and drainage now- we still have March-June
250 to accomplish. This is too early for retreat- we need to back that up again. NCLM has delayed their projections.
251 Roads contract out in December, rebid, attorney crafts contract, pre-con, and now awaiting milling availability.
252 Describes Whittaker Point/Windward- spongy, bouncy road. We need to back retreat to April. NCLM not putting
253 out numbers until end of March. We budget conservatively always.
254 MPT White- channel not filling in since the restoration of Whittaker Pointe. That tasking made it happen.
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256 Commissioner Roe asks why the office needs to be open all day every day. Shorten the open hours to free up more
257 time. Commissioner Overcash thinks the office needs to be open every day. Closing early to the public seems to
258 have helped. Manager notes there is a trend toward 10 hour/4 day work week. Morale is currently down. Have we
259 asked staff? No. Tammy notes that exempt folks are already working 10 hour days. MPT White notes that every
260 time he is in office to sign checks, people stop the daily work for individual questions. Ask Manager for a
261 recommendation for work hours solution. C Overcash thinks should be open every day, if closing early may be a
262 solution.
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264 Please bring calendars next Tuesday to set budget meetings. Mayor asks if we can change times? YES. Manager's
265 appraisal at next Tuesday. Public Hearing on CAMA Land Use Plan and Auditor. Can adjust your workshop next
266 Tuesday, scheduled for last Thursday of March.
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268 Marsha sent apologies for not being here today, she will present on Tuesday. Manager apologizes for delay in
269 Tuesday's meeting documents.
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271 Town Board Budget Meeting scheduled for April 12, 2023 at 2:01PM.
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273 **MOTION** to Adjourn by Commissioner Overcash and seconded by Commissioner Price. Unanimous vote: 4-0.
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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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280 Approved _____, 2023 _____



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 8AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 was called to order at
2 8:00 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present. The meeting was open to the public. All documents
3 for the meeting were available through the Town's website at www.TownofOriental.com.

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5 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Winfrey,
6 Commissioner Roe, and Commissioner Price. Town Manager Diane Miller, Administrative Director Tammy Cox,
7 Officer Blayney. Mayor begins with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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9 Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro Tempore White adjusts the agenda, moving the Closed Session to the end after
10 Commissioner Comments and move the Rotary presentation to immediately following Public Comment. MPT
11 White made a MOTION to accept the agenda with the changes Commissioner Roe seconds. 5-0.

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13 Consent Agenda: Commissioner Overcash made a MOTION to approve the consent. Mayor Pro Tempore White
14 seconds. 5-0.

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16 Public Comment: 8:06 AM- Darlene Marquat speaks to the condition of South Water ST, showing Commissioners
17 photos from it underwater, asking for a solution. 8:10 Keith Smith speaks to the condition of S. Water St. 8:11
18 Carla Fischer asks to remember Water St while considering S. Water St.

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20 Public Hearing: The Board scheduled a Public Hearing to review the amended CAMA Land Use plan. Resolution
21 attached is to approve the amendment. From here, it goes to the district planner in Morehead City for approval.
22 Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 5-0.

23 No Public Comment: Commissioner Overcash notes the laborious work Planning did on the plan. Commissioner
24 Roe notes that we are required to have it be in place by July 1, support the plan. MPT White notes this updated plan
25 helps in grant application. Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to close the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro
26 Tempore White seconds. 5-0. Several members commend the Planning Board for their thoughtful consideration,
27 review by HWAC committee and Parks and Recreation and Tourism. Planning Board reviewed line by line plus
28 maps over the course of several months. Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to approve the amendment.
29 Commissioner Roe seconds. 5-0.

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31 Boat Show: Rotary Presentation- Sam Meyers. Many more calls than normal for participants. Thanks to Town Dock
32 and PR East for advertising. Same traditional vendors, in addition, several other dealers will be bringing boats.
33 Marsha and Tourism- thanks for joint ad. Still have 3 day pass for \$10.

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35 Auditor Presentation: Gregory T. Redman notes the Town is in good financial shape. Points to specific pages: Year
36 ended June 30, 2022. Goes through pages 1 (no material findings), 14 (balance sheet)-no debt- \$773,000
37 unrestricted. Min requirement 34%, should have 63%, we have 87%. 16(\$20K loss with approp of almost \$398,000-
38 -only used \$20,000) Revenues covered expenses. Depreciation included, but backed out to see if cash covers- it
39 does. 32- Audit due Dec 1- issue with software and bank account- solved. ARPA transferred over to water fund.
40 Goal of collection is 99%. You are at 97%. Commissioner Roe asks about processes- are we doing things correctly
41 and our controls are adequate? Yes- no issues.

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43 Communication: Commissioners' item: Commissioner Overcash met with several concerning potential assistance
44 with advertising. Commissioner Roe said he had met with UNC-G who potentially could be looking for additional

45 ways to communicate with our residents and visitors. MPT White asks what problem are we trying to solve?
46 Commissioner Roe says we are looking for “Can it be better used”? MPT White says our direction was drainage,
47 roads and people- this is another task. Commissioner Overcash says we are not trying to fix a problem, just looking
48 for new opportunities.

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50 Budget Amendment: Following final invoice for Net House renovation, additional funds to be moved from WFE reserve to
51 WFE appropriated. Also- moving electrical costs from P&R to HWAC until the end of the year. After that, all will be added to
52 utility lines. Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to accept the budget amendment. MPT White seconds. 5-0.

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54 CAMA permit for Oriental Village Harbor Marina: We are the adjacent riparian owner. You have the plan that will
55 go with the permit request. Showed design/docks affected, photo of what it looks like. We do not have that request,
56 but discussed previously that when we got the plans, the Board will decide what our response will be. Even if we did
57 object, it could not have an effect on the approval. Commissioner Roe has the same boat lift, can see no reason why
58 we would oppose this. David agrees with Frank- trawlers in the water are higher than a boat on the lift. Should give
59 Manager permission to NOT object. Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to authorize the Manager to NOT
60 oppose the CAMA permit. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0.

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62 Tourism presentation: Marsha was not able to be with us at the retreat and asked to make presentation today. Shows
63 budget request- Commissioner Roe asks if Board has discussed any new use of funds. To prove what we’re doing is
64 right. New survey will give us where people saw which advertising. MPT White asks if there is any additional
65 advertising planned in recreational fishing materials? Main ad in Our State notes fishing tournaments. Mentioned in
66 new brochure. Results of survey- Manager asks if we will see it prior to budget? Marsha indicates likely. 94.1 has
67 been great advertising also. Commissioner Winfrey notes recreational fishing ads would be beneficial.

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69 Arbor Day: This year’s tree will be planted at the Sargent Boat House in honor of Dick Creighton, long-time Tree
70 Board member, who passed recently, on April 8, 2023. Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to approve the Arbor
71 Day Resolution. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0.

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73 Scheduling Budget Meetings: Manager notes that the SOG is not forwarding projections until end of March, that we
74 should push off initial budget discussions until after the first week of April. Mayor inquires about March 30
75 quarterly mtg. Proposes we cancel this meeting. Board agrees. Mayor prefers Monday, Wednesdays, Friday, in the
76 mornings. April 12, 9AM- first meeting. Commissioner Roe asks if it is easier for staff at 9 rather than 8- YES.

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78 Police Report- Officer Blayney- not much to discuss- retreat, Boat Show- happy to answer questions. Commissioner
79 Overcash asks about numbers associated with assisting other agencies- welfare checks, joint operations,
80 checkpoints.

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82 Manager’s Report: Financials attached. Funds from DPS inbound for Hurricane Ian. All of PW will be out Monday
83 the 13th for OSHA training- most cost-efficient option. Most information distributed at retreat last Friday. Ms.
84 Crosser asked if PW needs assistance to pull cans back. Admin Dir. Cox notes they will do that before they leave.
85 Water Bill glitched moving from internet explorer to chrome, so everyone received a paper bill, even if you choose
86 to get it only electronically.

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88 Committee Reports: Julie- Planning- CAMA Plan has been forwarded to CAMA for approval. We had an open
89 house this time last year to take comment. We are also putting out a survey through several outlets to take comment
90 on the Comprehensive Plan- electronic and on paper. More specific issues than last version. Due date March 30.

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92 Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Overcash asks if Osprey situation is resolved yet? No. Awaiting CAMA
93 signature. We have signed off on it. HWAC meeting March 9, workday March 10- painting. Commissioner

94 Overcash recalls additional conversation at Retreat concerning open hours at Town Hall so that staff can get caught
95 up without interruption. Representative Kidwell is arriving for GOP meeting at 10AM. Breakfast at Brantley's at
96 8:30AM, so that we can have that conversation prior to the 10AM meeting. March 18 Chowder Cookoff at Oriental
97 Marina starting at 11:30AM- Woman's Club raising funds for scholarships.
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99 MPT White makes the MOTION **The Board will go into Closed Session for personnel matters according to**
100 **N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) for the Manager's annual evaluation.** Commissioner Overcash seconds. 5-0. 9:03AM.
101 Board returns to Open session at 9:55AM. MPT White notes the Manager's evaluation went well, and the Board will
102 hold any raise for discussion during Budget discussion.
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104 Ms. Crosser noted that P&R Minutes were forwarded in a timely manner from February and were not included.
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107 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Retreat April 4, 2023, 8AM.

108 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:58 AM by MOTION of Commissioner Winfrey, second by Commissioner Roe. 5-0.
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111 Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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113 Approved _____, 2023