



## ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7pm  
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC  
*Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating*

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on April 2, 2019 was called to order at 7pm. Mayor Belangia  
7 determined a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. She said we have  
8 a Public Comment period, if you wish to speak please make sure you are signed up on the correct sheet as there are  
9 also two Public Hearings this evening.

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11 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner  
12 Dammeyer, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Administrative Assistant Jeannine  
13 Russo, Officer Nic Blayney, Officer Bill Wichrowski and Members of the Public. Commissioner Simmons was  
14 absent

### 15 16 1. Approval of Agenda

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18 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Dammeyer**.  
19 Motion passed 4-0.

### 20 21 2. Consent Agenda (Tab 1)

- 22 a. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Regular Meeting March 5, 2019  
23 b. Consider Approval of Budget Retreat Minutes from March 1, 2019  
24 c. Consider Approval of Closed Session Minutes from March 5, 2019

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26 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner**  
27 **Dammeyer**. Motion passed 4-0.

### 28 29 3. Public Comment Period

30 **Bill Hines – Link Lane:** Mr. Hines would like to encourage the Town and Board of Commissioners to bring back  
31 Cycle NC as this is good for the Town economically and to visit us and get a feel for Oriental. He acknowledges that  
32 there were some complaints last time but this will happen when that amount of people come to Town. He has also  
33 spoken with local businesses and some of the riders did come back and spend more time here.

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35 **Rick Edwards – Dolphin Point:** Mr. Edwards is a lifelong cyclist and recent full time resident of Oriental. He was  
36 a member of the North Carolina Touring Society, a precursor to Cycle NC. He has ridden in all three events held  
37 here. Mr. Edwards stated the drivers are very courteous here to the cyclists and was an assistant bicycle coordinator  
38 for the state and would like to help in any way he can to bring Cycle NC back to Oriental. The Mayor and Board  
39 happily accepted his offer.

### 40 41 4. Public Hearing #1 (Tab 2) (Annexation of property at 604 Shorey Drive)

42 **Mayor Belangia:** We are going to open the Public Hearing but no **MOTION** is needed.

43 **Manager Miller:** When you open the Public Hearing, you can take any public comments. After you are finished  
44 with the Public Comments, close the Public Hearing and then have the Board discussion. Part of what you are going  
45 to approve, if you approve it, is to amend the GMO map that is in your Ordinance and it would add this yellow  
46 shaded parcel to everything else that is already in Town. The parcel that we are looking at, it is hard to see it up  
47 there. It has an additional easement here that was purchased to make the entry to this off of Tarpon Road and then  
48 Tarpon Road comes back to Dolphin and goes to White Farm. Then there is an easement here that goes out to White  
49 Farm. They will be using this entrance off of Tarpon to get into the development. This is all of it. It is two parcels.  
50 There is this giant parcel, which is 30 point some acres and then one is .09 acres and it simply big enough for a  
51 driveway. We had some issues with the title work. The title referenced this subdivision as 32.74 acres that was  
52 contiguous to the property that we are talking about. The title work has a lot of references; there are a couple of  
53 exceptions where they swapped and traded bits and parcels to make this one big parcel. Part of it said 30 point some  
54 acres and part of it said 35 point some acres. Our attorney was not comfortable moving forward because when you

55 write the Ordinance you say approximately. The difference between 30 and 35 is not approximately. I offered to  
56 take that five acres off the developers hands but they declined. Ms. Sayger is here. She is the engineer who drew the  
57 map on the lower right. She is here representing Mr. Martin Spratt who is the developer looking to develop this  
58 parcel and bring it into the Town limits. The preliminary plans, which we are not in a position to look at, we cannot  
59 look at any plans until we annex the property. They are not subject to our rules until they are annexed in. The  
60 preliminary plans is a development of small parcels, duplexes, which is something that it not available in this area.  
61 However, there are other – if you look at the GMO map – these parcels that look dark are all R3. This development,  
62 it is an undeveloped subdivision, is R1. Directly across the water from them is an MU so it is a very mixed use area  
63 of our Town right now. This kind of housing is not available in that area. It would give people who would like less  
64 maintenance and more enjoying the water an option on the water. You have all of the paperwork. There is a  
65 certificate of sufficiency. The Ordinance for Annexation is in your paperwork. We will leave all of this up on the  
66 web for about a week for anybody who wants to pull any of the bits and pieces off. I think that is all I have for you  
67 for annexation.

68 **Mayor Belangia:** Is anybody here to talk for the Public Comment on the Annexation? There are no comments.  
69 What would the Board like to do?

70 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** Should we MOVE to close the Public Hearing?

71 **Mayor Belangia:** Yes.

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73 **Commissioner Dammeyer** made a **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore**  
74 **White**. Motion passed 4-0.

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76 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to approve the annexation as stated and allow the Mayor and  
77 Manager Miller to sign the paper prepared by Scott Davis (attorney). Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**.  
78 Manager Miller states the amendment to the GMO map is included in this. Motion passed 4-0.

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80 **5. Public Hearing #2 (Tab 3) (Zoning request regarding property at 604 Shorey Drive)**  
81 **Manager Miller:** You have, in front of you, the recommendation from the Planning Board to zone this parcel R3.  
82 You also have a Statement of Zoning Consistency. Like I showed you on the previous slide, it is surrounded by  
83 everything except R2 so it is consistent with our adoptive plan of having diverse zones but compatible. You also  
84 have a Zoning Ordinance – Ordinance 2019-262. All of those documents together need to be approved and signed.  
85 (Inaudible question) They requested R3.

86 **Mayor Belangia:** There is no **MOTION** needed to open this Public Hearing. Is there anyone here to comment?

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88 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by **Commissioner**  
89 **Overcash**. Motion passed 4-0.

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91 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to accept the zoning request as R3 as approved by the Planning  
92 Board on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February and it is consistent with adjoining and abutting properties that are either mixed use of  
93 R3 or R1. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Commissioner Overcash wished to restate that the Planning  
94 Board looked this over and several Commissioners were in those meetings and it was definitely a good decision to  
95 go for an R3. Motion passed 4-0.

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97 **6. Cycle NC Event Discussion (Tab 4)**

98 Manager Miller stated many of the issues have been resolved. The Tourism Board has agreed to help with trash by  
99 funding a dumpster someplace in the vicinity. The Town will budget a bit of overtime to have some Public Works  
100 available to address trash during the event so we do not get overwhelmed. There are some small issues remaining.  
101 Manager Miller would prefer registration is moved from Town Hall due to the safety issues on Highway 55. There  
102 are a few possibilities. The volunteer coordinator will be, again, Doug Sligh. He is pursuing the possibility of having  
103 registration at the Tiki Bar close to where the event will be centered. This should take registration traffic away from  
104 Highway 55. Manager Miller has not spoken with Sheriff Davis or CarolinaEast at this point. Dottie Osmun from  
105 the OFPMF and Doug Sligh have been working on entertainment. One remaining issue is several of the locations for  
106 the large RVs are no longer available and will be looking for gravel or paved surfaces for these RVs. Manager  
107 Miller believes were are in good shape to approve the request to come to Oriental in 2020.

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109 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to approve the event. Seconded by **Commissioner Dammeyer**.  
110 Motion passed 4-0.

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112 **7. Resolutions (Tab 5)**

113 Manager Miller did want to bring everyone's attention to a Resolution from last meeting, the deadline to bid on the  
114 2004 Dodge Durango is Monday, April 8. The requirement is a sealed bid with 5% of the amount of your bid.  
115 Kelley Blue Book Value of this vehicle is between \$500 and \$1,000. It has approximately 157,000 miles on it and a  
116 broken tail light.

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118 **2019-06:** Forwarded by Commissioner Simmons, a Resolution offered by Pamlico Progressives and edited  
119 by the Manager to be sent to the City of Havelock concerning untreated sewer discharges into Slocum Creek with  
120 empties to the Neuse River Basin. (attached offering and revision recommended by the Manager).

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122 **Commissioner Dammeyer** made a **MOTION** to table this Resolution since **Commissioner Simmons** is not here to  
123 discuss what she has presented. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore White**. Mayor Pro Tempore White feels in the  
124 tabling, the Board needs to decide who they would like to send the Resolution to as it is an enforcement issue; it is  
125 not drinking water but the quality of the river water. While the Town benefits from sailing and fishing, there are two  
126 large camps with 4,000 campers starting in July. After reading the minutes sent by Commissioner Price from the  
127 City of Havelock's meeting, they are doing all they can to rectify the situation but needs to be an enforcement issue  
128 and is not sure the Board needs to send this to the City of Havelock – in his opinion. Motion passed 4-0.

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130 **2019-07:** Resolution opposing NCDOT Plan for bridge replacement (also included Pamlico County's  
131 resolution and the Downeast RPO resolution).

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133 Manager Miller gave a summary of reasons for opposing this bridge replacement. Public school buses will go over  
134 it. They are proposing closing traffic to one lane during construction and using a temporary bridge not adequate for  
135 farm equipment, closing it at times to prevent the movement of emergency services. We defer to the Director of  
136 Emergency Services and he is not comfortable with this plan as proposed due to width of fire trucks and shutting  
137 down while ambulances try to come through. There are five farms, 20,000 acres of land that have to move  
138 equipment on and off. The equipment is 18' and the proposed bridge is 13'. There are marinas, boatyards, tourism  
139 economy of Oriental all noted. Detours add up to 30 miles – huge for emergency services. These bridges are in a  
140 flood plain and are on the evacuation route. One small business would be directly impacted. Commissioner  
141 Overcash stated there are two bridges affected. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated there is no plan to have a  
142 temporary bridge in Bayboro and the only temporary bridge will be at Alligator Creek and will be one lane, 13'  
143 wide. He further states there will be no crossing assistance at night. The Resolution has been signed and once it has  
144 been approved by the Board, we can send it to the other entities. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated there was no  
145 discussion of when the work would start and how long it would take to complete. This has not been sent to DOT or  
146 the Governor's office.

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148 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to approve the Resolution. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**.  
149 Motion passed 4-0.

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151 **8. Budget Amendment (Tab 6)**

152 This Budget Amendment includes, almost exclusively, funds from FEMA and the insurance company for our  
153 reconstruction efforts. Insurance reimbursements have come in for the generator and the mixer in the 200,000 tank,  
154 partial reimbursements due to deductibles and FEMA will make up the rest. There will be several of these as the  
155 process continues. The other Budget Amendment is for Tourism to move funds from their reserve account to  
156 account for the overage on the Christmas decoration purchase.

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158 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to approve both Budget Amendments. Seconded by **Commissioner**  
159 **Price**. Motion passed 4-0.

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161 **9. Appointment/Reappointment**

162 There is one reappointment, Pat Stockwell to the Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee, and Dr. Marc Willi will  
163 be appointed to the Planning Board and Mr. Harry Corbett will be appointed to the Water Advisory Board.

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165 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to accept and approve. Seconded by **Commissioner Dammeyer**.  
166 Motion passed 4-0.  
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168 **10. Municipal Elections: (Tab 7)**

169 Every other year, we put additional funds in our budget for the County Electoral Board to run our elections. The  
170 Board needs to decide whether or not to authorize absentee voting for this district. We have traditionally always  
171 elected to have absentee voting and one-stop early voting – all of the services offered . We pay a bit extra as our  
172 population is in and out of town.  
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174 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to accept with absentee voting. Seconded by **Commissioner**  
175 **Dammeyer**. Motion passed 4-0.  
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177 **11. Police Report (Tab 8)**

178 Officer Wichrowski wanted to take a moment to talk about the efforts he and Officer Blayney are taking not  
179 reflected in the police report. The officers are receiving a lot of complaints about speeding, particularly on Whittaker  
180 Point Road, Ragan Road, and Broad Street. They are doing target traffic enforcement at these locations to slow  
181 down traffic. Also, at the beginning of their shifts, they visit the businesses, marinas, make note of what boats are at  
182 our docks and make sure they fill out dock registration forms. With this increased presence, there has been a  
183 decrease in problems. Officer Wichrowski went over the police report – 11 citations and 3 arrests.  
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185 **12. Manager's Report (Tab 9)**

- 186 • Financials attached.
- 187 • Manager Miller showed the first drawing received from the engineers at the Whittaker Pointe project and  
188 received the first report from core samplings. This information will go into the design of where and how  
189 much material will be dropped.
- 190 • Daniel Early passed his C-Distribution with the highest grade in his class. He will be attending class for  
191 Physical Chemicals at the end of April and will be the backup to ORC Andrew Cox for this.
- 192 • Water line replacement will begin on Friday, April 5, weather permitting. Letters were sent to the affected  
193 residents and businesses. Those attached at South Avenue will experience a very short interruption when  
194 they are disconnected and reconnected to the new line. Two fire hydrants will be replaced and there will be  
195 an additional fire hydrant placed near Mildred and South, location to be determined. This will be in line  
196 with new regulations stating you should not go more than 1,000 feet without a fire hydrant. Mayor Pro  
197 Tempore White asked if we have let the bid for the road. Manager Miller responded we have not, will be  
198 meeting with the engineer this week.
- 199 • Fishing Pier replacement was awarded to Bobby Cahoon Construction, who is also doing the small boat  
200 dock gangway replacement. There are additional costs with this. The u-bolts holding the floating dock are  
201 gone and held on by rope. This has caused the four pilings to be scraped square and need to be replaced.  
202 The pier should be finished in time for Croakerfest.
- 203 • We have joined AIWWA (Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association). This is an advocacy group – can  
204 help with dredging options, regulations, etc.
- 205 • Manager Miller wished to thank Mr. Gregory Bohmert who removed, at his cost and no cost to the Town,  
206 our generator to be disposed of properly and environmentally. The new generator will be more powerful  
207 than the one we had. Mr. Bohmert served in an advisory capacity and fixed the generator as long as  
208 possible and Manager Miller wished to thank him publicly for all of his assistance.
- 209 • Manager Miller met with Mr. Joe Valinoti, our trash coordinator, about the possibility of extending our  
210 contract with Waste Industries rather than going to RFP. There is no other hauler in the area that can deal  
211 with our waste. If we extend our contract for three years, they will not charge us the CPI this upcoming  
212 year. They will continue to pick up our recycling at a minimal increase. This is currently our best option.  
213 Recycling will also be revisited as there will be a significant increase in cost.
- 214 • Pamlico Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Manager Miller encourages everyone to read this. She received  
215 a letter from the Community Rating System, this group advises on insurance ratings for flood. Oriental has  
216 gone from 8 to 9, 10 being the worst. The best we can hope for is 7. This is why we are going through a  
217 reassessment of the plan hoping we can apply to have them look at our rating again. Community members

- 218 Dan Allen and Martin Barrow and Manager Miller and Deputy Finance Director Cox are attending these  
 219 meetings. We have additional precautions in place aside from the County and this had not been catalogued.  
 220 • 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Officers Memorial Day is May 2.  
 221 • Manager Miller distributed copies of the 2015-16 Audit to Mayor Belangia and the Board and flagged  
 222 several things to be brought to their attention. This audit has been accepted by the LGC. We expect him to  
 223 come back within the next few weeks and expect 16-17 to go quickly as the problems have been corrected.  
 224 • On Friday, April 19, Town Hall will be closed and will close at 3pm on Thursday, April 18. The entire staff  
 225 will be off on April 19.  
 226 • FEMA projects: All projects are in for repair and should be seeing money soon. We have done much of the  
 227 work on house so have saved considerably over what the estimates say. One thing Manager Miller brought  
 228 to their attention was she, former Commissioner Summers, she believes, stated “be sure you get all of the  
 229 overtime” but these rules have changed and overtime for debris removal is not paid as it is not an exigent  
 230 circumstance as it is not paid for permanent work. They do reimburse regular hours for permanent work  
 231 (repairs) as those are repairs to permanent structures. The lift is also now in our damage request as well as  
 232 the PEV. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked Manager Miller if overages can be applied to other areas. They  
 233 can but there is a very specific list of what it can be used for. Manager Miller stated there will also be extra  
 234 funds as money has been put away for generator replacement but it died during an event so insurance and  
 235 FEMA will cover it. It should arrive in the beginning of June.  
 236 • May 4 is the Townwide Yard Sale and Shred Day at Pamlico County Courthouse.  
 237 • May 11 is the Bulk Pickup and will publish a list of what can and cannot be picked up.  
 238 • The burnout will happen April 17 through May 24. This is the once-a-year process where we change the  
 239 disinfection process. This is important for people who have fish, are on kidney dialysis or have  
 240 compromised immune systems. This is also true for elderly animals.

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 242 Mayor Pro Tempore White addressed the issue of the hydrants and water line, confirming where the existing line is  
 243 and if there are any electrical or sewer lines are. Manager Miller confirmed Cayton will not dig until they get  
 244 confirmation from Bay River. The roads will need to be cut for the piping and some access will be blocked. The  
 245 Boat Show and College Regatta will be the weekend of April 12-14 and will be asked to shut down Thursday as a  
 246 lot of extra people will be in Town. They will work with us the best they can. The project should be a week and a  
 247 half to two weeks.

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 249 **13. Committee Reports (Tab 10)**

- 250 Tree Board February meeting  
 251 BRMSD January and March reports (no April Mtg scheduled)  
 252 Tourism Board February report  
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254 Marsha Paplham stated the Tourism Board will be very active in getting people together – businesses, nonprofits,  
 255 volunteers – and will address this extensively at the May quarterly business meeting on May 16 at 8am at Brantley’s  
 256 Village Restaurant.  
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258 **14. Commissioner Comments**

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 260 **15. Adjourn:** Next meeting scheduled as April 10, 2019 at 8am (Budget – Revenue Projections), Contract renewals,  
 261 potential purchases. April 24, 2019 (General Fund – Capital Projects). May 7, 2019 at 7pm for the Regular Board  
 262 Meeting.  
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264 **Commissioner Price** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Dammeyer**. Motion passed 5-0.  
 265 Meeting adjourned at 8pm  
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 270 Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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**ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING**

Tuesday, April 24, 2019 at 8am  
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC  
*Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating*

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The Town Board of Oriental had a Town Budget Meeting on April 24, 2019 that was reconvened at 8am. Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present.

Present was Mayor Sally Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Dammeyer, Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Officer Tammy Cox and 1 Member of the Public- Ms. Lisa Thompson. Commissioners Simmons and Overcash were absent.

The Board was presented General Fund YTD expenses. Manager Miller noted expenditure projections for this year will be more of an educated guess than in the past as projections are made off of the previous year. Previous year was not a normal year; expenditure projections will change. Manager Miller discussed FEMA and the potential for additional funds that can be used for a significant list of items if we get the repairs completed under estimates.

The Board discussed a pay and class study that determined most of the staff was paid well under the NCLM averages for designated positions, noted averages, current salaries, additional benefits that would be required making 1 Public Works position full time and one admin position full time as well as covering an employee that previously waived benefits. In addition, state required retirement percentages increased significantly, but health insurance premiums were expected to increase only 3.6%.

The Board directed the Manager to proceed with closing the gap between existing salary and average scale in general fund expenditures, noting the dedication of the staff, the number of communities under 2500 funding these positions, the difficulty in hiring new employees.

YTD expenditures were discussed, noting that the bulk of debris was collected in FEMA activities, but would have to be shouldered by the Town in the upcoming year.

The meeting was continued to May 1 at 8am.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_





**ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING**

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 8am

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Pro Tempore David White Officiating

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Present was Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Dammeyer, Commissioner Price, and Commissioner Overcash, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Officer Tammy Cox and 1 Member of the Public- Ms. Lisa Thompson. and Mrs. Bonnie Crosser. Mayor Sally Belangia, Commissioner Simmons were absent.

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The Board discussed a the current deficit of roughly \$32,000 on the first pass. Capital Projects (including Capital Reserves) are \$21,900 of that total. The Manager reminded the Board that the Sanitation fund is still subsidized by a little over \$44,000 (\$.02/\$100 of the tax rate). To make the difference without cuts would require almost \$.02 on the tax rate or almost \$5/month on the trash bill. Mayor Pro Tempore White inquired about the potential of overpayment by FEMA due to the fact that we did a lot of the work on recovery in-house. The limitations on spending overages are that capital items ARE eligible expenses, but operating expenses are not. Manager Miller noted that on a \$240,000 house value, the \$.02/\$100 increase would amount to \$48/year increase in taxes, but the additional trash cost would be \$60/year/house. Noting that the landfill fee increases and potential doubling of recycling cost next year would likely require increases in trash fees next year, Mayor Pro Tempore White feels like we can remove the Capital projects and Capital Reserves and potentially have funds from FEMA cover some of those when the costs/reimbursements are settled. We could always use GF Appropriations for those purchases if it becomes necessary.

The Board directed the Manager to proceed with removal of Capital Projects and bring it back to the Board May 8 along with the Water Fund, which appears to be balanced, again, with no Capital Purchases included.

The meeting was continued to May 8 at 8am.

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David White, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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