



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 8AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Budget Meeting #1 held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 was called to order at 8 AM.
2 Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the budget meeting and turned it over to the Manager.
3 The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.
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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Winfrey, Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Officer Nic
8 Blayney, and members of the public.
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10 Fee Schedule- Chapter S in General Ordinances. General Fund Revenues. Commissioner Roe asks about revenues/
11 fees. How many things can we control on the fee schedule/budgeted revenues can we change? Manager explains
12 that the property tax revenue is controlled by the Statutes and Treasurer's rules that we can budget the same
13 percentage that we collected the previous year (year we are currently in). TODAY, we are at 96% with 3 months of
14 revenues left to collect. Confident we will be at at least 98%. Discussed the municipal certification. Commissioner
15 Roe asks if we can raise property taxes. Manager confirms. He also asks about raising fees for services- everything
16 in Chapter S.
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18 Manager discusses sanitation fund. Has always been subsidized by the General Fund. Commissioner Roe says we
19 need to either cut expenditures or raise fees/taxes. Manager confirms.
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21 Mayor Pro Tempore White notes what came from Budget Retreat people, drainage, roads.
22 Manager notes the potential for road tax. We had discussed that previously, but we do have significant Powell
23 funds, but all contractors are currently overbooked. When we get them into town, we will be spending a good
24 portion of it.
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26 Commissioner Price asked about setting a baseline and raising incrementally. Manager confirms- absolutely, but it
27 was already denied in the past two years.
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29 19-20 was last rate raises- for sanitation. Commissioner Roe asks what we lose by quitting recycling. If we stop, we
30 can't get it back, and then all recyclables go into trash, which costs tipping. Recycling currently saves us some. We
31 negotiated extension last year that capped our rate raise for this year, but CRSWMA chose not to raise tipping fees
32 this year- anticipating a significant raise next year. Commissioner Price asks about the County recycling service at
33 Rec Park. We have had no indication that will be removed or changed. Commissioner Roe asks about the amount of
34 tipping would increase if recycling removed. Manager notes all dependent on weight and tipping fees.
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36 Manager notes that most recycling bins are just as full as trash bins when emptied- the tipping would be significant.
37 Discussed issues with people putting trash in public recycling bins- that can contaminate the whole load and cost us
38 tipping on that load. Commissioner Roe asks how often that happens. Manager notes a few times per year- usually
39 near large events- that has happened- GFL has notified us. Generally not a problem at residential properties.
40 Commissioner Roe asks about ownership of public cans- Manager responds we are responsible- issues arise with
41 large events, boat trash, etc.
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Mayor Pro Tempore White notes that even if we raise fees, we won't be covering ALL of the sanitation expense. Notes we have a lot of new houses going up- that property tax is what makes us get the high percentages- they are up between County aggregation of taxation levy. Commissioner Roe asks about charging businesses more depending on the business. Manager notes businesses licensing was outlawed by GA in 2014, and charging businesses differently can be a legal tightrope...you can charge TYPES of businesses differently- like we do for water- but ALL businesses that use X gallons or more are paying the same rates. We charge the process to get a business type into the district, but the cost has to be appropriate to the cost to the Town. Discussed the Water Impact litigation in Carthage. Commissioner Roe notes that we pay staff to process permits. We can raise fees relative to the time it takes staff to process. Manager confirms.

Manager notes that property tax is adequate. Sanitation fees should be considered for raise. Discussion about "water bill" going up- noted that water, sewer, trash, and recycling are all on one bill. Manager explains all of the fees on that bill- flat fees, tiered rates, \$3.75/1000 gal water, \$9.25/1000 gal of sewer. County charges \$4.75/1000 gal of water. Rates go up with higher usage. Commissioner Roe asks if we should raise property taxes. Manager says not indicated right now, but we are going through revenue projections, and we have to go through expenses yet.

Mayor Pro Tem White asks how much sanitation is being subsidized by the GF. Manager notes those numbers are further down. He wants to see green waste costs relative to that overage. He notes he is not a proponent of stopping recycling. Manager notes green waste cost has improved other things- less burning, less yard waste dumped into drainage ditches. There is no revenue associated with green waste. We also use it for weather events- not FEMA sized events, but smaller, like last weekend. We need the one cent equals X dollars on the tax rate.

Manager notes today's numbers indicate \$219,000 into water, \$211,000 out. Razor thin operating margin. Most ARPA money in a restricted fund for major fixes are not in there. Hoping to reduce the salt cost. Was \$28,000/year when I arrived, now almost \$50,000. Softener fix should reduce the cost. CCR will be completed next week. We had talked about water rates, capital fee. Commissioner Roe notes it is obvious that we need to raise water rates.

Mayor Belangia excused 8:40AM for another appointment.

Commissioner Price asks if adding loops at the dead end water system pay for itself? Manager notes we struggle to pump to the White Farm area benefits from more residents and people are building. The problem is worse in the winter when people go away and there is less usage, so we have to flush much more to keep the residuals up in the area to those who remain. Ultimately, it would save SOME, don't know if it will pay for itself. Commissioner Price asks if there are dead ends at Whittaker Point like Dolphin Point, but the area is much more built out and the largest user is at the end of the line, so we don't get those complaints out there.

Manager notes we have had more of those "tank emptying" events in leaks- not a leaky toilet, but a hose left running for a week, or a leaky toilet left running for a week. Manager believes that the leak adjustment policy should be adjusted, especially as we offer to turn it off at no charge. Commissioner Roe asks about benefits of meter changeout. Manager explains PD meter aging/ advantages to the customer with older meters- accuracy. Commissioner Price asks if those with bills that jump after replacement have been saving money because of the age and deterioration of the meter- YES. We've gotten to all meters are still under warranty numbers (under 375,000 total gallons)- when we started, some were over 1 million total gallons. Commissioner Roe asks about radio read meters- Manager explains that we crunched it all in 2016 for the 16-17 year, and the cost to initiate infrastructure, towers, vehicles, and the placement of meters and noted breaking of equipment without antenna on them would cost us over \$323,000 initially, (the entire water budget) then annual costs would exceed our ability to keep up with the regular losses. More cost efficient to read. Commissioner Roe asks about reading the meter quarterly instead of monthly-Manager believes the cost savings would be overrun with the administrative costs. Also- leaks would not

92 be caught until unmanageable/ruinous. He asks about any savings to online billing. Manager notes we do pay
93 postage, and we do NOT give a discount for paying online. Commissioner Roe suggests that paper billing be
94 charged for that service. If we set you a goal where we want you to raise \$25,000 in revenue, can you come back
95 with a list of things that need to be raised. Absolutely. Commissioner Roe would like the Manager's professional
96 opinion of what needs to be raised and what does not- to cover our costs. Manager notes we would link any raise in
97 fees to those raises in our costs. Not an across the board percentage raise in fees, but those justified by our costs,
98 like we raised our development fees a few years back. Specifically asked about residential compliance fees-
99 currently \$150- absolutely does not cover the cost associated with time spent with potential builders to get the
100 building right. Roe asks if there is no fee for subdividing lot. No, there is not. Commissioner Roe suggests that the
101 Manager's time as LUA is not being properly charged to developers. Roe notes that those kinds of fees raised only
102 impact those using the service instead of everyone.

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104 Mayor Pro Tem White notes we need to look at water and trash most, but development fees need to cover the cost.
105 We can't even qualify for grants because our fees are so low. Manager notes granting agencies are checking the rate
106 FIRST- the Town is doing all it can do (rates are painfully high and no further raises can be acceptable) without a
107 grant. OR- the Town is repeatedly in violation AND rates are too high already. So when people empty and fill pools,
108 we get that? Yes- they get a SEWER adjustment, not a water adjustment.

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110 Commissioner Roe asks the one resident participating (Martin Barrow) to compare the water- Town to County- Mr.
111 Barrow notes the Town water is better than the County water, now has switched from one to the other. Question
112 about turning over the system to the County- Manager notes that turning it over removes your control of price and
113 quality.

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115 Commissioner Roe wants a list of all reasonable fee increases from the manager.

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117 Manager notes the Auditor comes next week and will do some adjusting entries that we cannot do. Anything that
118 comes in after July that needs to be backed in requires the Auditor to do that.

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120 Unrestricted unreserved is sitting at approximately \$774,000. Number will be verified by the auditor next week.
121 Commissioner Roe asked about what we need to hold. Manager explained we are way above our requirement.
122 Commissioner Roe stated the School of Govt said we were very good at reserving enough. Mayor Pro Tem White
123 wants the unrestricted unreserved number so we can see where we are. Manager notes some of those one time
124 projects are counted into the operating budget, which then increases our operating budget and necessarily lowers the
125 percentage. Roe asked for explanation of restricted reserves and what they can be used for. Asked about using
126 "event" (storm FEMA) money for those restricted things. Only can be used to repair/replace what has been
127 damaged/destroyed. The question raised where that split was designated. State local bill allows for collection and
128 distribution of occupancy tax. Could we change the distribution? Yes. Could make another reserve restricted
129 account, not into general or water fund. How much is in HWAC reserve? About \$213,000. HWAC maintains
130 waterfront facilities. Who pays for the portable toilet? P&R. Could Harbor Waterfronts pay for that? Yes. All those
131 come from one account currently. (Commissioner Roe excused briefly).

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133 Manager asks if there are any other questions about the calculations.

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136 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – May 19, 2022, 8AM

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138 Manager gets a MOTION from Commissioner Overcash to close the meeting. Commissioner Price seconds.
139 Commissioner Roe returns and has another question. Tree Board hiring contractor to trim large trees- can we take
140 that from Harbor Waterfronts? If the trees are at the waterfront. Mayor Pro Tem White asks if there are any other

141 directions we want to give the Manager. You (the Manager) have the priorities we set at the budget retreat? Yes.
142 Maintenance, roads, drainage, people. 5-0.

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146 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:57AM.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2PM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Budget Meeting #2 held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 was called to order at 8 AM.
2 Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the budget meeting and turned it over to the Manager.
3 The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.

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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Officer Nic Blayne, and members of the
8 public. Commissioner Winfrey absent
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10 Fee Schedule- Chapter S in General Ordinances. Manager will answer questions raised at last meeting prior to
11 moving on. Trash/Recycling in the last complete FY was subsidized by \$63,124.65 which breaks down to
12 \$7.13/acct/month. We did not take in what we paid out- hence the subsidy. Your tax rate gives you around
13 \$24,450/\$.01.\$100value, so you are paying nearly \$.03/\$100 on your tax rate to subsidize trash hauling. It should
14 operate as an enterprise fund. Commissioner Roe asked why? Town used to collect, then contracted it out at a much
15 reduced rate. Can we make it an enterprise fund? It would cost above (\$7.13). Manager notes you can start an
16 incremental raise, but you cannot hold a future Board to your plan. Commissioner Price asks about comparable
17 service out in the County. County does not have a trash contract- private haulers charge individuals in the County
18 \$30-40/month for that service- no recycling, except for County manned station once weekly. Reason for higher cost
19 is that residences are spread out- here, you move 50ft to the next can, there it may be a mile. Raising the whole
20 \$7.13 breaks even to the 2020-21 FY.

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22 Revenue options are in the Chapter S Fee schedule. Suggested changes noted. Pamlico County compared to
23 Oriental rate. Pamlico County \$4.85/1000 gal. Our base rate is \$3.75, \$4.15, \$4.25 in a tiered structure- paying
24 more for more usage as recommended by NCRWA. Currently, the water fund sits at \$219,000 in and \$211,000 out-
25 razor thin. Commissioner Roe believes we are overcharging in General and undercharging in Water. For example,
26 costs for administration and staff time in water are not accounted for in the water fund. Manager explains tracking
27 time and that we did that one year- accurately put exact percentages in, and struggled to keep the fund solvent.
28 Manager agrees, admin is perfectly acceptable placement of those administrative costs, according to the School of
29 Govt. Commissioner Price asked to confirm that we do not qualify for grants because our rates are so low. True.
30 Should that be a goal? Manager notes that at some point, the grants require your rates to be absolutely unacceptable,
31 or your system falls into violation/unable to repair. Up to the Board- the proposed budget is a maintenance budget-
32 there is no wiggle room for anything expensive to break.

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34 Discussion concerning ARPA funds spent in water this year. Manager notes the Treasury is revising guidance with
35 a limit of \$10M to what/where the money needs to be spent. We will have to make changes to our existing tracking.

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37 Tonnage- 474 tons of MSW, 150 tons of recycling that we do NOT pay tipping on- so removing recycling impacts
38 tipping.

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40 Zoning fees- page 4 of Chapter S- fees do not cover things like SUPs, advertising, research, postage, signage, filing
41 with ROD afterward- cost is closer to \$500. Review of letters of zoning compliance-\$150 not remotely covering the

42 cost. Commissioner Roe states that any service the Town provides should cover the cost to the Town to provide that
43 service.

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45 Leak Adjustments- Ordinance does not limit the size of the leak. We are treating every gallon that is on the ground.
46 We are on the hook for that. Commissioner Overcash notes there should be a threshold. Manager would like a
47 listing of leaks adjustments and agrees that a limit is prudent. Dep Finance Dir. Cox notes that BRMSD give a 75%
48 adjustment, not bringing it all the way back to normal bill.

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50 Commissioner Roe asks if all fees are subject to being changed. YES. The School of Government told
51 Commissioner Roe at his class that the only place the Town of Oriental does not look good is on the water fund.
52 One of the larger costs drops off this year as the last payment on the lead abatement done 5 years ago is finished.
53 That drops our maintenance cost \$20,000. There is currently no depreciation in this budget- and with a lot of new
54 equipment, depreciation, whether funded or not, is still part of the audit. There is also no reserve for capital
55 expenses. Commissioner Roe asks about the generator on the plant. Manager notes that is government surplus and
56 very old, but has worked like a champ. There is nothing in this budget that will replace that if it breaks.

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58 Ms. Crosser is recognized by the Mayor- is concerned that there is not a significant reserve in the water fund. We've
59 been fortunate in grants, and hurricanes suck, but it's a matter of time for large expenses to be incurred. And we're
60 growing fast, which puts a strain on the system. She also stated that the garbage needs to become self paid, and not
61 pull that from the general fund. Manager explains the progression of the garbage fees in the past. One Board agreed
62 to go up incrementally until it was self-supporting. When the Board changed over, the next Board did not continue.

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64 Mayor Pro Tem White notes we have been cautious about raising rates, and I think that was to the detriment of what
65 the budget looks like. Agree with Bonnie- we need to raise water rates in tiers. Manager notes NCRWA says you
66 cannot calculate the same number of gallons at new rate- people will try to reduce their usage. Commissioner Roe
67 asks about Bay River. Manager notes new Asst. Mgr in County said no rate hikes are proposed. Commissioner Roe
68 proposes we raise fees incrementally because for the citizens, all their costs are going up also. Manager notes we
69 delayed fee increases due to Florence, then due to COVID, and now we are woefully behind. Compared our costs to
70 County costs- which are close- County's higher on almost everything. Commissioner White reiterates that we
71 cannot hold a future board to our decision. Incremental only works if the Board stays the same. He proposes we
72 raise to cover the existing trash/recycling shortfall- \$7.13. In 2015, Green Waste cost \$12,000. In 21-22, it's almost
73 \$30,000 so far, noting that the decreased number in 18-19 was because FEMA covered storm debris. Confirm
74 cannot opt out of Town garbage. Businesses can if they have dumpsters. Cannot opt out of recycling if have alcohol
75 license. Town picks up cardboard for any business/resident that needs it- County pays for that dumpster.

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77 Manager notes dead end water lines- cul de sacs- Dolphin Point and Whittaker Point- water sits too long for low
78 usage and much be flushed. Showed the Board dead end lines, proposed fixes, results expected. We flush 600,000
79 per month to refresh lines. We also put another 200,000 gallons on the ground required by the state to hold
80 residuals- 4 TANKFULS of water we have pumped and treated. Fixing (making the lines loop) also gives the
81 opportunity to install more valves to be able to turn off fewer homes when issue. It WILL cost us cost of pipe, PW
82 time. This is one of the alternative uses of the proposed equipment. Commissioner Overcash supports purchase of
83 excavator. Described last changing of the brush cutter to bucket during waterline break, number of customers cut
84 off, etc. For the cost of treating all that dumped water, we could fix a few streets and loop it. Commissioner Roe
85 says we do not have the personnel to make it all happen. If we buy it, the work has to happen.
86 Contract/rental/equipment? Drainage work was stopped for that decision. Mayor Pro Tempore White notes that
87 people will just leave sinks, trees, all kinds of stuff- with the ability to take it elsewhere- and just don't.

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89 Ms. Crosser notes she sees that as well, and then the mess at the Town Beach (pipes sticking up and the Christmas
90 tree pile). Manager notes some of that is due to prep for drainage contracted project. The trees are to hold the sand
91 and are standard procedure.

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93 Mayor Pro Tempore White states that we need to pick the priorities and give the manager the money to make it
94 happen.

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96 Manager says we will start into the GF expenses we know and the things that are constant.

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98 Police radios- we received donated radios- several thousand dollars saved. You received a check for \$12,000 from
99 ECC when ADA project went sideways. We allocated \$10,000 in WF to buy water while plant closed for softeners-
100 didn't have to. We budgeted \$15,000 for solar lights that we cannot get here by end of year.

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102 Commissioner Roe notes savings of HWAC committee and limited project movement. We can use it for other
103 things. We can take it and split between Tourism/HWAC/Parks and Rec or we can combine Parks and Rec and
104 HWAC. We need to look at that money sitting in reserve and would it be better spent elsewhere. Manager notes the
105 priority list for HWAC will be expensive, which was why the reserve built- Net House, Harbormaster, boat,
106 training, mooring field.

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108 Discussion on Powell fund use.

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110 Commissioner Price reminds the Board that we do not qualify for grants in the water fund. Can we get there?
111 Manager says no, not at these rates. Those who qualify are traditionally in violation, under Special Order of
112 consent, or are already charging painfully high rates. As soon as we go higher than the County, there would be
113 discussion on turning over the water system, and we have discussed that at length. Once you give it up, you lose
114 control of price and quality. We would immediately be hit with a \$1.00/1000 gallon price increase.

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116 Pay increases: Manager notes, employees benefit from higher COLA raises- the pay increases are spread out and the
117 tax pull is relatively smaller. The tax chunk on merit pay is larger, but it is not compounded into rolling over salary.
118 The CPI we use is January of the previous year, which was 7.9%. It's already up from there, but 8% is a lot. We
119 participated in the SOG survey to see what everyone in the state is doing for COLA/Merit, but the results aren't
120 back. We spent 3 years upgrading positions to get to the state averages. Mayor Pro Tempore White notes it is
121 \$25,000-\$40,000.if a 5% increase and up to 3% merit. Commissioner Roe says we should decide 8% and divide it
122 how the manager chooses. We should set hers and let her set the rest. Manager notes she would prefer that we
123 decide across the Board.

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125 Commissioner Overcash asks if we are going to choose increased fee numbers. Mayor Pro Tem White notes we
126 should increase trash at \$7.13 and increase the water- worst case scenario and see what it comes out to.
127 We need to know the retained unrestricted reserve, the amount we have spent in ARPA funds in 21-22.

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129 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – May 3, 2022, 8AM, Budget meeting immediately
130 following. (RECORDED BATTERY DIED PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT)
131 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 3:12PM.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 8AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Meeting held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 was called to order at 8 AM. Mayor Belangia
2 determined a quorum to be present. Manager Miller, Dep Finance Officer Cox, Town Staff, and many residents..
3 The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.
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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Winfrey, Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, the Town
8 Attorney M. Scott Davis, Town Staff, and members of the public. Mayor Belangia began with the Pledge of
9 Allegiance. Mayor Belangia notes the full room and encourages everyone to sign up for commenting.
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11 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to approve the agenda. Commissioner Roe
12 requests to add the Consent Agenda to that Motion. Commissioner Overcash agrees to amend the Motion.
13 Commissioner Roe seconds. 5-0.
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15 Public Comment: Mayor notes state name and address prior to speaking
16 8:02AM Carla Fischer- lengthy statement (attached)- need more participation in the process- how the process
17 works. Complimented the Board and Manager for professional deliberation on budget. Referenced flier distributed
18 in Town.
19 8:06 Jean White- Support for Manager-working together without divisiveness. Noted flier distribution with
20 distributors claiming Manager needs to go. People need to attend meetings to know what's going on.
21 8:10 Janice Cox- background in Public Service. Referenced unsigned flier. Made her come to meeting. Public
22 servants choose to work in Public sector to help the community. Agrees with pay and merit and insurance benefits.
23 8:13 Don McGuire- part of HWAC. Wonderful little Town. Invites all those involved in the flier to come to
24 meetings and would get a different point of view. Manager always available for consultation. No other small towns
25 he has lived in have this range of services.
26 8:16 Pat Nocera-complimented the Manager's professionalism.
27 8:17 Vicki Rasmussen- her 1st meeting. Flier made her realize she needed to come to meetings. Transparency is the
28 key. She handed out the fliers- believed that the flier indicated lack of transparency.
29 8:18 Lynn O'Neill- resident since 1998. Trusts Board's judgment on issues that have to keep us current as we grow.
30 For the budget.
31 8:19 Debra Dammeyer- Thanks Board, residents for coming, and staff. Handed flier. Realized didn't know if the
32 flier was true because had not come. Come here to have a voice. No name to call, motivation? Flier did make her
33 come. Pull up the best and stand it forward.
34 8:22 Sue (inaudible)Brugett- Important that we publish the agenda.
35 8:22 Jim Blackerby-HWAC Board. Agrees with all said previously. Manager has proven herself time and time
36 again. Focus on Hurricane reparation- hazard mitigation- we are preparing instead of reacting. After Florence, Town
37 staff worked long hours to get us back together.
38 8:24 Danny Forman- trying to get up to speed. Recommends that excel sheets are posted for review.
39 8:26 Allison DeWeese- other than Board and staff, she observed very few others attending budget meetings-
40 meeting minutes and all documents are posted. Information is out there. A lot of people have stopped her about the
41 flier. Public meetings- you can record it, I record it, the Town has it. The Town does talk about everything in the
42 budget in those meetings.

43 8:28 Breena Lietzenberger- new to Town. Manager has helped with property management and business concerns,
44 and has been nothing but professional.

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46 Public Hearing for the Budget 22-23. Manager notes the budget they have is the most recent draft with corrections
47 made following spreadsheet error in calculations. The only way to correct was to eliminate the open position in
48 Public Works. In making that correction, Police and Public Works reserve added back in. Notes we have the
49 spreadsheets up. If we make changes, we have to get to the zero prior to approval. Notes totals in each fund. \$.01
50 on the tax rate is a little over \$24,000. Budgeting at 98% collection. No transfer of funds. Mayor Pro Tempore White
51 makes a MOTION to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 5-0.

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53 SB: Anybody else need to sign up for this one?

54 SB: We have Jennifer Roe at 502 South Ave.

55 JR: Full disclosure, Frank Roe is my husband and I do not speak for him, I speak for myself. I am not 100% in
56 support of the budget. I did the fliers, information on the fliers. They were not detailed- just bullet points to get
57 people's attention and make them aware of what's going on. I've been (inaudible) over twenty years, I've been on
58 various boards, and various committees. When government starts out, government- something I want to say- it was
59 never about an employee, it was about what the budget says. Government jobs and the private sector should be here
60 (hand gestures). People in the government sector should not be equal to the private sector. And you have to consider
61 the private sector- these things sound good, sound great financially. But you also have to consider the private sector
62 that pays the bills. And that's all I have.

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64 SB: Thank you. Danny Forman (inaudible- declines to speak again)

65 SB: Anybody else?

66 -Manager reminds Mayor once Public Hearing is closed, comments are over-

67 SB: That's right, comments are over once we close it.

68 CO: Moves that the Public Hearing close.

69 DW: Seconds.

70 5-0.

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72 Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION that the budget as presented is approved. Commissioner
73 Overcash seconds.

74 Commissioner Roe notes a lot of work went into the budget. It is not reflective of increases in cost we are likely to
75 experience. Not in favor of the large piece of equipment or maintenance of extra Police vehicle. We cannot foresee
76 economic conditions upcoming. Manager did her best to capture the rising costs. Suggests we postpone purchasing
77 the excavator. Dispose of third Police car, and use those funds for other issues. These are the only issues.
78 Emphasizes that our employees need to be properly compensated, and support increase in pay.

79 Commissioner Price also questions excavator purchase, believes we should contract it out. (Starts into discussing the
80 fee schedule- Manager notes that is the next Public Hearing and the agenda order was approved, so need to discuss
81 one then the other). Commissioner Roe asks if we approve the budget is the fee schedule approved. Manager notes
82 the numbers in the budget are calculated from the fee schedule, but that she had no indication changes were to be
83 proposed or there would have been a different order. As the agenda is approved, we must go through it in that order.
84 Commissioner Price would like to change the recycling fee and make it incremental. This is a bill we all have to
85 pay. Asks if amendments to the motion can be made. Manager notes the person making the motion must make the
86 amendment or agree to an amendment from another. Commissioner Price asks Mayor Pro Tem White to amend the
87 Motion to remove the excavator and amend the recycling fees. Mayor Pro Tem White declines. Vote: 3-2, with
88 Commissioners Roe and Price dissenting.

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90 Public Hearing #2: Fee Schedule. Manager goes through proposed affected items to be increased. All increases
91 were discussed relative to their impact on the ability of fees to cover the cost to the Town to make those things

92 happen. Relative costs to the County. Town WITH increases to water is still less than rates from County prior to
93 increases proposed. Water Fund is barely covering its own costs. Capital fixes should assist in lowering costs or
94 covering increases, however, not eligible for grants due to low rates. Manager goes through all cost increases.
95 Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Roe seconds. 5-0.
96 SB: Do we have the Public Hearing paper?
97 SB: all right. The first one is Jennifer Roe.
98 JR: I believe I spoke last year about kicking the can down the road. So, now we've got to stop kicking that can down
99 the road. My question to Board would be, and thank you, Commissioner White for bringing it up, that Boards do
100 change, although I think a few of you have been here through several changes, so My question is I understand that
101 we have two green waste dumpsters, and I understand exactly what Miss Miller was saying about green waste. My
102 question is could we go to one, and defer some of that cost of recycling bins for our citizens during these trying
103 times of economic inflation? That would be a suggestion to the Board.
104 SB: Thank you. Danny Forman
105 DF: I would suggest, since the green waste, the dumpsters- for one they are not very slightly at the Water Plant. And
106 everybody that hauled their green waste to the dumpsters- encourage them to haul it to the dump. Encourage them
107 not to burn. That way the cost is their cost, it's not public cost and hopefully it will bring the increased rate down.
108 Plus there's a tremendous amount of out-of-town people using the dumpsters. That's all I have. Thank you.
109 SB: Thank you. Carol Small
110 CS: Good Morning everybody. Like Danny said- Are contractors allowed to use those dumpsters?
111 DM: No, Ma'am, we're stopping that about twice a month.
112 CS: I'm not a town spy, but I walk two dogs twice a day, so I see contractors. But that's not my issue. My issue is
113 would the Town be amenable to do some education for what you can and cannot put in the blue cans. And my
114 question is because one time we took a load of stuff to the transfer station and saw the recycling truck dumping its
115 contents into the landfill trash section. And I said why are you dumping the recycling into the trash? He said because
116 people commingle trash and recyclables, which contaminates the whole load. Adult diapers and other trash into blue
117 cans. And please- I do not go through your blue can's contents- I do not lit the lid to see what's in there, but
118 sometimes the lid is open with things hanging out. A long time ago, Jayne Stasser and John Bloom spent a lot of
119 time trying to educate people about what you can and can't recycle. Unfortunately, they're gone and the whole
120 program of volunteers has gone away. So I walk past the blue cans and one of my neighbors had all these hangers
121 hanging out of the can and I happened to be with her and said, "You know you're not supposed to do that." And she
122 said "Well, they're plastic." So people don't know that anything that's plastic can't go in there, including bags. And
123 Diane knows I came in and got the big stickers that say "Under no circumstances, under pain of death, do not put
124 plastic bags in this can." So I do it in my house- my recyclables go into a plastic bag, but then dumped into the blue
125 can and the plastic bag then goes to the trash bin. But most people don't know that's what they should do. And they
126 also recycle stuff that has the high numbers, 8,9, 10...and we don't recycle those things. At least we didn't when
127 Jayne Stasser and John Bloom were doing the recycling. We basically do water bottle type bottles, any kind of glass
128 not broken, and cardboard. Thank you.
129 SB: Thank you.
130 DM: Offers to schedule review at next meeting.
131 SB: Any more comments?
132 DW MOTION to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Overcash seconds.5-0.
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134 Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to accept the fee schedule except change the upcharge on recycling from
135 \$6.75 to \$4.50 this year. Commissioner Price seconds. Commissioner Overcash understands what they're saying,
136 but at some point we have to do this. Commissioner Overcash would support splitting the difference. Mayor Pro
137 Tempore White says we have had this discussion over 5 budget sessions. It's a \$57/year increase that we need to do.
138 Commissioner Overcash asks if this affects the budget we just passed. Manager notes YES, but you don't have to
139 amend the budget until the fund goes over the allocated amount. You'll have to move it from General Fund
140 appropriated. Vote 3-2 with Mayor Pro Tempore White and Commissioner Winfrey dissenting.

141 Commissioner Roe notes the Water Fund has been underfunded repeatedly. This fee schedule should go a long way
142 to correcting it.

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144 Public Library Presentation: Ms. Bonnie Cap does a presentation for the Pamlico Public Library noting the plans for
145 the new purchased building and requests information dissemination left for the Town for residents who would like
146 to contribute to the building fund.

147 Mayor Belangia calls for a break.

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149 Following the break, Commissioner Roe asks that the Town draft a letter in support of the Library's efforts for their
150 use in fundraising. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 5-0.

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152 Audit Presentation: Mr. Gregory T. Redman, CPA notes that this is an unmodified opinion. Mr. Redman goes
153 through the two issues- late audit and water fund operating fund. Audit was late because our former contracted
154 auditor was unable to complete and notified us very late. Water fund is operating on thin margin. We are holding
155 82% of unrestricted unreserved. A letter is required by the NC Treasurer addressing those. Once approved, the
156 report is posted to the Town's website.

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158 Planning Board request for Public Hearing: The Planning Board has completed revision to Section 60 and 135 to
159 add tent camping to the RV Ordinance, which requires a Public Hearing. They request you set that for your June
160 23rd meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION to schedule a Public Hearing. Commissioner Winfrey
161 seconds. 5-0.

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163 Appointments/Ordinance Change: The HWAC Committee requests changes to their Board requirements to add to
164 their numbers and allow additional full time County residents to serve. Appoint Mr. Kellenberger, Nocera, and
165 Szerlag to HWAC. Revisions made to Ordinance change. Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to appoint
166 members and make adjustments to the Ordinance, as amended. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0.

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168 Meeting Movement: The Board is scheduled for year end closing meeting June 23, 2022. The Board can, and has in
169 the past, add to that agenda, any items available for the July 5 meeting and cancel the July 5 meeting due to
170 traditionally not having a quorum available near the holiday. Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to add July
171 5 business to June 23 scheduled meeting. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0.

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173 Meeting Schedule and Holiday Schedule. Manager provides draft schedule to Board. Some discussion about
174 Election Day- traditionally moved to accommodate. However, Election Day is NOT the 1st Tuesday, but rather the
175 second Tuesday, so the meeting can proceed on November 1 as scheduled. January- move to 10th and make it
176 Regular meeting AND workshop. Commissioner Overcash makes the MOTION to approve the adjusted schedule.
177 Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0. Holiday Schedule- the proposed holiday schedule was approved as presented
178 on a MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore White and Commissioner Overcash as a second. 5-0.

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180 Chapter K amendment. The Board approved proposed adjustment to Chapter K as pertaining to water leak
181 adjustments. Adjustments will be made for the first 40,000 gallons ONLY. After 40,000 gallons, the customer will
182 be charged at the highest rate. Several huge volume leaks have been from negligence. The Town offers- AT NO
183 CHARGE- the service of shutting off water for residents who leave for periods of time. Mayor Pro Tempore White
184 makes the MOTION to approve the adjustment as proposed. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0.

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186 Police Report was brief, including speeding data on Hodges Street, indicating people were mostly slowing once they
187 saw the speed sign. Officer Blayney noted both Officers are now radar certified and equipment is being calibrated.
188 Board suggested a media presence to indicate we would be watching speeding in Town. Suggestion made to install
189 additional limit signs further up Hodges St.

190 Manager's Report: Manager went through attached items. Beach project and road closure. Signed Contract as
191 directed by Board. No construction during July 4th holiday. Beach will be closed during construction. Protocol in
192 conjunction with Bay River to ensure sewerage keep moving or is pumped into truck and removed during
193 construction. Burnout continues. Public Works accomplishments. New taps, new housing starts way up. Mosquito
194 spraying starting this week.

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196 Commissioners Comments: Mayor Pro Tempore White notes still moving forward with progress on Net House.
197 Meeting this week to see if project can be broken into stages, noting that we cannot break it down to avoid bidding
198 rules, but we can if remodelers have specific skills and different abilities, we can use several groups to make it
199 happen and get the Net House secured and safe. Commissioner Roe notes we will need to have reports from the use
200 of the new equipment by hours and jobs. Suggested one dumpster (green waste) inside the fence and one outside the
201 fence. Would like a list of which committees are responsible for what. Finally, does not in any way support letting
202 Manager Miller go. Whoever said that, it was inappropriate.

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204 Commissioner Winfrey makes a MOTION to adjourn. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 5-0.

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213 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – June 23, 2022, 8AM, MOVED from July 5 and including
214 budget amendment to get back into balance prior to end of fiscal year.
215 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 3:12PM.

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219 Sally Belangia, Mayor

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219 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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222 Approved _____, 2022