

**ORIENTAL TREE BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 29, 2018**

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The regular meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held at Town Hall on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. All members were present.

AGENDA

1. Roll Minutes - the minutes were approved without objection.

2. Old Business -

- * Pamlico Tree Care has completed the assigned work along South Avenue.
- * The requested pruning session with members of the town crew took place, with interest in more sessions, if and when possible.
- * The Lou Mac Park oak has been fertilized and is showing good vigor.

3. New Business -

- * The Board is starting to receive requests for planting next winter.
- * The willow oaks at Valinoti's are being monitored. Chelated iron and fertilizer have been applied.
- * An inspection and consultation with NC Forest Service on some local bay laurel trees took place and it is determined that what looks like laurel wilt/ambrosia beetle damage was not, but was instead caused by this past winter's cold temperatures.
- * A resident asked Bob Miller about insects on a tree. Miller determined that they are a small colony of bark lice and are harmless.

4. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Toni Leavitt

To: Oriental Town Board

From: Debra Khouri, BRMSD Board Member

Re: The Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District Board at its monthly meeting held on May 17, 2018

Actions taken at this meeting.

The board approved a rate change effective July 1, 2018. The current rate is \$22.00 service charge (includes the first 2,000 gallons used) then \$ 9.85 per 1.000 gallons. The new rate is \$23.00 service charge (Includes the first 1,500 gallons used) then \$9.00 per 1.000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons, then \$9.85 per 1000 gallons. The average residential customer uses approximately 4000 gallons per month.

Other Items:

The board was presented with the preliminary 2018-2019 budget which will be the main focus of next month's meeting.

The board was also presented with a System Development Fee Analysis. Thomas Engineering was retained by the District to analyze their system development fees considering current legislative events, so that they comply with North Carolina House Bill 436. The bill was ratified to address fee inconsistencies among public providers including calculation methodologies and implementation. The report summarized the methodology utilized to calculate wastewater capacity fees for BRMSD. Capacity fees are one-time charges to new development to defray some of the costs of providing necessary public facilities. The new state guidelines require that fees are updated by July 1.