



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

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Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

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10 Commissioner Price, Commissioner Eric Dammeyer, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Officer Tammy
11 Cox, Public Works Director/ ORC Andrew Cox, and Members of the Public.

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13 The Board was presented General Fund and Water Fund expected revenues. The Manager noted there was a
14 sizeable increase in the expected GF revenues, owing to the addition of substantial property and an increased
15 collection rate.

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17 As rates had not changed in the Water Fund, the projected revenues are on pace with the previous year, noting
18 potential slight increases in user fees for online options, and potential for new services/fees provided in the
19 upcoming year, following requests for same.

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21 Projections for account lines that come from the state are provided from projections from the North Carolina League
22 of Municipalities (NCLM), the NC State Treasurer’s Office, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for
23 federal funding.

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27 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to continue the meeting to April 23, 2018 at 8AM. Seconded by
28 **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.

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36 Sally Belangia, Mayor

_____ Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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13 The Board was presented a partial general fund budget, owing to slow numbers to be forwarded for health insurance,
14 and awaiting final tallies on which staff worked in which fund for the current year in order to accurately attribute the
15 correct percentages to each fund.

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17 In addition, the Manager noted the still-behind funding of the sanitation fund. The fund is subsidized from the
18 general fund by approximately \$23,000 and was likely to go up due to an expected CPI increase on tipping expected
19 this year.

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21 Currently, the Manager expects to not be required to raise any rates or fees in the Town in order to accomplish the
22 stated priorities for the year. Having said that, numbers are not remotely firm for a fix to the proposed problem at
23 Whittaker Pointe as a committee is working on funding options from outside sources. Regardless of acquired
24 assistance, the Town would likely incur some cost in the project. At the time of those definitions, a budget
25 amendment would be required if not ascertained prior to enactment of the budget.

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27 In the Water Fund, the number of meters to be replaced in the upcoming fiscal year is reduced by the number we did
28 not replace in the current year. Also, maintenance projects on the fund are dropping off starting next year, with a
29 noticeable reduction in the next two, and return to normal in 4 years.

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32 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to continue the meeting to May 14, 2018 at 8AM. Seconded by
33 **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7pm
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on April 3, 2018 was called to order at 7pm. The Mayor Sally
7 Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment period, if you wish to speak
8 please make sure you are signed up on the correct sheet.
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10 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Simmons,
11 Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Officer Nic Blayney, ORC/Public Works Director Andrew Cox
12 and Members of the Public. Commissioner Dammeyer was absent and Administrative Assistant Jeannine Russo
13 were absent. Mayor Belangia made the announcement that Manager Miller has graduated from the UNC School of
14 Government, Municipal and County Administration Course, and presented her with flowers and commended her for
15 all of her hard work.
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17 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

18 Manager Miller requested an amendment be made to the Agenda, while there was a relatively full room, to take the
19 portion of the Manager's Report that addresses the rabies quarantine and address that issue first.
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21 (a) **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to amend the Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**.
22 Motion passed 4-0.
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24 Manager Miller spoke about the rabies quarantine, which has been put out on the News and Alerts list and on our
25 website, all of the information received from the County. Animal Control and our Oriental Police Officer have
26 located and removed three raccoons and two foxes in the past few months that have tested positive for rabies. This
27 quarantine means that animals need to be within the care and control of the owner for 60 days. This is imposed by
28 the health director on the authority of the State Health Director. It can be lifted when the emergency has passed. Part
29 of the problem is a significant feral cat population and no leash law, there is a potential for danger to animals
30 running loose. Feral cats will be trapped. Flyers have been placed in every door in town. If an animal is trapped that
31 is tagged, it will be returned to the owner. It is recommended that they be chipped. If they are not claimed in three
32 days, they will be euthanized. We are doing everything we can to spread the word to ensure this does not happen.
33 The human and animal populations also need to be protected. Dr. Dimond and Dr. Hicks are doing micro-chipping
34 and rabies vaccinations quickly. Manager Miller urged residents to be sure their pets are up to date on their
35 vaccinations.
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37 1. Consent Agenda

38 a. Minutes from Regular Meeting April 3, 2018
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40 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Price**.
41 Motion passed 4-0.
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43 REGULAR BUSINESS

44 2. Public Comment Period

45 Larry Summers – Stated they had a great kayak event this weekend, approximately 30 people. Asked for donations
46 for equipment, brought in \$395 from the paddle, over \$2,400 from the brewery, which gets matched, very successful
47 event. Secondly, they are having problems getting drivers for the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) van and will
48 try to pitch it around the Town and County. They take veterans to medical appointments to the VA Hospital in
49 Durham, clinic in Greenville and clinic in Morehead City. Manager Miller asked Mr. Summers to send her the
50 details to put out to the public. Mr. Summers addressed the Chapter K revision where it concerns a 6" main, asked if
51 some areas are covered by 4" or smaller. Manager Miller explained out to the undeveloped areas, it is 10" and the
52 problem in some areas is the cul de sacs, the line stops at the end and those on the other side of the road are long
53 tapped under the road. We are trying to avoid that. Mr. Summers also had a concern about fire hydrants and the fire
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55 department has a formula for these. He states insurance is based on these and Oriental is in the best insurance
56 category now as this is based on the distance from the hydrants. Manager Miller stated this is more protective than
57 what is currently employed. ORC Andrew Cox, who was present at the meeting, stated this would still be a ¾”
58 service line tapped into a 6” main. Mr. Summers feels there are problems.
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60 3. Rezoning Public Hearing

61 Manager Miller: The issue in front of you is that Mr. Arnfast had applied for a rezoning of an R-1 lot to be rezoned
62 as an MU. This is the lot that is the marina proper and it is zoned MU. This is the lot in question and it is zoned R-1
63 and it is also part of this subdivision. At the time of the sale, Mr. Arnfast owned this property, this property and this
64 property and this one does, in fact, have a house on it in that R-1 zone and I believe the new owners purchased all
65 three properties. The request is for this property to be rezoned from R-1 to MU. You have in your package, the
66 maps, the metes and bounds, all of those things that are required. There is a letter addressed to Mr. Grady, who was
67 one of the closing attorneys, that advises him that the storage and parking is part of the operation at 1218 Lupton and
68 a contiguous marina at the corner predates the enactment of the Growth Management Ordinance so the uses that
69 have been continuous on that lot at 1216 are grandfathered. They are not grandfathered per owner. They are
70 grandfathered use of the land. It is a use that is grandfathered as storage and parking. Until and unless that ceases to
71 be the use for 180 consecutive days, that use is allowed on that lot, not as a permitted parking and storage lot
72 because as a permitted parking and storage lot, there are landscaping requirements and setbacks and all of that. But
73 because it had been used that way, it is allowed to continue that way. At 181 days of discontinuance of the use, it
74 would revert back to only the uses that are allowed in R-1. Also, in your package there is Board of Commissioners
75 Public Hearing for 2003, which was the time that Mr. Arnfast had proposed that there was a rezoning issue similar
76 on the other side of the creek and the only one that we found was the one in your package and that was for the Inn at
77 Oriental so we were unable to find any rezoning of the Deaton parcels. You have notes from me as the Planning
78 Board went through the process that argues both sides of this whether you should or whether you shouldn't so I have
79 given you reasons to think about for all of that. It was also in the Planning Board minutes. Planning Board minutes
80 for both the March 21 and April 18 meeting are still online for those of you who would like to read and this entire
81 package is online attached to tonight's meeting. You also have Planning Board minutes from 2003 that said Mr.
82 Arnfast was going to do a preliminary request for a change in zoning but he did not show up and the Planning Board
83 tabled it so he chose at that point not to continue on. You have a statement of zoning inconsistency from the
84 Planning Board. Their official recommendation signed by the Chair, Dr. Aeschleman. There is also a form in there,
85 an Ordinance to amend the map. Our GMO does not speak to rezoning as rezoning. It speaks to a change to the
86 GMO map so any place that you want to look for rezoning rules; that is what you have to look for, not rezoning.
87 There is a draft in there if you choose to do the rezoning. That is the form that you will use. Also attached are the
88 Planning Board minutes from March 21 and April 18 for your reference. If there are any questions that I can answer
89 for you before you go into your discussion and Public Open Hearing, I would be more than happy to answer those.
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91 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by **Commissioner**
92 **Overcash**. Motion passed 4-0.

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94 **Mayor Belangia**: Open Public Hearing, you have to be sworn in.

95 **Manager Miller**: Yes, ma'am.

96 **Mayor Belangia**: You have to state your name, address and swear in. First one is Ronald Zielinski.

97 **Manager Miller**: If we could swear everybody at once, it would be great.

98 **Mayor Belangia**: Henry Frazer, Jennifer and Mike Pawlikowski.

99 **Manager Miller**: Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give the Board in this action shall be the truth,
100 the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God. All answered yes.

101 **Mayor Belangia**: We'll start with the first one on the list – Ronald, your address.

102 **Ronald Zielinski**: My name is Ronald Zielinski. I live at 102 Gull Circle in Oriental. I am here to talk to you about
103 our property, Ron Zielinski and my wife Linda, we have been living at 102 Gull Circle for about 16 years now. The
104 lot we have is slightly diagonal from lot 1216, which is under question right now. We are across from a piece of
105 water there that is called Tarpon Channel. In the past, we accepted the Town of Oriental's allowing restricted
106 commercial use of the said property, which they talked about already. However, we do not support the new change
107 to an MU. Our considerations are a fear of major changes in buildings which would be allowed. Also, there could be
108 additional work done on there, which are not allowed at this point, which could actually increase noise, number one,
109 possible pollution from (inaudible) runoff of the property and we have to worry about any kind of pollution getting

110 into that creek right there. Last but not least, if something is put there, which isn't there now, and all of a sudden
111 removes the trees, the looks of the property and the openness of the whole area, it could reduce the properties values,
112 ours and possibly all of the people along side of us so those are the main issues I have against it.

113 **Mayor Belangia:** Thank you so much.

114 **Commissioners Overcash and White:** Thanks, Ron.

115 **Mayor Belangia:** Henry Frazer.

116 **Henry Frazer:** I would just like to welcome our newest folks to Oriental, Mike and Jennifer, and I am sure they will
117 do an outstanding job for us in Sail Craft Service and that's it.

118 **Mayor Belangia:** Did you guys want to talk too? Jennifer and Mike.

119 **Jennifer Pawlikowski:** We just wanted to say that we are very proud and happy to be a part of Oriental.

120 **Mike Pawlikowski:** We are excited to join the community and take on the business (Jennifer – and make it even
121 better) and for us to grow and continue the legacy that Alan has had and the previous owner before him so we are
122 excited to be here.

123 **Commissioner Overcash:** We appreciate you being here. Have you been well received?

124 **Jennifer Pawlikowski:** Yes. I have spent more time at this Town Hall than I ever have.

125 **Manager Miller:** That is because we are so welcoming.

126 **Mayor Belangia:** Thank you all, appreciate it.

127 **Josiah Hoffman:** My name is Josiah Hoffman. I live at 1204 Lupton Drive and I have never done this before so I
128 am not sure about the protocol. Maybe I should have been sworn in or something.

129 **Manager Miller:** If you want to comment, I need to swear you in. Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you
130 shall give to the Board in this action shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God.

131 **Josiah Hoffman:** Yes. I am here representing some of my neighbors and we are in opposition to the zoning change.
132 We have sent letters to the Board and I just wanted to say, first of all, welcome to the community and we are glad
133 you are here and we appreciate the services that you are to provide us. We are glad that you are grandfathered in but
134 we do not want a zoning change. We just are very worried the (inaudible) commercialism that might happen. As
135 long as you are grandfathered in, we are fine with that and this is, probably a half dozen of my neighbors that I
136 talked to that I am representing that agree with this, not all of them but this is what I am here to say. Again, we are
137 glad you are here but we don't want a zoning change.

138 **Mayor Belangia:** Thank you.

139 **Manager Miller:** You are directed by the Growth Management Ordinance, specifically you and the Planning Board,
140 that you may not take into consideration any promises or reservations for use of the property proposed by the
141 applicant. You must consider all of the potential uses that are allowable in an MU zone. The other thing that you
142 need to pay attention to is that you are not under the same burden of proof that you are during a Special Use Hearing
143 which is the public hearing that you are all so very much used to. This is a – you are to make that decision on the
144 public good, however broadly you would define that.

145 **Mayor Belangia:** Do I have a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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147 **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore**
148 **White.** Motion passed 4-0.

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150 Mayor Pro Tempore White stated that the Planning Board had recommended against rezoning and finds no reason to
151 go against the recommendation of the Planning Board.

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153 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to adopt what the Planning Board has put forth, which is leaving
154 the property R-1 with the grandfathered issues in and not rezone to MU. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash.**
155 Motion passed 4-0.

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157 **4. Public Hearing #2 Adjusting Chapter S - Schedule of Fees**

158 Manager Miller presented a change to the Schedule of Fees and went through them for the Board. There are several
159 changes pertaining to water. There are new fees for new services. We currently do not send someone out to turn on a
160 water customer due to unforeseen circumstance and must wait until Monday. We have had several requests for this
161 service. There is also a new service for residents that have been cut off where one employee from Admin and one
162 employee from Public Works are brought in to take a payment and turn on the water. We are removing Impact Fees,
163 which we have not been charging since the Town of Carthage was hit with litigation, we are in the clear. We have
164 spent approximately \$390,000 in capital improvements while recovering \$62,000. Moving forward, we do not want

165 to be caught in that so we have removed impact fees until we can get engineering to tell us what we would be
166 allowed to charge. The remaining tap fees are our costs to tap on. There are now tampering fees. For approximately
167 a year, we have been telling residents they cannot touch the water meter. It has been found that residents and
168 businesses are breaking meter turn on/off and we have been incurring a lot of these costs. We are now locking the
169 meters with a numbered plastic lock and if this is broken, the tampering fee is added. Only a Town employee or a
170 certified plumber can turn on/off water. Since 1996, homeowners are required by building code to have a valve
171 between the meter and the home. Subdivision development fees have also been added. Currently, there is a fee of
172 \$150 if you are building a new home. This covers reviewing plans and any legal questions for our attorney, water
173 and sewer questions, drainage, etc. Development has been up tremendously in the past six months. Manager Miller
174 researched a similar community to Oriental and worked their fees to our purposes. Commissioners Simmons and
175 Overcash assisted with this. Our minor subdivision is six houses or less and a major subdivision is seven or more.
176 These adjustments are very reasonable but it does cost the Town something to review plans and with a subdivision
177 we have to pay additional hourly legal fees. There is a setup development fee and there is a Water Shortage
178 Response Plan fee structure. Two months ago, the Board re-approved the Water Shortage Response Plan which is
179 required by the State that was created in 2009 and we are at the point where we are required to go through it again
180 and make sure everything is still correct. This includes a fee structure for violators of the Water Shortage Response
181 issues. If the Town were to be put under that plan by the State, Manager Miller would have to come to the Board and
182 ask to schedule a Public Hearing and the following month and present this information before the penalty phase
183 could go into effect. Having this in our fee structure, even if it is only enforced when Water Shortage Response has
184 been directed by the State, it is there if/when we need to use it. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked for clarification
185 regarding the Water Shortage Response Plan asking if this only applies to someone on our water system and not
186 someone on a well. Manager Miller stated we do not control wells at all. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated while he
187 lived in Raleigh, many people had wells for watering systems and had well signs for their yards as some other
188 residents would sometimes vandalize their sprinkler heads. Commissioner Overcash stated he and Commissioner
189 Simmons met with Manager Miller about all of these changes and everything was in line with other areas and feels
190 the Board should “okay this.”

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192 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by **Commissioner Simmons**.
193 Motion passed 4-0.

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195 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing as there was no discussion. Seconded
196 by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 4-0.

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198 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to accept the revisions to Chapter S. Seconded by **Commissioner**
199 **Simmons**. A resident in attendance had a question about the tap fee, if it is the different for residential and
200 commercial. Manager Miller responded it is the same cost to us regardless of where it is going. Motion passed 4-0.

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202 **5. Chapter K revision**
203 Manager Miller stated the Chapter K revision will solve two problems. It will keep us from putting treated water on
204 the ground to flush at the end to keep fresh water to the end of the line. It will also bring us into line with the State
205 requirements for fire hydrants. We currently have some on small lines and State standard requires 6” lines. This
206 provision added to Section 3 of Chapter K, Article VII, Extensions to Mains and Service, states “You will go half
207 way to the end of the cul de sac with a 6” line, put on a fire hydrant. After the fire hydrant, you can reduce it to a 4”
208 line to the end of the cul de sac and all the way back to the main. Manager Miller and ORC Andrew Cox went
209 through several evolutions and this solves all of the problems. There is a provision in the Development Ordinance
210 that allows the Town to make adjustments so if something does not fit, adjustments can be made, but this should be
211 the standard. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked if this will solve the issue of the water sitting in the pipes. Manager
212 Miller stated, yes, it will make it circulate. A resident in attendance asked if there was a plan to retrofit those
213 systems that currently dead end in cul de sacs. Manager Miller stated there isn’t at this time and most of our
214 distribution system was install in 1975 so there are other priorities. At the point where we can refit and replace, it
215 may be considered.

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217 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to adopt the revisions to Chapter K as stated. Seconded by
218 **Commissioner Overcash**. Commissioner Overcash commented that this was a good solution as there have been
219 problems with flow through and resident complaints of water that smelled bad. It was studied by ORC Andrew Cox

220 and Manager Miller and Commissioner Overcash has attended some of these meetings. It is a very good solution and
221 a lot has gone into this to bring it to where it is. Motion passed 4-0.
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223 6. Public Hearing

224 Manager Miller expects for the Board to be ready to approve the budget; they will have the budget for review by
225 June 1, as statutorily required. At the next regular meeting, June 5, 2018 at 7pm, Manager Miller requests that the
226 Board schedule a Public Hearing for the budget as she is confident there will be a balanced budget by then. The next
227 budget meeting in on May 14.
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229 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to hold a Public Hearing for the budget on June 5. Seconded by
230 **Commissioner Simmons**. Motion passed 4-0.
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232 7. Chapter H Revision

233 Manager Miller stated there is a movement toward more plain language that is more understandable to the general
234 public and Ordinances that were written a long time ago, some will say something, has a comma and then says
235 almost the same thing in different words. When the appellate court looks at this, if something is repeated, there is
236 something in the second part that is completely different from the first part even though it may be the same. The
237 court does not read it this way so we need to be very careful when we rewrite ordinances. We need to try to make
238 them more simple and precise and cite General Statute when able. Manager Miller read from Chapter H, Article III,
239 Section 7 – the way it reads now and pointed out the language that is proposed to be changed, increasing one acre to
240 two acres, lowering the number of animals kept and lowering the distance from 300 feet to 150 feet.
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242 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to accept the revision as stated. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore**
243 **White**. Motion passed 4-0.
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245 8. Resolution 2018-08

246 Mayor Belangia stated that Robert Webster requested that the Town of Oriental do a Resolution for National Safe
247 Boating Week Proclamation and would like to put this in the newspaper. Mayor Belangia read from the Resolution,
248 see attached, proclaiming May 19-25, 2018 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of year round efforts to
249 promote safe boating.
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251 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to approve the Resolution. Seconded by **Commissioner Simmons**.
252 Motion passed 4-0.
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254 9. Manager's Report

- 255 • Financials are attached.
- 256 • Budget session has been scheduled for May 14 from 8-10am. Commissioners may want to schedule
257 another. Manager Miller suggests waiting until we get past that meeting to see where we are.
- 258 • Annual burn out of the water system is in progress. Manager Miller encourages people to call if there are
259 issues with their water as this could mean the coating inside the pipes has broken free and floated down the
260 line and we want to know where that is so it can be flushed out, this is the point of the burn out.
- 261 • Water Advisory Board met this morning, May 1, to work on the Water Fund, going well. This is online for
262 the Board's and public review.
- 263 • Skywarn spotter information is attached.
- 264 • We are working toward becoming a designated Storm Safe Community and will be calling the Emergency
265 Management group together. This is staff and civilian, members of the community.
- 266 • Daniel Early completed C-Well School.
- 267 • Three of our Public Works employees were recertified at pesticide school this week.
- 268 • On June 5, three Public Works are going to classes toward their water licenses.
- 269 • Rabies, covered earlier.
- 270 • Shred event at the courthouse May 8 from 10am-1pm
- 271 • Thank-a-Vet day is Saturday, May 19 at Register of Deeds. Registering DD214s at the courthouse.
272 Manager Miller stressed the importance of doing this.

- 273 • Consumer Confidence Report from the Water Plant is attached. Several years ago, Oriental was at 25%
274 water loss. Andrew Cox and crew have gotten this down to 7%. Part of this report projects water loss out
275 for 20, 40 and 60 years, which were at 23% and these projections may have been made while we were at
276 25%. Mike Hill from NCRWA will come back and look at these projections to see if they can come down
277 as our water loss has gone down.
- 278 • Drainage between the churches – a large oak tree has been removed between the Episcopal and Methodist
279 Churches has been removed and there is a drainage issue there. The culvert that runs under the street and
280 sidewalk across the street to the catch basin is plugged solid as the roots grew through the culvert. We will
281 now go in and fix, and possibly replace, the culvert. Previous to the Bay River Sewer project, their system
282 was open and susceptible to inflow and infiltration and their storm water was draining into the sewer
283 system and Bay River was processing storm water as sewage. Now that their system is sealed, these issues
284 are popping up in Town where the water has no place to work its way to and we are doing significant
285 drainage work.
- 286 • Manager Miller asked the Board to schedule a Special Meeting for Thursday, June 28 at a time of the
287 Board's choosing for Budget Amendments and assure that we are within regulations by June 30. The Board
288 chose to meet at 8am.

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290 **10. Police Report**

291 Officer Nic Blayney spoke about the Business Workshop he did earlier in the month where business owners
292 attended. He said it went well and got a good amount of feedback and contact information from those businesses.
293 The only thing that went up on the monthly report was there were several suspicious vehicles where Officer Blayney
294 found vehicles in parking lots not normally there, running tags and were not cars parked in someone's backyard.
295 Very good month and getting ready for summer. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated he noticed there were four thefts
296 and larcenies, asked if there was anything in particular stolen. Officer Blayney stated one was a yard ornament, one
297 was Dollar General – small stuff.

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299 **11. Commissioners Comments**

300 Commissioner Overcash directed a question to Mike and Jennifer Pawlikowski – when they have their business and
301 contact information, if they could provide these to the Board members. Mayor Pro Tempore White spoke about the
302 Harbor Water Committee and Manager Miller meeting about the Point for the last several months, about the Point
303 being washed away, has gone from 18 acres to approximately 3. The Town is in the process of pursuing three grants
304 which have to be submitted by the middle of June. Rough estimates: Coastal Federation Grant approximately
305 \$450,000. Duke Power \$50,000. DEQ from the State about \$50,000. Two meetings will be held with the Town, one
306 on May 10 at 6pm and the other combined with Tourism on May 17. There is a standing offer from the owners of
307 the Point that they will turn the land over to the Town for no charge. This is Whittaker Point that protects the creek,
308 starting to wash away and has broken through. Mayor Pro Tempore White urged residents to attend these meetings.
309 We are in the process of writing the grants now. Commissioner Overcash stated that this affects everyone on
310 Whittaker Creek, both the shops and residents and needs to be fixed. Commissioner Overcash added that a date
311 needs to be set for the Grand Opening for the Dog Park. May 10 at 11am.

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313 **12. Auxiliary Boards**

- 314 1. BRMSD - April 19, 2018
- 315 2. HWAC - 3-10-18, 4-12-18, 4-19-18, 4-24-18
- 316 3. Planning – March 21, 2018 and April 18, 2018
- 317 4. Tree Board - April 18, 2018

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319 Lisa Thompson of HWAC stated boating season is upon us and her number is posted everywhere in the harbor. She
320 asked that people call her before there is a problem and not wait until a day or two later.

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322 **13. LATE ADD: ADJACENT RIPARIAN OWNER REQUEST**

323 We, as the adjacent riparian owner, have been asked to comment. The options are: I have an objection to this
324 proposal or I have no objection to this proposal, I do wish to waive the 15' setback or I do not wish to waive the 15'
325 setback. Manager Miller stated we never waive a setback and has no reason to oppose a dredge around one of the
326 docks that serves our resident boaters. She has no objection to this and suggests that we not waive the setback and if
327 the Board authorizes her to sign as the adjacent property owner, we will send this back while they are doing their

328 permitting process for their dredge. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked if we know how they are going to dredge, are
329 they going to (inaudible) or suck it out in a pipe. Commissioner Overcash asked where the spoilage is going. They
330 have to conform to CAMA requirements.

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332 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** to authorize Manager Miller to sign with no objections but we do
333 not waive the setbacks. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 4-0.

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335 **14. Adjourn**

336 **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Price**. Motion passed 4-0.

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339 Next meeting scheduled as May 14, 2018, 8-10am (Budget) and June 5, 7pm, regular Town Board meeting.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018 at 8am
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental had a Town Budget Meeting on May 14, 2018 that was called to order at 8AM. The
7 Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She noted the Special Meeting was properly noticed and
8 has a one-item agenda, the approval of new audit contracts following this budget meeting.

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10 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Simmons,
11 Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Officer Tammy Cox, Public Works Director/
12 ORC Andrew Cox, and Member of the Public (Lisa Thompson).

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14 The Board was presented a balanced budget by the Finance Officer. It included no raises in taxes, user fees,
15 sanitation fee. The Manager determined the budget was balanced largely due to the increase in property value added
16 to the tax base as well as an increase in collection percentage, despite adding a new Police Officer and a major
17 capital purchase. The purchase of a recycled oil fueled heater for Public Works as well as the addition of a lawn
18 waste assisting trailer was included. The first pay raise for staff in 4 years is included, as well as funding the reserve
19 for Public Works purchase of lawnmowing equipment and the replacement of the Town Hall generator. The Water
20 Fund was also balanced and presented, including one small project for the plant. Noted also was the lack of funding
21 in place for emergencies or catastrophic failure in the plant, which is becoming less and less likely due to the
22 ongoing capital maintenance/replacement schedules.

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24 There is also a possibility of a System Development fee engineering study to be done at half the originally proposed
25 cost, which may be available shortly. The Board noted that the original quote was a little more than likely to be
26 recovered, even with substantial development, but directed the manager to continue to pursue other options.

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28 The Board approved taking the presented budget to Public Hearing June 5.

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31 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore White**. Motion passed
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34 **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 8:30am.

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36 Next meeting scheduled as June 5, 2018, 7pm, regular Town Board meeting.

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41 Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018 at 8am
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental called a Special Meeting on May 14, 2018 to order at 8:30AM. The Mayor Sally
7 Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She noted this Special Meeting was properly noticed and has a one-
8 item agenda, the approval of new audit contracts.
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10 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Simmons,
11 Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Officer Tammy Cox, Public Works Director/
12 ORC Andrew Cox, and Member of the Public (Lisa Thompson).
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14 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

15 **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to approve the contract with Mr. Larry Carpenter, CPA for the
16 15-16, 16-17, and 17-18 Fiscal Years.. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore White**. Motion passed 4-0.
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18 Manager Miller noted that the budgeted amounts for years past rolled back into the General Fund at the end of fiscal
19 years and that we overbudgeted one year in 18-19 in order to cover potentially more than one year's audit, so we
20 will surely be able to cover the expected costs, even if it takes a budget amendment.
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22 **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 4-
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25 **13. Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 8:40am.
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27 Next meeting scheduled as June 5, 2018, 7pm, regular Town Board meeting.
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