



## ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 8pm  
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC  
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on November 5, 2019 was called to order at 8pm. Mayor  
7 Belangia determined a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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9 PRESENT: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Simmons,  
10 Commissioner Price, Town Manager Diane Miller, Director of Administrative Service Tammy Cox, Officer Nic  
11 Blayney, Administrative Assistant Mary Barnes, and Members of the Public. ABSENT: Commissioner Dammeyer

### 12 13 **1. Approval of Agenda: Need to amend Agenda to cancel #4- Public Hearing.**

14 **4. Public Hearing** *The Public Hearing scheduled and noticed for revision to the Town's Sign Ordinance in the*  
15 *GMO will be cancelled. The Planning Board, following direction from the Town Board on issues to address, ran*  
16 *into several unintended consequences that may be unacceptable. Following this issue and legal counsel, the*  
17 *Planning Board (10-25-19) and Town Board(10-31-19) agree that more work needs to be done to (a) solve the*  
18 *perceived issues while (b) preventing unintended consequences and (c) making the revision complete, by addressing*  
19 *the potential inconsistencies between the 1998 version of the Ordinance and Statute/case law adjudicated in 2016*  
20 *which may affect the enforceability of the Ordinance.* Manager notes that issues arose from discussion and legal  
21 counsel concerning the defensibility of existing Ordinance WRT Case Law from 2016- recommending we look at  
22 the entire Ordinance. The Manager, in her capacity as Land Use Administrator will follow attorney  
23 recommendations and present a draft to the Planning Board that hopefully will address the original concerns, yet  
24 revise the Ordinance to be defensible. Should look to come back to the Town Board following the Holidays for  
25 maximum participation in the process.

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27 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to amend the Agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Simmons**.  
28 Motion passed 4-0.

### 29 30 **2. Consent Agenda (Tab 1)**

- 31 a. Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Regular Meeting October 1, 2019  
32 b. Consider Approval of Workshop Meeting Minutes from October 31, 2019

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34 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore**  
35 **White**. Motion passed 4-0.

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37 **3. Public Comment Period : Larry Summers:** Congrats to the newly elected. Invite to Veterans' Day parade  
38 10AM starting at the Courthouse with breakfast at Anderson Elementary afterwards.

### 39 40 **4. Manager's Report :**

- 41 • Financials attached.  
42 • Budget Amendment to be expected in December for expenditures and reimbursements for both Florence  
43 and Dorian.  
44 • FEMA recognizes the Town for participation in the Community Rating System- process by which our  
45 Flood Insurance is lowered- restricting development, impervious surface restrictions, open drainage,  
46 education, etc.- plaque presented.  
47 • ISO- OSFM- rating has decreased- better- ability to fight fires. Thanks to Fire Department and Chief  
48 Guzzo, and their resultant inspection, how many fire hydrants, response rate, etc.  
49 • Our Local Water Supply Plan was approved by the State- no infractions, reports , lowered testing  
50 requirements.

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- Public Thank you to Mr. Jim Kellenberger who did our Engineering work for the replacement of South Ave at a substantial savings.
- We'll be swearing in our Board at the December meeting- need all full legal names. Board is reminded that they must take the Ethics class required by all Elected. That will be in New Bern.
- Christmas- organizational meeting November 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM for Spirit of Christmas events- several different people do different things- this will help coordinate- Note that the parade has been moved to 2:30PM this year.
- FEMA inspections scheduled on half of our projects from Florence. Few details remain- Lupton fencing, welcome sign, caulking building, caulking bulkhead, replacing mulch. Big items to be inspected in January.
- Manager out this weekend, Mrs. Cox in charge.
- Road race scheduled for November- trying to see if they need our assistance. Mr. Summers notes that Chuck Forrest may be able to help.
- Christmas Party- Volunteer Appreciation for all those who serve on all of our volunteer Boards.

**5. Police Report Officer Blayney**

- Residential alarms- 6/7- same house. Larcenies- one reported from Florence time frame. Other was garbage truck- taken for a joy ride, put back where it was.
- OFPMF- Car Show-Witches Crawl-Halloween-lots of events. No children were sent into the ditch this Halloween. Sheriff's Dept also sent a Lt and candy to distribute on the route.
- Picture of the Month: Mr. Blayney's boat- Nic and Drew went out to search for the other chairs. Found 2/3. Today we got a call from Adam's Creek that the last one made it to the other side.

**6. Commissioner Comments: NONE**

**7. Auxiliary Boards:** Workshops from Planning Board Minutes are included- encourage everyone to take a look. Tourism Board is meeting monthly on the CYCLE NC project. Tree Board is taking requests for Town Trees.

**8. Adjourn.** Next meeting scheduled as December 3, 2019.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

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Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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