

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 1, 2011

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Johnson, Venturi, Roe, Styron and Bohmert
Town Manager Maxbauer and Deputy Clerk Wagoner
Attorney Davis
Interim Chief Moore
LRPCII member Dee Sage and Planning Board Chairman Overcash
Board candidates Pugh, Summers, Bessette and Herlands
Thirteen members of the public

Mayor Sage established quorum, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: With no objections, the agenda was approved as written.

HURRICANE IRENE - AFTERMATH UPDATE - Mr. Maxbauer stated that the debris pickup was in its final stages. He asked the Board to consider allowing citizens to continue putting debris out for Willis Trucking to haul off but at the owners' expense. The FEMA Project Worksheet being processed for the generator at the water plant appeared to be favorable for procuring a new generator. The worksheets for the damage done to the Lou Mac Pier and the waterfront railing; the damaged chain link fence at the Rec Park; and the police car were all submitted. The Town Hall was gutted and now the options for the renovations need to be considered in a timely matter. Mr. Maxbauer then answered questions from the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert moved to set Sunday, November 13, 2012, as the final debris pickup date. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert moved to approve the September 1, 2011, and September 12, 2011, minutes. Second by Commissioner Roe. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Styron moved to approve the Resolution Clarifying Changes to the Personnel Ordinance as written. Second by Commissioner Venturi. After discussion;

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION: Commissioner Styron moved to amend his motion to add the word 'permanent' preceding each word 'employee'. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 3-2 with Commissioners Roe and Bohmert voting no.

VOTE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION: Vote 3-2 with Commissioners Roe and Bohmert voting no.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Approval of the October 4, 2011, minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

Consider Approval of the October 4, 2011 Closed Session minutes:

MOTION: Commissioner Roe moved to go into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

--- CLOSED SESSION ---

Back in open session;

MOTION: Commissioner Roe moved to approve the Closed Session minutes of October 4, 2011 with corrections. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Ref Financial Statements for General and Water Fund attached to these minutes. Concerning the \$31 remaining in the Police Officer Salary in last year's budget - that is what remained after budget amendments were made to that line item.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - (Ref. Budget amendment to the General Fund to account for the insurance money received for the damaged police car dated November 1, 2011, attached to these minutes).

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert moved to approve the budget amendment as written. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -

Mr. David Cox - Gave an update on the election.

Ms. Katy Pugh - Gave an update on the Emergency Management.

Mrs. Pat Herlands - Inquired about the town hall's certificate of elevation and the age of the police car.

Mrs. Madeline Sutter - Inquired about the date the town's flood insurance was canceled and the criteria on recusal from meetings.

POLICE REPORT - A copy of the Police Report is attached to these minutes (Ref. Report dated Month of October)

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

a. **PLANNING BOARD** - A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (Ref. October 19, 2011 minutes)

b. **LRPCII** - Mr. Charlie Overcash stated the Committee welcomed input from the departing board members as well as the new on the Comprehensive Plan Workbook and that they planned to review each section of the Workbook at future meetings. (A copy of the workbook is attached to these minutes.)

e. **TREE BOARD** - A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (Ref. October 11, 2011 minutes)

f. **BAY RIVER REPORT** - A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (Ref. report covering Sept.29 and Oct.20, 2011 meetings.)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT -

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the status of the Steamer Restaurant (Mr. Maxbauer stated that as it is a now a non-conforming business, to follow the process, a letter was written and we are now

awaiting a response) and about the status of the audit (Mr. Maxbauer met with the auditors and received the preliminary report which found only three deficiencies, all of them minor.)

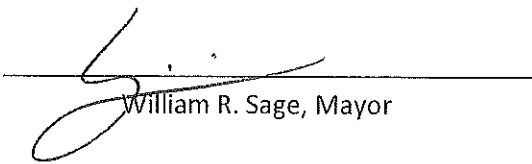
Commissioner Bohmert gave an update on 'Planet East' and asked to address a motion made on December 1, 2009 (a copy of those minutes are attached to the minutes) that made the mayor the day-to-day supervisor of the town manager.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert moved to restore our council-manager form of government to have the manager report to the Board. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

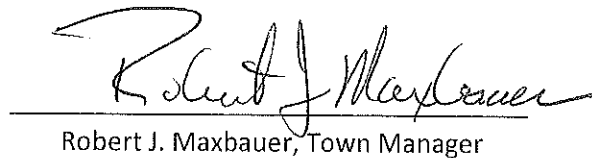
Commissioner Roe requested a written proposal on the cost to renovate the town hall.

There being no further business to discuss;

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert moved to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0. Meeting ended at 9:23 pm.



William R. Sage, Mayor



Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval of October 4, 2011 minutes