

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Agenda Workshop Meeting
January 29, 2009

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 29 at 4:30 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Bohmert, Cox, Inger and Styron.
8 members of the public

Mayor Sage opened the workshop meeting.

#22 NOISE - Commissioner Inger asked that this be tabled until a professional person comes in to teach the Board about sound and decibel meters. Mr. Cutler will contact a Mr. Robert Nagel to see if he will come. This will be left on the agenda.

#5 ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Mr. Cutler informed the Board that he received an email from Mr. Steve Weeks which stated that the case appears on the calendar of the Court of Appeals however the court will not hear oral arguments but will decide the matter based solely on the briefs. No date was set on when the decision will be made.

#12 – TOWN MANAGER POSITION – An offer has been made to one of the applicants and, at the recommendation of the NCLM, an in-depth background check will now be done.

MOTION: Commissioner Cox made a motion to proceed with the background check on James Tripp. Second by Commissioner Inger. Vote 4-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Cox made a motion to appoint Heidi Artley as the interim town manager. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

#13 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – On line item 626, a recycling budget amendment will be needed. Also, line item 601- public works department salaries - needs a second look.

14 WATER SHORTAGE PLAN ORDINANCE -

Motion: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the Water Shortage Response Plan Ordinance Update. Second by Commissioner Inger. Vote 4-0.

#16 PIERCE CREEK LANDING SUP EXTENSION REQUEST – This will be the final extension that can be granted. Commissioner Cox pointed out that this is a vesting issue.

#17 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION –

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Second by Commissioner Inger. Vote 4-0.

Mayor Sage informed the board that he received an email from the president of the Oriental Rotary Club proposing they adopt a resolution passed in Pitt County declaring the week of February 22 – 28, 2009 as Rotary Service Week. The board felt that this is a worthwhile endeavor and will discuss this further at the Tuesday night meeting.

Mayor Sage also reported on the Mayors Meetings he has attended. These meetings, sponsored by the Committee of 100, bring together all of the mayors from the nine municipalities in Pamlico County to discuss matters of mutual concern and interest. They are considering the possibility of forming a more formal mayors association. Under consideration is joining together on garbage pickup. Each mayor is going back to their respective boards to get feedback.

#18 DERPO (Down East Rural Transportation Planning Organization) UPDATE - Commissioner Cox has been attending these meetings. He will have more info at the Tuesday meeting.

#19 DUCK POND PROJECT –

MOTION: Commissioner Inger made a motion to approve the resolution allowing Eco Engineering to submit grants to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund on behalf of the Town of Oriental. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 4-0.

#20 STAGGERED COMMISSIONER TERMS – The board discussed the pros and cons of switching to 4 year staggered terms. No action was taken.

#21 CONSIDER DONATING OLD COPY MACHINE TO BRIDGETON POLICE DEPT.–

Motion: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to donate the copy machine to the Bridgeton Police Dept. Second by Commissioner Cox. Vote 4-0.

#26 NON-AGENDA ITEMS –

1. Johnson Environmental contacts the Town each year to see if we're interested in contracting with them to handle all paperwork related to hurricanes. This costs \$3000. The Board declined.

2. MOSQUITO RESOLUTION -

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to appoint Heidi Artley as the mosquito control person. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

3. RECYCLING GRANT – This is a grant to help the town purchase the recycling cans from GDS. The grant is for \$25,000; the town will have to pay \$5,000. Purchasing the cans will save the town \$8,000 a year.

MOTION: Commissioner Styron made a motion to apply for the grant. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 4-0.

There being no further business;

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Cox. Vote 4-0.

William Sage, Mayor

Wyatt Cutler, Town Manager