

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 2, 2006

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm at the Oriental Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Warren Johnson, Commissioners Bohmert, Herlands, Inger and Venturi. Twenty two members of the public were in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the April 4, 2006 minutes with corrections. Second by Commissioner Herlands. Vote 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson then opened the meeting for public comments. Several members of the public spoke in favor of the new pier while others raised concerns and requested a public hearing on the issue.

The Planning Board report was given by Planning Board Chairman Don Mau (copy of report in minute book).

Commissioner Bohmert gave the Tourism Board report (copy of report in minute book).

Commissioner Inger gave the Bay River Sewer report (copy of report in minute book).

Police Chief Casassa gave the Police report stating that April was a busy month (copy of report is in minute book).

Manager Cutler gave the Manager's report. He stated that the water tank is now in place and that the installation went smoothly. It will take be 3 to 5 months to get the permit to install the 10" pipe line on White Farm Road. The GMO has been updated and is now written in sections so that future updates will be less labor intensive. New copies will be issued in June. A new website is in the works. Initial set up cost will be \$300 and a \$25/monthly hosting fee. This new website will give the public easier access to Town news (meeting agendas, minutes, GMO, etc.) and will hopefully be up and running this fall.

After discussion of Sea Horse Landing's request to subdivide one of its lots, Commissioner Herlands made a motion to approve the revised preliminary plat. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to hold the following Public Hearings at the June 6th meeting:

- 1) GMO Amendment - Section 168 entitled “Table of Exempt Signs, Prohibited Signs and Signs Requiring a Permit.” concerning “On Premise Signs.”
- 2) GMO Amendment – Article XII, Section 196 entitled “Number of Parking Spaces Required.” concerning parking for shopping centers
- 3) GMO Amendment – Section 184 entitled, “Building Setback Requirements” concerning buildings being elevated.
- 4) Adopt FY 2006-2007 Budget

Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to appoint Don Mau and Dee Sage to the Long Range Planning Committee. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Venturi requested that one member from each of the other Boards (Tourism, Tree, Parks & Recreation, and Water) also be selected to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to allow the Old Theater to block Church St, from Broad St down Church St 150 feet, from 4pm to 9pm on Saturday, May 20. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

During ‘Commissioner/Attorney/Manager Time’, Commissioner Inger stated that most of the issues raised that evening concerning the pier have already been addressed and therefore, no public hearing is necessary. Commissioner Herlands had no comments. Commissioner Bohmert concurred with Commissioner Inger and added that an engineer’s drawing of the pier will be made available soon. Commissioner Venturi stated that she does not look forward to citizens continuing to take up meeting time in an attempt to find more ways to hinder the project, that she herself did a lot of research into the matter and feels confident that the pier would be an asset to the town. Commissioner Johnson stated that perhaps at a future date a public hearing could be held but at this point the Town does not know if it will even get the grant money. He also revisited the subject of annexation and made a motion for Commissioner Venturi to request assistance from Lee Padrick to work with the Long Range Planning committee and the Planning Board on a study regarding annexation. Second by Commissioner Herlands. Vote 5-0.

Police Chief Casassa commended the employees of the Public Works Department for all the excellent work they have recently done painting curbs and putting up signs.

Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Herlands. Vote 5-0. Meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Mayor

Town Manager