

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Agenda Workshop  
April 1, 2010

The Town Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 4:30 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Venturi, Roe, Johnson and Bohmert  
Town Manager Cahoon

Mayor Sage opened the Agenda Workshop.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT** – Mr. Davis will attend the regular meeting and there will be a Closed Session meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT** – Mr. Cahoon reported that the Precision Sidewalk Repair company has changed their completion date to April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Corps of Engineer completed the break wall project. To date there has been one citizen complaint about the height of the rocks that was directed to the engineers.

**BUDGET MEETINGS SCHEDULE** - Mr. Cahoon asked that the first meeting date be changed to April 12<sup>th</sup> so that he can attend.

**WATER ISSUES** – Commissioner Johnson reported that the Water Committee met and they discussed Mr. Paul Welles' high water bill on his irrigation meter and they recommend that a water adjustment not be issued as he did not fit the requirements of the General Ordinance. They also recommend to disallow adjustments for irrigation and subtractive meters. He asked Mr. Cahoon to write up an ordinance to that affect.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Roger Cordes was present to discuss his neighbor's renovation project that has not been kept neat. He asked that some action be taken to get this problem fixed. Mr. Cahoon will send a letter to the owner of the property requiring him to clean it up within 15 days of receiving the letter. Mr. Cordes also requested that the General Ordinance, Chapter G, Section 9-Debris from New Construction be modified to include a reasonable time limit when the debris has to be cleaned up when construction starts but stops for several months before completion.

**TOURISM BOARD REPORT** – Commissioner Bohmert had an issue with the tourism brochure inventory – she will ask Ms. Wagoner where the brochures have been sent.

**PARKS & REC COMMITTEE** – Commissioner Venturi reported that she now has three applicants to join the committee and that the former PEACE Preschool is getting rid of its playground equipment and is taking bids for anyone who would like to have the equipment. She would like to make an offer using the \$1000 in line item #647 – Recreation – Equipment & Activity.

**FINANCES** – Mr. Cahoon presented a budget amendment to move money from line item #62100-Contracted Garbage to line item #626000-Recycling.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Commissioner Venturi stated that she and Commissioner Johnson would like to discuss adopting a policy in the Personnel Policy, Article X – Employee Benefits, Section 2. Medical and Dental Insurance allowing employees to opt out of the town’s coverage. This will be discussed on Tuesday.

Regarding the response to the LGC White letter, Mayor Sage has drafted a letter that the auditor will review and a copy of it will be ready for review at the next meeting.

Mayor Sage asked that the Bay River contract be added to the agenda. This was discussed last year but never completed. Commissioner Johnson, Mr. Cahoon and Mayor Sage will review it and make a recommendation to the Board.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – Commissioner Johnson relayed an idea presented to him: To put moorings out in the harbor and approach a local business undergoing changes and ask them to consider including showers and restrooms in one half of the space along with a small office that could be rented out. He also commented on the high cost of a battery for the police car. Commissioner Roe relayed a request from the Methodist Church who would like to close off a portion of Third Ave. during the Town Wide Yard Sale. This will be discussed when more details are obtained.

There being no further business to discuss:

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

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William Sage, Mayor

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Randall Cahoon, Town Manager