

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Special Meeting
August 26, 2010

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, August 26, 2010, at 4:00 pm the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Roe, Venturi, Johnson and Bohmert
Interim Town Clerk Artley
11 members of the public

Mayor Sage established quorum, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Noting that proper notification requirements for the meeting were met, Mayor Sage then listed the six items to be discussed as follows:

1. Appoint Interim Town Manager
2. Review Bay River Metropolitan Sewer District Inter-local Agreement
3. Review South Water Street Survey Status
4. Review South Avenue Right-of-Way Status
5. Review Workshop Construction Project at Water Plant
6. Discuss a Personnel Matter - the Board may go into closed session

2. REVIEW OF BAY RIVER INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT - Mayor Sage explained that he and Commissioner Johnson had recently met with Art Hough, Bay River Superintendent to discuss the matter. While tentatively agreeing to continue paying the town \$1.50 per meter reading, Bay River also suggested the addition of language that would require the Town of Oriental to terminate water service to those customers delinquent with their sewer bill. It was suggested that the Inter-local Agreement be submitted to Attorney Ben Hollowell for draft preparation before coming back to the board for further review.

3. REVIEW SOUTH WATER STREET SURVEY - Mayor Sage reported that he had just received Mr. Ed Latham's survey of South Water Street. After researching deeds and plats at the Register of Deeds he determined that the right-of-way is 40'. He determined the centerline by locating the PK nails at South Water St./Water St.; South Water St./New St.; and South Water St./Hodges (but was unable to locate a pin at South Water St./Main St.) and shot a line down the nails to Main Street. After a lengthy discussion;

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to table this topic until the September 2, 2010, Agenda Workshop. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 2-2 with Commissioners Venturi and Roe voting no. Mayor Sage broke the tie in favor of tabling. End vote 3-2.

4. South Avenue Right-of-Way - Phillip Willis has submitted a bid for \$1250 to clear the area.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion to accept the bid from Phillip Willis, with half of the money coming out of Powell Bill money and half out of the Parks & Rec fund. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 4-0.

5. REVIEW WORKSHOP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - Mrs. Artley reported that she now has one bid in for the job and is awaiting three others. She received a call from Mr. Norfleet of After Hours Plumbing stating that the town cannot take bids for the plumbing portion as he holds the contract for that dating back to 2007. He completed part of the job and has been waiting for the go ahead to complete the job. That contract is actually lower than the current bid.

1. & 6. APPOINTING INTERIM TOWN MANAGER - After determining that in 1997 the Town Board adopted an ordinance making Oriental a Council/Manager form of government, the Town is now obligated to appoint an Interim Manager.

MOTION: Commissioner Roe made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Commissioner Venturi Vote 4-0.

--- CLOSED SESSION ---

Back in open session,

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion to appoint Mrs. Heidi Artley as Interim Town Manager. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 2-2 with Commissioners Bohmert and Roe voting no. Mayor Sage broke the tie in favor of appointing Mrs. Artley. End vote 3-2.

Commissioner Roe asked that it be noted that she wanted to wait for Commissioner Styron to return and acknowledge that we have a second person willing to do the job.

There being no further business to discuss;

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

William R. Sage, Mayor

Heidi Artley, Interim Town Manager