

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting  
May 4, 2010

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 7:00 pm the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Roe, Johnson, Styron and Bohmert  
Commissioner Venturi arrived a bit late  
Manager Cahoon and Recording Secretary Wagoner  
Town Staff Fears and Artley  
Chief Casassa  
Planning Board members Marlowe, Hardison and Sage  
Twelve members of the public

Mayor Sage opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the Closed Session minutes of April 6, 2010 with one correction. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the April 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 minutes, April 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Budget Workshop minutes. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 4-0.

**TOWN MANAGER 'S REPORT –** A copy of his report is in the minutes book. Regarding the amendment to Chapter K – Water Leak Adjustments;

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the amendment. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

Regarding the opening of Closed Session minutes on the South Ave. litigation, the Board requested copies of them for review at the next meeting.

**ORIENTAL FLAG – ROSS PEASE –** This was moved to the June meeting.

**DAN FORMAN/ WATER DEPOSIT ISSUE –** Issue was dropped.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -** Mrs. Jeanne Robertson spoke about her property on South Water Street and her issues with people parking along the town right-of-way where it meets the edge of her lawn. She protested that she was singled out and presented pictures of other homes' right-of-ways. She also mentioned that a town drainage tile was broken located at the back of her property.

Mayor Sage stated the options they now have are (1) leave things as they are and allow parking to continue; (2) place No Parking signs; or (3) place gravel along the North side of S. Water St. to better accommodate parking.

Mrs. Robertson asked to go on record that she did allow parking during this year's Homes and Garden Tour.

The Board asked Mr. Robert Fears to take a look at the town's drainage tile located in the town's right-of-way at the back of Mrs. Robertson's property. He recommended they hire Royal Flush, Inc. to flush it out, and if needed, repair the drain.

Ms. Penkava asked to go on record that she did not feel the need for No Parking signs.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT** – A copy of the report is in the minutes book. Mr. Marlowe stated that they are looking into creating an ordinance covering Internet Sweepstakes Cafés.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to ask the Planning Board to work on an ordinance for the Internet Sweepstakes Café. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0. Commissioner Johnson will write up the request.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REPORT** – Mrs. Sage stated that she has met with the other boards and committees requesting their 20-year vision plan. The committee is now meeting regularly and they are making progress.

**PARKS & REC COMMITTEE REPORT** – Commissioner Venturi reported that they won the bid for the playground equipment from the Methodist Church. They have worked on their budget request. The members are doing an audit of all the parks and making a list of things that need to be repaired, cleaned or removed.

**TOURISM BOARD REPORT** - Commissioner Bohmert reported that a Power Squadron will be at Pecan Grove June 11, 2010 with 40 boats and 150 people. There is \$400 sitting in the General Fund that was a refund from TV ads; they will write a budget amendment to get this money moved back to tourism. They are still working on the revision to the Tourism ordinance. Cycle NC would like to come back to Oriental April 9-11, 2011 and they anticipate 1,100 participants. She and Missy Baskervill will coordinate this event.

**TREE BOARD REPORT** – A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

**BAY RIVER REPORT** – A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

**POLICE REPORT** – A copy of the report is in the minutes book.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – A copy of the statements is in the minutes book. Mr. Cahoon asked to defer the Budget Amendments until the next meeting. Regarding LGC's recommendations on running a small office;

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to adopt the procedures. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 3-2 with Commissioners Styron, Johnson and Venturi voting no. Motion did not pass. This will be taken up again at the next meeting.

Commissioner Johnson learned that line item #54030 Employee Travel also includes Mr. Cahoon's schooling fees. He asked that in the future these numbers be separated out. As this line item is overdrawn, as are #54020 Employee Meals and #54100 Town Board Schooling, Mr. Cahoon has compiled a detailed Budget Amendment that he will e-mail to the Board.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS PERIOD** – Commissioner Roe had questions with the Artificial Reef Project money the Town is holding on their behalf; is the town being paid for handling the money? Will the town be liable for any unpaid bills? Mayor Sage explained that while we hold the money, the project is being overseen by the State and a presentation is planned to explain all these issues.

Concerning South Avenue, Commissioner Johnson asked about the progress being made in getting the fence removed that Mr. Henry put up. Mr. Cahoon will get this information.

**NON AGENDA ITEMS** – None

There being no further business to discuss:

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0. Meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

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William Sage, Mayor

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Heidi Artley, Town Clerk