

Town of Oriental Town Board Agenda Workshop
January 31, 2013

A regular scheduled agenda workshop of the Town of Oriental Town Board was held at the newly renovated Oriental Town Hall, January 31, 2013, beginning at 5:30pm.

Present: Mayor Sage; Commissioners Bessette, Styron, Venturi, Johnson, and Summers; Town Manager Maxbauer; Sandy Clark; Barbara Baker; Laura Penninger; Heidi Artley; Dee Sage; and Media.

Absent: None

Mayor Sage called the workshop to order. He went on to state that the Town Hall's Grand Reopening will be February 9, 2013.

The consent agenda will consist of two sets of minutes, plus the July 9, 2012 special meeting minutes that were inadvertently overlooked for approval. That meeting also had a closed meeting session of which the minutes will be available for approval at the regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

It was noted that there will be an audit presentation of the 2011-2012 fiscal year. It was further noted that Town Attorney Scott Davis will not be present at the regular meeting.

The Tourism Board will be submitting a request to close a portion of Hodges Street during the Chinese New Year Dragon Run and following street dance.

Commissioner Summers submitted a proposed General Ordinance Amendment to Chapter H—Disorderly Conduct and Public Nuisances, Article 1—Disorderly Conduct, Section 5—Drinking in Public. There was some discussion regarding the content of the amendment and the ramifications to having the consumption of alcohol on public property.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to withdraw the proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter H—Disorderly Conduct and Public Nuisances, Article 1—Disorderly Conduct, Section 5—Drinking in Public from the agenda. Commissioner Styron seconded. Commissioners Johnson, Styron, Bessette, and Venturi voted yes. Commissioner Summers voted no. Motion passed.

Commissioner Venturi stated that Section 5 of the proposed Ordinance Amendment would be beneficial to pursue. The proposed amendment expands and strengthens the existing ordinance regarding alcohol consumption and displaying alcohol on any public property.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion to amend Section 5 of Chapter H of the General Ordinances to the Town of Oriental to provide that the drinking in public section should be replaced in its entirety with the proposed Section 5 down to the words and that will be the

extent of the proposed changes to the ordinance. Commissioner Bessette seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.

The matter of the town hall renovation project was discussed and the word financing under number 8 on the agenda will be removed. Town Manager Maxbauer asked the Board to consider setting a date to hold the Town Board Retreat, at which time the town hall renovation financing will be fully reviewed. After careful consideration, the Town Board Retreat was scheduled for February 22 and 23, 2013.

Town Manager Maxbauer also requested the addition to the agenda in the form of a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,000 to the town hall renovation line item. There was some discussion regarding the expenditures thus far. Commissioner Venturi requested an itemized line item of the town hall renovation expenditures. Because the matter could be somewhat time consuming, Town Manager Maxbauer suggested calling a special meeting to discuss the expenditures for the town hall renovations. The matter is being considered.

The rest of the proposed agenda was reviewed. It was noted that the Chinese Dragon Run will actually be held on the Chinese New Year and authentic Chinese dinner tickets are being sold to raise money for the upkeep of the dragon boats. It was further noted that the merry go round at the town park has been removed for repairs. Mayor Sage stated that he had attended a Mayor/County Leader meeting and will present a full report at the regular Town Meeting.

Through general consensus, the agenda was approved as corrected. There being no further business, Commissioner Styron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed. 5-0. Meeting was adjourned.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager