

Town of Oriental
Town Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 1, 2014

The Town Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Sage determined a quorum to be present and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Sage, Commissioners, Overcash, White, Venturi, Summers and Winfrey, Town Manager Miller, former Town Manager Cutler, Town Attorney Davis, Police Captain Moore, Deputy Town Clerk Beyer and public

The first item on the agenda was the formal swearing in of new Town Manager Miller. Mayor Sage conducted the swearing in ceremony, with Ms. Miller's husband, Gerry Millea holding the bible.

The Agenda and Consent Agenda were next presented for Board approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner White seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lenny Lazzara and Mr. Kevin Hynes, from the local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Pamlico County, presented a brief history of the medal, and requested a proclamation be read and approved designating Oriental as a Purple Heart community. Mayor Sage then read the proclamation, a copy of which is referenced here to and incorporated herein these Minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to approve the Proclamation and designate the Town of Oriental as a Purple Heart Community. Commissioner Winfrey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Public Hearing concerning Oriental West Condominium Association and their request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) was next presented. Mayor Sage gave the floor to former Town Manager Cutler, who presented a brief historical summary of the events leading up to the application for a SUP being submitted to Town Hall. Mayor Sage reminded the Town Board that Full Disclosure from each Board member would be necessary.

A full transcript of the Public Hearing is referenced hereto and incorporated herein these minutes.

The lawsuit concerning Mr. Cox vs. Town of Oriental continues; Town Attorney Davis stated that briefs have been received and a calendar date of April 23, 2014 has been set to hear oral arguments, however no decision will be made at this hearing.

The Cycle NC 2014 representatives requested additional RV parking in the lot adjacent to the Dinghy Dock. This matter was discussed and approved by Motion at the March 27, 2014 Agenda Workshop Meeting.

The dates for the April Budget Workshops were set, those dates being Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and Thursday, April 10, 2014 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Dates for the May Workshops will be set during the April 10 meeting.

A Budget Amendment was presented by Mr. Cutler. He reminded the Board about line item 360, which is due to the FEMA money being made into a receivable; also line item 601, Public Works salaries, pulling \$10,000 from here and placing in 631, Powell Bill fund. Line items 619, 61910, and 618 are the South Avenue dock, and the Midyette Street docks. These line items will tie into line item 657, Water Front Enhancement.

MOTION: Commissioner White made a Motion to adopt the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Cutler and Ms. Miller presented the Manager's Report, beginning with the Financial Reports. A total of \$53,000 has been spent on the Cox vs. Town of Oriental lawsuit, and it is estimated that an additional \$2,000 may be spent.

The Water Plant is running well, and despite the large amount of money that has been spent on the Plant repairs, Mr. Cutler explained that repairs are nearing completion and will not factor into the 2014-2015 budget.

A CAMA General Permit was obtained at a cost of \$200 for the extension of the South Avenue dock

The Consumer Confidence Report was submitted to the Town Board as well as townspeople. Town Manager Miller pointed out that all levels are well within the appropriate ranges by State Guidelines.

Per State Guidelines, the number of testable Cross Connection and Backflow devices in the Town mandates that we have an ORC in charge of the Cross Connection and Backflow. Ed Riggs of Alliance has agreed to be the interim ORC until Public Works employee Jesse Burgess completes his Cross Connection and Backflow examination in May, 2014.

Captain Dwaine Moore presented his police report for the month of March. He announced that plans were complete for the upcoming street closures for Cycle NC 2014 as well as the In Water Boat Show to be held the following weekend. He also indicated that March was a quiet month, with very little criminal activity.

The Committee and Board Reports were next presented. Bay River Metropolitan Sewer District submitted a request for the Town Board to reappoint Debra Khouri as the Town's BRMSD Board member.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to reappoint Debra Khouri as the Town's representative Board Member to the BRMSD Board. Commissioner Winfrey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Grace Evans from the Tourism Board showed a postcard that will be given out to the Cycle NC participants. It is a cartoon drawing by Laura Turgeon.

There being no further business to discuss, a Motion to Adjourn was requested. Commissioner Venturi made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Bill Sage, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager