

Town of Oriental  
Town Board Continuation of Recessed Special Meeting  
April 17, 2013

The Town Board Special Meeting to review process of Manager's Evaluation continued from the recessed meeting of April 15, 2013.

**Present:** Mayor Sage; Commissioners Johnson, Styron, Summers, Bessette and Venturi; Town Manager Maxbauer, Deputy Clerk Johnson-Clark; and public

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present. He opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a **motion** to go into closed Session pursuant to Statue 143318 11 A-6 to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Styron seconded. Discussion was held. Commissioner Venturi noted her objection and felt the Evaluation process could continue in an open forum. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Venturi voting nay.

Commissioners returned from closed Session at 8:39 am.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi moved to adjourn the Manager Evaluation process Meeting from April 15, 2013. Commissioners Summers seconded. Motion passed. 5-0

Commissioners moved right into a Special Meeting to discuss Budget, Water Fund April 17, 2013 at 8:41am.

Mayor Sage opened the Special Meeting, Quorum present.

**Present:** Mayor Sage; Commissioners Johnson, Styron, Summers, Bessette and Venturi; Town Manager Maxbauer, Deputy Clerk Johnson-Clark; and public

Town Manager Maxbauer discussed the state of the Town of Oriental's Water rates, conservation, and cost recovery. He used the following link to illustrate the information he gave the Board. [www.efc.unc.edu/rates/dashboard](http://www.efc.unc.edu/rates/dashboard). Town Manager informed the Board that the Water revenue had dropped due to deteriorating water meters that are allowing the consumer to not be charged as much as they should be and unaccountable below ground leaks. He indicated that 90% of the water meters are over 10 years old. They are not registering properly. Mr. Maxbauer indicated the need of the Town to purchase new meters and software to run the new meters and to set aside funds for capital outlay for future needs. He informed the Board that they need to provide fiscal support to accomplish what is needed to bring the Water plant to where it should be.

Discussion was held by the Commissioners and the Mayor regarding the water needs for the Town and the information they viewed in the web link Manager Maxbauer went over.

Commissioner Venturi left the meeting at 9:30 am.

Town Manager stated the largest loss to revenue stems from the aging meters. Mr. Maxbauer said new meters have a 2% error rate and are guaranteed for 20 years.

Commissioners Bessette and Styron left the meeting at 10:00 am and 10:007 am.

Mayor Sage said it would be more cost effective to stage replacement of the water meters in geographical segments or grids of sections of Town.

Mayor Sage suggested a recess to continue the Budget meeting at another time.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson moved to recess and continue the budget meeting on a different day. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed. 2-0. Meeting was recessed.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager