

Town of Oriental
Town Board of Commissioners
Budget Workshop Meeting
May 13, 2014

A Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town of Oriental Town Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 4:00 PM. This meeting is a continuation of the recessed meeting of April 23, 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Venturi opened the meeting, and determined a quorum to be present.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Venturi, Commissioners White, Overcash and Summers, Town Manager Miller and Deputy Town Clerk Beyer

ABSENT: Mayor Sage, Commissioner Winfrey

Discussion continued on ways to increase revenue and trim excess spending. Increasing property taxes by .01 was discussed, which would afford the Town a greater cushion in the event of an unexpected large expenditure.

Town Manager Miller stressed the importance of working maintenance into this budget. By doing so, various 'big ticket' purchases, such as vehicles, large equipment and possibly additional personnel being hired could be justified expenses based on prior year's maintenance schedules.

Currently the Town has one employee retiring and one has resigned due to an impending move out of state, which would reduce the Public Works staff roster to four employees. It was not recommended that the Public Works staff be kept at four employees, based on the amount of new amenities being built in the Town and the operations tempo required to maintain the Water Plant and the day to day tasks of the staff.

With no objection from the Town Board, it was determined that another Budget Workshop would be necessary to finalize the Budget.

The Town Board tasked Deputy Town Clerk Beyer with setting the next Workshop date based on the availability of Commissioner Winfrey, being either May 16, 2014 at 9:00 AM, or May 21, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to recess today's meeting to a date to be set and noticed by the Deputy Town Clerk. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Barb Venturi, Mayor Pro Tem

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager