

Town of Oriental  
Town Board Special Meeting:  
Water Plant Evaluation and Presentation  
May 21, 2013

A special Meeting was called by the Town of Oriental Town Board to discuss the Water Plant budget concerns and discuss the 2013-2014 Budget. The meeting was held at the Water Plant in Oriental, Tuesday, May 21, 2013, beginning at 8:00 AM.

**Present:** Mayor Sage; Commissioners Bessette, Styron, Summers, and Venturi; Town Manager Maxbauer, Deputy Clerk Johnson-Clark, Administrative Assistant Jayne Beyer; Public Works Director Collett and public.

**Absent:** Commissioner Johnson

Mayor Sage determined a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

The floor was given to Town Manager Maxbauer to discuss the budget and maintenance needs of the Water Plant. An overview was given by Town Manager Maxbauer concerning how the water is supplied to the Town from the Castle-Hayne Aquifer. The issue of backflow of salt water into the aquifer and ways to assess this backflow were also discussed. The topic of reverse osmosis was discussed as a necessary and viable option for this backflow issue. Town Manager Maxbauer stated that representatives from Green Engineering would be meeting with him later today to further discuss this backflow issue and reverse osmosis.

Town Manager Maxbauer then illustrated the process by which the Town's water is purified and also explained how the holding tanks worked for storing and pumping the water. The Town Manager illustrated the need for an aeration pump in the main tower to keep the purified water agitated to prevent bacterial growth and stagnation. This pump is an item to be discussed at the budget meeting. He answered several questions concerning the Water Plant and its operations by the Commissioners, Public and Media. The Town Manager reassured that the Town's drinking water supply was safe and clean.

Commissioners Summers and Venturi commented on the monitoring and maintenance of the Water Plant. A brief tour was given of the main pump room and the Town Manager pointed out the need for repairs and updating of the pump and its equipment.

Mayor Sage then took the floor. Due to yesterday's power outage at Town Hall, Administrative Staff was unable to print out documents necessary for this morning's Budget Workshop. Therefore this meeting will not be held this morning as originally scheduled.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion to Adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Styron seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager