

Town of Oriental
Town Board Meeting
June 3, 2014

A regularly scheduled Town Board of Commissioners meeting was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Bill Sage determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Sage, Commissioners White, Overcash, Venturi, Summers and Winfrey, Town Manager Miller, Police Captain Moore, WAB Chairman Jim Barton, Deputy Town Clerk Beyer and public

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

The Consent Agenda was next presented for Board approval with the following corrections: On the Minutes of May 6, 2014 and May 13, 2014, correct the Vote Count to reflect Mayor Pro Tem Venturi's vote, from 3-0 to 4-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Mayor then opened the floor to Public Comment, beginning with Jeff Aydelette of the County Compass. He announced that the County Compass was moving to Oriental town limits.

Sherrill Styron requested lowering the speed limit from 45 to 35 near the Dollar General and Walmart stores. He also spoke against some of the items listed in the proposed ordinance change for Chapter E, Town Docks.

Mr. Art Tierney asked where the Town Banners were, and why they were not hung in the spring. Town Manager Miller indicated that she would have them hung up within the next week.

There being no further Public Comment, the floor was closed.

The next agenda item concerned the Budget Ordinance and presentation of the Budget for 2014-2015. A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall for presentation and adoption of the budget.

A Budget Amendment to the Water Fund was presented for approval. This amendment is to facilitate repairs to the Plant fence, and also to install an alarm system at the plant to notify Public Works staff of plant failure after hours or on weekends and holidays.

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

The amendment to the General Ordinance, Chapter E, Town of Oriental Docking Facilities was presented and discussed. It was agreed that the Harbor Water Fronts Committee would take a look at the proposed amendment and determine issues and appropriate changes.

Town Manager Miller crafted a registration form for boaters that tie up to the Town's overnight docks. The form would include boat owner information, boat information to include beam and draft, and other pertinent information to assist the Town should an emergency arise or the boat extends its stay.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi make a Motion to remove the Date of Birth line on the form, and add beam and draft, boat will be towed from docks at my cost, date and time of arrival, pull forward as far as draft will allow, add a revision date in footer of form each time the form is updated or edited. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Summers felt it was inappropriate and the form should be given to the Town Attorney.

The Motion was put to vote, and Motion Passed, 4-1 with Commissioner Summers voting Nay.

In regard to the Amendment to the General Ordinance, Chapter S, a \$5 fee will be added for Police Reports, and \$1 will be added monthly to the water bills for a recycling fee. This amendment will be corrected to reflect an effective date of July 1, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner White made a Motion to adopt the Amendment to Chapter S, Town Rates and Fees with the correction as noted. Commissioner Winfrey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The General Ordinance, Chapter K, Water Service was also amended based on the recycle fee being added to Chapter S. The language reads as follows: Water billing payments received will be applied to the account in the following order: Trash, recycling, water, and sewer. Any residence or business desiring trash service will also be required to have recycling service.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to adopt the Amendment to Chapter K. Water Service. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Town Manager Miller presented her Manager's Report beginning with the retake of the failed effluent test from April. The retest has come back clean and without any issues.

The FEMA monies have not been received yet, but anticipate them arriving within the next few weeks.

In keeping with State and local compliance requirements, the Local Water Supply Plan will be drafted and presented as a Resolution to the Board at the July 1 Town Board meeting.

The auditor's have been secured for the 2013-2014 fiscal year; the Town is using the firm of Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC; which the Town used last year. The total fee for this year's audit will be \$15,500.

Due to recent illicit activities, the Town property known as Moore's Corner will be cleared of trees and vegetation.

The items for the tennis court have been ordered such as the shed and materials to construct backboard. The lines have been painted, and the grading between the dirt and court itself will be evened out as well.

If the citizens have potholes on their streets, they are to contact Town Hall; the address will added to a list, and they potholes will be repaired all at once.

The Town Manager is aware of drainage issues in the ditches throughout Town, and Public Works will be making every effort to get them cleared.

Captain Moore presented his May police report beginning with the RV being parked at Whittaker Point Marina. The fines have begun accruing, and are at \$250. He also stated that he agrees with the speed limit reduction near Dollar General and Walmart.

The minutes of the ancillary Boards and Committees were presented.

The Mayor then turned the floor over to Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Summers has attended several meetings over the past few weeks; the Highway Corridor meeting, the ECC meeting, the County budget meetings and is planning on attending the NCLM Town Hall Days.

Commissioner Venturi will be attending the NC Trails seminar; she is hoping to gather information from this seminar to get the Town Bike Path in place.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Bill Sage, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager