

Town of Oriental
Town Board Meeting
July 1, 2014

The Town of Oriental Town Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 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, Police Chief Moore, Deputy Town Clerk Beyer and public

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 Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

There was no one who wished to participate in the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

The next agenda item discussed changing the bank signature cards for check signing to the following: Town Manager Miller, Commissioners White, Venturi and Overcash.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a Motion to approve changing the bank signatories. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Local Water Supply Resolution was presented for Town Board approval; a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein these Minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner White made a Motion to adopt the Resolution for the Local Water Supply. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Works Director Andrew Cox passed the State exam and now is certified as a C Well Water Treatment Facility Operator. Jesse Burgess pass the State exam and is now the Town ORC for Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control. The Board extended congratulations to both gentlemen for a job well done.

Town Manager Diane Miller presented her Manager's report beginning with the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride in September. The Bike MS group will be using Lou Mac Park as a rest area during their annual ride on September 7, 2014. The Public Works staff has been hard at work cleaning several of the ditches in the Town limits to improve drainage. The Town has received the final check from FEMA in the amount of \$30,783.76. In anticipation of Hurricane Arthur, a timeline has been put in place, to enable Town staff to prepare and secure the Town. It was also discussed that a heavy stern anchor should be deployed at Oriental Harbor.

The Police report was discussed, noting that Dwaine Moore is now Police Chief, at salary instead of hourly. He described a very quiet month, stressing the importance of securing homes and property when planning on being away on vacation.

The Boards and Committees presented their Minutes and reports next. The Parks and Rec Advisory Committee recommended signs be installed at the Town Beach prohibiting fishing. Commissioner White made a Motion to install signs at the Town Beach prohibiting fishing on the Beach. Commissioner Winfrey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Venturi presented the final draft of the Town Brochure to the Town Board. It was designed by the Graphic Arts students of ECU, and offers a fresh new design with the capability to insert different types of flyers for specific events or locations.

Commissioner Venturi recommended making the Harbor Water Fronts Committee a standing committee that will meet regularly, which will also include a General Ordinance amendment. It was further discussed to implement the Committee into the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Venturi requested that the Committee remain in effect until such time as it is changed to a standing committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a Motion to extend the purview of the Harbor Water Fronts Committee as an ad hoc committee until it is changed to a standing committee. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Planning Board has a member whose term is expiring; David Kibbe's term expired in June.

MOTION: Commissioner White made a Motion to reappoint David Kibbe as Planning Board member for a 3 year term. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Water Advisory Board has a vacant seat as well. The Cross Connection Control program is currently being re-evaluated and the Town Manager is in the process of looking for testing companies that are local.

Mayor Sage then opened the floor to Commissioner Comment and Discussion. Commissioner Venturi noted that the Town will host a booth at the Croaker Fest that will enable the local businesses to advertise and have flyers and business cards.

Commissioner White stated that there is also a vacancy on the Planning Board with Member Schmitz's seat being vacant.

Mayor Sage announced that the Court of Appeals unanimously ruled the appeal concerning Avenue A be dismissed. There is a pending trial court case that had been stayed pending resolution of the Avenue A appeal. Commissioner Summers noted that \$59,542 was spent by the Town in legal fees. Commissioner White stated that after defending the Town's position on the new Town Dock, he would like the Town to explore the feasibility of the plaintiff picking up the Town's legal expenses if the plaintiff decides to continue suing the Town.

The Croaker Festival setup and prep work is being delayed due to the arrival of Hurricane Arthur.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Commissioner Overcash made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Winfrey seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Bill Sage, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager