



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD AGENDA WORKSHOP

Friday, September 28, 2018 at 12pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Agenda Workshop on September 28, 2018 was called to order at 8am with the Pledge
7 of Allegiance. The Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment
8 period, if you wish to speak please make sure you are signed up on the correct sheet.
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10 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Simmons,
11 Commissioner Price, Commissioner Dammeyer, Town Manager Diane Miller, Administrative Assistant Jeannine
12 Russo, Officer Nic Blayney, Officer Bill Wichrowski and Members of the public.
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14 **REGULAR BUSINESS**

15 **Public Comment Period**

16 Our Agenda is going to start off with any public comments that are not about the boat show or tree and debris
17 removal.
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20 **Missy Tenhet – 106 Startboard Circle:** I just want to thank the Town. The Staff has been amazing, both the office
21 and the grounds and I would like to request that they get a little money for their hard efforts during this time, just
22 saying. That's it; I'm done.
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24 **Lisa Thompson – Sea Harbour Yacht Club:** About the same, the Town has been unbelievable and amazing. The
25 Town staff, all of them, have kept things going behind the scenes that folks don't even know stuff that is happening
26 so kudos, kudos, kudos, job well done!
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28 **Mayor Belangia:** Are there any other comments besides the boat show and the tree and debris removal? If not, we'll
29 go right on with the boat show.
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31 **Sam Myers – Oriental Rotary, Oriental In-water Boat Show:** We are, again, requesting, if you need to see the
32 map I've got it available, the closure of the 300 block of Hodges Street in order to do the Boat Show there next
33 April. For those of you who missed the last meeting, frankly the boat show is getting to be a victim of its own
34 success having sustained greater than 90% repeat traffic with our exhibitors every year for five years since we've
35 been on this side of the bridge now. The Boat Show, frankly, and by the way as constrained as we are with the
36 footprint and our lack of ability to change up the locations of our exhibitors amenities. The Boat Show, very bluntly,
37 has become somewhat stale. Keith Smith and a few others began to hear a year ago that it was the same old Oriental
38 Boat Show and retaining 90% of our exhibitors every year is a great thing. It shows that they are doing business here
39 and it's good for all of us. But here again, they carry the same line of boats or Jan's All Things Canvas carries the
40 same hats and bags every year so we feel the need to keep the Boat Show viable to continue to bring the Town
41 traffic from half of North Carolina's counties, eight to ten other states every April, we need to shake it up a bit and
42 that is the reason for our request. We have talked at length over the last, roughly, 90 days with this due diligence
43 with all of the businesses that would be affected on that footprint from Inland Waterway Provision Company all the
44 way down to and including Marsha at Marsha's Cottage and all of them are rabidly on board with the move and in
45 favor of it with one exception and I have just not been able to convince that individual and that business that we feel
46 that we can keep it, as it has been for five years, a win, win, win for everyone involved. Never the less, if we are to
47 continue to bring the Town the business that that Boat Show brings, as well as nurturing Rotary's fund, we think we
48 need to breathe some new life into the show. Questions?

49 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** I do, I went down and spoke to Tom (Oriental Marina) and to Eric (The Bean) and get
50 their concerns and I will kind of share with you what each one said to me and I told them I would represent them
51 today. From Tom's point of view, his owners are for it. He has mixed feelings about it, but his owners have told him
52 to go ahead and go forward with it. He is concerned that it is not the location that is stale; it is the vendors that are
53 stale so changing the location without changing some of underpinnings of the Boat Show does not really, in effect,
54 accomplish what you want so his comments were pretty much what you and I chatted about. He had a very good

55 idea, he said “How are you going to accommodate people that do not want to go to the Boat Show, who want to go
56 drink a cup of coffee at The Bean and want to go to the Provision Company or just want to eat dinner at Toucan or
57 something like that.” Why don’t you have passes that they can pick up at Town Hall or pick up at the various
58 businesses that gives them a free entry that says they are going to eat dinner or get a cup of coffee and then you do
59 not have to worry about it and are done with that. That allows the free flow of traffic to come in or out, or just a
60 different color wrist band or something to the effect that says “I am not a boat show attendee” and if they walk
61 around the boat show, there is nothing you can do about it.

62 Sam Myers – we discussed this possibility and outcome explicitly, with Eric and with Pat and a couple of the other
63 entities, and we were more than willing to do that.

64 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** It should be seamless to the people who don’t want to go to the boat show but want to
65 frequent....

66 **Sam Myers:** With all due respect, our gate and buying a \$6 wristband, is a significant profit line for the show but, as
67 I think I have told you David, we are not going to make somebody mad at the boat show or the Town or a town
68 business by denying them access, just for \$6.

69 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** I agree and that is Eric’s big concern because he feels he is going to lose his repeat
70 customers.

71 **Sam Myers:** I have not been credible in my portrayal that we will, in fact, work with his....

72 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** But a way that you could be credible, Sam, is to give Eric the color wristbands or a
73 pass that says here, hand them out to your regular customers, if they do not want to go to the boat show, fine, if they
74 want to come drink coffee, let them come and drink coffee and I think that would appease some of that. I also do
75 think Eric will pick up additional business just from the flow of the boat show. He is center to the boat show and if
76 he figures out how to make drinks and get coffee out quicker, he is going to sell a lot of difference. The other
77 question he had was resupply, the ability to come in and resupply if the truck comes and I think you can address
78 that.

79 **Sam Myers:** We have already discussed that by making Rotarians and vehicles available to augment his staff in
80 order to get resupply back into The Bean. We have discussed that with Pat as well, by the way.

81 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** Exactly, and I think you have discussed that with Tom too. The other thing, too, is
82 that, and I may have misrepresented this, is the street closure still at South Water and Factory?

83 **Sam Myers:** Yes, sir.

84 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** So, if you use Fulcher’s parking lot for a consignment or a booth, you will still have
85 traffic coming in or out from that place. In other words, you had said that Fulcher said that he does not have
86 anything planned for the parking lot in April, so my question is, if you do use it for something like consignment or
87 you put a couple of tents there for vendors, you will have traffic of people backing in and out of the hotel and
88 coming down there.

89 **Sam Myers:** There will be some but I think no more than one would expect from all of the people who will be
90 parking on South Avenue and on those other streets in that vicinity.

91 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** Because Tom had a concern if you did close it past Factory but now that’s not
92 (inaudible) that’s okay.

93 **Sam Myers:** Tom had suggested that before and we could not come to any resolution that would retain the vast
94 majority of his parking space.

95 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** My two cents for the Board is that I am willing to look at this thing for one year but I
96 am also conscious that your leader, last year, decided upon himself to change the boundaries so this year, if you do
97 that and alter what we agree to, then it’s all gone, we’ll pull all of it.

98 **Sam Myers:** It is certainly within your realm to make that decision.

99 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** But all I am saying is, if someone in your organization makes a decision that says
100 now I don’t like it the way we decided and I want to go put it here or do this....

101 **Sam Myers:** David, I have apologized since that weekend in April, ad nauseam...

102 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** But has the President apologized?

103 **Sam Myers:** For that error. I strongly suggested on multiple occasions that he visit you to make that same apology. I
104 cannot make him do so.

105 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** I am just saying from our perspective that if it does change, my thing would be is that
106 they had something in the Motion that says, that’s it, it’s done, it’s over.

107 **Manager Miller:** The attorney has advised repeatedly when we have things in the street that you cannot have
108 pedestrians and vehicles in the same place so I would be very careful about something that is attached to the Boat
109 Show and not restricted in the same way that traffic is restricted because you are putting pedestrians in.....put the

110 signs up that say watch for pedestrians in the street but we will ultimately be liable if you do not close the street and
111 pedestrians get hurt.

112 **Commissioner Overcash:** Does the attorney consider golf carts vehicles?

113 **Manager Miller:** Yes.

114 **Commissioner Overcash:** So, you can't have golf carts in there at the same time.

115 **Manager Miller:** Unless they are associated with the event.

116 **Sam Myers:** Which would include the support of the businesses.....

117 **Manager Miller:** I am just telling you what we have been told. We should not have pedestrians and vehicles in the
118 same place and the other thing is you cannot restrict a future board, legally.

119 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** Okay, that makes sense.

120 **Sam Myers:** As we discussed, if this works next April, if it works, it's a much smaller footprint, it's more
121 constrained even than over at the harbor. But, if it should work, we may ask you and those neighboring businesses
122 for another opportunity to improve it on Hodges Street but our plan long term is, with the forbearance of the partners
123 at the harbor, to take it back there as well for a couple of years and perhaps by, sometime in the **out years**, there will
124 be another site that presents itself to us where we can be in the town, which we think is critical, if it is outside of the
125 town it is not an Oriental show to me and I don't think the businesses will recognize the benefit either.

126 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** I agree.

127 **Sam Myers:** In the town, space on the hard and available open slips. It is a rare combination but **inaudible** things
128 change.

129 **Mayor Belangia:** Commissioner Dammeyer...

130 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** I have a question about something you said before about the chain and the re-supply
131 and you said something to the effect that Rotary people will assist in that. Would you get specific with me about
132 what you mean by that, that the Rotary people will assist.

133 **Sam Myers:** As Eric can advise us that he has a re-supplier on the way, we will make people available to tote goods
134 for him. We will make golf carts available and whatever other appropriate device is necessary to assist him in
135 getting re-provisioned.

136 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** So you are saying that he cannot do it himself. He has to use Rotary people in order to
137 re-provide?

138 **Sam Myers:** It is his concern that it would be difficult for him. I am not familiar with what he re-supplies with
139 although I can imagine several guys.

140 **Commissioner Overcash:** His perishable goods – Ice cream and frozen things that have to be transported in a
141 tractor trailer truck has to get close so there is not much delay.

142 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** So doesn't that create an issue with safety where you've got a tractor trailer truck
143 coming in to re-provision some store within the confines of the show and then there is pedestrians walking the same
144 street.

145 **Sam Myers:** Well by design, all of South Water Street and Wall, all the way down to Tom's Marina, are open free
146 and clear and open for traffic. We realize that there will be people parking on all of the adjacent streets so you do
147 automatically have some mix and match of traffic and pedestrians as we do in every event.

148 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** But right in front of The Bean you are talking about an area that is strictly pedestrian
149 during the show. Is that correct?

150 **Sam Myers:** With the exception of some of our boat show golf carts going back and forth between gates, yes.

151 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** And now the re-supply issue, the provisioning issue is also added to that. In addition to
152 your own transportation of golf carts, you are talking about a refrigerated truck having to come up close to this...

153 **Sam Myers:** I would not suggest at all that a refrigerated truck enter the show **proper**. We would meet the truck
154 somewhere off site, here again, at Eric's convenience wherever the route might be most advantageous for his
155 deliverer and then assist him in bringing materials back to The Bean.

156 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** And did Mr. Kindle agree to that with you? Did he agree with you that you could go
157 ahead with his consent?

158 **Sam Myers:** No.

159 **Commissioner Dammeyer:** He did not.

160 **Sam Myers:** He heard me and I think understood the offer but he has not shown any evidence of support of the
161 whole movement of the show.

162 **Manager Miller:** When M & Ms was re-supplied during, their supplier was parked on 55 and shuttled down.

163 **Sam Myers:** As was the case with O'Town the last couple of years. We have done this before.

164 **Commissioner Simmons:** How many days are we talking about, we talked about that last time, exactly.

165 **Sam Myers:** From about 8:00 on Thursday morning that week until around 6:00pm on Sunday. The supplier of our
166 big Bear Towne enclosed tents can staff up **inaudible** and have all of those tents removed Saturday evening. We
167 originally thought it would require a partial closure through sometime Monday morning but it appears that will not
168 be the case. Sunday evening we would begin to close.

169 **Commissioner Simmons:** So it is basically four days?
170 **Sam Myers:** Yes ma'am.

171 **Commissioner Overcash:** Sam, have you made any plans if we have a strong northeast wind that floods the street
172 down there?
173 **Sam Myers:** Same plan if we have another tornado like we did at Pecan Grove.

174 **Commissioner Overcash:** Hold on to as much as you can.
175 **Sam Myers:** It is an outdoor event, Charlie.
176 **Commissioner Overcash:** I know. I just wondered if you had thought about it.
177 **Sam Myers:** It is very rare that we have northeasters that time of year.

178 **Commissioner Overcash:** No, I disagree because I lost a lot of mulch around my house down there twice from that
179 time of year when I put it out in the spring.
180 **Sam Myers:** Well eight of the nine shows that I have run between here and Pecan Grove, we have had
181 southwesterly flows that week.
182 **Commissioner Overcash:** I am just saying it can happen.
183 **Sam Myers:** It can and we will deal with it.

184 **Mayor Belangia:** Alright, any more discussion?
185 **Commissioner Simmons:** I am a little concerned about that fact that The Bean being re-supplied, if I can just
186 believe that it will really work.
187 **Mayor Belangia:** It has worked in the past.
188 **Commissioner Simmons:** And when you say that O'Town did it and M & Ms did it and I do think it could be good
189 for The Bean's business.

190 **Commissioner Price:** Did you re-supply from Factory Street, the other side of the Village Gallery?
191 **Sam Myers:** That would be preferable, I think.
192 **Commissioner Price:** I don't know if a tractor trailer comes in for ice cream.
193 **Mayor Belangia:** Now if the beer truck comes in for the Toucan, I'll get it.
194 **Sam Myers:** We'll put you on that crew.
195 **Mayor Belangia:** I know you've got to have an answer today.

196 **Sam Myers:** I really need one. May I say something ladies and gentleman, sincerely. The Rotary club did not send
197 me here to be a supplicant or to beg from you. What they instructed me to do was to remind all of you and our
198 business partners of the partnership that we have had so successfully now for four or five years here in town. It is not
199 just about raising money for Rotary. If it was, we would serve more food on site. We would serve more beer on site.
200 We do not do that. We intentionally set out and produce this show so that it is a win-win for everybody and I think
201 we have been successful with it. We are not going to change that methodology.
202 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** I would agree, I think this has to stay an Oriental show. If it moves to River Dunes or
203 someplace else, it is not an Oriental show. In my experience with the Dragon Boat where it used to be in town here,
204 there was a lot of business. Now that it has gone to River Dunes, we don't see any of it. We may see one or two
205 hotel rooms but it is pretty much gone.

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207 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** that we allow the closure of Hodges Street from South Water to
208 Factory starting Thursday at 8am and ending Sunday at 6pm.
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210 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** We ask that, you will not be able to solve every issue or every question that
211 everybody has but just be flexible during the thing to be able to solve issues that come up and also rely on the town
212 and us to help you solve some of those issues too.
213 **Sam Myers:** We would welcome that.
214 **Mayor Belangia:** We have a **MOTION**. Is there any discussion?
215 **Manager Miller:** Commissioner White – you wanted to make sure that you had something that says that the granted
216 closure was not flexible.
217 **Mayor Pro Tempore White:** The granted closure is not flexible this year in the **MOTION**. In other words, you
218 can't say okay now we are going to move to South Water, now we are going to move it to 55, now we are going to
219 move it to Coldwell Banker building because it suits us better and it's got shade so, it is whatever we say.

220 **Sam Myers:** If we do, any of those things would deter traffic to the other businesses, we need those streets open.

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222 Seconded by **Commissioner Price**. Motion passed 4-1 with **Commissioner Overcash** opposed.

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224 **Sam Myers:** Thank you folks. We are going to work hard to make sure that this works.

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226 **Tree Removal and Debris**

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228 Manager Miller presented the damage report

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- Welcome to Oriental sign on the other side of the bridge is missing, washed away
- Dinghy dock – sign board needs to be re-set, handrail damage, missing and broken boards
- Town Dock #1 – same, hand rails, post anchors, top rail
- Flag pole recently installed went down and took deck board with it but did not leave us
- Expansion joint along bulkhead was inspected by an engineer; four engineers came to town to look at two walls. It does look to be noticeably different from the inspection that was done when flood mitigation was done with DEQ last year. Their photos are similar, does not look like any additional damage was done. There may be something obstructing the flow beneath the street, possibly a recycle bin. Water needs to recede some before we can look.
- Boards missing from the bulkhead. Chains that went across openings in the railings need to be replaced
- Town Dock #2 – we need to check the conduit on the pump out but the pump out is working. Public restrooms at the harbor did very well. Damage to lattice around the bottom. Debris line probably half way between the building and the street so the water did come up past the new PEV charging station – will be checked out by our electrician. Both of them went under but station at waterfront is different so will make arrangements to have checked out.
- Lou Mac Park – Electric pole is not functional which connects to electric under two small benches in the park near the water fountain that fell over and broke, has been disconnected. Electric beside the Crisco house is also not working. The festival boards are turned on and most of them are working but all electric in Lou Mac Park is currently down.
- Boardwalk – there are a handful of boards left but is mostly an open drain. It is two sections of sheet pile with gravel in between with boards over top.
- Manager Miller showed a progression of photos of water heights throughout the storm and damages around town as described here:
The boat ramp did not sustain a lot of damage but the bridge that goes between the fixed ramp and the floating dock collapsed. The dinghy dock has an extra piece of someone’s floating dock, does not belong to us. The steps to the art gallery were retrieved from the water by Town Dock #2. Town Dock #1 is a bit twisted. The beach is now on the wrong side of the road. The sand will be pushed back on to the beach. Bay River had significant damage to some of their lift stations. The lift station and its generator were intact and functional but was shut down and pumped out several days in a row to be sure due to the instability of the wall. They will likely come back and do a steel reinforced wall. Public Restroom did well, lost lattice. Photo shows debris line, pump station and PEV station. Both PEV stations are down and offline. Lou Mac Park – photo shows between the two sheet pilings filled with gravel and section of deck boards that remain, rest is open. We need to refill gravel and reattach boards. Public needs to stay away from this area as there are many hazards, nails, etc. Fishing pier is in very bad shape. Pilings in the river are still erect and still at the right angle but will be an extensive renovation and not a total rebuild. Fountain has fallen over and pulled lines out which connects to other issues. South Avenue – will be closed for a very long time, possibly up to two years and project is extensive. Four engineers came to look at the wall. Structural integrity is still there. They believe no additional damage was done to existing cement bulkhead. Where South Avenue turns to Vandemere, there is sheet piling where wall stops about 10’ after the turn. The dirt and grass to the road is gone. Cement and aggregate may not be strong enough to hold up and fix where the road turns. This has been deemed by both the SOG and FEMA as exigent circumstances. Before the heavy equipment can be placed on South Avenue, the wall needs to be stable. Exigent circumstances, meaning protecting life and safety, allows us to avoid the required bidding that has to happen. The engineers have suggested driving in new sheet piling and extend it a bit further. That new structure would require us to speak with CAMA. Structure against the sidewalk where the fishing pier begins is compromised and is also an exigent circumstance and can get that repaired immediately without bidding.

275 We are unsure if or how much of that will be reimbursed. The League of Municipalities has received our
276 six pages of damage report.

- 277 • Railing was “torn out hard” where railing, post and metal cleat were all torn out – all must be replaced.
- 278 • A lot of asphalt was picked up by the river and moved onto private residential properties as well as two
279 feet of gravel at the intersection of High and South. It is not safe. The engineers have also looked at this
280 and will likely not have to bid a contract as we do not have the personnel or equipment to move this before
281 we can start anything. An attorney for a resident asked when asphalt will be moved. We will be letting a
282 contract to get that moved out. The substrate under the road shows oyster shells and river rock. Some of
283 this was lifted and engineers have informed us that we need to put an 8-12” base of ABC aggregate to
284 DOT standards. Mr. Jim Kellenberger, retired engineer, is doing work Pro Bono for us.
- 285 • Water line is on the residential side of this road. Age of our distribution had been discussed during budget
286 and one fire hydrant had been budgeted for replacement. We are reasonably sure when the fishing pier and
287 water fountain lines went that hydrant was further compromised and absolutely needs replacing. The
288 distribution lines were crumbling when previous work was being done on this same hydrant. While the
289 road is missing, this would be a good time to restring water line down from Freemason to the other fire
290 hydrant, which is most likely also compromised, but will not be sure until we remove asphalt and gravel.
- 291 • We have a quote of between \$60,000 and \$65,000 to replace the water line and fire hydrants and valves on
292 that road
- 293 • Vandemere – exigent circumstance and need to fix the wall, CAMA will be in shortly with the engineers
- 294 • On Mrs. Tingle’s property (803 South Avenue) there is a catch basin drain that runs under the road to the
295 river. While the road is torn up, this is a good time to fix this undersized drain.
- 296 • What was alligatored before is worse. There is a sink hole forming near the home of Kip Fairbank at 701
297 South Avenue. Will most likely go all the way to Freemason when repaving is done. Manager Miller spoke
298 about the exigent work that can be done without bidding.
- 299 • Park Benches – the three benches are gone along with everything holding them together.
- 300 • The kayak racks fared very well.
- 301 • Lupton Park – we removed the most dangerous things, had several leaners and big limbs we cannot get to
302 and will have tree contractor take those out.
- 303 • Water Treatment Plant – some damage. One of those things was a hanging Duke line and pulled the pole
304 across the water plant which disconnected one of the salt brine feeder lines while Duke was on the road
305 fixing it. When we go on generator power to keep water plant running, we only pump out of one well head
306 instead of both which cycle on and off so the same set of equipment is used over and over. When the docks
307 floated away, the dock line and the water line broke. Public works shut off all of the dock lines and all of
308 the houses where people had left and managed to fill the water towers again never losing pressure. As a
309 result of this, some equipment at the water plant was lost. The generator worked as long as we needed it.
310 Duke came in as that is designated at the State level as critical infrastructure so was the first thing in Town
311 that was fixed.
- 312 • Recreation Park – as expected. Shingles, structures and trees down. Unexpected was damage to a large
313 drainage ditch that became filled out around the dog park.

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315 Manager Miller shared that the employees worked 24/7 until Saturday, September 22 with the storm coming in on
316 Thursday, September 13. Winds stopped enough for Public Works to go out on Saturday after four previous attempts
317 stopped by winds to go out with chainsaws to clear roads and driveways, gain access to people. While the Town
318 does not budget overtime, we should expect overtime and FEMA should reimburse all of this. Four families, five of
319 the twelve employees, have lost everything. In the week, following the storm they stayed at Town Hall working
320 instead of dealing with their own problems, finding temporary housing, etc. Manager Miller asked people with
321 vacation rentals if they would be willing to rent them as there is a housing shortage right now. She also mentioned
322 the servers, waitresses, dishwashers and service workers that are now out of work until those businesses reopen.
323 Manager Miller shared from the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development branch in New Bern, they are looking to
324 put people out of work due to the hurricane back to work. Displaced workers can register and entities can register.

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326 **Debris**

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328 Manager Miller wished to dispel several rumors, the first being that the clean up after Irene was done so much
329 faster. Some was done illegally and not reimbursed, fined to the hauler. We have approximately 50% more debris
330 from this storm than after Irene. At \$5,000 a day to cut up and haul it off, we cannot afford to go too far down this
331 road if we are unsure we will be reimbursed. With each hurricane, FEMA rules change. After Matthew, our tree
332 contractor came in and cut everything down and hauled it away in a week. The site that was used is now only
333 permitted as a temporary site, not a final disposition site. We cannot move things twice. A temporary site, for
334 example our rec site, can be permitted. Manager Miller relayed an incident during Hurricane Irene in another
335 municipality; their temporary site was contiguous to a fire station. When debris is green and decaying as it sits and
336 produces heat, it eventually catches fire. We do not have this type of infrastructure and is hesitant to ask the state to
337 permit a temporary site and will look for a final destination. The closest site, currently, is Tuscarora, approximately
338 one hour and twenty minutes away which means two truckloads out a day. The Board members were given copies of
339 a Memorandum of Understanding that connects us to the County and allows them to come in and remove it. It also
340 allows us to use their transfer station, which we cannot do right now. If we sign this, we can take it to the transfer
341 station on Hwy 306 with our hauler. We are only missing monitors. The workforce development group is training
342 monitors and we have requested monitors. This is a quick turnaround as it is not a certified class. We need to amend
343 our contract with our hauler. When it was approved and when it was last used, we could do it by the hour. That is
344 only valid for clear and shove at the beginning. It is not valid for hauling. That must be done ton or cubic yard.
345 Manager Miller will contact him and amend the contract with the Board's permission. As soon as we can amend that
346 and get the contract right. It was bid properly and awarded properly and we have someone on standby, we can get
347 the monitors and we have a site that we can use that is closer, it will all be good, just need to get the monitors in
348 place. The county will also be coming through and DOT has been authorized by the Governor to pick up Highway
349 55 – both green waste and C & D. All of this is good news. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated that transfer station at
350 Highway 306 is nice but not that big and believes it will fill up quickly. Manager Miller stated it will be turned
351 around to Tuscarora as is the County Manager's plan. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked for confirmation that it will
352 be taken to the transfer station at 306 and then to Tuscarora. Manager Miller stated that the transfer station is a
353 temporary site and we only have to see it through to the temporary site. The County, through the MOU, will take it
354 from the temporary site to the permanent site. Manager Miller feels we do not have the resources the monitor a
355 temporary site. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated what he likes about this is that the vegetation and C & D in the
356 County, at is discretion, can amend the contract to allow the removal of other types of debris – such as debris that
357 washed up from other places. Manager Miller stated that the County Manager's office has been extremely helpful
358 through this process. Town of Oriental has opened a FEMA claim and a claim with our regular insurance. Our
359 generator worked for four days. Mr. Bohmert (resident) has been manufacturing parts to keep it running for us. At
360 the height of the storm it stopped working. Public Works Director Andrew Cox was out in 45 mph winds and
361 driving rain trying to repair it as there were 15 people evacuated to town hall. He managed to repair it temporarily
362 and lasted one more day and after four diesel mechanics have tried to repair it, it is no longer working. The driving
363 salty rain from the storm penetrated the fuel, fuel injectors, etc. The Public Works refrigerator used for ice and water
364 samples also ceased working. Town Hall fared very well – roof and windows – but there are now cracks in the floors
365 and seems to be the only damage that we have found thus far. Manager Miller asked the Board if they would like to
366 approve the MOU and she will have Mayor Belangia sign it.

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368 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the MOU. Seconded by **Mayor Pro Tempore White**.
369 Motion passed 5-0.

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371 **Commissioner Dammeyer** inquired about the part about modifying the hauler's contract. Manager Miller stated she
372 needs permission to modify the contract that we already have in place to add the hauling by cubic yard or ton.

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374 **Commissioner Dammeyer** made a **MOTION** to modify the hauler's contract as stated. Seconded by
375 **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.

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377 Manager Miller asked the Board to consider for those needing to reconstruct, several communities have waived
378 permitting and zoning fees for those people who are raising, or razing, their homes – not new construction – due to
379 damages from the storm. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated if it was done in such a way that Manager Miller would
380 have the discretionary authority to waive it to deter people from trying to sneak anything through on zoning issues.
381 Manager Miller stated it would be easy to tell whether it was reconstruction or new construction. Mayor Pro
382 Tempore White was satisfied with this.

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384 **Mayor Pro Tempore White** made a **MOTION** that the Board give **Manager Miller** the discretion to waive
385 permitting fees for reconstruction due to hurricane damage. Seconded by **Commissioner Simmons**. Motion passed
386 5-0.

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388 Manager Miller wished to thank EVERYBODY who helped the Town. In the middle of the hurricane, Matthew
389 Barnett and Administrative Assistant Nicole Sadler were married on our front porch as the wedding was scheduled
390 for Saturday, September 15. Dave Sargent of M & Ms provided the food for the wedding and fed staff for a couple
391 of days. A group came down from Cape May, NJ with a full U-Haul full of supplies organized by a high school
392 friend of Manager Miller. Groups from Maryland and Florida also came with trucks full of supplies. Mr. George
393 Beckwith, who lived in Oriental and is now in Virginia, came down with a U-Haul full of supplies as well. Mr.
394 Jimmy Dozer brought a huge container of ice to us. American Red Cross and Salvation Army were here for several
395 days handing out supplies and food. The people at the County, Commissioners Baskerville and Bohmert sat at the
396 fire station for days handing out supplies from the State and Emergency Management, Town Hall staff for all of the
397 extraordinary work that they did and noted everybody put everything on hold to make sure that the Town was up
398 and running. Public Works Director/ORC Andrew Cox suffered a re-injury during this process as well. We are not
399 processing late fees for September or cut off fees. The next water bill will be a bit higher as there is an extra week on
400 the billing. Meters could not be read and readings could not be entered immediately after the storm. If anyone has
401 issues due to the higher bill, Manager Miller encourages residents to come make arrangements prior to the due date.
402 Commissioner Overcash commented that there will be a lot of meters covered with debris. Manager Miller said
403 public works was instructed to make a list of meters covered by debris so they can be first to be removed. We are
404 doing some debris removal on our own as we having a standing contract with Waste Industries for roll offs, several
405 hundred to maybe a thousand dollars that may or may not be reimbursed but feels this is a good investment. We
406 have this in place and they track the tonnage. After Matthew, they allowed that on our FEMA claim as they were
407 going to final disposition. We are picking up what we can with town labor. Residents may also take their debris to
408 the water plant to our green waste dumpsters. We are attempting to have two roll offs delivered to Freemason and
409 South and Wall and South for C & D only to try to get the OFPMF grounds clear. They have organized a work
410 group to assist. If we allow the festival to continue, we have a responsibility to make it as safe as possible. The staff
411 will take care of green waste and the volunteers and their contractor will take C & D, only, to the roll offs. We are
412 liable if we allow the festival to go on to get these streets clear. Commissioner Overcash asked if Rotary has been in
413 contact with Town Hall about their car show in October. This has been rescheduled. Signs have already been
414 ordered that say "Road Under Construction" and "Broken Pavement." Those will be in place for quite some time as
415 this is a liability issue. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked if these containers are available to all residents or just for
416 the Town employees. Manager Miller stated as long as it is C & D, that is fine, as long as the festival grounds are
417 cleared. Mayor Pro Tempore White suggested putting signs for Town use only as they will fill up quickly. Mayor
418 Pro Tempore White inquired about the amount of our reserve funds; this is a little over 50%. Manager Miller
419 reiterated, the smaller the town, the larger the percentage needed. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated that it can take
420 FEMA up to two years to reimburse and bills need to be paid up front once we enter into a contract. Residents are
421 telling him that the streets narrowing from debris and some of the piles of green debris is smoking. When might they
422 start picking up? Manager Miller stated the County is set to start on October 8, unless they can get it moving before
423 then. It is a matter of getting monitors in place. Manager Miller stated Former Town Manager Maxbauer took some
424 unnecessary abuse following the last storm for hiring part-time employees and was stuck with unemployment
425 afterwards. FEMA recommends contract or temporary employees up to a certain number of hours, up until a certain
426 date and then you are contractually finished with them after that. Manager Miller contacted our attorney about hiring
427 temporary workers to be monitors. He stated if you hire someone and tell them exactly what you need them to do,
428 they are not temporary but part-time workers. The difference is, if you hold a training session for monitors and then
429 solicit for monitors, they already have the training because they took the class. This makes them temporary workers.
430 Manager Miller feels Former Town Manager Maxbauer was advised by the attorney to hire them as part time
431 workers. Mayor Pro Tempore White recalls at that time FEMA was authorizing up to \$75 per hour for monitors who
432 were hired at the \$10-\$15 range. Manager Miller stated they are authorizing \$10-\$12 currently. We are going down
433 the most fiscally prudent road and the quickest path to getting the stuff picked up. Our goal is to "get it gone" and
434 we are doing the best we can to make that happen. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated it is good that people have
435 separated their trash but the bad news is they are running out of space and there is no right of way left.

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437 Manager Miller commented on one stretch of road where there are no homes for hundreds of yards but there is a
438 mile of debris. Commissioner Overcash stated he saw a tractor putting it out there. Lisa Thompson stated it is from
439 Harbour Way and White Farm Road. Mayor Pro Tempore White stated he saw a contractor unloading stuff as well.
440 Lisa Thompson stressed the importance of paying attention while driving as golf carts cannot be seen behind these
441 piles of debris. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked for confirmation that the county will begin picking up green waste
442 around October 8. Manager Miller said it will be green waste and C & D. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked if we
443 can initiate something before then, it would be quicker for our residents. Commissioner Overcash asked if the results
444 of this meeting can be posted to our Facebook and she will do that. Mayor Pro Tempore White asked about a
445 potential site, a mine location. Manager Miller stated the state only certified it as a temporary site. Commissioner
446 Dammeyer asked about parking with regard to the Ol' Front Porch Music Festival on October 6 if the debris
447 removal does not start until October 8. Melinda Penkava, Board member of OFPMF, stated they have arranged with
448 Manager Miller to bring dumpsters into town to clean up this area and stressed the importance of other residents not
449 putting debris in these dumpsters. Mayor Pro Tempore White feels we should put up signage to indicate these
450 dumpsters are only for the front porch debris cleaning.

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452 **Commissioner Simmons** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-
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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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