



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
Thursday, January 27 at 8:00AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Pro Tempore White Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Quarterly Workshop Meeting held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 was called to order
2 at 8:00 AM in the large Board Room. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting.
3 Public Comments not to be taken in the Workshop. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the
4 meeting were available through the Town’s website at www.TownofOriental.com.

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6 Present:, Mayor Sally Belangia Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price,
7 Commissioner Winfrey, Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Officer Tammy Cox,
8 and members of the public.

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10 The Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Commissioner Overcash, seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. 5-0.

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12 **1.** Improve communication; social media, print, new website, signs, brochures & maps.-Use an intern, part time
13 help, other. (Tab 1)

14 Manager notes current options including email alerts and social media and website. Limits to email system.
15 Looking into raising that limit. Newsletter not well received, time consuming and expensive. Website
16 reconfiguration contract signed. Fellow solicitation received from SOG. We could use assistance with
17 messaging. Went over website contract. (Coffee delivery from the Bean, compliments of Commissioner Roe.)
18 Driver was to make website mobile-friendly. (\$4,900- budgeted) Commissioner Roe notes that even individual
19 contact does not produce participation. Limited human resources to make any of it happen. Cost for outside
20 agency to look at all our media- cost, no time saving. See what the improvement is prior to any new movement.
21 Discussion on potential electronic sign at Town Hall.

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23 **2.** List of key projects and reporting as regular agenda items.

24 Dept Head reports- Manager’s Report will include all departments
25 Post key project in Town Hall/ on website at the Board’s direction. Large maps to see projects.
26 Use photos of actual work to show progress and key personnel.
27 Drainage- still working through Ragan, RFP drafting,
28 Paving- Barnhill contacted.
29 Net House- lumber delivered, no bids received.
30 Website – “How are we doing?”- removed because did not work on mobile.

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32 **3.** Revamp town meeting specific agenda items and department items. Public Works, Water Plant, and Police report
33 (radar sign, speeding, etc.), continuing education hours. Submitted rules of procedure from City of Denton for
34 your use- choose if/what Board prefers to keep/discard.

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36 **4.** Retention of Town Meeting recordings.(Tab 2)

37 SOG Minutes guide-used for January meeting under this format. Shorter, less detailed, meet all SOG
38 requirements.
39 Our Minutes Policy- our policy- needs change from “after December minutes” should be “end of fiscal
40 year”- any other changes Board prefers. Retention of electronic recordings. Practice is to erase once
41 Minutes approved. Should we retain longer? Manager contacted attorney- anybody can record a public
42 open meeting- no reason for us to retain. Once retained, we must make them available to anyone
43 requesting. Formatting can become an issue. Commissioner Price wants to retain. Manager states we will
44 do as directed. Recommends to make policy changes at a regular meeting. One request for recording since
45 2014.
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47 Commissioner Comments: Overcash: Duke will bring ROW lines (after Piggly Wiggly) from that ROW back out to
48 Hwy 55, where maintenance will be easier. Commissioner Price was at NCDOT summit discussing items, police
49 presence, data, technology. Electric cars do not pay gas tax. Additional revenue will be required. He will write up
50 bullet points. Commissioner White: Liaisons to Boards need to report what committees are doing.

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52 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Meeting – The Board will meet Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:00AM.

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55 Commissioner Winfrey made a **MOTION** to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Roe. Unanimous vote: 5-0.

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57 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:56AM.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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