



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 8AM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 was called to order  
2 at 8:00 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the meeting and turned it over to the  
3 Manager. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's  
4 website at [www.TownofOriental.com](http://www.TownofOriental.com).

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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Winfrey,  
7 Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Administrative Director Tammy Cox, Officer Wichrowski, and  
8 several members of the public. Commissioner Price was absent due to illness. Mayor begins with the Pledge of  
9 Allegiance.

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11 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Overcash made a MOTION to accept the agenda. Commissioner Roe seconds.  
12 4-0.

13 Consent Agenda: Commissioner Overcash made a MOTION to approve the consent. Mayor Pro Tempore White  
14 seconds. 4-0.

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16 Public Comment: 8:06 AM Debbie Slook speaks to the Board commending Police, EMS workers dispatched to her  
17 home for an emergency on their professionalism and compassion. 911 system was down- knows that was a County  
18 issue. Thankful there was an ambulance in town. 8:08 AM Brett Wolf spoke to speeding on Windward, Whittaker  
19 Point Rd, and Ragan Rd.

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21 Public Hearing: Manager introduces amendment to driving Ordinance from the inception and purpose (too much  
22 piped in culvert space having to be cleared) to potential for too restricted use. Also addresses separation between  
23 multiple driveways. Also gives adjustment ability to LUA for street trees, utilities, etc (Roe). Objection to  
24 restrictions on commercial driveway widths (Price)- all adjusted by the Planning Board. Adjustment made in SUP  
25 for AirBnB across from Brantley's to avoid backing onto 55. Planning Board did a lot of work and looked at many  
26 scenarios on different properties and parts of town. Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to open the Public  
27 Hearing. Mayor Pro Tempore White seconds. 4-0. Mayor asks for any comments- nobody is signed up to speak.  
28 Commissioner Overcash made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Winfrey seconded. 4-0.  
29 Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to adopt the proposal to the driveway Ordinance. Commissioner  
30 Winfrey seconds.

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32 Additional ARPA policy requirements: Two policies governing fiscal policy, updating from the previous 1984,  
33 2022-09 and 2022-10 governing use/disbursement/reporting of ARPA funds. Templates from UNC SOG.  
34 Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to accept both resolutions. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 4-0.

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36 Town receives grant: The NCCF/ Dottie Gray Ambulance Fund has awarded over \$10,000 to Oriental to provide an  
37 additional 3 AEDs and two sets of pads/batteries, as well as training required for use of the deployed units.  
38 Additional units will go to Barcos, the combination building with the Deli/Hair Salon/Coming Restaurant, and the  
39 Old Theater. Requesting authorization to accept the funds. Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to authorize  
40 the Manager to move forward. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 4-0. Budget amendment will be forwarded once  
41 funds received.

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43 Planning Board Opening: Opening was advertised as instructed by the Board for one cycle between their meetings.  
44 We received three applications. One applicant participated in the last meeting and considered applying and did so  
45 shortly afterward. The Planning Board offers for your approval appointment of Mr. Carl Crothers to their  
46 membership. Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to appoint Mr. Crothers to the Planning Board.  
47 Commissioner Roe seconds. 4-0.

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50 Police Report- Officer Wichrowski thanks the audience for bringing up speeding- report this month shows many  
51 hours and several citations issued for speeding, mostly on Broad St. Even if people know that there is nobody in the  
52 car, it makes them look down and check speed. Concerns noted on Windward and Ragan. 1<sup>st</sup> citations issued were  
53 on Ragan. We are slowing down- more compliance. Question from the audience about citations? Warnings? No-  
54 the warning period is over- these are tickets. Several events- bike ride, Christmas events ongoing. Went through the  
55 tips for the holidays- boxes can be picked up- just call us- keep bags covered. Call if you need us. Call us if you  
56 need a ride- better than a DWI. Mayor Pro Tempore White reminds Police to keep Midyette St in mind. Officer  
57 notes most are staying to Broad since the speed bumps installed.

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59 Manager's Report: Financials attached. Opened claim for Hurricane Ian- only preps allowed. (Category B) Public  
60 Hearings never in January because publication is interrupted. Will be doing one in February to close Hutson (Town)  
61 Road on the Piggly Wiggly side. Resilience portfolio available for review- we did have input. Copper and Lead  
62 revision- unfunded mandate- new federal law requiring us to replace lines between meter and house to reduce  
63 copper/lead positive tests. Increased Finance Officer insurance required with renewal (July 1). Does the Board want  
64 both regular and workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup>? Remain on the 26<sup>th</sup>? Move it to February? Commissioner Overcash and  
65 Mayor propose to leave Jan 26 as is- Board agrees. Dep Director Cox and Manager are going to NCCCMT  
66 conference in New Bern. Following day is CRSWMA annual meeting. Commissioner Price forwarded documents  
67 from Pamlico County and ECCOG.

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69 Committee Reports: Jim Blackerby (HWAC) continuing to work on repairs to facilities. Meeting with CAMA in  
70 Wilmington. Several buoy and marker issues recently- USCG responded immediately. Net House progressing.  
71 Vandalism in Women's restroom at Harbor. Marsha- Tourism- will reconvene in January. Bonnie- P&R- thanks for  
72 help at the Rec Park event- a lot of County folks use the park, submitted recommendation for dog stations. Luminary  
73 process this week. Police offers assistance in placing the luminaries. Dog bag refills are backordered- we have  
74 already moved less used roll locations to more heavily used stations.

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76 Commissioner Comments: Mayor Pro Tempore White received (all Board members) from Lisa Blinn to have a map  
77 for AirBnBs. We could likely put in a new link to JUST AirBnBs. Maps would be out of date very quickly.  
78 Tourism has it on the January agenda.

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80 Manager reminds al our volunteers who did not pick up volunteer gifts can come to Town Hall to get those.

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83 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Quarterly Meeting – January 10, 2023, 8AM.  
84 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:50 AM by MOTION of Commissioner Winfrey, second by Commissioner Roe. 4-0.

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88 Sally Belangia, Mayor  
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90 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

91 Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2023