



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:00AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 was called to order at 8:00 AM.
2 Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the meeting and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3 The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town’s website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.
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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Winfrey, Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Officer Bill
8 Wichrowski, Public Works Director/ORC Andrew Cox, and many members of the public. The Mayor opened the
9 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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11 The Agenda was adjusted and approved by a **MOTION** from Mayor Pro Tempore White, seconded by
12 Commissioner Roe. Unanimous vote: 5-0. Item 7. Purchase of equipment was removed from the agenda.
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14 The Consent Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Commissioner Overcash, seconded by Commissioner Roe.
15 Unanimous vote: 5-0.
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17 Public Comment: 8:04AM-8:14AM, 7 Public Comments.
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19 BikeMS request: BikeMS has again asked for use of Lou Mac park as a rest station for the event centered in New
20 Bern. Commissioner Roe made a **MOTION** to grant the request to BikeMS.. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0.
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22 Petitioners invited to comment on fence screening: Having received petition to screen green waste dumpsters at
23 Water Plant, Board directed Manager to invite signers to propose solution. Several options discussed. Public Works
24 overwhelmed and behind- Volunteers presented design and offered to gather estimates and quantities for building a
25 screening fence. Artwork to decorate was suggested, Manager noted it must be sustainable.
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27 Adoption of Procedural Rules: Manager noted items in package were for Board review and comments were due by
28 March 4 so she can compile and have ready for March 10.
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30 Potential equipment purchase : REMOVED- tabled until March 10.
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32 Arbor Day/Chapter H adjustment: Tree Board requests additional members and adjustment to Chapter H to allow 2
33 out of town members and a total of 8 members. Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a **MOTION** to accept change to
34 Chapter H.. Commissioner Overcash Seconds. 5-0. Commissioner Roe makes a **MOTION** to accept the resolution
35 2022-03 declaring April2, 2022 Arbor Day in Oriental. More information coming soon. Mayor Pro Tempore White
36 seconds. 5-0.
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38 Police Report: Officer Wichrowski went through monthly numbers, and answered questions about incidents that
39 were not initial calls for OPD. Manager explains “Oriental” in news means anything from Arapahoe to River
40 Dunes- anyone with an Oriental zip code. Also- when no officers on duty, PCSO takes lead.
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42 Manager’s Report: The Manager went through an updated and more robust report that included all departments’
43 priorities, array of tasks accomplished. Manager’s report documents attached to Official Minutes.
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45 Committee Reports: Minutes from HWAC, Tree Board, and Parks and Recreation attached to Official Minutes.
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47 Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Roe suggested a team to consult on website revision, Mayor Pro Tempore
48 White wants to make sure we discuss piling issues at Town Dock 1, Also notes we have received three “no bids” on
49 the net house- schedule discussion for March 10. Commissioner Roe notes that the GMO is not abundantly clear and
50 asks the Planning Board to look at those things that pertain to nonconforming structures/property. Manager/LUA
51 notes the process from granting and denial through Board of Adjustment through Superior Court. Commissioner
52 Price thanks Public Works for cleaning up Lupton Park, notes we have 20 colleges bringing in students for regatta in
53 April- get the word out- need for housing.

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55 Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION to **go into Closed Session for personnel matters according to**
56 **N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6)** for the Manager’s annual evaluation. Commissioner Overcash seconds. 5-0. 9:13AM
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58 9:44AM- Board returns from Closed session. Mayor Pro Tempore White noted the Manager had a good evaluation
59 and that any raise would be discussed in the normal budget cycle.

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62 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Retreat Meeting – The Board will meet Thursday, March 10, 2022 at
63 8:00AM.

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66 Commissioner Winfrey made a **MOTION** to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Price. 5-0...

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68 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:56AM.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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