



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 8:00AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 was called to order at 8:01 AM.
2 Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the regular meeting and began with the Pledge of
3 Allegiance. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's
4 website at 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 Nic
8 Blayney, and members of the public.
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10 The Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Commissioner Overcash, seconded by Commissioner Winfrey.
11 Commissioner Roe notes that the agenda package, delivered by Friday prior to the meeting is not enough time to
12 review the documents and asks if shifting the meeting schedule one week would give more time. vote: 5-0.
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14 The Consent Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Commissioner Roe, seconded by Commissioner Overcash.
15 vote: 5-0.
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17 Public Comment: Allison DeWeese spoke to suggest additional speed limit sign on Hodges prior to cross section of
18 Water St/S Water St.
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20 Public Services Week: Resolution 2022-04 introduced. Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a **MOTION** to approve
21 the resolution, designating May 15-21, 2022 Public Works Week. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. Commissioner
22 Roe suggests tabling this designation off until the Labor Day holiday time period. Commissioner Overcash confirms
23 that the two resolutions are two different week. Vote: 4-1 (Roe opposing)
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25 National Police Week: Resolution 2022-05 introduced. Proclaims National Police Week May 9-15. Mayor Pro
26 Tempore White makes a **MOTION** to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Roe seconds. 5-0.
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28 Appointment: The Tree Board requests appointment of Mr. John Deaton to the Tree Board. Commissioner Roe
29 makes the **MOTION** to appoint Mr. Deaton. Commissioner Overcash seconds. Commissioner Roe complimented
30 Mr. Deaton on working prior to his appointment with the Board. 5-0.
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32 Budget Amendment and change of Ordinance previously approved: At receipt of US Treasury funds, direction was
33 given to establish a Grant Project Ordinance for ARPA funding. As recently as Thursday, April 28, 2:30PM, the
34 Treasury has revised the final rule to allow all NEUs (Non-Entitlement Units) [us] to file all payments received as
35 revenue reimbursement instead of grant funded project under \$10M. The \$274,398.50 is thereby removed from a
36 restricted fund and into both GF and WF to pay for projects accomplished and ongoing. Our report filed Thursday
37 reflects that we have spent \$156,327.17, with \$118,071.33 left to be obligated. These funds can be used this FY or
38 next. Grant Project Ordinance 2021-278 is proposed to be replaced by Project Ordinance 2022-282, correcting the
39 grant to project, the amount to \$274,398.50 and noting its use as revenue replacement. Was required on July 1, 2021
40 to be put into restricted fund. Now we have to move it to the departments where it is spent. Also- there is a line that
41 accounts for the receipt of funds from the County toward our swing set at the Recreation Park. Mayor Pro Tempore
42 White makes a MOTION to accept the ARPA funds and replace the grant ordinance with a project ordinance as
43 directed. Commissioner Overcash seconds. Commissioner Roe does not understand the details, what are we
44 spending the remainder on? Does not want to accept this without knowing where it is going. We haven't decided
45 where the remainder goes. Manager explains that Treasury direction is to correct the Ordinance from grant to

46 project, and move the funds from restricted to unrestricted funds. Board will direct the remainder during budget
47 discussions. 4-1, Roe opposing.

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49 Parrothead Regatta: Parrotheads have again asked to reserve the docks for their annual regatta. Mayor Pro Tempore
50 White makes a MOTION to approve the regatta use of Town Docks. Commissioner Overcash seconds.
51 Commissioner Roe asks why this is not on the official event closing list. Manager interrupts to explain that there is a
52 motion and second and if they want to add, the MOTION either needs to be voted down and a new proposed, or
53 amend the current motion. Commissioner Roe amends the MOTION to add that the event should be added to the
54 official closing list. Mayor Pro Tempore White seconds. 5-0.

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56 Police Report: Officer Blayney is present to answer any questions the Board might have about the monthly report.
57 Speed data is available and attached. Speeding data from Broad and George for a month. Speed approaching (prior
58 to the zone). Most are compliant by the time they are in the zone. Commissioner Price asks if we can see the time of
59 day when the speeding occurs. Officers attending radar training all next week. Mayor Pro Tempore White and
60 Commissioner Winfrey state that they believe giving tickets is the way to get the speeding under control.
61 Commissioner Roe researched the sign, manufacturer and distributor. Agrees with Mayor Pro Tempore White on
62 stopping speeders. Commissioner Roe does not understand the regular police report- Officer Blayney offers to sit
63 and explain. Mayor Pro Tempore White confirms the sign was purchased on a grant.

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65 Manager's Report: Attached. Manager goes through monthly report and financials. Included new- repelled two
66 cyber attacks from Virginia that would have shut off our access to the internet due to installed software, purchased
67 last year. Exploratory digging to locate water/sewer lines near John Bond Beach prior to construction. Dredging
68 request in Raccoon Creek. Manager notes to contractor to stay away from seawall on Hodges. Upcoming events:
69 Townwide yard sale, shred day, bulk pickup day, hazmat dropoff. Lisa Thompson resigned from HWAC as their
70 chair. Board will meet next week. Auditor will be here in June to give report. CCR posted. Softener rehab complete-
71 our water is now softer- if you have a home softener, it will need to be adjusted. Burnout starting May 16.
72 Construction to start following award, road repair after that. BRMSD rates increasing July 1.

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74 Committee Reports: Auxiliary Board open house in this room May 5- all Boards will have info and be able to
75 answer questions.

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77 Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Overcash asks to schedule the Library Friends to make a presentation at
78 June 7 meeting. Mayor Pro Tem White notes he has struck out ten times for contractor on the Net House. Anyone
79 who wants to walk the Pointe- Mr. Blackerby will take you out to see it. Commissioner Roe would like to find out
80 how to assist town staff and make things more efficient. Need to consider what we ask and how we ask to do things-
81 how can we help? Mayor Pro Tem White notes that we set them a direction and then keep adding to or asking why-
82 Board needs to not be in the day to day business. We can't keep adding tasks. Commissioner Overcash agrees.
83 Commissioner Roe asks about website update. Further discussion on how the Board directs staff. Commissioner
84 Winfrey adds that we need to just let them do their jobs. Mayor Belangia notes Rotary chicken dinner- May 14. June
85 5,6,7- NC Ag will have 50 chefs here, courtesy of Tommy Wheeler-free food and demos.

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87 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – The Board will meet after a short recess in a Budget
88 Meeting today.

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91 Commissioner Winfrey made a MOTION to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Roe. 5-0

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93 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:14AM.

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97 Sally Belangia, Mayor

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99 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

