

Town of Oriental
Town Board Meeting
June 2, 2015

The Town Board of Oriental held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:00pm. The Mayor determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Sage, Commissioners Overcash, White, Summers, Town Manager Miller, Town Attorney Davis, and public. Commissioner Venturi was delayed and joined the Board at 7:15pm.

The Agenda and Consent Agenda were presented for Board approval.

Commissioner Summers requested to add item 6A, an amendment to General Ordinances, Chapter K, to the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of item 6A, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Sage opened the Public Hearing on the adoption of the 2015-2016 Town Budget.

No members of the public wished to comment.

Mayor Sage closed the Public Hearing and opened the topic to Commissioner discussion.

Motion: Commissioner White motioned to approve and adopt the 2015-2016 Town Budget, Commissioner Summers seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Town Manager Miller took the floor to give a presentation on the new budget, breaking down the items and reasoning involved in its creation.

The motion to approve and adopt the 2015-2016 Town Budget passed 4-0.

Mayor Sage opened the Public Hearing on the Town's adoption of the Pamlico County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Grace Evans, a member of the public, requested to make a comment before the Commissioner discussion. She queried as to whether the Commissioners had read, in detail, the entire 358 page plan and if the plan had been submitted to the Planning Board prior to the Town Board vote.

Town Manager Miller confirmed that the Planning Board had received the Pamlico County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Summers responded that virtually the entire plan is items required by FEMA, leaving little option for changes.

Mayor Sage closed the Public Hearing and opened the topic to Commissioner discussion.

Motion: Commissioner Overcash motioned to adopt the Pamlico County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Sage opened the floor for the general public comment period

No members of the public wished to comment.

Mayor Sage closed the general public comment period and moved to the next item of business, the amendment to General Ordinance, Chapter S; fee schedule changes.

Motion: Commissioner White motioned to adopt the amendment to change the fee schedule of General Ordinances, Chapter S, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The next item of business was an amendment to General Ordinances, Chapter K; removal of temporary water discontinuation rates. Town Manager Miller stated that these changes would align with the fee schedule changes to Chapter S.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to adopt the amendment to General Ordinances, Chapter K, Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The next item on the agenda was to approve a contract with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram to conduct the Town's 2015 contract for the 2014-2015 audit.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to approve the contract, as provided, with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram for the 2015 contract for the 2014-2015 Town audit, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The next item on the agenda was the Resolution for Closing Streets for Specific Events.

Motion: Commissioner Overcash motioned to adopt the Resolution for Closing Streets for Specific Events, Commissioner White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Agenda item 9, Budget Amendment, was approved at the 05.28.15 Agenda Workshop Meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to authorize the Town's budget officer to move fund funds as necessary to close out the 2014-2015 fiscal year and report the transfers made at the July, 2015 Town Board meeting.

In discussion, it was questioned if there were would be the need for any amendments. Town Manager Miller reported that the only small budget items would come up before the end of the fiscal year and that the Town should be okay.

Motion: Commissioner Summers restated his motion, motioning to authorize the Town's budget officer to make small changes to the budget, excluding any new equipment that is not already in a budget line.

Commissioner Venturi asked Town Manager Miller what would be best. Town Manager Miller stated that closing out the fiscal year should be fine without passing a budget blanket and that she

would contact the Board if an extra meeting was needed.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to authorize the Town's budget officer to make any transfers necessary to close out the fiscal year, from current lines, with instructions to the Town Manager that if it's an extraordinary item, a special meeting will be called. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The next item on the agenda was expiring Ancillary Board/ Committee terms. Town Manager Miller informed the Board the Mr. Barefoot was not seeking reappointment to the Tree Board and that Mr. Doman was not seeking reappointment to the Tourism Board.

Motion: Commissioner Venturi motioned to reappoint Ken Small to the Board of Adjustment; Regina Dubiel, Pat Stockwell, and Jane Olson to the Parks and Recreation Committee; and Eric Dammeyer and Cecily Lohmar to the Planning Board. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

All of the Town's Ancillary Boards/ Committees are currently seeking new members.

Town Manager Miller presented her Manager's Report, addressing Backflow and Cross Connection progress, a potential end of fiscal year Budget Amendment, Volunteer Board schedules, a potential calendar change for Town Board meetings, an update on the Croaker Festival, a potential new development in Town, and financial statements.

Addressing the Manager's Report, Commissioner Summers asked if the Town had approved fireworks for the Croaker Festival. The response was that approval of the fireworks is up to the Fire Marshall. Additionally, the fireworks are set up and fired outside of Town limits.

The Police Report was presented and no comment was given.

The Ancillary Board/ Committee reports were presented. Commissioner White commented that he hoped the new Town Dock burgees would be ready for the Croaker Festival.

The next item on the agenda was the Commissioner Comment Period. Commissioner Overcash commented that he had been in contact with an electronics vendor who could potentially install the new police radio communication gear at a much lower cost than current options. A copy of the proposal has been submitted and Town Manager Miller and Police Chief Moore will be reviewing it.

Commissioner White commented that he has been working with two local camps and asked if it would be possible to reserve one of the Town Docks for sailors from the camp to have a place to tie up their boats in case of storms. This would take place 2-3 separate weekend nights between June and August – the schedule has not yet been set.

Commissioner Summers commented that the East Carolina Council is asking all local and county Boards to recommend to the State Legislator to bring a rural planning and transportation fundproposal to referendum in November. Commissioner Summers reported that he had read the proposal and that there was nothing specific to or directly benefiting Oriental or Pamlico County.

Motion: Commissioner Venturi motioned to adjourn, Commissioner White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

William Sage, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager