

Town of Oriental
Town Board Meeting
July 7, 2015

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

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Venturi, Commissioners Overcash, White, and Summers, Town Manager Miller, Administrative Assistant Dimond and public.

The Agenda and Consent Agenda were presented for Board approval.

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

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Overcash seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Venturi asked that the June 2, 2015 minutes reflect that the Mayor Pro Tem is a voting member, the same as a Commissioner. Motion passed 4-0.

In the public comment period, Grace Evans asked if the Board would consider writing and publishing a thank you letter to the Croaker Festival volunteers. The Board was favorable to the suggestion.

The next agenda item was the reappointment of Town Board/Committee members.

Motion: Commissioner White motioned to reappoint Warren Johnson to the Board of Adjustment and Pat Stockwell to the Harbor Water/Fronts Advisory Committee, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The next agenda item was a discussion on which holidays to designate as paid holidays for Town employees and a calendar of Town Board meeting dates for the coming year. Following several suggestions, the Board favored the idea of designating 8 set paid holidays and 4 'floaters' that could be taken at each employee's discretion. The Board asked that Town Manager Miller provide a written policy to vote on before Labor Day. The calendar of suggested meeting dates was reviewed by the Commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned to approve the proposed calendar of meeting dates, Commissioner Overcash seconded.

In discussion, Town Manager Miller asked if the Board wanted to keep the Thursday Agenda Workshop Meetings. The Board concluded that it would be best to keep the Thursday meetings,

but that the topic should be revisited by the new Town Board after elections in November.
Motion passed 4-0.

Town Manager Miller presented her monthly Manager's report, addressing; financial statements, volunteer board schedules, a potential new housing development, the Town audit, Powell Bill, electrical poles/boards, Andrew Cox receiving his B-Well certificate, the South Avenue restroom building project, Chapter S updates and Notice of Violation being sent to residents, a contract to fill the Town's potholes, a contract for service to the Town's water tanks, viper radios being ordered for the police force, and tablets being ordered for use by Town Boards and Committees.

Chief Moore presented the monthly police report, stating that June was a great month.

The Board reviewed the volunteer Board and Committee reports, there was no comment.

The last agenda item was the Commissioners' comment period.

Motion: Commissioner Summers motioned that the Board thank Cheryl Thompson and all of the Croaker Festival volunteers, particularly Jane Stasser and the garbalogists, for doing a fantastic job this year, Commissioner Overcash seconded.

Following discussion, the motion was amended to 'that the Board thank Cheryl Thompson and all of the Croaker Festival volunteers, particularly all of the department heads, for doing a fantastic job this year. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion: Commissioner White motioned that, following his request at last month's meeting, the Town reserve Town Dock 1 from Monday, July 13 until noon on Tuesday, July 14 for the use of sailors from Camps Seagull and Seafarer, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Venturi commented that she likes the new Town Dock burgees and thinks it's great that the docks are now more recognizable.

Commissioner Summers commented that the County Compass has a good letter about the need for better recycling in the county. Additionally, he commented that the East Carolina Council of Governments heard a presentation supporting the "Connect NC" Bond initiative. There are two parts to this program, transportation and other. In the other category, NC Community Colleges, including Pamlico Community College, would receive 1.83 million dollars. On the transportation side, no money would directly go to Pamlico County transportation projects.

Motion: Commissioner Overcash motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner White seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Barbara Venturi, Mayor Pro Tem

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager