



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 5:30pm

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

6 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 was called to order at 5:30pm.
7 The Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment period, if you
8 wish to speak please make sure you are signed up on the sheet. We will call the meeting to order with the Pledge of
9 Allegiance.

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11 Present: Mayor Sally Belangia, Pro Tempore Barbara Venturi, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner White,
12 Commissioner Winfrey, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Administrative
13 Assistant Jeannine Russo, Officer Nicholas Blayney and Members of the Public. Commissioner Price was absent.

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15 1. Approval of Agenda

16 (a) **Commissioner Venturi** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner White**.
17 Motion passed 4-0.

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19 2. Consent Agenda: (Tab 1)

20 (a) Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Regular August 1, 2017

21 (b) Consider Approval of Minutes from Town Board Workshop August 30, 2017

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23 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner Venturi**.
24 Motion passed 4-0.

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26 **3. Public Comment Period:** Mayor Belangia asked if anyone would like to speak. Limit comments to 3 minutes
27 and comments to full board not individual.

28 No Public Comment Period.

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30 4. Street Closing OFPMF

31 Dottie Osmun, OFPMF Board President, made a request to the Board to close off – all from First Avenue – King St.,
32 Neuse St., Freemason St. and Mildred to the beginning of River Neuse Suites and South Avenue from Mildred to the
33 Town Dock due to performers on those streets. Ms. Osmun stated she is aware that there is a wedding that weekend
34 at River Neuse Suites and they will not be blocked. Commissioner Overcash asked if there will be signage. Ms.
35 Osmun stated there will be signage for road closures and parking. These closures are from 8am through 6pm on
36 Saturday, October 7, 2017.

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38 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** that we close streets from King, to Mildred to First from Freemason,
39 Neuse and King St., except on Mildred where access will be allowed into Neuse River Suites for a wedding.
40 Seconded by Commissioner Venturi. Motion passed 4-0.

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42 5. Street Closings for Car Show

43 Sam Myers asked for road closures for the Classic Car Show on Saturday, October 14, 2017. They are asking for the
44 closure of South Avenue in the 6, 7, and 800 blocks. They will leave ingress and egress for the homeowners at the
45 first part of the 600 block. They are also asking to close parts of Freemason and Mildred beyond those driveways for
46 those residents and businesses. They are expecting approximately 80-85 cars. They are asking for these closures
47 from Saturday, 8am through 6pm. Registration is at 9am and awards at 3pm and are expecting the cars to be gone by
48 5pm. Commissioner Venturi asked if there will be food. The Rotary will be serving burgers and dogs and there may
49 be live music. Commissioner Overcash stated that when a street is partially closed, there may be people who try to
50 drive through. Sam Myers stated there will be a sign detouring drivers that are not going to River Neuse Suites.
51 There will also be temporary signs along South Avenue warning of these closures.

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53 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to close the streets as designated. Seconded by **Commissioner**
54 **Winfrey**. **Commissioner Venturi** asked if we have any signage to prevent parking ahead of time and we do not.
55 Motion passed 4-0.

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57 **6. Public Hearing Request – Draft Changes to GMO**

58 Manager Miller stated that the Planning Board is asking to the Board to set a Public Hearing for changes to the
59 GMO, specifically changes to the Permissible Use Table. The most extensive change is to Section 4.0 – defining
60 Light, Medium and Heavy Industrial and restricting the potential uses of those things in zones. They are not
61 restricting themselves to only those things; they are reviewing everything in the Permissible Use Table to determine
62 what should and should not be allowed in what zone. Manager Miller encourages anyone interested to join them at
63 the meeting Thursday, September 7 at 10am. If you choose to set the Public Hearing for October, Planning has to
64 have a draft to the Board on the day the Public Notice happens. The Public Notice must happen no sooner than 10
65 days before and no later than 25 days before so the day that it is published in the newspaper the first time, the Board,
66 and anyone that requests a copy, needs to have a draft, making that deadline September 19. If they cannot make that
67 happen, they will come back and ask for another month but they are hoping to get a draft to the Board at the October
68 meeting.

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70 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** that we add the Public Hearing Notice for potential changes to the
71 Permissible Uses of the GMO for October 3. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 4-0. Manager
72 Miller also made the Board aware that there is also a Public Hearing scheduled for Mr. Dutton at the old Kenworthy
73 property for October 3. She has not heard from him yet, but we would have to publicize this meeting and if he does
74 not think he can make this happen, we may need to push it back so there is a potential for two public hearings.
75 Motion passed. 4-0.

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77 **7. Upcoming events**

78 The USMC Marine Airwing Band is performing in Lou Mac Park this evening at 7pm. The Pamlico County
79 Chamber of Commerce and Job Fair is September 19 from 4-7pm at Pamlico Community College. The grand
80 opening of New Village Brewery this past weekend was well attended. The Oriental Cup Regatta will be held
81 September 15-19 and they have requested that we allow rafting on Mr. Styron’s side and that we close the docks,
82 except to those that are participating just for the weekend.

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84 **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to close the Town Docks from 5pm Friday, September 15, through
85 Sunday, September 17 at 12pm for the Oriental Cup Regatta. Seconded by **Commissioner Winfrey**. Motion passed
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88 **Commissioner Venturi** added that in the future, things of this nature go into the Ordinance, unless there is a major
89 change, so that **Manager Miller** can handle this administratively and not need to bring it to the Board. **Manager**
90 **Miller** stated that she will format a standard Resolution as is done with Spirit of Christmas and Croakerfest.
91 **Commissioner Venturi** feels that it would be helpful for things that are repetitive to be handled administratively –
92 Oriental Cup Regatta, Parrot Head Regatta and Spirit of Christmas.

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94 **8. Fishing Dealers Potential Use of Town Hall**

95 Manager Miller received a request from a business owner in Oriental to utilize the Town Hall building in October of
96 2018 to hold a business expo for the fishing industry. There was some discussion on both sides at our quarterly
97 Agenda Workshop on August 30. The business is located in town, however, the business owner does not live in
98 town. People would be coming in from out of town to attend this expo. Commissioner White stated we do not have
99 any policy in place for this and we need to think about it. Manager Miller stated that we would be in competition
100 with other paid venues if we allowed this. Commissioner White stated that this is not open to the public and the
101 person is not a resident. Commissioner Venturi asked if this is a distributor. Manager Miller stated that these are
102 people that are in the recreational fishing industry bring in dealers that they would buy from. Commissioner Winfrey
103 felt that this should be held at one of the other venues in town with Commissioner White in agreement.
104 Commissioner Venturi stated she is not against Town Hall being used for a fee but this is beyond what can be
105 decided at this time.

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107 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** not to allow this, and start to think about allowing private people renting
108 Town Hall and work on changing Ordinances. Seconded by **Commissioner Venturi**. Motion passed 4-0.
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110 **9. Health Department**

111 Manager Miller stated there is an active rabies issue in town and we are advising people to keep a closer eye on their
112 pets. If someone's pet comes in contact with a rabid animal, the owner would have to produce evidence that the
113 animal had been vaccinated, would be required to have a booster and be isolated for 45 days. The animal control
114 officer would be keeping tabs on those animals and if they were to find them loose, they could then seize the animal.
115 Commissioner White stated that if a third case was found, the State could then intervene and initiate a leash law.
116 Manager Miller stated this decision would lie with the State Veterinarian and the State Health Director. The two
117 reported cases have been in Dolphin Point and on Silverbrook Road. The leash law would only, in this case, be
118 temporary until the rabies issue is resolved.
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120 **10. Police Report**

121 Officer Blayney stated there were two false alarms, two animal complaints – the rabies issues and a possum that was
122 hit in the road. There was another incident of a resident walking a dog and came upon a turtle in the road (an
123 alligator snapping turtle). A series of slides were exhibited to show the progression of the rescue and relocation of
124 the turtle to the Duck Pond. Two arrests were made – one for possession of crack cocaine/child support and the other
125 was an agency assist. There was a vehicle wreck involving a resident. In addition, there were two fights and several
126 larcenies, vandalism, and several citations. Officer Blayney is doing business checks as well as residence checks. He
127 is also trying to create a business directory for not only storefronts but home-based businesses as well.
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129 **11. Manager's Report**

- 130 • Water Testing – Volatile Organic Compounds – We have done so well in this testing that we are now up to
131 once every three years as we have had good, solid tests for several years on a row. This is the second time
132 this has happened in the past few months so things are going well at the water plant.
- 133 • SOG class starts this month.
- 134 • Bus event took place September 5 at Town Hall.
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136 Manager Miller spoke about the class she and Tammy Cox attended, very informative. They spent a day learning
137 about water impact fees and legal implications. The Town, as far as management is concerned, we are doing the
138 right things.
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140 **12. Committee Reports**

- 141 1. Harbor Waterfronts – July 13, 2017
- 142 2. Bay River – August 17, 2017
- 143 3. Tree Board – July 25, 2017 and August 29, 2017
- 144 4. Tourism Board – August 15, 2017
- 145 5. Water Advisory – Did not meet
- 146 6. Parks and Recreation – July 12, 2017
- 147 7. Planning – August 16, 2017
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149 **13. Commissioners Comments**

150 Commissioner Venturi stated that she was unable to attend the school bus 100th Anniversary celebration and
151 understands “it was not as satisfying as it could have been.” She said she would like to see the Board write a note to
152 them thanking them for giving back our plaque and express some of the ire that some of the residents feel about how
153 it was handled. Mayor Belangia thanked the staff for handling the refreshments. Mayor Belangia mentioned our
154 Golf Cart Ordinance and that a resident recently received a ticket from a highway patrolmen. Town Hall has created
155 laminated copies of our local Ordinance and the State Statute that residents who own golf carts should keep with
156 them in the event they are stopped. Manager Miller stated this authorizes the use of golf carts in towns, if they
157 choose to regulate golf carts and allow them in town, which we do. Our rules are limited – you need to be old
158 enough to drive, be on a public road that is 35 mph or less. She feels it would be helpful to have this with you if
159 you drive a golf cart in Town. Manager Miller has reached out to DOT to extend the 35 mph zone to the Piggly
160 Wiggly to allow safe passage to our only grocery store. Commissioner Venturi added that the Town did pursue a
161 back way and it cannot happen due to water and other restrictions.

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14. Adjourn. Next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2017 at 7pm
. **Commissioner Winfrey** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 4-0.
Meeting adjourned 6:15pm.

Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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