



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING  
Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 8AM  
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC  
Mayor Sally Belangia officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 was called to order  
2 at 8:00 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the meeting and turned it over to the  
3 Manager. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's  
4 website at [www.TownofOriental.com](http://www.TownofOriental.com).  
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6 Present: Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner Winfrey,  
7 Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Administrative Director Tammy Cox, and several members of the  
8 public.  
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10 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Overcash made a MOTION to accept the agenda. Commissioner Winfrey  
11 seconds. 5-0.  
12 Consent Agenda: Commissioner Roe made a MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem White  
13 seconds. 5-0.  
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15 Public Comment: Bonnie Crosser: 8:02AM. Ms Crosser Limbs from residents. PW removed. Concern about safety  
16 equipment for Public Works. Manager will touch base with PW Director.  
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18 Break at Garland Fulcher Seafood: update: photos from break, circumstances surrounding, irregularities of previous  
19 line. Expansion of driveway, line re-laid Saturday by contractor. Valves not working to isolate- we will address that  
20 in the upcoming fiscal year. Manager notes this will not be a one-off. We find these irregularities often. We can tap  
21 short taps now, not long taps. Bill for the long tap fix is covered by the three taps we installed without a contractor.  
22 We gained the water loss with meter replacement, but we also need to address valves. You should not add valves to  
23 old lines- while replacing valves, we should replace lines. Mayor compliments PW on the fix.  
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25 Resolution 2022-08: Welcoming Nuttfield scholars. Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to approve.  
26 Commissioner Overcash seconds. Commissioner Roe asks if there is a shortcut to approving such things. Manager  
27 notes that the timing of the request made this one an issue. We cannot do business through email. 5-0.  
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29 Board of Adjustment appointment: Manager notes tracking of all appointments from inception. Board was  
30 reconstituted in 2013 by Motion/Vote. Any changes to Ordinance must be made by Ordinance. So- the succession  
31 is all good except for the ending date of one appointment. We can produce a document to clarify the appointments  
32 and ending dates and carry forward. Please allow scheduling of Public Hearing to amend the GMO to clarify.  
33 Alternate terms were not staggered from the beginning- so many appointments. Board of Adjustment and Town  
34 Board are supposed to be and have been very separated entities. BOA decides if LUA has interpreted the GMO  
35 correctly- appeals go to Superior Court. Town Board has no hand in that process. Traditionally, the Chair of BOA  
36 will recommend a replacement after discussion with BOA, and recommend a replacement for appointment. BOA  
37 Chair forwards a replacement for your appointment. You may change that if you desire. Appointment is now  
38 delayed until the Town Board chooses its process. Chairman Valinoti noted that tracking it all forward preserves the  
39 decisions made. Noted that when resignations happen, the appointee fills that term and then must be reappointed or  
40 replaced. Mayor Pro Tem White made a MOTION to schedule the Public Hearing October 4, 2022. Commissioner  
41 Winfrey seconds. Commissioner Overcash suggests that we move forward with Chairman Valinoti's

42 recommendations. Further discussion moves this item to the October 4, 2022 meeting. Manager notes that the Town  
43 Board will codify GMO and has the option to appoint for the opening then.

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45 Topics for 9/29 Workshop: Manager notes Commissioner Price wants to talk about Communication. Commissioner  
46 Roe wants to discuss what each Board is responsible for. Mayor Pro Tempore White says we need to confirm  
47 movement on the roads issue and the work on drains at Neuse Drive. Manager noted large tree expense for removal  
48 of dying tree on Midyette. Manager also notes that paving has to wait until after drainage at the beach.  
49 Commissioner Price says we could discuss staggered terms again. Manager notes the best time to do that is right  
50 AFTER elections because it needs to go through General Assembly. Mayor Belangia recognizes Bonnie Crosser for  
51 suggesting topics- beautification- questioning the Water Plant fencing, other projects on beautification. Mayor  
52 suggests a separate meeting for beautification.

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54 Budget Amendment: Budget Amendment provided for changes made in the previous meeting to the Capital  
55 Reserve. Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to accept the amendment as presented. Mayor Pro Tem White  
56 seconds. 5-0.

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58 Police Report- Officer Blayney provides the report- a lot of traffic enforcement/DWI enforcement. Everything going  
59 well. Happy to answer questions. Commissioner Overcash asks if we are handing out warnings or tickets? Both.  
60 Commissioner Price asks if patterns are showing up? A lot is work related or event related. Still trouble on Midyette  
61 and Ragan. Not just speeding on Midyette, but rolling through stop signs. Sat on Midyette 4 hours, 4 days and saw  
62 very little of what was in the complaint. Asking for children at play signs near the speed bump. Also- young  
63 children driving golf carts poorly- need to be old enough to have a license. Hodges speeding- question from the  
64 audience. Data on Hodges- what was the average speed? Can we trim the speed limit sign across from the Pig?  
65 Police patrolling harbor to keep boats out during dredging.

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67 Manager’s Report: Included. Net House reno will start after Oct 1. State letter about monitoring water fund.WPR  
68 baffles are failing due to hardware issues. CMS will correct. Goes through each department. Preparing for audit for  
69 this year. Public Works accomplished several large projects. Brush cutting in ditches is ongoing. Bad censor in new  
70 generator- awaiting response from contractor. Mosquito abatement is difficult this year.

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72 Committee Reports: all filed. Ms. Crosser is meeting Pickleball players about re-striping the courts. Assessing  
73 doggie bag receptacles. Discussing signing up for court time. Jim Blackerby notes HWAC is scheduling another  
74 work day and monitoring facilities. Commissioner Price new website: Manager pulls it up and notes while pretty, it  
75 still has lots of bugs. Shows how to get to calendar, news, meeting documents. Notes that some of the buttons are  
76 not populated yet. More mobile-friendly. Manager asks that we send any issues to her to address to the vendor for  
77 connectivity or content. Commissioner Overcash notes 911 commemoration at 8:46AM at Town Dock 1.

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80 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Quarterly Meeting – September 29, 2022, 8AM.  
81 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:48AM by MOTION of Commissioner Winfrey, second by Commissioner Overcash. 5-  
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86 Sally Belangia, Mayor

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86 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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