

Town of Oriental
Town Board Meeting
December 1, 2015

The Town Board of Oriental held its regularly scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Johnson determined a quorum to be present.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge.

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Venturi, Commissioners White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Winfrey and Town Manager Miller.

ABSENT: Commissioner Summers

Public Present: Mayor-Elect Sally Belangia (effective December 1, 2015), Commissioner- Elect Allen Price, Town Attorney Michael Scott Davis , Sandy Harris, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court & members of the public.

Mayor Johnson began the meeting by stating Approval of Agenda would be the first thing Do I have a motion. **MOTION** by Commissioner Overcash to approve agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. Mayor asks if there was any discussion. **Motion passed 4-0**

Mayor stated next on the agenda is approval of the Consent Agenda for the following dates:

- a) Consider Minutes from Town Board Agenda Meeting October 29, 2015.
- b) Consider Minutes from Town Board Regular Meeting on November 3, 2015.
- c) Consider Minutes from November 19, 2015

MOTION by Commissioner Venturi to approve the minutes as listed. Seconded by Commissioner White. Mayor asks if there would be any discussion. **Motion passed 4-0**

Mayor moves on to public comment period.

No members of the public wished to speak during the public comment period.

Mayor Johnson: Last week during the agenda meeting we held a public hearing on the GMO. Revision of the GMO which formats rennumbers & removes inconsistencies. There is no intent to change any rules, regulations & nothing in that area has been changed. After the hearing a motion was made to accept these changes and we voted and was in favor of it. We have been advised we should have an ordinance to institute all of the provisions of the new and established. That the version approved is all inclusive and a replacement for the previous version. **MOTION** by Commissioner White: That we adopt the ordinance in tab 2, institute all provisions of the new and established ordinance that's referenced in tab 2. This version is all inclusive and replacement for the previous version. Seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. **Motion passed 4-0**

Mayor Johnson asked if we have any old business to talk about. None, so we will move to the swearing in of the new Mayor and Board Members.

Town Manager Miller said we will swear all Board Members in at same time. Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner White, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Winfrey, Commissioner Price. Everyone went to front and put hand on bible and Sandy Harris, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court swore them in. See Copy of Oaths attached.

Town Manager called up New Mayor Sally Belangia to front. Placed hand on bible and Sandy Harris, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court swore her in. See Copy of Oath attached.

Mayor Johnson said he would like to thank the current board for having the confidence placed in me to have me continue on as Mayor. He passed the gavel to the New Mayor Belangia to continue meeting.

Mayor Belangia said I would first like to thank you Sandy Harris, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court for coming tonight and swearing everyone in.

Mayor Johnson leaves the dais, and Mayor Belangia and Commissioner Price are seated.

Mayor Belangia the next business is Approval of the Agenda of New Business. There is 8A that we will be adding tonight which is plaques that we will give out. And 8B which is the Harold H. Bate Foundation Letter. : **MOTION** by Commissioner Venturi to approve the new business to include 8A & 8B. Seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. **Motion passed 5-0**

Plaques were handed out to Mayor Johnson and one is held for Commissioner Summers for their time on the board. Town Manager Miller has his plaque until he returns from out of town.

Town Manager Miller talked about the Grant that was submitted by Commissioner Venturi & Parks & Recreation Group. For an upgraded fountain at Lupton Park. \$2,000.00 grant was approved and we are on a 30 day time frame. I am asking for approval we do have funds in Park & Rec to do the match.: **MOTION** by Commissioner Overcash to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. Mayor Belangia asks if there was any discussion. Commissioner Venturi spoke a little about the grant and fountain. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Election of Mayor Pro Tempore: Mayor said floor is open for nominations. Commissioner White **nominated** Commissioner Venturi. He can think of no one else with better experience and knowledge of the town she would be a great benefit as a Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Overcash was proud to second that. **Nomination passed 5-0** Commissioner Venturi is Mayor Pro Tempore. Commissioner Venturi was sworn in as Mayor Pro Tempore By Sally Harris, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court. See Copy of Oath attached.

Item10. Dock Reservation for December 11

Town Manager Miller asks the board to consider a request for the docks to be reserved for the Flotilla from Noon, Friday, December 11, 2015 until Noon, Sunday, December 13, 2015. She will be asking that we reserve the Docks. The organizers are asking if we can back that up for the Flotilla from Noon Thursday, December 10, 2015 until Noon Sunday, December 13, 2015. Commissioner White stated that the motion was made and passed during the Agenda Meeting.

Mayor Belangia:

The Manager requests that the Board appoint Mr. Warren Johnson to Board of Adjustment membership following his exit from the Town Board. Mr. Warren Johnson has agreed to serve on the Board of Adjustment. **MOTION** by Commissioner Overcash to accept Warren Johnson to the Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Commissioner Venturi. **Motion passed 5-0**

Mayor Belangia -We have traditionally cancelled the December agenda meeting, and moved forward with the January regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Venturi said it would be inconvenient to do the December agenda meeting. **MOTION** by Commissioner Venturi to cancel the December Agenda meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Overcash. **Motion passed 5-0**

Manager Report: Town Manager Miller

- the financial statements are in your packets.
- Opening for HWAC they are accepting applications.
- Pump out is up and running and was inspected.
- Logics training town offices will be closed a few hours for 3 more days. We go live on December 9th for the financial and December 21st for Utilities.
- Christmas Appreciation for the Boards and Spouses will be December 4th at 3:00pm-5:00pm here in the Board Room.
- Spirit of Christmas December 11th. Joe Valinoti is taking application for the Flotilla and Commissioners Summers will handle paddling portion of the flotilla for Spirit of Christmas.
- We are waiting for Duke to set the meter for the electric at the harbor. We have 4 new decorations and GDS took one down so we lost one also. We hoped to buy more but shipping was \$100 each.
- Restrooms are open as of Monday.
- Last news Mayor Belangia & Commissioner Allen Price have received scholarships from the School of Government for the Essentials of Government course they will be taking which is required of all new elected officials.

Commissioner White proposed to invite the Town people to help in cleaning up the yard facilities on December 8th & 9th to get it ready for the Spirit of Christmas. The town will cart all away but it would help if Town would come and help.

Mayor Sally Belangia read a letter to the Old Front Porch Music Festival. Thank You letter from The Town of Oriental. See complete attached letter.

Safety signs were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kellenberger. He was with NCDOT during his working career. He was aware of the Safety concerns during our events. He got with Stay Alert and got obtained signs that can be used by anyone in the town for any events.

Police Report – Chief Moore- a vehicle that was taken from a gentleman at Oriental Marina. Some property taken from another boat. Trespassing at old market. Silverbrook road had an animal abandonment.

Committee/Board Reports- Commissioner Venturi wanted to talk on behalf of Parks & Rec we are looking at the tennis court to see if we can get a pickle ball court overlaid on the tennis court. Pickle ball is sweeping the world. We are looking at it and hoping to get that done soon.

Mayor Belangia asks if there were any attorney comments. He said no other than congratulations to the new Mayor and Board.

Commissioners' Comment/Discussion Period – Commissioner Venturi said she would just like to say that she is looking forward to the next couple years. A lot of the committees have done a very good job. Tourism is attracting a lot more people to town. New town dock and now pump out. This is the kind of activity we need. Over the past few years the committees in town have done a great job.

Adjourn: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Winfrey to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Commissioner Overcash.

Motion passed 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Warren Johnson, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager

Sally Belangia, Mayor

Approved January 5, 2016 _____