

Oriental Town Board – Special Budget Meeting

June 11, 2012 at 5:30pm

**Present:** Mayor Sage, Commissioners Bessette, Johnson, Styron, Summers, and Venturi  
Town Manager Robert Maxbauer

Mayor Sage established Quorum meeting began.

This special budget meeting is being held in an attempt to resolve the budget for the 2012 - 2013 year.

Commissioner Johnson presented each member with his estimation of a balanced budget (attached). He expressed his concern of a \$76,000 FEMA reimbursement that had not been received. Commissioner Venturi offered an evaluation on the matter which anticipated a longer time table and how future budgets could be affected. Commissioner Summers stated the budget would not have the expenditures as the current year. Some of which were due to Hurricane Irene.

Town Manager Maxbauer explained the need and importance of expansion in employment, as the Town moves forward.

Commissioner Bessette inquired about previous years funding for storm cleanup and was also apprehensive about creating a budget without the \$76,000 being in the Town's possession.

Each member of the Board presented various scenarios that needed to be considered while developing and revising the budget. Among things to be considered were line item adjustments, tax rate, and current or upcoming projects.

**Motion:** Commissioner Venturi moved to direct the Town Manager avoid pursuit of major capital without the Board's knowledge and the \$76,000 FEMA reimbursement is received, other than Town Hall renovations; seconded by Commissioner Bessette, passing with vote of 5 – 0.

**Motion:** Commissioner Summers moved keep tax rate of \$.20. Any additional income would be used to reduce fund balance (line 35700) by the amount of additional income from the increase of \$.01, seconded by Commissioner Styron; passed with vote of 3-2, Commissioners Johnson and Venturi opposing.

**Motion:** Commissioner Summers moved to eliminate the Capital Outlay of \$6,000 (line 53700), putting \$5,000 into reducing the general fund balance appropriation and \$1,000 into employee travel (line 54030), seconded by Commissioner Venturi; passing with vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve his revisions for the budget, with no second the motion was not carried.

With no further business, Commissioner Summers moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Johnson; passing with vote of 5-0.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager