

Town of Oriental  
Town Board Meeting  
October 2, 2012

A regular scheduled meeting of the Town of Oriental Town Board was held at Oriental First Baptist Church, October 2, 2012, beginning at 7:00pm.

**Council Present:** Mayor Sage; Commissioners Bessette, Johnson, Summers, and Venturi.

**Council Absent:** Commissioner Styron

**Others Present:** Town Manager Maxbauer; Interim Police Chief Dwaine Moore; Barbara Baker; Laura Penninger; various town residents; and media.

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present. He opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

Town Manager Maxbauer introduced Laura Penninger, who is the newest employee to the Town of Oriental.

The approval of agenda minutes from August 30, 2012; regular minutes from September 4, 2012; and closed minutes from September 4, 2012 were discussed.

Mayor Sage made a correction to the September 4, 2012 closed session minutes regarding the spelling of Commissioner Bessette's name.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve and adopt the consent agenda as corrected. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

**Public Comment Period:** Mayor Sage opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

**South Avenue Update:** Mayor Sage stated that he had spoken with Attorney Scott Davis regarding the appeal and declaratory judgment initiated by David Cox against the town. The answer and affirmative defenses were prepared and filed today at 4:00pm.

**Internet Sweepstakes:** Mayor Sage stated that the Planning Board has proposed that an Ordinance be developed to address the matter of Internet Sweepstakes Establishments within the Town of Oriental. They have offered several suggestions for the Town Board to consider, such as fees and hours of operation.

Commissioner Summers made a motion to form a three (3) person committee to prepare a proposed draft ordinance towards internet sweepstakes. There was no second and the motion died. It was decided that the Planning Board will present a proposed General Ordinance as well as a GMO Ordinance at the next Town Meeting.

**Tourism Board Nomination:** Suzanne Gwaltney was nominated to serve on the Tourism Board and has submitted a letter of interest.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi has made a motion to appoint Suzanne Gwaltney to the Tourism Board for a term of 3 years. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

**Town Hall Renovation Project:** Town Manager Maxbauer presented a Resolution of Intent by the Town up to a specified amount to reimburse itself for expenses incurred while renovating the Town Hall.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion for the Town Board to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Oriental North Carolina declaring its intentions to reimburse said town from the proceeds of a tax exempt financing for certain capital expenditures. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

**Manager's Report:** A manager monthly report was received and reviewed by the Board, a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes. No action taken.

**Police Report:** The police report was received and reviewed by the Board, a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes. No action taken.

**Committee/Board Reports:** The minutes to the Committees/Boards were reviewed, a copy of which to be made a part of these official minutes. No action taken.

**Non-agenda Items:** A resolution to adopt the revised Municipal Records Retention Schedule was presented to the Town Board.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion to adopt a Resolution Adopting The Municipal Records Retention And Disposition Schedule as presented. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed. 4-0

**Commissioners' Comment/Discussion Period:** Commissioner Johnson reported that the town received reimbursement for the Board attending the Municipal Officials Workshop sponsored by the School of Government. The vegetative/debris project was discussed.

There being no further business, Commissioner Bessette made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed. 4-0. Meeting was adjourned.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager