

**The Town Board of Oriental
Agenda Meeting
Tuesday, October 29, 2015 at 4:00pm**

Mayor Johnson determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Johnson, Commissioner Venturi , Commissioners Overcash, Commissioner Winfrey, Commissioner White, Commissioner Summers, and Town Manager Diane Miller, Administrative Assistant Ginger Barnett, Administrative Assistant Tammy Cox

Several Citizens and Media

1. **Approval of agenda** – no comments
2. **Consent Agenda** – Will be adding a line to consent agenda. c) Approval of Resolution supporting application to NCDOT for Bike/Ped Planning Grant.
3. **Renaming of Town Beach** - Commissioner Overcash will speak to the family to find out exactly what name they would like to use. This will be on the agenda before Public Comments so Mrs. Bond will not have to sit long and wait.
4. **Public Comment Period** will be general comments only. There are no special topics.
5. **Speed limit adjustment to Ordinance (Midyette St./Hodges St/Wall St) Commissioner Summers** believes the language should be adjusted. He also questioned if we need to switch stops signs at Main & Church. He wanted to hear comments about that. **Town Manager Miller** said that Midyette is listed as a thru street the one stop sign at North is the only one. There is no stop sign from 55 to North Street; believe the problem is that it is uninterrupted speed. If we made it not a thru street the boaters will choose to go down 55 to last entrance to the wildlife ramp. Questions: has anyone objected to us stopping them does anyone know? Don't know what the right answer is. Can't we just enforce the speed limit we have set? There is question that you all approved it to be 15, and that these are privately erected signs. There was more discussion back and forth over where the 15 mile per hours signs are and where we have signs and what the speed limits are. We put police there and it is only effective when they are sitting there. Other traffic calming options for discussion. More discussion on adding to, rather than turning existing Stop signs (the idea of 4 way stop signs). Potential exists for accidents if we take the signs away from the side streets.
6. **Election Protocol** –The meeting will be moved to 8:00pm due to voting not ending until 7:30. We will talk about election events as we get them.
7. **Parks and Recreation Appointment** – **Mayor Johnson** Lori Wagoner would like to volunteer for Parks and Recreation Board and I think it is good that people want to

volunteer. **Commissioner Venturi** She has requested that she not be appointed until December 1, 2015. Sue Magnuson has agreed to stay until December 1, 2015.

8. **Public Hearing (GMO) Mayor Johnson** next is the scheduling of the Public Hearing for the GMO for November 19, 2015 which is the next agenda meeting. So after the public meeting we can vote on proposed changes. **Commissioner White:** One question since we are doing the Agenda Meeting should we do that first then the Public Hearing or do Public Hearing first? We normally word it is "As soon after 7:00pm as is possible the public hearing will begin" So you can decide do it as soon after 7:00 as the public hearing can begin. Or you can say after the regular scheduled meeting. **Commissioner White** proposed that we do not show up until 7:00pm and we can have meeting and public hearing at the same time. **Mayor Johnson:** Move the meeting until 7:00pm. Board consensus. **Mayor Johnson** asked the Mayor-Elect if she would be in attendance that way they could hold the meeting and make decide on who is going to do what that will make it easier for their first meeting. **Sally Bellangia** said she will be here.

9. Managers' Report **Mayor Johnson** asks if Town Manager had anything to say on this? **Town Manager Miller** said I was just told when Mr. Cox pulled me out of the room that we have an issue with our high service well pumps at the water plant the starter is not working properly. The pumps that draw our water and put it under pressure are not able to kick on. We pumped it full yesterday and they stopped working today while Andrew, Jesse & I were away taking a test. He has called the electrician and he will be here in the morning we have water supply thru tomorrow. Pamlico County has been put on standby because without those pumps I can't get any water out of the ground. The pumps are fine he can get them to start manually but they won't stay so there is something in the starter that has gone bad. The reason the issues are happening now is because we finally got the building dry for the first time. So wires that had been wet for a very long time and corroded are now drying out. Hopefully that will be fixed if not we will be back on Pamlico Water. Also, what I would like to bring to your attention tonight and Tuesday is our new software. We will have to close the office down for the training. It is for a few hours over several days not all day. We have posted the schedule in several places and we will post it again. We will be out 2-3 hours at a time because the entire office staff has to train. We will be in the building but we will have the building locked so we can give our undivided attention to it. Part of that was the quote for our training was made with the intention that they would train everybody at one time. It was a financial decision more than anything that we had to do it that way.
Our friends are coming in Friday and Saturday from Sail Magazine. The docks are closed to public for their arrival we have put up signs on the docks. There was discussion on number of boats coming in probably around 20.

Anderson quote- Questions on proposal from Anderson for Speed Table: Do you know what kind of structure it is. It is about 4 feet wide with chevron looking stripes so you can't miss it when you are coming up to it. **Commissioner Overcash** do you feel it is something we need? **Town Manager Miller** I have seen them in action in Greenville and honestly it does less damage then putting a regular speed bump to emergency vehicles. I have heard that emergency vehicles have been torn up bad going over regular speed

bumps. These are less destructive because it covers a larger area you are on it for a longer period of time than a regular speed bump. Further discussion of options on Midyette St. Town Manager Miller's only concern is that the speed limit is posted there at 15 mph, I have had Dwaine there and it needs something else. That is why I came with the stop signs. Further discussion- want to hear from the Public, consider all options.

10. Committee/Board Reports- **Commissioner Venturi** just handed out a draft of a resolution regarding application for transportation grant. It will be added to Tuesday's agenda as a Consent item, there being no objection to application for the grant. **Mayor Johnson** would like to add to the agenda the South Avenue rededication to get that done and behind us that we won't have people trespassing. What we need is a resolution from the board to approve the rededication of the portion of the street. What we are talking about is the portion of the street directly in front of the property that you swapped. One swap was done and the street was closed it precluded access to our own property. The small rectangle directly in front of the property has to be rededicated back to the town. It was agreed upon because I have maps but the paperwork was never filed. Request to approve the rededication and authorize the mayor to sign it. **Mayor Johnson** has one more item-looking for the board's intent on Camp Creek. **Commissioner Overcash** I think we should make a motion one way or the other that will give us discussion time and we did promise those people that we would have a decision by December. **Mayor Johnson** asked to put on the agenda.

Mayor Johnson asked for any other commissioner comments/discussion?

Commissioner White made motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Winfrey.
Passed 5-0 Meeting adjourn 4:35pm

Mayor Warren Johnson

Clerk/Manager Diane Miller

Approved 12/1/15 _____