

Town of Oriental
Town Board of Commissioners
October 6, 2015

The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 was called to order at 7:02 pm. The Mayor Warren Johnson determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT : Mayor Warren Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Barb Venturi, Commissioners Charlie Overcash, Sandy Winfrey, and David White.

ABSENT: Commissioner Larry Summers

Members of the public and media.

Consent agenda; Minutes from Thursday, September 1, 2015 were approved.

MOTION: Commissioner White made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Winfrey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Johnson, request to move the Yoga comments between tab # 4 & #5 on agenda. Motion made by Commissioner White to move Yoga between tab #4 & #5 on agenda. Commissioner Overcash seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor to Public Comment, Stating it would be limited to three (3) minutes. Comments should be made to the board and not one individual. This will be for General comments at this time not Camp Creek or for Yoga.

Mrs. Ann Clements spoke about the stop sign at 1st and Mildred that was removed due to weather. She stated a temporary replacement sign was put up.

Missy Tenhet- Today, The North Carolina Urban Forest Council presented the 2015 NC Urban Forestry Award for Outstanding Individual to Ken King, Town of Oriental Tree Board member whose work has set an example of excellence in urban and community forestry.

There being no further general comments, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

The Board then proceeded to the next item on the agenda –Public Works Director Award – B Well Operator of the Year- NCWOA & awarded Physical Chemicals certification, eligible for ORC-Distribution (November 2015). Mayor presented Andrew Cox with plaque.

Mayor Johnson recognized ORC Mr. Charles Hardison. Mr. Hardison spoke about being the ORC in Oriental until Andrew Cox received his certification, that it was a pleasure working with

the Board, staff, and Andrew Cox. He goes above and beyond, the town should be very proud of him.

Mayor Johnson moved on to Public Comment for Yoga Classes from Pamlico Community College (PCC) in Town Hall. There was a complaint about holding PCC yoga classes in the Town Hall by a for-profit organization. Mayor stated, it would again as with general comments, be limited to three (3) minutes. Comments should be made to the board and not one individual.

Jane Whitley, Director, PCC: Their purpose to provide services and life enrichment. They are interested in the development of Pamlico County. She has three (3) items she would like to speak on:

1. PCC is not for profit. Employees are hired by PCC. All funds are collected at PCC level and paid instructors.
2. They are excited to provide programs to the community members.
3. PCC supports communities & does not want to hinder the businesses in the County. And keeping the funds here in the County. PCC supports & helps develop and keep funds in the County. We have an instructor that teaches Chair Yoga & Tai Chi for arthritis. It is for other than traditional Yoga's. As for the Tai Chi, as far as we know there is none in the area.

Russ Boltz, Resident of Oriental: See attached letter.

Susan Koepp, Owner & Yoga Instructor for Body Balance: First stated that she was very uncomfortable. She is happy there is this much interest in Yoga. There was a misconception of how this all came about. She spoke to Diane Miller ask if it is legal. Is it supportive of other businesses in the area? Susan stated this is not about Yoga, it is about if Town Hall is in the business of having a business. She teaches therapeutic yoga class. This is not about competition. Her stance is that the Yoga & Tai Chi classes are a business, and does not believe the Town Hall should allow it.

Judith Lynch: Speaking in support of Yoga & Tai Chi classes here in a community setting. Would like to see more, it is building my community by meeting people and shopping in the community.

Nancy Hiller: Read a letter for Dianna Peterson that could not be here with us tonight. See attached letter.

Mayor Johnson asks if there were any question from the Counsel. Hattie Harrell asks if she could make a statement even though she is not on agenda/list. Mayor Johnson – Yes.

Hattie Harrell – Stated she listened to statements and just wants to know, where do the liabilities & responsibility fall for the Town of Oriental if an elderly person was to fall and get hurt on the property?

Commissioner White pulled the Town Hall Policy on the Use of Town Hall facilities for the meeting. We do allow people to reserve our facilities here. It says that they all agree to abide by all rules and policies. If there is a Town Board meeting or event that comes up, that takes precedence, and they will be bumped from the room. They all understand this. There are only certain times they can use this room. We have not only Town Board but also the Planning Board, Tree Board, Parks & Rec. The Town Hall may be reserved for used by any non-profit activities by the following: a residence of Oriental, An employee of the Town, a recognized organization composed primarily of Oriental residents, or when the purpose or interest is to the Oriental residents. So, it is a non-profit activity it is not for someone making a profit. PCC is a non-profit organization. He cited the upcoming flu shot fair by the health department for Oriental residents. They collect insurance Medicare & Medicaid. If you don't have Medicare or Medicaid you must pay by a check. It is a service we have here. It is just like PCC. It is a non-profit organization using our facility that is benefiting the residents of Oriental. I just wanted you to be aware that this is the current policy that's in place. And people that meet the requirements are allowed to use the facilities and the person that makes that decision is our Town Manager.

Commissioner Venturi: I think it was with the best intention that the town agreed to allow PCC to have classes here. They have scheduled something called Gentle Yoga and Advanced Tai Chi for arthritis and improved balance. The town has already made the commitment to allow those classes here and although I think that we have discovered here tonight that we may need to consider maybe expanding the way we express what are rules and regulations are. We are not in a position to do that this evening. It is going to take a few of the commissioners to get together and look it over. But, what I think we should do this evening, is at least allow classes that have been scheduled with the PCC to go on as scheduled. Even though it may have been a mistake on the part of the town, which I do not think it was, that we allow those classes to go on while the town is reconsidering how this building is used by non-profits and the residents of the town.

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi made a motion that we the Gentle Yoga and Advanced Tai Chi classes to go on as scheduled on behalf of PCC. Commissioner White seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Overcash: due to what we heard tonight and in the best interest of the town I think we should continue having the Chair Yoga here with no qualifiers as it is under our ordinance and in the best interest of the town so I will not vote for that motion. I want it completely ok. Commissioner White: I tend to agree with Commissioner Overcash it is not in violation of our policy that we currently have in place. Now you may question our policy. And maybe something that someone should have said moving forward in that request. I would like to amend the motion that we continue to allow Pamlico Community College to use the facilities until and unless we change the policy.

Town Manager asks that the motion be repeated.

MOTION: Commissioner White motion that we allow Pamlico County Community College to continue using the facility. If at a later time we decide to take a look at the policies, we will review it at that point. But from now on unless we change our policies it is just a matter of letting them continue.

Commissioner Winfrey seconded the motion. The amendment was discussed.

Commissioner Venturi: What's come up tonight is that we have two businesses at least that are expressing a concern with the town that the town maybe not be fair in the Town's treatment of their businesses and we also have people who are for the classes from the PCC that would like to be put on in Oriental. After tonight, we need to hear from both sides in tweaking the policy. She would prefer that we went forward in doing that without a blanket statement just saying anything related to Yoga or Tai Chi from Pamlico Community College would be accepted. She would prefer we went forward with what is scheduled and then look at it.

Commissioner Overcash clarifies that it is the amended motion we are voting on.

AMENDED MOTION: Commissioner Overcash amended the motion that we allow PCC to continue using the facility. If at a later time we decide to take a look at the policies, we will review it at that point. But from now on unless we change our policies it is just a matter of letting them continue.

Commissioner Winfrey seconded the motion: Motion passed 4-0.

Susan Koepp, Owner & Yoga Instructor for Body Balance asked if we were going to revisit this at a later time she did not understand the motion. Mayor Johnson said the motion did not require revisiting that but, it does not mean that the board will not revisit at a later time. Town Manager clarified the outcome of the vote and added if the council so directs me to put it on the agenda at a later date we can consider the policy. The classes that are already operating are doing so according to town policy.

Next on the agenda is Camp Creek and since Commissioner Venture is a property holder we need a motion to recuse her.

The following portion of the Minutes are transcribed verbatim as closely as could be heard from the recording:

MOTION: Commissioner White: According to State Statute 160A-S75 I move to recuse Commissioner Venturi from the discussion of Camp Creek because she has a financial interest in the property. Motion seconded by Commissioner Overcash. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Venturi removed herself from the dais at this time.

Mayor Johnson stated we are moving on to Public Comment for Camp Creek. Mayor stated, it would be limited to five (5) minutes for comments or video. Comments should be made to the board and not one individual. Questions can be asked and the board is permitted to respond. However, no questions can be directed to Commissioner Venturi and she may not comment.

Dale Montgomery/Bill Hines: Slide presentation added. **Dale Montgomery** stated he has been here for 2 years I am going to make this as fast as possible. He lives near this area so I have an interest in it. His background is as a mechanical engineer and worked on old buildings. He offered a personal opinion and my professional opinion, personal opinion first- if you have not visited the property you should not vote. There is a path to get there it is hidden to keep people from going back there and doing something bad to the property. Also, if you take the long term view and look at this as a potential location for trails in deep woods it has an advantage to the town. There is an associated cost with the house. Normally towns that have properties with a house like this they do not restore the house. They leave it in its natural state and just leave it and save some cost.

Professional opinion: The house is 100 years old with growth. It does not have mold because it does not have drywall. It does have some rot and termites. The biggest environmental concern may be lead based paint, issue with septic system it may not have one since it is built by wetlands. Has a tin roof that is repairable although if you decided to repair it to 2015 standards, with lights & plumbing and all that you would have to put some money into it. But if you are just going to fix the windows and put a lock on the door, fix problems with the floor it is not much money at all. Pictures: (see attached) of the property and the growth of trees (Pines & Pecan) and wetland. There is a cut a path from the Camp Creek side to get in. There is hand carved work around the house. It has a shed behind it. Trails can go around the woods and back of the house. You can also put up gazebos in the future. This is a long term plan. Protecting property is not hard to do since it has wetlands around it. It would however need a fence on part of it at North Street side to protect it. There is a small parking lot that already exists on the property at Camp Creek entrance.

Bill Hines: Concern is environmental and that is what he looked at the property for. It looks like if you just take plywood covers and put blinds over the windows it will continue to be preserved the way it is, could be very cheap. I also looked at it in the way of the old abandon dump that is there. It sits right on/in the marsh. Has some abandon cars in there, & an old boiler and that was a concern but, when examined, there was no bottom in it. He went to the water looking for any kind of rainbow, it appears that this dump has not been used for about 40-50 years and you can tell that by the glassware and old coffee cans. I do not feel there is much of a concern here. From a park point of view we could put in a very small area there that does not have to be maintained much maybe a few picnic tables for family picnic. It is being given to us for free and it would be very cheap to maintain the property.

Commissioner Overcash: asked if there is any possible contamination from nutrients put on the crops bug spray or anything like that? Could it filter into the wetlands? Asked what we would be setting our self-up for if it was hurting the wetlands. **Bill Hines** said it is ongoing and has been for a very long time. **Commissioner Overcash:** Since Mr. Hines is looking at the creeks you are the expert. You know what can contaminate and what cannot. **Dale Montgomery** said the worst thing you could do if you came in and developed it and got rid of the wetlands or cut that out because that is a natural filter system. **Commissioner White** asks if these wetlands are defined by the State statutes. **Bill Hines** said yes and **Commissioner White** then asks if it is the State statutes you are not allowed to log it.

Marsha Papham, Camp Creek Partner asks to answer the question-The wetlands run down the middle of the creek we own one side and the other side is not ours. We do not have control of the whole wetland property it is currently shared with the farms. **Commissioner White** said the state defines wetland and if you dig down 18 inches and find water it is wetland. And as such you can't build roads over it. You would have to elevate it over the top. I know this because I put offer in on a piece of property and we were all set to go to the closing until we found wetlands and that is defined by the State. And just to put the road in to get to the property it was going to be \$680,000. Can't use concrete you have to use wood products. There is some liability with this that we need to take a look at.

Bill Hines said what we are encouraging is not a big spend here we are urging to keep this a natural area. **Commissioner White:** That is my next question if you have this great house that was built by a gentleman in the 1910. Would that not be something to highlight in the park? I was on a board in Florida and we did the same thing we put boards over them and said no one can come in. And what we found out is no one came to the park. I think having a bench is short sided based on the property you have. When I read the paper that was given to us there was supposed to be parking for public and it does not look like that has ever been the case. Was property rented out until 2012/2013 until hurricane hit? That was in 2003 per **Marsha Papham**. **Commissioner White:** If you start cutting access back into there you are just inviting people to come back in there and they are going to walk to the house. And if you have a dump with cars they got to come out. People are going to toy around with the cars so they have to come out. If not then the liability comes. What are we going to do fence the whole thing off so you can't get to it? **Bill Hines:** Right now the access that's cut in you have to know where it is to get to it. **Commissioner White:** Come February you will be able to walk all over that place once the vegetation dies. **Bill Hines:** What I've seen Oriental doesn't have crime to speak of. My biggest fear is that someone will go back there, right now it is open. Someone will go back there in the winter and decide to drink their 6 pack and start a fire in the fireplace and set the woods on fire. That's my biggest fear. **Commissioner White:** Isn't that the fear since the property was original talked about? **Bill Hines:** Yes. **Commissioner White:** And even if we board up windows people can take them off easily. **Commissioner Winfrey:** I would just like to question between Charlie and the pesticides. I am sure you saw Bill where the tile comes across Field Road and goes onto

that property. It's a huge wash behind there and that is another concern I think should be looked into. Because, you can get in trouble for filling wetlands just as much as you can for polluting them. I think that is something else that should be looked into. **Bill Hines:** The majority of that wetland falls into the buffer rules is 50 feet on each side and the wetland is about 100 feet across. **Commissioner Winfrey:** The best I could tell that wash went in there a long ways. Those fields dump a lot of water in there. **Mayor Johnson-** Are there any other questions? **Commissioner White:** Yes, one more questions before we finish. CAMA has certain guidelines correct? And the guidelines would be in place if we took the property or if someone else had the property correct? So, they would have to follow the same CAMA guidelines we would. **Bill Hines-** What I would say about that is if I owned the property what I would do with it is I would tear the house down, abandon the land back there and subdivide. **Commissioner White-**But from what I understand we granted the partnership under the assumption that it would not be subdivided. So, regardless my question stands this maybe a question for Marsha Papham. If the town decided not to go with it, the non-division of the property continues to go with it, unless for some reason, the group came back in front of us and ask for a waiver. **Marsha Papham/Toni Leavitt-** My understanding when we started out with this it was a good gesture. It was something we thought would be nice to do for the town. We came to you on it there is no quid pro quo on it. There is nothing holding us to anything. If you would like to have the property for the town to use as a park we as a group would like to donate it to the town. If it is too much or you are not interested or if it is not in the budget, fine. We will keep it and we will work with it. We will treat it justly. We will do whatever we can do to make it work for us. **Commissioner Overcash:** We are not intentionally letting you hang in the wind we would not be doing our due diligence for the concern of the town if we did not ask questions. **Marsha Papham/Toni Leavitt:** Believe me I do understand that. I am just saying you all can go ahead and discuss among yourselves but as partners in this we are coming to you at this point after I can't tell you how many years and saying we would like to have an answer from the town on the offer that has been made to you by the end of the year. **Commissioner Overcash & Commissioner White:** And we agreed to that. **Commissioner White:** And that was my question and I understand that. My question to you Marsha was when the town granted the parcel plat it was under the assumption that there would be public access and public parking (it is in the 9/5/2006 board meeting-See attached) That there would be no further subdivision of the property. **Commissioner White:** said no on 9/5/2006 when it came before the board it was granted with the following conditions: it would have public parking for people to park in there. It would have no further subdivision of that 5 acre property. You would allow the proper fire authorities or whatever utilities to go on there. So we granted the subdivision plat with those caveats. Your covenants you put in place cover just the lots. They do not cover anything in the 5 acre lot. So, my questions then is if the town passed on this that caveat of no further subdivision would still apply unless you came back to the town board and asked us to remove that. **Marsha Papham/Toni Leavitt:** Which we have in our letter from August. We presented it to you it says if you decide not to accept this gift please remove any structures. **Commissioner White-**But we do not necessarily have to do that. **Marsha**

Paptham/Toni Leavitt: As I understand it those restrictions aren't even binding. They were really restrictions we just said that we would like to make this a public place. As I understand it they are not legally binding. **Commissioner White:** You should go back and read the 9/5/2006 minutes. It came before the town board the motion moved the subdivision and the plat. The conditions were no further subdivision, public parking & access to those 5 acres. As well as, allowing fire and all that had to go onto the utilities. That is what they granted the permission to do the subdivision. **Marsha Paptham/Toni Leavitt:** I don't remember all the specifics. Nevertheless, in the last letter to you from August we presented it to you it says if you decide not to accept this gift please remove any structures so that we can get on with our lives. **Commissioner White:** Then another question I have to ask is we did not tell you to make it a park when the town board approved this in 2006. You all decided to make it a park. **Marsha Paptham/Toni Leavitt:** That was our intention. That was going to be our private concern. **Commissioner White:** So my question is what have you done since 2006 to make it a park? **Marsha Paptham/Toni Leavitt:** It is very hard. Do you know how hard it is to make a park, just single individuals? We went through finding out about grants. We spent years really looking at this and division a board & getting it set up. But our energies were just depleted we just couldn't ever do it. That is what happened. **Mayor Johnson-**We have to move on.

Town Manager Miller: I just have what was passed from the attorney. I need to make you aware of his opinion. Our attorney has advised that we should not accept the parcel as part of the subdivision, but rather, require the current owners to resubmit the plat to sever the parcel from the subdivision and remove the parcel to be donated from the wording of the restrictive covenants. If the other parcels are sold with the expectation of the development of the donated parcel, the Town would be caught up in arguments between buyers and the current owner. Attorney Davis advises that if the Town were to accept the donation, we should do so as a separate parcel with no restrictions on it. **Commissioner Overcash-Marsha Paptham/Toni Leavitt** can you meet with Diane and go over that. **Marsha Paptham/Toni Leavitt:** Yes.

John Allison: Showing and talking about the slide show. I am interested in the land mainly because of ecological value. I think it is a great gift and a place for nature. I talked to you about that before so I am not going to go over it again. You guys knew there was no driveway there. So there is some access to it. It is not a place where you can have 40 cars every 15 mins. This is a generous offer in the since that there is a lot of money involved. This is not like \$231 of taxes you're going to miss. You don't have to develop it. The property is worth more in the 10's of 1000's, you pick out what the value is. People could park on the entrance of camp creek but then you have the question of access. Right now you could use Dale's trail which works very well. Eventually it will get developed and that will get cut off. The next comment I want to make is that most farm lands are ditched and you watch what the farmers have been doing they have improved their ditches and take care of it. I think most of the water runoff is handled that way. It would be nice if we wanted to get volunteers involved if we wanted to go that route fine. But right now I am suggesting a simple transaction it is an asset for the town alone. Thank you.

Commissioner White: Bob Miller on our tree board wrote something and I would like to read it (See attached letter)

Mayor Johnson: Based upon our attorneys concerns. We should do some more research and put this off until the November Meeting. It has to be no later than the December meeting.

Commissioner Overcash: Commissioner Summers is not here and he wanted to be. He wants to wait until he can give his input.

Commissioner White: Can the Parks & Rec give us a letter saying what they think this could be?

Mayor Johnson: That would be great for our next meeting. Have them give us a brief overview of what they think.

Hattie Harrell: Did I hear you correct you are going to table this issue until November or December? My concern is that house no matter what party gets it what are your plans for that

home. **Mayor Johnson:** Yes, based on our attorneys comments. And the fact that we have Commissioner Summers who is missing from this meeting and is very concerned about this

issue. **Commissioner Overcash:** On the issues of what will we do with the house it is too early to say. We need to talk to Park & Rec. If you go to one of their meeting why don't you put something in and ask them to address it. That would be great input thank you.

Commissioner White: I need to do one more motion.

MOTION: Commissioner White-Since the Camp Creek issue is complete I move to restore Commissioner Venturi back to the board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Overcash. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Venturi returned to dais.

Budget Amendment

Manager: The budget amendment in front of you tonight is going to amend several lines.

\$11,500 is to be taken out of the Powell Fund reserve account to pay the cost of repaving all the pot holes that we did in August 2015. Second you have Appreciation fund balance appropriated will increase by seventy eight hundred dollars \$7,800.00. because we had to buy eight thousand two hundred ninety seven dollars and seventy five cents \$8,297.75 worth of water from Pamlico County when our water plant's main power switch malfunctioned. We did calculation on this is while we did not produce the water and the cost of producing the water was not incurred, we took in about ten thousand two hundred ninety four dollars \$10,294.00 of water revenue. Out of that you have to pay eight thousand two hundred ninety seven dollars \$8,297.00 just for the cost of the water. We have to pay for the cost of the repair to the facility for which we still don't have the bill. Neither of those are in your budget as it stands, as it was approved. I am asking for this budget amendment to at least cover the cost of the water because we must pay Pamlico County

Water immediately. And then the cost of the repair should be able to be pulled from various lines from the existing water budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Overcash-Motion to approve the budget amendment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. Motion passed 4-0.

Hope Clinic 5K run in conjunction with Spirit of Christmas.

Sherry, Director of Hope Clinic-Would like to request to close down the West Bound Lane of the 55 bridge in Oriental for the run. The time for the bridge closure that we are requesting is 11:15am-12:45pm. We would like to start the run at the corner of Neuse & Broad Street. We are only asking for one lane on the bridge the other lane would be operational. They would take care of all the manning and cleaning up. **Mayor Johnson-** asks if the town grant permission to close down a state highway. **Chief Moore** can approve, it is within our jurisdiction. **Commissioner Overcash** has a concern about how this would impact the Spirit of Christmas, just want to make sure the traffic is ok.

MOTION: Commissioner White-Motion to support Hope Clinic 5K run in conjunction with Spirit of Christmas. But we ask you to coordinate with Chief Moore to make sure the route you're planning is feasible and also safe. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. Motion passed 4-0.

Ol' Front Porch Music Festival : Town Manager Diane Miller-The organizers of the fest ask if the band could come inside the Board Room at Town Hall if they have inclement weather.

MOTION: Commissioner Overcash: Motion to approve Board Room to open for band if necessary. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. Motion passed 4-0.

Piling removal/replacement at Town Dock #1

Town Manager Diane Miller-Damage done to Town Dock #1. Showing pictures see attached. Diver came in and determined a 75% compromise of the piling. Coast Guard Vessel damaged dock while leaving. It is a \$2,250.00 fix. Asking for approval to repair based on estimate.

Motion- Commissioner Winfrey made a motion to approve the request to fix Town Dock # 1 at a cost of \$2,250.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Overcash. Motion passed 4-0.

SCHEDULING ISSUES

Motion-Commissioner Venturi, after discussion, motioned to schedule the meeting for November 3, 2015, one 1 hour later due to election Seconded by Commissioner Overcash. Motion passed 4-0

Motion-Commissioner Venturi moves to reschedule the November 26, 2015 Agenda meeting one week early to November 19, 2015 at 4:00pm. Seconded by Commissioner Winfrey. Motion passed 4-0.

Town/Duke Energy project-Move overhead powerlines to accommodate masts to the Wildlife Ramp.

Town Manager Diane Miller-Request to move powerlines due to sailboats and mast not being able to get through. (pictures-see attached). Some boats are going to River Dunes due to no obstacles. Asking some others get involved instead of the Town doing this alone. Something we need someone to look at and get more details this is almost a year ago we looked at this.

Commissioner Overcash- we should take this to our March retreat and discuss all the budgetary and wants/needs/have to haves. And hash it out there it would be a great avenue

Commissioner Venturi: something needs to be done. We can talk to Duke Energy.

Commissioner White-Can someone talk to Duke now. Have them join us for our March retreat.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Diane Miller-

- Financial report is in and it is not balanced. With the budget amendment it will come back into balance and look better.
- Training this month Tammy went to Finance School. Diane & Jessie C-well School. Once Andrew takes his test we will be saving seven hundred fifty dollars \$750.00 a month in ORC contract fees.
- Can't give storm damage report, all our storm damage is still underwater. Pretty sure all 5 of our docks will need assistance. Fan at Town Hall Porch is broken.
- Hazmat Collection at Court House October 10, 2015.
- Getting information to get the power pole up and running for Christmas the pole next to Fulchers.
- We had dumpsters emptied so there is room for all the limbs in town from the storm.

Chief Moore-presented his police report, stating we had an eventful September with few arrests. There is no news or information about Clancy's Marina shooting. Chief Moore is working with Pamlico County on this issue. Walmart there was a gun incident and 2 people were jailed. Allen Price killed a 40 inch rattle snake in his yard on Broad Street. We are in favor of the 5K and are looking forward to working with Sherry on it.

Committee/Board Reports-Commissioner White is speaking for Eric since he could not be here. They have been working on the GMO they are not changing it. They are updating so that if a new resident came into Oriental it would be easy for them to read. They passed the final on Monday, October 5, 2015. They are now ready to bring it before the board. They will make sure we have copies before it comes over to the board. They are calling for a Special Meeting sometime in November. Town Manager Diane Miller said we can hold it on November 19th since we already have a meeting scheduled for that night.

Commissioner Venturi-Tourism Board will have a booth at Mumfest in New Bern this weekend about Oriental. Parks and Rec submitted this week a bate foundation grant to get a nice fountain. We found out that a local plumber can give it to us for around \$4200-\$4500 range. We need a fountain in Lupton Park. It is a three 3 tier fountain w/dog water station at bottom. & bottle filling station w/filters. We are asking the Bate Foundation for \$4,000.

Commissioner Overcash-I ask the board to consider a request by Irma Bond, to have the Town Beach be formally named Bond Beach after her father who owned the land and donated it to the town. Ok, so next meeting I will put it on the agenda for a vote.

Motion-Commissioner Winfrey motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Overcash. Motion passed 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Warren Johnson, Mayor

Diane Miller, Town Manager

Approved 11-3-15