

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Agenda Workshop  
February 2, 2012

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 4:30 pm at the First Baptist Church.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Johnson, Styron, Summers, Bessette and Venturi  
Town Manager Maxbauer, Deputy Clerk Wagoner, Office Manager Artley  
4 members of the public

Mayor Sage opened the meeting for review of the proposed agenda.

The board discussed the appointment to the ECC Board and agreed to nominate Commissioner Venturi. This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Summers asked that the Ad-hoc Electronic Communications Committee be added to Committee/Board Reports and stated that he will have a report on the committee's findings at the March meeting.

Discussion of the South Avenue property negotiations will be added to New Business.

No other changes to the agenda were made. This concluded the Agenda Workshop.

**Continuation of the Council Retreat**

**TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS** - The board previously made this the top priority and agreed to meet for a special workshop on Monday, February 13, 2012, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM to review the town hall renovation plans.

**DUCK PONDS CLEAN UP** - The ponds are still filled with debris and trash from Hurricane Irene and Manager Maxbauer informed the board that he would like to get them cleaned up and to hire additional workers for this project to help the volunteers already lined up. The main cost will be the hauling off of the debris and he requested an allocation of up \$10,000. This will be discussed further at the Tuesday meeting.

**STREET REPAVING** - The board agreed that this was a high priority and approved having Mr. Maxbauer determine the roads that need repaving the most.

**CREATE SIDEWALK FROM CHURCH STREET TO RAGAN ROAD** - The board agreed that this was a worthy project however the street repaving takes first priority. And, the town's thoroughfare plan needs to be updated.

**HODGES STREET AT THE TOWN DOCK** - As this area floods frequently, and as the Corps of Engineers has asked that the waterway on the Duck Pond side of the street be opened up (the silt cleared out of the

existing culvert), Mr. Maxbauer asked the board to consider having a box culvert installed. The board agreed that this was a worthy project and should be added to the list.

**EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT & PREPAREDNESS** - Mr. Maxbauer recommended having a workshop dedicated to this topic. This will be discussed at the March meeting and the public will be invited to make comments.

**WATER SYSTEM** – Improvements to the water system need to be considered, one being the placement of a pipe underneath Whittaker Creek to create a loop in the water piping system to help the circulation of the water. Mr. Maxbauer will look into funding sources before bringing this back to the board.

**STAFFING /POLICE DEPARTMENT-** Mr. Maxbauer recommended having two full time salaried individuals with a contingency fund for emergency part time help and, auxiliary help. This will require an additional vehicle. After discussion the general consensus was to seek one full time police officer and one part time police chief however this will be discussed further at the Tuesday meeting.

There being no further business to discuss;

**MOTION:** Commissioner Styron moved to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.  
Meeting ended at 7:00 PM.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager