



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 4, 2017 at 7pm
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

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7 The Town Board of Oriental Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 was called to order at 7:00pm. The
8 Mayor Sally Belangia determined a quorum to be present. She said we have a Public Comment period, if you wish
9 to speak please make sure you are signed up on the sheet. We will call the meeting to order with the Pledge of
10 Allegiance.

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12 Present: Mayor Belangia, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner White, Mayor Pro Tempore Venturi,
13 Commissioner Price, Commissioner Winfrey, Town Manager Diane Miller, Major Scott Houston of Pamlico County
14 Sheriff's Office and Members of the Public.

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16 1. Approval of Agenda

17 (a) **Commissioner Overcash** made a **MOTION** to approve the Agenda with the removal of #12 and accept as
18 otherwise stated, seconded by **Commissioner White**. Motion passed 5-0.

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20 2. Consent Agenda: (Tab 1)

21 (a) Closed Session Minutes from 3-7-17

22 (b) Minutes from Regular Town Board Meeting 3-7-17

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24 **Commissioner Winfrey** made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner White**.
25 Motion passed 5-0.

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27 3. Public Comment Period: Mayor Belangia asks that if anyone would like to speak. Limit comments to 3 minutes
28 and comments to full board not individual.

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30 No Public Comment period.

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32 4. Discussion concerning response to HB 310 and S377 concerning "small site cell permitting" (Tab 2)
33 Manager Miller stated that these are two bills in the North Carolina Legislature dealing with wireless small cell
34 legislation. Pictures were shown to demonstrate examples of what could be erected and considered "small cell
35 towers." These bills have been introduced to both the House and Senate, takes all of our rights and permitting
36 options away. The full document has been uploaded to the web. This eliminates or reduces fees that come with
37 permitting structures and gives them unfettered access to right of ways. There would have to be an imminent threat
38 for the Town to step in, for example a broken pole. This allows for six cubic feet in volume while other legislation
39 calls a small cell tower three cubic feet and smaller. Size is not standardized except for what is helpful to them.
40 Manager Miller asks the Board if they would like for us to contact legislators to express our displeasure with the
41 possibility of the cell companies installing towers wherever they choose that we would be happy to do that.
42 Commissioner Overcash: Yes. Commissioner Winfrey: Behind it 100%, not only displeasure but disdain.
43 Commissioner White asked if a copy would be sent to the press, it will. Commissioner Venturi asks who will be
44 putting up these towers, Manager Miller stated it is the cell companies and this will affect our landscape
45 dramatically. We currently do not know how our Representatives are voting and Manager Miller encourages citizens
46 to make their opinions known. Commissioner Venturi asks what we can do to limit the use of rights of way.
47 Manager Miller: Bill leaves us not legally defensible.

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49 5. Planning Board forwards request. (Tab 3)

50 The Planning Board has a request for short-term rental at 405 Mildred Street and they request a Public Hearing be
51 scheduled. They will take up the recommendations at their next meeting on April 19 – police reports, etc. After this
52 request, Planning Board will address the homes that are being rented that are not permitted and brought into
53 compliance. A letter will be sent to homes that are being rented that are not in compliance.

54 **Commissioner White** made a **MOTION** to schedule the Public Hearing for the SUP request for 405 Mildred Street
55 at the next Town Board meeting on May 2, seconded by **Commissioner Venturi**. Motion passed 5-0.
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57 6. Scheduling Budget Sessions.

58 Two meetings scheduled, April 18 and April 25 in the Large Board Room from 8-10am.
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60 7. Police Report.

61 Business checks, residence checks. Manager Miller expressed her appreciation to Major Scott Houston, who was in
62 attendance, and the Sheriff's Department for their presence in Town.
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64 8. Sheriff's Report.

65 Major Scott Houston reported some statistics for the month. They answered approximately 1,180 calls. Deputies
66 responded to approximately 350 calls for service generating 110 reports for larcenies and other criminal activity,
67 property damage, etc. They serviced 129 arrest warrants which included warrants from other counties.
68 Commissioner White echoed Manager Miller's earlier comment and stated "It is very important that we have a good
69 relationship with you." Major Houston stated they are redeploying staff to make sure Oriental is getting the coverage
70 that it needs, they will be responding to calls and they will be here during this upcoming busy season. Commissioner
71 Overcash asked if we should go over the Cycle NC routes regarding dog reports or things of that nature, to be
72 discussed later.
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74 9. Manager's Report

- 75 • Financials are attached
- 76 • Hurricane Matthew damages are in process. At the time this report was written, paperwork sent indicated
77 we would receive \$27,800. Later that afternoon we received the last Schedule B back that was an
78 additional \$4,400. Manager Miller stated that this includes Public Works time, Admin time, overtime and
79 hours of equipment usage so the numbers do not reflect the actual cost because it includes hours on
80 equipment and things of that nature. We also paid out \$16,000 for our debris removal on top of what was
81 previously stated. This should replace monies pulled from the emergency fund.
- 82 • Cycle NC plans are going well. Manager Miller stated volunteers are welcome to help distribute
83 information and any businesses wishing to have their information distributed should bring it to Town Hall
84 as soon as possible. Many cyclists that attended the last event did come back to Oriental later in the season
85 to vacation here, in the County as well as Oriental. Commissioner Price asked if there will be another
86 meeting, at this time she is unsure.
- 87 • Boat show is the weekend of April 21 and we are currently working on maps for that.
- 88 • The Duke PEV Grant: Equipment will be ordered this week and hopefully will be in place before the bulk
89 of our visitors come.
- 90 • Andrew Cox will be away at school April 24-28 for the second round of pump rehab so we will be able to
91 save funds to send out pumps to be rebuilt.
- 92 • Town wide yard sale is the first weekend in May with Brown/White Goods pick up the second weekend in
93 May regardless of the weather. Items must be out by 7am.
- 94 • The second installation of the Fishwrapper was mailed out Monday, April 3. (The first 200 say April 2016
95 and then were corrected).
- 96 • Town Hall will close early on Thursday, April 13 and will be closed on Friday, April 14 in observance of
97 Good Friday. All Town staff but one in Public Works have chosen to take that floating holiday off.
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99 Commissioner White asked Manager Miller to explain the burn out process, where disinfection process is switched
100 from chloramines, which is a combination of chlorine and ammonia, to straight chlorine. People who are medically
101 fragile or fish aquariums may be sensitive to this and you may smell more chlorine in the water. This helps flush the
102 lines to prevent build up in the pipes and sustain pressure. A lot of flushing is done throughout the month to ensure
103 the chlorine goes through the whole system. Then it is switched back and flushed again to get the chlorine out of the
104 system until it can no longer be tested at those levels. Will take place April 21-May 25.
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106 Commissioner White asked for an update on the Hinman house. The house has been removed and there is a lot of
107 gravel on the site. There are no regulations against gravel of a certain size so until there is something parked there,
108 there is no violation. Manager Miller has spoken with the owner. Intentions are that it will be parking. Manager

109 Miller tried to speak with him before it was finished because if it will be parking, the whole thing can be asphalt but
110 it requires a change of use and a landscaping plan to go from a residence to parking lot. It is zoned MU so this is
111 allowed. The abutting lot is residential R2 so Tree Board and Planning Board are within their rights to impose the
112 vegetative buffer between properties. The owner is aware of this. Parking spaces by ordinance are 9’x20’ and goes
113 by how many will fit with a circulation pattern. As the number of spaces increases, the landscaping requirement
114 increases. Manager Miller has discussed this with Mr. Fulcher and he is aware of the requirements. Change of Use
115 and Land Use permits both go through Manager Miller/Town Hall who will then go to the Tree and Planning
116 Boards. It is assumed due to the fact that the property abuts to an R2, that the Tree Board will impose the buffer.
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118 10. Committee/Board Reports

- 119 a. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Draft March 8, 2017
- 120 b. Planning Board – Draft 3-30-17
- 121 c. Tourism Board – No minutes submitted
- 122 d. Tree Board – No minutes submitted
- 123 e. Water Advisory Board – met 3/17, minutes not yet available
- 124 f. Harbor Water/Fronts Advisory Committee – February 28, 2017
- 125 g. Bay River Metropolitan Sewer District – March report

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127 Lisa Thompson, Chair of Harbor Waterfronts Advisory Committee, let everyone know they had a work day on
128 March 30, greatly appreciates all who helped cleaning up the dock areas, painting touch ups, fixed dock boards prior
129 to boat show. Commissioner White asked if the pump out was fixed, feels that it is most likely operator error in
130 many cases.
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132 11. Commissioners’ Comment/Discussion Period

133 Commissioner Venturi asked anyone interested in Town Wide Yard Sale to contact Marsha Papham at Marsha’s
134 Cottage to register and receive their numbers and believes we have had success with this, is a popular event.
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136 Commissioner Overcash stated that he and Commissioner Winfrey were fortunate enough to speak with some of the
137 people in town for the sailing event over the weekend. They were very complimentary and it was a successful event.
138 Commissioner Venturi thanked and congratulated Jim Edwards for bringing these regattas to Oriental.
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140 Commissioner Venturi asked for an emergency coordinator’s report covering the response to the Smith’s home
141 (fire). Manager Miller had that report and stated the dispatch log states the first took seven minutes to arrive on
142 scene, the second truck took 11 minutes to arrive on scene and our third truck took 13 minutes to arrive on scene.
143 These trucks were from Southeast Pamlico VFD. This information came from Emergency Manager Chris Murray
144 who said if anyone has questions to come see him or call him in Bayboro. Mr. Murray has received several calls and
145 is concerned that people believe Southeast Pamlico is a paid fire department. It is a volunteer fire department run out
146 of his office so any questions should go to him. Commissioner Venturi stated a structure fire in the county is very
147 rare to lose a house and people have been concerned, appreciates Manager Miller obtaining that information.
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149 Commissioner Venturi also brought up the posting of agendas for Town Board meetings. She stated when she first
150 came on the Board, the rule was anything on the agenda that came from Commissioners or Town Manager had to be
151 on the agenda by the Wednesday before. Of course there will be additions up to the last minute, suggesting that
152 agenda submissions from this Board be limited to Wednesday to give the public an opportunity to discuss. Manager
153 Miller stated it was out Friday at lunchtime.
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155 Mayor Belangia stated that First Citizens Bank is holding a Shred Day on Friday, April 7, and a Fraud Seminar on
156 April 26 at 8am.
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158 Our next Board meeting will be held on May 2 at 7pm.
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160 12. Adjourn.

161 **Commissioner Winfrey** made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Seconded by **Commissioner Overcash**. Motion passed 5-0.
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163 **Meeting adjourned 7:38pm.**

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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