

**Town of Oriental - Budget Workshop**  
**May 21, 2012**

Present: Mayor Sage, Commissioners Johnson, Venturi, Bessette, Summers, and Styron  
Manager Maxbauer

With Quorum established, Mayor Sage called workshop to order at 8:00am

Discussion began with a recap of Water Fund expenses and moved into revenue portion of workshop. The Town Manager recommended that an anticipated payment be deposited into this fiscal Year's Water Fund balance, since the nature of the expense is utilities related.

Commissioner Johnson presented a worksheet with his projections of the Budget, to each member of the Board for review. He presented that raising the utility flat rate would relieve a significant portion of projected budget deficit. Commissioner Styron had concerns about line item overages in the current year (water system/water plant repairs,) therefore; he suggested adjusting this area for a resolution. Commissioner Summers recommended the Town Manager adjust the figures for the water fund budget and provide a worksheet at a later meeting. They then moved on to general fund for budgeting.

Manager Maxbauer opened the General Fund portion of the meeting with a discussion of the challenges and upcoming activities that needed to be considered, while budgeting. Each member of the Board presented scenarios in respect to a resolution of the General Fund budget; however, they need more time for strategizing. The Board advised the Town Manager to create a worksheet that contains what he proposes as a balanced budget, to be present at the next meeting on May 23, 2012 at 5:00p.

With no further Business, meeting was adjourned.

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William R. Sage, Mayor

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Robert J. Maxbauer