

- 1 • **Friday Free Flick – Friday, Sept 13 – 7 pm – Emerald Isle Community Center**
- 2 • **Emerald Isle’s Annual Day4Kids – Sat. Sept. 14 – 10am-2pm – Emerald Isle Comm Ctr.**
- 3 • **Police Educating the Public (PEP) – Tuesday, Sept. 17 – 10 am – Town Board Mtg Room**
- 4 • **Golf Cart Advisory Committee – Tuesday, Sept 17 – 5:30 pm – Town Board Mtg. Room**
- 5 • **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Wed, Sept. 18 – 9am – Emerald Isle**
- 6 **Community Center**
- 7 • **Dog Park Development Committee – Wednesday, Sept 18 – 3 pm – Emerald Isle**
- 8 **Community Center**
- 9 • **1st Annual Emerald Isle Fall Fishing Tournament – Saturday, Sept. 21 – NC Wildlife**
- 10 **Public Boat Facility**
- 11 • **Unleashed Howl-Oween Photo Fundraiser – Monday, Sept. 22 – 11am-2pm –**
- 12 **Muttigans**
- 13 • **Planning Board Regular Meeting – Monday, September 23 – 6 pm – Town Board**
- 14 **Meeting Room**
- 15 • **Coffee With a Cop – Thursday, Sept 26 – 9 am – The Trading Post**
- 16 • **Carteret County Hazardous Waste Day – Saturday, Sept 28 – 8am-1pm – Carteret Co**
- 17 **Health Department**
- 18 • **Emerald Isle Beach Music Festival – Saturday, Sept. 28 – 10:30am-6pm – WORA**
- 19 • **HeartSaver CPR Class – Summer Series – Saturday, Sept 28 – 9am-1pm – EMS Station**
- 20 • **Neighborhood Watch Board Meeting – Tues, October 1 – 6pm – Police Dept.**
- 21 **Conference Room**

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23 **Clerks Note: A copy of Proclamation 19-09-10/P1 and 19-09-10/P2 as noted above are incorporated herein by reference and**
24 **hereby made a part of these minutes.**

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26 **8. Public Comment**

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28 **Brief Summary:**

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30 The public will have the opportunity to address the Board about any items of concern not on the agenda. The
31 Mayor and Board welcome and appreciate all comments from the public, and will take these comments into
32 consideration as they make decisions on Town issues and provide direction to Town staff. Public comment is a time
33 for the Board to listen to the public's concerns and ideas, and is not intended for a lengthy dialogue or question
34 and answer session.

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36 The Mayor, Board, and Town staff are happy to meet with any citizen during normal business hours or at any other
37 mutually agreeable time to discuss Town issues and answer any questions.

38 Faith Delaney, 124 Deer Horn Drive, commended the Town for being proactive with Hurricane
39 Dorian, having the pumps deployed ahead of time spared a great deal of the unfortunate
40 situation experienced following Hurricane Florence. Ms. Delaney felt the beach was in the
41 midst of a fragile recovery. Ms. Delaney said the secondary dunes washed away last year but
42 did their job holding the primary dunes in place however she knew the beach needed more

1 time, and the Town had spent a great deal of money on beach renourishment and they didn't
2 want to see that wasted. Ms. Delaney firmly believed that driving on the beach this year should
3 be delayed at least until October 1, and suggested a much more equitable schedule referencing
4 Atlantic Beach's annual schedule of October 1 through March 15. Ms. Delaney mentioned Cape
5 Lookout, Pine Knoll Shores, and Indian Beach didn't allow driving on the beach, and Topsail
6 Beach only allowed licensed fishermen, no joy riders. Ms. Delaney said many driving on the
7 beach in Emerald Isle were just joy riding at dangerously high speeds, and felt September was
8 our golden shoulder summer, and those who go to the beach had the right to go and sit on the
9 beach without the fear of children, elderly or handicapped being put at risk by speeding trucks
10 which also dug deep ruts in the beach, and expressed concern over late turtle nests. Ms.
11 Delaney invited the Board to come sit on the beach with them and they would know what she
12 was talking about and hoped for a response.

13 Rhett Ricks, 438 Sunrise Court, also a manager at Boardwalk RV Park, thanked everyone
14 following the very hectic past week. Mr. Ricks said there was an old adage that tragedy brought
15 a community together and he felt this community was already together. Mr. Ricks said it had
16 been nice meeting Town Manager Matt Zapp under the extreme circumstances and
17 commended the Board for hiring Matt. Mr. Ricks thanked Mayor Barber for the time he took
18 shaking hands, handing out water, and many wonderful things he had done for the people at
19 Boardwalk RV Park. Mr. Ricks thanked Commissioner Dooley for her phone call, when the
20 tornado happened they didn't know what was up or down and she got them going in the right
21 direction, and thanked all of the Commissioners. Mr. Ricks praised the Emerald Isle Police
22 Department saying he didn't know if it was instinct or protocol but the Emerald Isle Police
23 Department were all on top of this and if they did anything wrong he didn't see it. Mr. Ricks
24 commended Town Planner Josh Edmondson for being right there with them trying to make
25 things work, and the amount of people he comforted with his extra effort, and his ability to sit
26 down on the fly and work with them was tremendous. Mr. Ricks said Police Chief Tony Reese,
27 and Asst. Police Chief Bill Bailey reached out over and over and it seemed that communication
28 was something the Town was really good at and it had meant so much to their tenants in the
29 Boardwalk community; he and his family and their tenants thanked the Town and it would not
30 be forgotten.

31 Bubba McLean, Cape Carteret, owner of the west side of Boardwalk RV Park, echoed the
32 comments made by Rhett Ricks commenting on how incredibly impressed he was by the Town,
33 Police, EMS, Fire, Parks and Recreation and Planning who were all on site immediately. Mr.
34 McLean said he and his daughter were on the beach near the pier and saw the tornado come in
35 and by the time they got in their car and drove down Fire, EMS and neighbors were already
36 pulling people out of their homes and he would say them that the mandatory evacuation issued
37 certainly saved lives because the Park was typically packed at that time, and because of the
38 mandatory evacuation they had people who had already left that morning. Mr. McLean

1 applauded the Board for that decision. Mr. McLean also thanked Commissioner Dooley for
2 jumping in and making calls, Mayor Barber for passing out water and making the right
3 connections, and they had all been concerned with whoever would come in behind Frank but
4 he had been incredibly impressed and appreciated all that Matt had done.

5 Tina Siegel, 9253 Ocean Drive, said they had dodged the bullet on Hurricane Dorian with the
6 exception of the tornado but she had concerns with stormwater. Ms. Siegel had a plea that the
7 Town expedite a stormwater mitigation plan particularly in her block in Deer Horn Dunes. Ms.
8 Siegel said when they built their house John Freshwater engineered retention areas that
9 retained 6 inches of stormwater on their property; coastal regulations only required 2.5 inches
10 and so they had been good stewards of the neighborhood. Ms. Siegel said Hurricane Florence
11 foiled that plan and they returned to 3 feet of water in front of their house and had to kayak up
12 to the driveway. Ms. Siegel noted that the former Town Manager had aerial photos from that
13 time you could see that the elevated parking area adjacent to their street was bone dry. Ms.
14 Siegel said that Pebble Beach's parking area contained hundreds of square yards of impervious
15 asphalt surface and no retention or infiltration area and the street end was flooded even today
16 following the previous night's storms. Ms. Siegel said no one could access the beach at the
17 9200 public access because it was flooded with stagnant water. Ms. Siegel noted that several
18 months following Hurricane Florence she and John Freshwater met with Town Planner Josh
19 Edmondson to explore the issue and they discovered a non-functioning drain in the parking lot
20 closest to Ocean Drive so at some point they figured Pebble Beach was responsible for some
21 flood water mitigation but Town Planner Edmondson said he would talk to the responsible
22 parties about complying with cleaning out the drain and possibly improving the drainage but
23 they hadn't heard anything since. Ms. Siegel asked the Board moving forward to look at plans
24 that required anyone doing new construction or re-construction to submit stormwater runoff
25 plans to the Planning Board and that they be approved before someone embarked on
26 construction. Ms. Siegel said she would like to get some response to see if they could do
27 something about the stormwater issue.

28 **9. Presentation – Enterprise Fleet Management**

29 Town Manager Matt Zapp directed the Boards attention to a synopsis of the Enterprise Fleet
30 Management program that provided an overview of how the program worked. Town Manager
31 Zapp stated the importance of the conversation was how it would impact the Town of Emerald
32 Isle, what it would look like, and what the numbers meant to the Town. Town Manager Zapp
33 noted that the team had investigated this option for at least 60 days, having multiple meetings
34 with Enterprise, and referenced the info in Board packets with general pricing, and budgeting
35 numbers. Town Manager Zapp highlighted the key components of the proposed Emerald Isle
36 lease program considerations as noted below:

- 1 • Emerald Isle will secure 8 additional vehicles with the lease program (14 lease vehicles
- 2 vs 6 purchased)
- 3 • Increased beach safety and visibility via the Jeep Wrangler concept
- 4 • Increased lifeguard recruitment and retention
- 5 • Decreased maintenance and repair costs of vehicles
- 6 • **Expected net savings in FY 19/20 = Conservatively \$100,000**

7 Town Manager Zapp concluded that they believed this was an option to save money, better
8 equip staff, and serve our residents better.

9 Commissioner Messer said he had the opportunity to meet with Enterprise Fleet Management
10 Senior Account Executive, Ben Krautheimer, Town Manager Zapp, and Mayor Barber before the
11 meeting and being in the automobile business for a good portion of his life Ben had all the right
12 answers to his questions. Commissioner Messer felt this was the way for the Town to go and
13 he was sold on the program.

14 Commissioner Normile thought when someone who had owned dealerships before and been in
15 the business most of their adult life came back from the meeting excited about the program
16 then he felt we needed to support the program.

17 Commissioner Finch agreed and it was a substantial amount of money to be saved.

18 Mayor Barber asked for any public comments. There were none.

19 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to authorize the Town Manager to execute***
20 ***Contract Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in***
21 ***favor. Motion carried.***

22 **10. Presentation – Installation of Additional Golf Cart Spaces – James Street / Ocean Drive**
23 **Public Access**

24 Parks and Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson addressed the Board concerning this Agenda
25 item. The following excerpt from Town Manager Zapp's memo to the Board is provided for
26 additional background:

27 **GENERAL OVERVIEW-** On July 16 and again August 20, 2019, the Golf Cart Advisory Committee discussed the need
28 for additional golf cart parking on Emerald Isle. As of said meetings, over 1,000 golf cart permits had been issued by
29 the EIPD. A total of 62 designated parking spaces were identified.

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31 **PARKING NEED-** Emerald Isle staff reviewed exiting golf cart parking space locations, identified areas where options
32 existed, and shared conceptual ideas with the GCAC on August 20, 2019.

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34 **INCREASED BEACH ACCESS PARKING-** Town staff suggests incorporating additional parking spaces at select Beach
35 Access ROW areas. Using the public right of way, gravel golf cart parking spaces can potentially be incorporated.
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1 Due to the market demand of golf cart use and limited parking spaced, the following areas were rank ordered:

- 2 1. James Street/ Ocean Drive
- 3 2. Lee Avenue/ Ocean Drive
- 4 3. Joel/ Ocean Drive
- 5 4. 13th Street/ Ocean Drive

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7 **JAMES STREET BETA-** Attached is a concept drawing for your consideration. The BETA test case would be at James
8 Street/ Ocean Drive. A 6'-wide concrete walkway would connect the paved road to the wooden beach access
9 walkway. PVC would be buried in the earth to delineate the parking area. Stone would be installed as the substrate
10 for the parking spaces. All of the necessary CAMA and local permits would be secured prior to construction.

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12 **GCAC ACTION-** The Golf Cart Advisory Committee voted unanimously on August 20, 2019 to support the installation
13 of additional parking at James Street/ Ocean Drive in the publicly owned ROW area.

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15 **FUNDING-** Funding for the increased parking can be attributed to the Golf Cart Reserve account. Currently, the
16 GCAC has a total of \$40,150 in available funds.

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18 **RECOMMENDATION-** With Board approval, Town staff will coordinate the installation of the increased parking area
19 at James Street in the ROW. The estimated cost for the parking improvements would be approximately \$8,500 (+/-).

20 Parks and Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson summarized the need for additional golf cart
21 parking in Emerald Isle, staff review and recommendations, and shared the conceptual drawing
22 for a BETA test case at the James Street/Ocean Drive access. Parks and Recreation Director
23 Sanderson said they worked in concert with the Golf Cart Advisory Committee to present this
24 recommendation.

25 Mayor Barber asked for public comments. There were none.

26 Commissioner Finch asked about property across the street that was for sale and if they could
27 look at the cost of that property for parking for golf carts and automobiles. Commissioner Finch
28 said he had looked at the access again and thought it was something that would behoove them
29 to pursue.

30 Parks and Recreation Director Sanderson said they could pursue that but as a team this was their
31 best recommendation considering the price of vacant land in Emerald Isle. Parks and Recreation
32 Director Sanderson stated the recommendation as presented was what they could do with
33 existing funds available to provide a fix for an issue they had right now.

34 Town Manager Matt Zapp proposed that on Commissioner Finch's request staff could contact
35 the realtor and report back to the Board on that price with an estimate of investment later. Town
36 Manager Zapp said when they first looked at that parcel they felt it could potentially be a good
37 idea but outside of our scope of allocations.

38 Commissioner Normile said he spent some time at the James Street access earlier in the day and
39 talked to folks who lived there at the access area. Commissioner Normile said they talked about
40 the plat and proposal and there was no real negative commentary except that it was a mighty big
41 footprint in a very tight congested area mixing golf carts and pedestrians, and taking some trees

1 out. Commissioner Normile said he was not opposed to creating golf cart parking but thought
2 about how this would change the landscape being such a big footprint. Commissioner Normile
3 said he was all for parking but thought they could do better and suggested looking at another
4 option.

5 Commissioner Finch said he was too and that was why he wanted to see them open it up for
6 possibly golf carts and automobile parking if it was affordable.

7 Town Manager Matt Zapp confirmed that they would revisit this and return to the Board at their
8 October meeting. Town Manager Zapp recommended that it would be beneficial if a member or
9 two of the Board attended the upcoming Golf Cart Advisory Committee meeting as they had
10 hashed through this substantially and they could share ideas.

11 Mayor Barber confirmed that he would try to attend the next Golf Cart Advisory Committee
12 meeting on September 17 along with Commissioner Finch and Commissioner Normile.

13 A comment was made by a member of the audience suggesting if the Town was able to purchase
14 the lot they could charge to park and that would help pay for the lot.

15 Commissioner Finch stated when he was at the James Street access earlier in the day and looking
16 at that parcel an individual came by commenting that he would much rather see the Town
17 purchase the lot if it was affordable than to go with the proposed footprint as is. Commissioner
18 Finch noted as stated by Commissioner Normile if they could bring the footprint down a little bit
19 he thought it would be in proportion. Commissioner Finch said when a piece of property was
20 available in Emerald Isle it would be gone and they may not ever have the ability to have that
21 property again.

22 Town Attorney Richard Stanley pointed out that depending on where the parcel was located
23 there might be private covenants that limited it to residential use.

24 Town Manager Zapp reiterated that Commissioners Finch and Normile would attend the
25 September 17 Golf Cart Advisory Committee meeting potentially with Mayor Barber, they would
26 inspect the vacant lot and determine a cost/developmental opportunities, and Town Planner
27 Edmondson would research the use restrictions and any local covenants.

28 **11. Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 – Use Regulations – Regarding Bath and/or Shower**
29 **Facilities in RV Parks (19-09-10/O1)**

30 **a. Public Hearing**

31 **b. Consideration of Ordinance Amendment**

32 Town Planner Josh Edmondson addressed the Board concerning this Agenda item. The following
33 excerpt from his memo to the Board is provided for additional background:

34 Recently, it was brought to staffs attention that there are issues regarding the restroom facilities requirement for
35 RV parks. Park owners and residents have expressed concern that the requirement for a central bathhouse in their

1 respected parks is unnecessary. The parks that pertain to this concern are those that participate in annual leasing
2 and do not allow daily, weekly or monthly rentals.

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4 One issue resulting from this requirement is that the park owners have problems with the public trespassing and
5 utilizing the restroom facilities when coming to and from the beach. Trespassers use these facilities more than park
6 tenants do. This creates unnecessary maintenance issues park owners have to encumber. It is important to note,
7 that every unit in these annual leasing parks are hooked up to a wastewater system. Each unit has its own private
8 restroom facility, making the need for a communal bathhouse unnecessary.

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10 I have researched how other municipalities relative to Emerald Isle in size and location handle restroom facility
11 requirements in RV parks and campgrounds for comparison. I have also contacted Carteret County Environmental
12 Health Program to confirm that restroom facilities are not required in RV parks by any codes or standards, but it is
13 left up to local jurisdiction to decide. With that in consideration, it is to my best knowledge that a central restroom
14 facility should not be mandatory in RV parks that only allow annual leasing for the reasons discussed above.
15 However, campgrounds or parks that allow daily, weekly or monthly rentals should still be required to maintain a
16 central restroom facility.

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18 This amendment would provide relief for park owners and tenants. Not having to maintain a restroom would
19 provide great economical relief and social benefit. The space where the restroom structure was could be utilized
20 for another rental along with the relief from maintenance costs for the structure. As discussed above, this would
21 also provide relief from trespassing, which reduces crime and improves the parks' overall safety and tenant
22 satisfaction.

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24 Currently the restroom facility requirement for mobile home and RV parks is located in Section 4.2.2.

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26 **Current Regulation**

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28 **4.2.2.- Mobile Home Parks and Recreational Vehicle Parks**

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30 **(4) Recreational Vehicle Park Site Development and Management**

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32 **(J) Restroom Facilities**

- 33 - Each park shall have a central structure, or structures, that will provide separate toilet and bath or shower
34 facilities for both sexes. This structure may also contain a retail sales counter and/or coin-operated
35 machines for the park residents use only, provide there is no exterior advertising. Vending machines also
36 may be permitted in a sheltered area.

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38 The amendment for Section 4.2.2 (J) is as follows.

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40 **Proposed Amendment to (J) only**

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42 **(J) Restroom Facilities**

- 43 - Parks that only operate on an annual lease schedule with each unit connected to a waste water system
44 shall not require a central structure that provides toilet and bath or shower facilities for both sexes. All
45 other parks allowing daily, weekly or monthly rentals, shall have a central structure, or structures, that
46 will provide separate toilet and bath or shower facilities for both sexes. This structure may also contain a
47 retails sales counter and/or coin-operated machines for the park residents use only, provided there is no
48 exterior advertising. Vending machines also may be permitted in a sheltered area.

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1 There are no county health rules that require restroom facilities and most local jurisdictions only require restroom
2 facilities for campgrounds or travel trailer parks (i.e. parks that allow daily, weekly or monthly rentals).

3 The planning board forwards the amendment to the Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. If you
4 have any questions before the meeting please feel free to contact me. I look forward to discussing this with you at
5 your September 10, 2019 meeting.

6 Town Planner Josh Edmondson summarized the proposed amendment regarding bath and/or
7 shower facilities in RV Parks for the Board's consideration. Town Planner Edmondson stated
8 that this was brought to staffs attention by park owners and residents expressing concerns
9 about this issue. Town Planner Edmondson stated this was an older ordinance and some of the
10 newer park models now were nicer than some homes and all of the models had
11 bathroom/shower facilities, and more importantly in all of their parks excluding Holiday Trav-L
12 Park they had individual septic systems, each lot had their own system or 2-3 units shared a
13 septic system but in some capacity all of these non-transient parks with permanent full-time
14 annual lease residents all were connected with septic systems. Town Planner Edmondson also
15 pointed out the other issue was the public from the beach coming up and using their restroom
16 facilities, trespassing which could cause a number of issues – one being maintenance, another
17 having strangers on the property looking around at folks personal items. Town Planner
18 Edmondson said in their research they could not find anywhere statutorily where bathroom
19 facilities were required unless they had a pool facility or some type of other common amenity
20 that may require a bathroom. Town Planner Edmondson noted Holiday Trav-L Park was
21 excluded because they still allowed camping, daily-weekly rentals, and may not be tied into a
22 septic system. Town Edmondson noted the parks affected by this ordinance amendment were
23 Beachfront East and West, Camp Ocean Forest, and Boardwalk RV Park.

24 Town Planner Edmondson confirmed for Commissioner Messer that he believed it was the
25 intention that the existing restroom facilities would be demolished. Town Planner Edmondson
26 also stated in response to Commissioner Taylor's question that this amendment did not affect
27 ADA compliance.

28 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to open the Public Hearing. The Board voted***
29 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

30 There were no public comments.

31 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to close the Public Hearing. The Board voted***
32 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

33 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Dooley to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 –***
34 ***Use Regulations – of the Unified Development Ordinance to Amend the Bathhouse***
35 ***Requirement for Recreational Vehicle Parks. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor.***
36 ***Motion carried.***

1 **Clerks Note: A copy of Ordinance Amendment 19-09-10/O1 as noted above is incorporated herein by reference and hereby**
2 **made a part of these minutes.**
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4 Before beginning Item 12 Mayor Barber commented about the 12 days he had spent with Matt
5 leading up to and during Hurricane Dorian and stated the Town was blessed to have Matt's
6 leadership. Mayor Barber said Matt had a calming influence on staff and as Mayor he wanted
7 to commend him for his marvelous job for the Town of Emerald Isle during Hurricane Dorian.
8 Commissioner Messer seconded Mayor Barber's comments.

9 Town Manager Zapp thanked the Mayor for his prelude saying it humbled him because coming
10 behind Frank Rush was a challenging task to begin with and he had sent a note of appreciation
11 to Frank via text and told him that a sign of true leadership was that it was flawless upon your
12 departure and hiring good leaders was a sign of exceptional leadership. Town Manager Zapp
13 said it was powerful to see how each of the department heads could shine and just being a part
14 of that was a blessing to him and he thanked them back. Town Manager Zapp said when he
15 came out the past Saturday morning to see a volunteer effort in the community 40 people
16 strong picking up all the debris on Highway 58 without any urging or accolades he thought that
17 exemplified what Emerald Isle stood for and from his family he thanked them for selecting him
18 to be a part of their homes.

19 **12. Hurricane Florence / Dorian Updates**

20 Town Manager Matt Zapp addressed the Board concerning this Agenda item. The following excerpt
21 from his memo to the Board is provided for additional background:

22 **HURRICANE FLORENCE- Damage Assessment for Publicly Owned/ Maintained Areas**

23 Following the record devastation from Hurricane Florence (Sept 2018), the Town of Emerald Isle was impacted at an
24 estimated cost of \$60,431,050. After review by the Consolidated Resource Center (CRC) of FEMA, the net overall
25 project cost estimate was determined to be \$50,049,517.

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27 Following is the estimated cost share of the estimated CRC \$50,049,517:

- 28 • \$37,537,198 (75% FEMA)
 - 29 • \$12,512,380 (25% Local/State)
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31 NOTE- Of the \$50M total, \$46,401,061 is the documented loss of nearly 2.2 million cubic yards of sand along the
32 Emerald Isle beaches. Non-beach re-nourishment related projects total an estimated repair cost of \$3,648,456.

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34 **BEACH NOURISHMENT FUNDS-** The Town of Emerald Isle submitted a large project request with FEMA in the
35 amount of \$46,401,061. The project is currently under review by the federal government. A decision regarding
36 reimbursement is expected in the next 30-90 days.

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38 **NON- BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECTS-** A total of \$3,648,456 was requested by FEMA to take immediate action
39 following the storm and to perform non-insurance protected repairs.

- 40 • A total of \$1,679,196 in FEMA reimbursements have been received YTD.
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- 1 • A majority of the remaining work will go out for bid in October 2019. Construction is anticipated during Fall
2 2019 and Winter 2020. This includes pier replacement and culvert work. The target goal is to complete the
3 pending work before the summer 2020 season kicks off.

4 Town Manager Matt Zapp delivered an in-depth summary of the current status year-to-date of
5 Hurricane Florence, and where the Town currently stood with Hurricane Dorian. Town
6 Manager Zapp thanked the American Red Cross, Lowe’s Home Improvement, and all the great
7 community assistance following Hurricane Dorian. Comments were made by Rhett Ricks and
8 Bubba McLean about how much the assistance, the warm food, the bottled water, portable
9 restroom facilities, and outpouring of assistance from Mayor Barber, the Board, town staff and
10 the community was appreciated.

11 **13. Comments from Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Town Manager**

12 There were no comments from the Town Clerk, or Town Attorney.

13 There were no further comments from the Town Manager.

14 **14. Comments from Board of Commissioners and Mayor**

15 Commissioner Taylor said it made him proud to sit up here and be a part of this and
16 commended Matt for his leadership. Commissioner Taylor said he knew Matt was a good guy
17 but he didn’t know how good he was until watching him work and the leadership shown by
18 Mayor Barber as well was amazing.

19 Commissioner Finch said it made him proud to live and be a part of Emerald Isle and associate
20 with the Mayor, Board, Town Manager, and every individual that worked so diligently
21 throughout the storm, his hat went out to all and “nice does matter”.

22 Commissioner Messer said in his 32 years he always knew what kind of employees and
23 department heads the Town had and he would put them up against anybody but when a crisis
24 arose they stepped up even more and he was proud of them all because when you needed
25 them they were there.

26 Commissioner Dooley agreed they had an incredible team, and community that was shown on
27 Friday and Saturday. Commissioner Dooley thanked everyone, and suggested when they had
28 the teams from the towns of Jacksonville, New Bern, and Morehead City come to Emerald Isle
29 the next day that people bring them a bottle of water, a snack, thank them, shake their hand
30 and just let them know how much we appreciate them.

31 Commissioner Normile commented from the perspective of the Beach Commission that there
32 may be a total of \$80 million coalesced to renourish our beaches on all of Bogue banks with a
33 big chunk of that occurring here in Emerald Isle. Commissioner Normile thanked those behind
34 the scenes that really made that volume of money happen without releasing any press releases.
35 Commissioner Normile thanked Senator Burr who sent part of his staff here to learn what we
36 needed. Commissioner Normile also publicly thanked Representative McElraft as millions of

1 dollars were coming from the State, and for both Senator Burr and Representative McElraft no
2 press releases but a lot of hard work. Commissioner Normile also commented that while
3 Congressman Jones had passed away his staff remained and had been involved the whole time
4 and he wanted to publicly thank them from where he sat on the Beach Commission.
5 Commissioner Normile said there were a lot of well-deserved thanks given tonight.

6 Mayor Barber stated that he and Matt had the opportunity Saturday morning to meet with
7 Governor Cooper and he was wonderful in helping us and offering his assistance. Mayor Barber
8 mentioned Senator Tillis visited on Monday morning and his staff had been in contact today.
9 Mayor Barber also thanked Senator McElraft as well, for providing such great leadership, she
10 was a strong leader for Emerald Isle and did a fantastic job. Mayor Barber thanked each and
11 every member of the town staff, and again the great leadership by Town Manager Matt Zapp.
12 Mayor Barber thanked the great community of people in Emerald Isle and blessed them for
13 their support, guidance and prayers.

14 **15. Adjourn**

15 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted***
16 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

17 ***The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.***

18 Respectfully submitted:

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22 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC, NCCMC

23 Town Clerk

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