

Ocean Isle May File Lawsuit To Collect Sewer Assessments

BY DOUG RUTTER

During a 50-minute executive session Tuesday, Ocean Isle Beach Commissioners authorized their town attorney to file a lawsuit against seven property owners who have yet to pay sewer assessments.

According to Town Clerk Alberta Tatum, six of those are residential property owners, facing assessments of \$300 plus interest, and the other is a commercial property owner who still owes \$1,300 of the original \$5,368. The assessments were to be paid in 1984.

Also during the secret session, commissioners authorized Town Attorney Elva Jess to settle a pending lawsuit concerning the condemnation of property for the town wastewater treatment plant.

The lawsuit involves an 86-acre tract of land, which Ms. Jess said is owned by about 65 individuals.

She said the matter was scheduled to go to trial next week, but added that the issue could probably be settled out of court in keeping with the desires of the town board.

Resolution Adopted

In other business Tuesday, com-

missioners adopted a preliminary assessment resolution for the dredging of canals bordered by Laurinburg, Monroe, Fairmont, Wilmington and Concord streets as well as the canal behind town hall.

Attorney Jess informed the board that while property owners are free to pay the assessments in advance, they also have the option of paying over a period of 10 years.

The canal dredging project was introduced last month by Commissioner Debbie Fox, who noted that several property owners approached her about making the canals more accessible for boaters.

Commissioners set a public hearing for Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m., during which property owners along those streets may comment on the assessment resolution.

The board also authorized Ms. Tatum to mail a copy of the resolution to affected property owners prior to the hearing.

Variance Tabled

Also Tuesday, commissioners meeting as the board of adjustments postponed a decision on a flood code

variance request until a special meeting Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

The variance would permit Ocean Isle Realty, Ltd., developers of Ocean Point at the west end of the island, to construct a two-floor guard house with plumbing and electrical fixtures on the ground floor, below the flood plain.

Ms. Fox, acting as board of adjustments chairman, said, "I'd like to see the plans. I have some problems with that."

Ocean Isle Realty representative Gregg Smith said he would return to the board with the preliminary floor plans and elevations.

According to a letter sent to the board, the developers feel that without a ground floor restroom facility, the guardhouse will not be functional.

Decision Delayed

In other business, commissioners delayed a decision concerning a possible amendment to the building code which would regulate excessive paving on residential lots.

At its December meeting, the board issued a 60-day moratorium on

the paving of residential lots. It will expire Feb. 6.

On Tuesday, the town delayed a decision at the request of Commissioner Terry Barbee, who had worked with the planning board in drafting a possible addition to the building code.

The proposal would have permitted paving over only 24 percent of the front yard, which would allow for approximately 300 square feet of concrete on a residential lot.

During discussion of the problem, Ocean Isle builder Bruce Quaintance opposed the regulation, saying it would cause a reduction in housing.

In addressing the board, he said, "Please think before you restrict. We've got to make a living, and if you keep restricting and restricting, nobody's gonna buy a house."

Quaintance recommended that the regulation be set at a maximum of 500 square feet of paved surface, which would be enough for two nine-foot wide driveways.

Barbee explained, "Our primary concern is to control water runoff and the erosion that would cause." He

said he wanted to consider some other possible avenues of erosion control and would report back to the full board of commissioners at the Feb. 9 meeting.

Audit Reviewed

Also Tuesday morning, commissioners accepted the audit report of certified public accountant John Caraway, which reflected a good financial position for the town.

For the 1986 fiscal year, the town's total revenues were \$974,000, which was more than double the \$457,000 in expenditures.

Revenues were \$34,000 more than budgeted, with an unbudgeted \$26,000 coming to the town through the local option sales tax.

Expenditures were more than \$150,000 under budget, with \$90,000 of this savings coming in the area of streets.

Also during the last fiscal year, the

town collected \$457,000 in property taxes for a collection rate of 99 percent. Property valuation at Ocean Isle was about \$272 million.

The fund balance increased \$262,000 during the year, from \$65,000 to \$647,000.

Construction Booms

Commissioners also heard the year-end report of Building Inspector Druid Roberson, who said construction in 1987 was well above average.

He said 204 permits were issued last year, and that \$181,000 was collected in fees. Construction valuation for the year was more than \$12 million.

Roberson explained that even without the Ocean Point high-rise, it was a good year with many expensive, single-family residences built.

In December, he issued four permits at a valuation of \$275,000 and collected fees totaling \$3,870.

Ocean Isle Accepting Bids For Town Complex

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Contractors have until Feb. 9 to submit bids for construction of a new Ocean Isle Beach Town Hall.

Ocean Isle Beach Commissioners approved final plans for the new complex Tuesday morning and set the bid deadline.

The structure was designed by R.H. McClure Builders Inc. of Ocean Isle Beach and is expected to cost approximately \$175,000. It will be situated between 2nd and 3rd streets west of the causeway.

Plans call for a 2,969-square-foot first floor which will house the police department and building inspector and will also include a reception area and a meeting hall with adjoining conference room.

The ground floor will also include men's and women's restrooms, with a separate restroom for the police department, and a small kitchen area.

A partial second floor will include an office for the town clerk and two computer rooms.

The current town hall facility, which opened in 1974, has three offices, one bathroom and a meeting room cooled by window air conditioners and heated by small electric portable heaters.

At the present time, the police department and building inspector operate out of offices in the fire station.

Funds for the new facility, about \$210,000, have been budgeted over the last two years. The town hopes to be moved in by June.

The 10,000-square-foot lot on which the complex will be constructed was acquired from developer Odell Williamson, who exchanged the property for the current town hall land and building.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public will take notice that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Shallotte has called a Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. on the 20th day of January, 1988, at the Town Hall for the purpose of reviewing the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Cynthia P. Long, Town Clerk

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The 30-second commercials are the focus of a statewide media campaign jointly sponsored by the N.C. Division of Travel and Tourism, N.C. Association of Broadcasters and the N.C. Press Association.

The "First In Fish" media program is aimed at boosting seafood sales throughout the state, following reports of decreased consumption.

Since the appearance of the "red tide" along 175 miles of coastline last October, restaurants, hotels and other travel-related services have reported dramatic financial losses.

The commercials feature famous North Carolinians such as stock car racers Richard and Kyle Petty, country singer George Hamilton III and former pro basketball players Phil Ford and Bobby Jones.

The campaign got underway with a Jan. 11 press conference during which Governor James Martin and Commerce Secretary Claude Pope introduced the commercials.

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