

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Saxton called the May 19, 2023, Town Council Special Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Attendance and Absences

In attendance were Mayor Tim Saxton and Councilmembers Derek Abbott (virtual), Randall Bartholomew (virtual), Bob Biciocchi, Edie Dondero, Tim Shaw; and Town Manager Maureen Hartman, and Town Clerk Matt Amerling. Public attendees: 1.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Discussion and possible action on approval of additional funding for algae harvesting.

Mayor Saxton stated last fiscal year the Council approved \$55,000.00 for a project for algae harvesting. We anticipated spending \$27,500.00 for one week in April, which would have allowed it to fall in FY23, but we did not do that. Mayor Saxton stated, rather, Council pushed it to FY 2024, because we did not spend it until May 1st. Mayor Saxton further stated the Town did put \$20,000 down as a pre-paid expense for the down payments on the two contracts with Solitude; however, they cannot be logged in as an expense until it actually occurs, which means it's occurred in FY24, and those monies get logged as an expense for FY 24 against the \$50,000 that Council budgeted. Mayor Saxton stated when we budgeted the FY24 budget, Council put aside monies for one week this spring and one week next spring, but we need two weeks this spring because of the fiscal year split. Mayor Saxton stated he, the Canal Water Quality Committee (CWQ) and Town Manager Maureen Hartman thought it would be best if we request if Solitude can go an additional three more days in the event the algae is bad. Because of that, the Town would like to add about \$15,000.00 to cover those three. Councilman Randy Bartholomew stated he thinks this is something that is absolutely needed and gives the Town Manager and the CWQ enough leeway to get the canals done adequately this fiscal year.

Councilman Shaw motioned to approve the funding of the CWQ line item for algae harvesting with an additional \$27,500.00 to cover the FY23 plan, which was moved to FY24. Councilman Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Biciocchi to adjourn the May 19, 2023, Town Council Special meeting at 9:23 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Council Secretary



Town Clerk

6/9/2023
Date of Approval