

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dondero called the October 10, 2025, Town Council meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance and Absences

In attendance were Mayor Edie Dondero and Councilmembers Randy Bartholomew, Bob Biciocchi, Mark Giler, Chris Keefe, Bob Shields and Cindy Van Horn; Town Manager Maureen Hartman, Town Finance Director Renee McDorman, and Town Clerk Matt Amerling. Public attendees: 2. Virtual attendees: 6.

Adoption of Minutes

Councilwoman Chris Keefe motioned to approve the September 12, 2025, Town Council meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Bob Shields. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Discussion and possible vote to award Bid 25-03, York Road Flood Mitigation Project (Hartman)

Councilman Bob Biciocchi motioned to award Bid 25-03 to Kinsley Construction, seconded by Councilman Randy Bartholomew. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible vote to approve Budget Amendment(s) (Bartholomew)

Councilman Bartholomew motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Keefe. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible vote to approve Town Reserve Allocation (Bartholomew)

Councilman Bartholomew motioned to approve the Town Reserve Allocation, seconded by Councilwoman Cindy Van Horn. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible vote to approve renewal of PKS for auditing services for next 3 years (Bartholomew)

Mayor Dondero motioned to approve the renewal of PKS for auditing services for the next three years, seconded by Councilman Biciocchi. Motion carried 7-0.

Review and possible vote on approval of amended committee guidelines (Dondero)

Mayor Dondero reviewed the edits made as a result of last month's discussion including language to limit committee members to speak with other government agencies unless given explicit direction from the committee chairperson and the Town Manager; the addition of the Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee (B&PSC) purpose and scope of work; striking item H from page two; and retracting the previously proposed edits to the Canal Water Quality Committee (CWQ) scope of

work. All edits were sent to Council in advance of the meeting for review. Councilman Shields stated he still disagrees with committee members not being able to talk to the media in an official capacity. Councilman Mark Giler stated he has concerns with the Town Code restrictions on virtual participation in meetings and he thinks those Code ordinances should be amended. Mayor Dondero stated she understands Councilman Giler's concern and Council will be reviewing said Code ordinances at a future meeting.

Councilman Batholomew motioned to adopt the committee guidelines as previously amended, seconded by Councilman Biciocchi. Motion carried 5-2 (with Councilmen Shields and Giler voting no).

Discussion and possible vote to appoint Robin Philipbar to the Community Relations Committee (Dondero)

Councilwoman Keefe motioned to appoint Robin Philipbar to the Community Relations Committee, seconded by Councilman Biciocchi. Motion carried 7-0.

Leadership Reports

Mayor's Report – Report submitted. Mayor Dondero stated the Town put out an email yesterday to residents alerting them that there is a potential strong coastal storm coming through this weekend. She and Town staff are getting regular briefings from the National Weather Service. We have no additional details at this time, and nothing has changed in the forecast. The Town encourages everyone to monitor reports and prepare their properties accordingly for high winds and flooding.

Town Manager Report – Report submitted.

Police Chief Report – Report submitted.

Treasurer Report – Report submitted.

Committee and Commission Reports

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee – Report submitted.

Budget and Finance Committee – Report submitted.

Canal Water Quality Committee – Report submitted.

Charter and Code Committee – Report submitted late.

Community Planning Advisory Group – Report submitted.

Community Relations Committee – Report submitted.

Planning Commission – No report submitted.

Resiliency Committee – Report submitted.

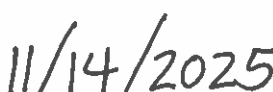
Adjournment

Motion by Councilwoman Van Horn, seconded by Councilman Biciocchi, to adjourn the October 10, 2025, Town Council Regular Meeting at 9:54 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Council Secretary


Town Clerk


Date of Approval