



## Town of North Beach Mayor and Town Council Work Session Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, June 1, 2023

**Location:** North Beach Town Hall

**Begin:** 7:00 PM

**Adjourn:** 7:44 PM

### **Mayor and Council Attendees:**

Mike Benton, Mayor  
Gregg Dotson, Councilman via Zoom  
Mary Healey, Councilwoman  
Mickey Hummel, Councilman  
Lauren Kabler, Councilwoman  
Paul Troncone, Councilman  
Ken Wilcox, Councilman via Zoom

### **Staff:**

Stacy Milor, Town Clerk  
Donnie Bowen, Public Works Director  
Joanne Hunt, Town Treasurer  
Phil Ashworth, Waterfront Manager

### **Agenda**

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment
- Town of North Beach Waste Management Request for Bids
- "Draft" FY 24 – Water, Sewer, Capital, and Community Outreach Budgets
- Adjournment

### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Mayor Benton called the Town of North Beach Mayor and Town Council Work session for June 1, 2023, to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Public Comment**

Elizabeth Lawton, 9232 Erie Avenue emailed her comments to the Mayor, Council and Town Clerk prior to the meeting her recommendation for the new Town Manger being proposed in the FY24 Budget.

### **Town of North Beach Waste Management Request for Bids**

- A document was provided to the Council with the breakdown to award the contract with and without the bins. Mayor Benton suggested at this time the contract is awarded without the bins, based on the trash he currently observes every week. He feels there still needs to be some additional education for residents when it comes to recycling properly. After there is some additional education, we can have additional conversation to buy bins.

- Mickey Hummel – He is comfortable awarding the contract without the bins. There still needs to be further discussion to obtain bins.
- Lauren Kabler – I support awarding without the cans. It seemed like a simple process at first until additional questions starting to come up. What size can, etc.? A survey should go out to residents to see what they would like.
- Paul Troncone – I support awarding without the cans. There is still additional discussion on what to do with the current cans, etc.
- Mary Healey – Agrees with everyone on their position.
- Gregg Dotson – I am going down a different path than everyone else. I feel the staff is doing an amazing job with education. I am not sure what else we can do. I feel we need to pull the trigger on this and buy the bins. Either we pull the trigger and buy the larger cans, or we scale the cans back. I feel if we do not do it now, the cans will cost more later.
- Ken Wilcox – I have been thinking about this. We are doing a couple of dynamics on things we are going to change. Due to no pick-up on Mondays, there is stuff everywhere. When I think about it and we move to Tuesday and Friday, we will not have that problem as much. I stick with my position that recycling goes back to paper, glass, and metal. I say we hold off on the cans at this time.

- **“Draft” FY 24 – Water, Sewer, Capital, and Community Outreach Funds.**
- Mayor Benton asked the Council if they had any additional questions on the budget. It has been discussed several times. I will move on to the Council for any questions.
- Mickey Hummel – Any update on the WWTP numbers? Joanne Hunt stated there is a meeting scheduled for June 8, 2023. Even after this meeting, it is not too late to reduce the rate. The rate increase will not go into effect until October.
- Lauren Kabler – Thanked Joanne for her hard work and answered all her questions. This is a clean, tight budget this year.

- Town Manger questions: Mickey Hummel asked if they would see the job description and where this position falls into the hierarchy of the Town. Mayor Benton stated he is going to have a letter drafted and send to Council explaining the position.
- Gregg Dotson stated he does not think the proposed salary will gain any interest.
- Ken Wilcox – Thanked Joanne. He is going to go along with Gregg on the Town Manager position and the salary level. Unfortunately, he does not have the data to support the proposed salary.
- Salary Audit – This RFP has been placed back out for bid. Stacy Milor stated she has been in contact with several companies who are interested in the RFP. Stacy also suggested the Town Manager position should be incorporated into

the study prior to placing this position out to the public. Mayor Benton agreed along with Ken Wilcox.