

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2017 6:00 p. m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the June 13, 2017 Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order in the Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building at 6:00 p. m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESENT: Mr. Joe Beigle
Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman
Mr. Greg Brown
Mr. Greg Thal
Mr. Brian Walker

STAFF: Mr. Ralph Stewart
Mr. Bob Cook

CITIZENS: Joe Falcone, David Burns, Matt Burns, John Kostas

Mr. Falcone (applicant for the Authority vacancy) was introduced to the members. He expressed his interest in serving on the Authority and provided an overview of his professional experience. The Authority asked Mr. Stewart to prepare a letter of support for Mr. Falcone's appointment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the January 4, 2017 and May 16, 2017 Authority Meeting Minutes;
Mr. Thal seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

ORAL: None.

COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN: None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Stewart mentioned that the finance report will be forthcoming next meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – WATER:

Corning Pump House –

Costs regarding buying parts direct from the factory and aftermarket are discussed. Aftermarket is less expensive and includes the same warranties. This should be considered for a spare part.

Big Spring Cover Replacement –

The contractor time line and other information have been requested. An email was received from an associate of the contractor. This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Bridge Replacement –

The water line and sewer line need to be relocated. This was approved at the previous meeting, Mr. Stewart indicated that the line work was done first and now the bridge work is being done.

Big Spring Water Withdrawal –

No updates.

Police Barracks –

Proposed police barracks at Commerce Park water service was discussed. Plans were reviewed and approved.

Water report is in the packet for May, 2017.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –SEWER:

Pretreatment program – Phosphorus as the Centre County prison is still a concern. Everything else is good.

Treatment Plant/RBC Replacement Permit – DEP – Accepted the application as administratively complete. They have 90 days to do the technical review.

Blowers were looked at and the existing blowers and line will be able to be used. Another line will not be necessary. Bid package for electrical and structural work is being worked on now.

Backup Power – Based on some of the recent interruptions at the plant are being addressed. Trying to verify that the two sources coming in are in fact, two different sources. This has not been done for a while and this will be checked for sure with the assistance of West Penn Power.

AECOM - Process review was complete and submitted with the permit.

The scale replacement will be ready to bid by mid-July and the gravity belt thickener should go out this month.

Bulk Water Sales for the month of May was 256,100 gallons.

May 2 the north A.S. Unit, air valve failed. This needed repaired.

May 23 Hach service tech were in and serviced and calibrated

May 31 meter guy serviced and calibrated the flow meters. This is bi-annual.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from Mr. Rehab when they did work near the Parkview collection system. Details on the terra cotta piping and issues are listed in the report. Mr. Stewart will budget for the work for this fall and next year.

Expecting information from Census and LB Water related to the MXU changes and a reader for the new components. Waiting on this information.

Regarding back up power at the plant, there was discussion regarding placing generators for specific operations, critical operations, so power would be available in the event of an outage. This will be re-evaluated to see the budget for this. Power outages and blips have become more frequent, i.e. squirrel or tree limb. Backup generators seem more necessary now than ever. The DEP permitting requires maintenance of the treatment process even if there is a power outage.

A comprehensive inspection of the grid was suggested. The water filtration and dewatering were discussed. The May power outage was discussed at the new water pump house. Fortunately, a transfer switch was put in place and power was restored via a rented generator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Stewart reported that a back up replacement pump should be purchased in the event that one of the two reservoir pumps fail. The two pumps are necessary to keep up with demand. Pricing was ascertained from V-Systems on inspection and repair. They took a look at one of the older pumps. They reported that the fail was reported as a bearing issue

as opposed to a cavitation issue. Question was raised whether to fix the failed pumps as spares or order a new one for a spare. Pricing on the new pump was not received as of this meeting.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

David Burns/Matt Burns addressed the Authority regarding a home at 509 Hughes Street that is on septic system. The Spring Benner Walker Authority board approved a main up to the house so that the house could be tied in. Approval is needed to tie into the Borough system. There is a formula for the billing. Mr. Stewart will review what is needed and be in touch with Mr. Burns.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Beigle seconded the motion;
Motion adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal Issues