

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2018, 2018 - 6:00 p. m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the October 2, 2018, Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order at the Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESENT: Mr. Joe Beigle
Mr. Frank "Bud" Halderman
Mr. Mike Schmidt
Mr. Doug Johnson
Mr. Greg Brown
Mr. Brian Walker
Mr. Joe Falcone

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Mr. Ralph Stewart
Mr. Bob Cook
Mr. Matt Auman

ENGINEERS: Mr. Eric Lundy
Mr. Bob Decker

MINUTES:

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the September 5, 2018 meeting minutes;
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

ORAL:

Christie Smith – Christian Academy

Ms. Smith came before the Authority to ask permission to switch the line over to Spring Township as they are located in the Spring Township district.

Stewart indicated that some research will have to be done to see precedent. The Borough rarely changes a service area or boundary. The history of this ordinance goes back a long time and it becomes complicated and a yes and no answer is not possible at this time.

Ms. Smith stated that there was a cap that said Spring Township, and someone damaged the cap and called Spring Township to come fix it and through speaking with them there was some realization relative to some of the services to their customers. Looking into this further, the lateral line crosses their line and therefore would be easy for them to connect the school. They would be saving a great deal of money over the course of a year \$800.00 to \$900 a quarter. For a small school, that is a significant amount of savings that would help the school a lot. She kindly asks that the Authority consider the Authority. The school provides services to students in Centre County and work very hard at keeping the school affordable to them.

The original minutes from Spring Township stated that the school was granted only temporary permission to be connected to Bellefonte and once the Spring Township line went in, the school was to be moved over. It just was not followed through. She does not know whose responsibility it was. They are more than happy to have the school as a customer and it is easy to do so. Out of respect to the Borough Authority, she wanted to come before the board to clear it with Authority members.

Ella Williams - Halfmoon Street Parcel

Ella Williams spoke about the Halfmoon parcel. It was originally zoned for duplexes. There was a lot of interest in the parcel. Some developers came and spoke with the Borough regarding connection of water/sewer, and they were told to take the line down and connect down towards the lime plant and it was just not financially feasible. They lost all the buyers.

Now, over a year later, a buyer would like to put just one home there. He would like a variance for a septic system as the pumps fail. This is a 5.83-acre parcel. His sale contract is contingent upon approval of permission to install a septic system.

Stewart stated that typically this is not allowed, and a variance or exception is needed. Typically, if there is sewer close by, you need to hook up even if it was pumping up hill. What happens if the septic system fails? Ms. Williams stated that if the system is installed correctly it will not malfunction.

Authority members will take this under advisement. Mr. Halderman also stated that if it was approved, there would have to be a one home agreement signed and recorded for the purposes of the septic system use with no subdivision.

If there is an ordinance that requires hooking up public sewer then the Authority does not want to set precedence. If they do it for one they have to then, do it for all.

The Herlocher property was discussed briefly. Stewart stated that if research is done, and a rule can be adopted that would help in not setting a precedent. He will try to have considerations prepared for the next Water Authority meeting.

Deed stipulations were discussed. Mr. Tressler, property owner encouraged the Authority to allow the one septic system so that the property could be developed.

COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN:

Letter re: PA Small Water and Sewer Program Water Line Project

Authority was not successful in obtaining these grant funds. Stewart stated that the Borough will keep trying on this. USDA funds were discussed at the NRWA conference. There is an office in Lamar and staff will contact them for a meeting. The grant is made for rural development and they may see the Borough's density. They offer up to 45% grant and they would like to see a match. The long term is 40 years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report was available for this meeting.

The next meeting should be focused on budget talks.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – WATER:

The contractor has been unresponsive and not showing good faith in keeping with what he agreed to at mediation for the spring. Stewart stated that there will be an executive session after the meeting to talk about this.

They had a meeting with PSU Sustainability project students. They will come up with some designs for the cover. It was a good meeting and it will be interesting to see what they come up. It may help in giving some direction.

SEWER REPORT:

Progress at the plant project is going well. No major issues lately. The sludge tank may be able to be worked on next week. The biggest concerns is rain for a long time and they go over capacity, there will be issues.

Work change directive No. 2 with attachments was provided to the Authority. A summary sheets shows items of work that are still outstanding. Values are still estimated at this point.

The items in question were taken out that were discussed at the prior meeting. A credit was given to the Authority. Concrete repair is the last item and that was only an estimate. Grouting was another relatively big charge. That was only if the floor was bad. That was not necessary. There will be another change order based on final cost. The pay app reflects the charges to be paid.

Conversations were held on changes and the contractor protecting himself with the directives.

Mr. Halderman moved to pay Pay Application No. 6 for \$898,199.52 to McCrossin;

Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion;

Motion carried. Mr. Walker abstained.

Mr. Halderman moved to pay Pay Application No. 4 for \$36,186.76 to Lepley;

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion;

Motion carried. Mr. Walker abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Legal

Water report (Auman)

September 4 repaired a four inch water leak at Howard and Spring; September 5 leak protection; September 6 located an shut off at Graymont as they wanted it disconnected; September 10 rebuilt the check valve on pump 2 at Corning; September 11-12, did some by rider maintenance; September 13 raised some main valve boxes on McCallister Street; September 14 started fire hydrant replacement 301 Reynolds Avenue; September 15 repaired a two inch water main break at 206 S. Potter; September 18 replaced fire hydrant at South Potter and W. High; 19th installed new six inch value and installed a hydrant at

301 Reynolds, 20th installed a new four inch valve at fire hydrant at Burrows and Spring; 21st the crew deleted the hydrant at the end of Potter as it was fed on a 2 inch main; there is a blow off there; September 24-25 repaired leak at High and Wilson; 26 and 27, leak detection – few leaks at the County building; September 28 replaced another hydrant at Monroe and Beaver. Two more to do until finished for the year.

Bulk Water Sales

29,700 gallons in September

September 6 auction ended on covers – total was \$4,275

September 19 auction ended for the International - \$8,300.

September 19 the tunnel sump pump was replaced \$6,300.

The dock was set and grouted – October 2 McCrossin poured the equipment room
1989 Field Jimmy – asking for permission to sell on the bid site.

Nutrient Credits were discussed. Stewart did not get any numbers of what would be offered. He will obtain some figures.

Bob Jacobs from the County was contacted relative to the prison. A tour will be scheduled over the next few weeks to see how they are set up. There is a deadline for compliance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brief discussion was held on the sewer customer turnover to Spring Benner Walker from the school. SBWJA had proof that the school should have been their customer. They offered to fix their lateral and that is how this was found out. Stewart will do some research and come back to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Walker moved to adjourn;
Mr. Brown seconded the motion;
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.