

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2019 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Legal

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the April 2, 2019, 2019, Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order at the Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building at 7 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESENT: Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman
Mr. Joe Falcone
Mr. Joe Beigle (via teleconference)
Mr. Brian Walker
Mr. Greg Brown
Mr. Doug Johnson

EXCUSED: Mr. Mike Schmidt

STAFF: Mr. Ralph Stewart
Bob Cook
Matt Auman

ENGINEERS: Mr. Eric Lundy
Mr. Bob Decker

MINUTES:

**Mr. Brown moved to approve the March 5, 2019 Authority meeting minutes;
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

ORAL:

Mr. Schrack discussed the water agreement (discussed in Executive Session – Legal) between the Authority and Niagara Bottling, LLC, and asked for a motion to authorize members of the Authority to execute the agreement.

**Mr. Johnson moved to accept the water agreement between the Authority and Niagara Bottling LLC and authorize members of the Authority to execute said agreement;
Mr. Walker seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS WRITTEN: Nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Water/Sewer Fund Report

The water fund has hit 25% of the budget after the first quarter so that seems to be in line. Most expenses seem to be in line as well. Salary is a little higher than expected but with the water breaks overtime was warranted. Net profit of \$29,932.00. Cash balance of \$453,000 is in line.

Wastewater side is about 29% year to date revenue through the first quarter. Normal recurring operating expenses seem to be in line with the revenue. All seems to be running accordingly. Cash balance in checking is \$428,000. The money market seems to be inline as well.

Johnson inquired about the loan repayment and the interest only period. Stewart stated that we are pretty close to the end of the project with loose ends being tied up to about June 2019. The rates were sufficient to cover the debt. Spring Benner Walker has been paying on their part of the project and the Borough will only have their share to deal with.

ENGINEER REPORT – WATER:

The Rural Water Conference was attended.

Nothing has been received from MB&R to date. Stewart stated that he will try to get with Allen Nealy to try to wrap this issue up per the Memorandum of Understanding.

ENGINEER REPORT – SEWER:

The north A.S. unit of the plant has been put into operation. It is ready for magnetite as soon as the south unit is started up. Sludge has been sent to the new sludge holding tanks. It is operating under the automatic mode for PH control and odor control.

The southside unit is under construction and it is approximately 30 days to completion. Startup is towards the end of the month on the main equipment. The first order magnetite was received today. It is not being used yet but it is only weeks away.

There was an issue from Arrison from the get go. A letter was provided. There was confirmation on warranty needing to be provided. They swapped out all three motors and they seem to be running like they should now.

Work change directive 3 and 5 were previously approved. There is going to be change orders to come along with those, but most of that work is T&M. The seals were an example of a reduction in costs with time and material. There will be a change order coming that will catch up with all of the time and material charges.

Final pay app No. 12 from McCrossin is \$174,757.63 is recommended for approval. Lepley's is \$39,649.06.

**Mr. Falcone moved to approve both of the pay apps;
Mr. Brown seconded the motion;
Motion carried. Mr. Walker abstained.**

The NPDES comments have been submitted back to the DEP and they are waiting to hear from them.

OLD BUSINESS:

WWTP Tour

Stewart mentioned that the WWTP project is going well, although there were some hiccups along the way. He likes the progress and the quality of work. He is planning on putting a tour together towards the end of the month for Authority members. He will probably make it on a non-meeting night.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stewart discussed the Rural Water Conference briefly. He remarked that it is a very good conference and they go over the latest changes in tech, regulations, etc. It was well attended.

Water Report – Auman

They have fixed some substantial leaks in March.

March 4 repaired a 2-inch water main above Buckaroo Lane. March 5 worked on Pump 1 at Corning in replacing the main shaft. March 6 repaired a 6-inch water main down at the WWTP for the utility water. March 7 worked at Corning on the motor. March 11 repaired a 6-inch water main on Shuck Street above Humes. March 12 located waterlines on W. Fifth Avenue for a project to replace water line. The line is in bad shape and is mismatched. This is scheduled for

next week. March 13 repaired another 6-inch break above the one at Humes. March 14-15 all guys were on one call for Brockeroff as they are putting gas service in the subdivision. With the new PA One call laws, everyone was out there trying to locate the residents' boxes and mains that had no mapping. The PUC rep in the area stated that they do not have to mark beyond the edge of the property. March 18 repaired a four-inch main in front of the WWTP. March 19 flushed sewers and camera some that ere an issue. March 20 and 21 repaired a six-inch main at E. Howard and Pike Street. End of the month they attended the conference.

Engineer – Sewer Report

Bulk water sales for March were about 24,400 gallons. Water department repaired a leak at the WWTP. Mr. Cook thanked Mr. Auman his crew. March 7 McCrossin started the demo work in the south unit; March 14 Pa. DEP conducted an NPDES permit inspection – with no issues; March 22 one of three new motors for the blowers were installed; March 25, the 2018 report was submitted to the EPA and the Chapter 94 reports were submitted to the DEP. March 25, the other two motors were installed on the blowers.

Jon Eaton Presentation – Leaks

Stewart offered that at a recent Council meeting, member Jon Eaton made a presentation to Council regarding analyzing the water reports to look at leaks. He expressed in interest in coming to an Authority meeting.

Johnson wanted the record to show that that he thought the presentation was inappropriate in the method that he presented it, and Council President was aware of the presentation but no other members or staff had a clue of what the presentation was going be about. Some comments made were not accurate and he thinks the proper presentation should have been to the Authority before it was presented to Council and the public over C-Net. There was no conversation with Mr. Johnson as a committee member. He felt that Council and staff were blind-sided.

Mr. Beigle offered that the record should reflect that the Authority members were displeased about how Mr. Eaton went about presenting the PowerPoint presentation to the Borough Council. There was a lot of misinformation in that presentation. He plans to address this when he returns. Mr. Beigle stated that Mr. Eaton should spend some time with the water crews and Mr. Auman to gain a better understanding of what is done to address the water leaks for the Borough.

Authority members were upset that this presentation was shown to the public and included inaccuracies. Johnson offered that the Borough crews were working within the budget with the Authority regarding line replacements. All systems have leaks and the Borough has an old system.

Rockview Valve

Mr. Beigle would like the Authority to draft a letter to Council to write a letter of support in proposing water service to Rockview Penitentiary. Stewart stated that that would be pursued also through the local legislators. The Authority shall write a letter of support as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.