

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2019 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the May 7, 2019, 2019, Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order at the Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESENT: Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman
Mr. Joe Falcone
Mr. Brian Walker
Mr. Greg Brown
Mr. Doug Johnson
Mr. Mike Schmidt

EXCUSED: Mr. Joe Beigle (Authority)
Matt Auman (staff)

STAFF: Mr. Ralph Stewart
Mr. Bob Cook
Mr. Dave Klinefelter

ENGINEERS: Mr. Eric Lundy
Mr. Bob Decker

MINUTES:

**Mr. Johnson moved to approve the April 2, 2019 Authority meeting minutes;
Mr. Falcone seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

ORAL:

Jon Eaton, Council – Water Leaks (could not attend, will be rescheduled)

COMMUNICATION WRITTEN:

Mr. Stewart received a PRWA training certificate for recently received training.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Water/Sewer Fund Report

The water fund is on track for one-third of the year. Most expenses are in line as well. Cash balance in checking is \$426,000.

Wastewater income and expenses appear to be in line as well. Revenue is about 1% light. Everything is online. Cash balance is \$210,000.

Meeting to Discuss WWTP Project Costs/Change Orders

Mr. Stewart stated that a meeting was held this afternoon at 2 p.m. He invited Bob Decker, from Nittany, Greg Wendt, Joe Falcone, Bob Cook to attend. They reviewed the costs to date and the change directives in the amount of about \$190,000. They do not know where they will end up. Early in the project, reports were produced by McCrossin as far as extending the project and costs expectations. The numbers were over \$500,000. A lot has changed. The project is wrapping up except for some loose ends and start up of the biomag system. They have not been able to pin down what exact additional costs or get new estimates from McCrossin. Hopefully by the next meeting, those figures will be had.

Mr. Decker stated that the work change directives and associated T&Ms and work associated with those is about \$182,000. The biggest item is if there is anything else. McCrossin has not given a figure. They are working through time and materials and have all the time for all the change orders. Materials have not been received yet. The materials cannot be verified. There have been three meetings with McCrossin to try to get that summarized. Mr. Leahy wants to wait to see that done to see where he falls out. The crane is an issue – and has been paid for in work directives. They want to make sure everything is reasonable.

Mr. Stewart stated that there have been two loans set up – one for Spring Benner Walker, just in case and one for the Borough's share. His understanding through Mr. Wendt is that the one loan will need to be closed in August 2019. Spring Benner Walker's contribution on share money is in the account as they are billed on a quarterly basis. The plan would be to pay off the Spring Benner Walker loan in or before August.

Overall the project has gone pretty well, but it is all in all at present just over 3%.

ENGINEER REPORT – WATER:

Mr. Lundy reported that he viewed the PSU Sustainability student project presentation on April 30, 2019 online. A summary of the cover is an aluminium roof structure at an estimated cost of \$568,000. Mr. Stewart added that CST the company that makes silos for water tanks, etc. would produce a cover which would not hold water and their idea would be to add a fountain system and the water would cascade off of the cover and be collected and then lighting could be added to make it an attraction. In theory, it could be constructed. The problem with the DEP was holding water on the cover and guaranteeing that there would not be a leak. This project would get around the issue of holding water on top of the cover.

Brandy, at Sen. Corman's office reached out to Mr. Stewart and they have some money that may be appropriated for a project of this type. At minimum CST should be contacted to see if they can send a rep in to see the spring and see what they can do in house for design, etc. The DEP has been in the loop with this design. Leak detention was discussed.

Mr. Johnson moved to put out an RFP with a cover that holds water, clear span, with reflective pool that would keep water out of the cover, based on research done by the PSU Hazelton sustainability students. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried

Big Spring Cover Project

The big spring cover project signed change order was received to close out this project. On April 29, 2019 confirmation was received from MB&R that they received payment and they consider the project official closed.

ENGINEER REPORT – SEWER:

The WWTP Project is essentially complete. The general contractor is demobilized, and electrical contractor is basically done as well. The sludge system has been in operation since the south unit was done. The full hydraulic capacity is in place. Final start of up of the biomag equipment needs to be done. The equipment has been checked out and next week, if all goes well, biomag will be added to the mixed liquor and get the project underway

The only thing being held back is the start up which is about \$170,000. Everything else is pretty much paid up. It went about 6-weeks beyond the original completion date. That needs to be worked out with McCrossin.

Work change directives are clear except the T&M needs to be validated. Pay application No. 13 was at the table for approval, in the amount of \$348,715.71. Lepley does not have a pay application at this time. They will probably submit a final next month.

The schematic plan update quote was briefly discussed. The quote seemed a little high. Mr. Halderman argued that the schematic plan should have been shown from the beginning. He

believed it should have been included in the engineering costs. This will be discussed further at a later date.

There was an update on the HW and Local Limits. They believe it can be done in 175 hours and there is also a PowerPoint which gives more background of what would be involved. The previous one was 275 hours. Once the EPA permit is finalized they give an additional three months to get this issue completed. Mr. Halderman asked for a motion to approve not to exceed \$18,000.

Mr. Falcone moved to approve not to exceed \$18,000.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Extra Valve Tags

This was a cost from McCrossin for extra valve tags. They were removed or repurposed.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the additional 55 tags for \$3.20 each not to exceed \$600.

Mr. Falcone seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

This will be followed up in one of the change orders.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wendy's

Mr. Stewart stated that the Authority was not going to issue a water service permit unless the property owner paid the reimbursement fee, or we sent a letter waiving it. Weis did waive reimbursement fee. Construction has begun and the Authority will work with them with the water tap.

Plant Tour

Mr. Stewart would like to wait until the biomag gets up and running to schedule the tour. He will schedule it on a non-meeting night for some time in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rehab

They have been checking for infiltration around Logan Branch and Spring Creek. They found some laterals that were leaking, and the biggest concern was sump water from Black Walnut Body being pumped into the sewer. Mr. Stewart will reach out to the owner and get that pump disconnected.

Approval of sale of surplus Item on Municibid

The manure spreader will be listed on Municibid.

**Mr. Walker moved to approve the sale of the old manure spreader.
Mr. Brown seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

Water Report

An inch and a half line at Blanchard Street was replaced and put back on the six inches near the road. There were three lead lines (white joints). They got the four-inch water line down on 5th Avenue and all the main was installed along with some taps. Tomorrow that will be finished up. Two more T-taps were leaking near Amberleigh and they were dug up and the homeowners were charged. The 5th Avenue lab passed for paving. A new water line was installed at Caparella Drive where they are putting in the new home. Three taps were installed on 5th Avenue and a water lateral was replaced up at 553 E. Howard. Leak detection was performed, and an 8-inch sewer main break was replaced at 334 E. Howard. It was 19 feet deep to the top of the pipe. About 9 feet was replaced. Two six-inch main breaks occurred there. That took about a week to fix.

At the new Rutters, the fire chief is requiring a hydrant at the entrance. They do not have a problem with the cost, but they were wondering if the Borough will take it over. It is in the right of way at Rishel Hill Road. It will be available for anyone to use, similar to a developer putting in a main which typically get turned over. Mr. Stewart wanted to make sure that the Authority was okay with this. Rutters would like a confirmation letter.

**Mr. Johnson moved to take over the hydrant after Rutters pays for
the installation of the hydrant.
Mr. Falcone seconded the motion.**

Fees were discussed relative to the use of the hydrants. This option is still on the burner, per Mr. Stewart.

Motion carried.

Sewer Report

Bulk water sales for April were about 144,900 gallons.

April 9, McCrossin finished work on the utility water well; April 10 maintenance department completed approximately 518 tons, April 16 McCrossin replaced the mixer motor; March 7 McCrossin started the demo work and work was completed April 15. April 18 start up for the mixer and pumps for the South AS unit occurred and the No. 1 tank. April 22, and 23, the new drives were started up. April 30-May 2, Evoqua was on site for the electrical and mechanical equipment. Two loads of scrap were hauled for \$955.

DEP sent two letters relative to the Chapter 94 report and the biosolids report for 2018.
McCrossin Pay App

A motion was taken on McCrossin's invoice for \$348,715.71.

Mr. Falcone moved to approve the pay app in the amount of \$348,715.71.
Mr. Brown seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn.
Mr. Walker seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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