

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2019 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the September 5, 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. Joe Beigle
Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman
Mr. Joe Falcone
Mr. Brian Walker
Mr. Doug Johnson
Mr. Mike Schmidt

STAFF: Mr. Ralph Stewart
Mr. Bob Cook

EXCUSED: Mr. Greg Brown

ENGINEERS: Mr. Eric Lundy

MINUTES:

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the August 6, 2019 Authority meeting minutes.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ORAL:

Mr. Stewart will be attending the National Rural Water Conference next week.

COMMUNICATION WRITTEN: None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Water/Sewer Fund Report

Annual audit was received ending August 31, 2018. There were no deficiencies reported.

ENGINEER REPORT – WATER:

Mr. Lundy reported that he spoke with the DEP last week to see where the permit is for the bulk water. DEP indicated that September 24, 2019 was the anticipated review date. They received the application on June 19, 2019.

He also reported that his firm submitted a proposal for the Big Spring Cover Project. The entire project was not priced out from A-Z because it was difficult to do that. Mr. Stewart stated that other proposals were also received, and he will distribute them after the meeting to review and a discussion will be scheduled. Interviews will be set up at some point.

The difficulty getting the permit from the DEP was discussed briefly. It may be worth while to be in touch with the local representative to see if there is anything their office can do to move this along.

Water Report

Mr. Auman was not present at the meeting. Mr. Stewart reported the following projects:

August 1 replaced hydrants. August 2 fixed a ¾ service line. August 5 did a joint repair. August 6 leak detection on Bishop Street. They are getting everything addressed before the paving begins. August 7 repair of 2 four-inch joints on Bishop Street. August 7 also repaired a one-inch service line on Howard Street. August 8 repaired a 4- and 6-inch joint on Bishop and Wilson. August 9 repaired a 4-inch line on Shady Lane. August 12 temporary repair of service line leak at High and Lewis. August 14 and 15 replaced a service lateral at High and Lewis. August 19-30 cleaned the Big Spring cover and August 21 pump no. 2 vacuum issue occurred at Corning. August 22-23, the ornamental fountain was operational and is functional now. August 26 replaced a pump gasket on pump 2 at the Corning Pump House. August 27-28 replaced 60 feet of 6-inch sewer line. They replaced the lateral at 224 W. Water Street and on August 29 removed the old radio tower that was in the Big Spring fenced in area. August 30 repaired a 6-inch sewer main and installed a clean out at Wilson and Cherry Lane.

Mr. Stewart reported that Mr. Auman sat in on the meeting on the fixed base meter reading system. It sounds very positive. They talked about the benefits of the Borough reading the meters any time.

There is another module that can be added in for customers to read their meters and check usage. Once the system is in place there are a lot of other add ons, including dimming streetlights, etc. LV Water will come to the November Authority meeting to present to members and possibly, the Borough can look at a 2020 project.

Mr. Stewart also identified that the residential meters are approximately 15 years old and that is ordinarily the time to change out the chamber. With the changes in lead, etc. they just update the meter to the Omni or something like the Omni. Pricing will be sought for that as well. The leak detection on the system with the leak loggers will be priced out as well.

The lead test was discussed briefly.

Mr. Halderman remarked that the crews did a really good job with cleaning the Big Spring Cover.

Sewer Report

Mr. Lundy reported on the WWTP project. The biomag equipment is ongoing and the transition to the activated sludge system is complete. He anticipated performance testing starting the end of next week. Sludge treatment has improved with substantially less air and due to the biomag impact and the new tank.

The contract administration is nearing final completion. Part of that completion is a performance test and a final substantial completion certificate will be prepared for signature by the Authority, the engineers, and the contractor later in September.

At the August meeting, the work change directive was presented. It was approved in concept and has been included in Change Order No. 6 which has been completed and verified and was included in the pay app at the table.

The contractor had a claim dated May 17 which was reviewed on May 30. Nothing has been heard from the contractor since. Mr. Lundy stated that there are two contracts – general mechanical and electrical. There are such issues with the general side, and it appears that the same issues would come up on the electrical side. There is nothing to that effect on the electrical contract. He offered that from his perspective, the general is history.

Stewart stated that there were some recent emails regarding possible litigation from Mr. Leahy. Mr. Stewart stated that he would not negotiate on behalf of the Authority. Mr. Leahy was invited to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Halderman moved to approve pay application 16 in the amount of \$86,165.56.

Mr. Falcone seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

WWTP Report

Bulk water sales for August were 427,700 gallons.

The new NPDES permit required test took place in June and July 2019. The requirements were satisfied. The EPA's review of the 2018 pre-treatment report was received.

August 1, the inspector from the DEP conducted a water quality inspection with no issues to report.

August 13, the box was installed, and the tank was placed into service.

August 19, the third and final load of magnetite was received per the contract.

August 28-29, inspector from the EPA conducted the two-day industrial pretreatment field audit. No issues were reported.

August 29 three candidates were interviewed for the job opening at the plant. There were no internal applications.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Decker sent a note stating that he could not be at the meeting this evening. He did mention that he will be submitting the WWTP Project in for two awards - the Diamond Award and Rural Water's Wastewater System Award.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water System Cyber Risk Issue

Information was provided by Jon Eaton, Councilmember. The information will be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn.

Mr. Halderman seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWED THE REGULAR MEETING