

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
(Virtual Meeting)
August 4, 2020 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The virtual meeting of the August 4, 2020, Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS
PRESENT VIA ZOOM:**

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

STAFF: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Bob Cook
Mr. Matt Auman

ENGINEERS: Mr. Bob Decker

MINUTES:

**Mr. Halderman moved to approve the July 7, 2020, Authority meeting minutes.
Mr. Brown seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stewart presented a letter notice from Coca-Cola indicating they are going to transfer ownership of the Boggs Township plant. This is a 60-day notice per the Authority agreement. Stewart will discuss this in more detail in Executive Session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

No reports presented. Johnson will inquire to why there has been no financial reports for three meetings. The Board would like to see the reports.

WATER REPORT – M. AUMAN

Mr. Auman reported the following: July 8-9 replaced two service lines, one at 212 and one at 218 West Linn Street. July 13 a booster pump was installed at the upper restroom project at Governor's Park. July 20 two 6-inch main brakes were repaired at Benner Pike across from Confer. July 27 a 2-inch water main was repaired at the intersection of Pike and Allegheny Street. It was clamped twice and twenty feet of 2 inch galvanized was replaced two weeks later. July 28 the company was in to do inspection of the Corning Water Tank, with report forthcoming. July 30 a sewer lateral was repaired at 238 N. Allegheny Street.

Monroe Street work is still on schedule. The Columbia Gas line replacement was discussed briefly. The surcharge on the Corning Line was discussed briefly.

SEWER REPORT – B. DECKER

Mr. Decker offered that Evoqua has recently provided them with parts from the shear belt which had issues and they are now awaiting their visit to the plant to make the repairs. The mag drums are working at reduced speed. This is part of the visit from Evoqua.

An article will be published highlighting the Bellefonte plant project. It will be out this fall.

WWTP REPORT – B. COOK

Bulk water sales for July was approximately 385,800. A new refrigerated effluent sampler was ordered as the old unit could not maintain the required temperature. On Jul 2 Mag drum No. 1 started making unusual noises, and the Evoqua technician was contacted and they decided to slow the unit down and the noise went away. July 28, 2020 the Hack tech was in and calibrated the Hack equipment.

There were currently three dental facilities that did not meet the EPA's office regulations compliance deadline of July 14, 2020. Compliance letters were sent.

Mr. Stewart recognized Mr. Cook's efforts in this EPA regulation enforcement. He thanked Mr. Cook with his efforts to get offices to comply. Mr. Cook gave thanks to Nittany Engineering for helping him to get this started.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Schrack and John Bee are requesting that the Authority approve the Dale Summit Agreement with the changes made at the last meeting, and to allow Mr. Stewart to sign it on behalf of the Authority. There were a few technical changes from the opposing attorney.

Mr. Falcone moved to approve the agreement.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bob Cook announced his retirement by the end of the year. He will have thirty years in by the end of the year and has been a great employee. Things will need to put in order as he gets ready to leave. A consultant agreement may be proposed with Mr. Cook to help with the year end reports that become due.

The chief maintenance mechanic, Tom Long, is also retiring. He also has thirty plus years in as well.

Greg Brown, with the water crew is leaving and a reminder that another water operator is on light duty.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Halderman moved to adjourn.

Mr. Falcone seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION