

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES**

**(Virtual Meeting)**

**March 2, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823**

**[www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net)**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The virtual meeting of the March 2, 2021 Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order at 6 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:**

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

**STAFF:** Mr. Ralph Stewart  
Mr. Matt Auman  
Mr. Frank Noll  
**Engineer:** Mr. Bob Decker

---

**MINUTES**

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the February 2, 2021 minutes. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

APPI consultant newsletter was discussed.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Falcone reported on the water fund, stating that revenues were up 15.17% of total budget which was in line for two months. With the sewer fund, revenue was on schedule. Expenses are in line for the first two months here.

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the water and sewer fund reports. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried.

## **WATER REPORT (Engineer)**

Logan Green is still out for comments. ELA provide an update on February 25, 2021. They are working on the plans requested. Easement exhibit would be submitted for review. The Zion Road carwash was discussed. The flow rate was based on other car washes in the area.

## **SEWER REPORT**

The Evoqua equipment was discussed. There are issues with the shear mills. The mag drum has a leak. A letter was sent to them with back and forth letters and emails regarding the issues. There seems to be a dead end met with the issues and getting things resolved. The issue was suggested to be referred to the attorneys.

Mr. Noll did not know if they mixed old and new equipment together and that is why a reading cannot be taken. Invoicing for time and effort was discussed. Mr. Noll stated that they are relying on Nittany Controls and Evoqua at this point and if there are issues, there is no one on site to jump in and figure out the issues with the communication lines, etc.

There are no changes at the airport.

They are working on a pretreatment report. A letter was sent to industrial pretreatment people that are in need of permits. Their prior permit and permit limits will carry over until information come back from EPA.

## **WATER REPORT – M. AUMAN**

February 1 to 5, crews assisted with plowing and snow removal. Week of February 7 snow removal. February 10 a water leak was located on Ridge and Howard Street. Property owner was responsible. February 12 pump house maintenance was done. February 15 a few problematic sewers were worked on. February 16 to 18, more plowing and snow removal was done as well as February 22 to 23. Leak detection was performed on February 24-26 and a leak was located on Pugh Street. Interviews were done last Thursday for the streets position, which will help fill the water position.

## **WWTP REPORT – F. NOLL**

1,100 gallons of bulk water sales occurred in February. February 3 UV system was shut down and was offline for two hours. February 4 the compressor for the BNR filters shut down. It was repaired. February 8 communications for the SCADA system was lost and everything had to be put in by hand. That was due to the battery back up going out. February 16 the meters were calibrated, and a wet test was done to monitor flow. February 17 service was contacted for another shut down and alarms for low water sensors. February 18, the mixer shut down and one of the other pumps were run while the repair was made. February 24 belt went bad, but the service tech was in the same day to repair.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stewart discussed the letter from DEP back to Benner Township which is the applicant for extending the sewer line of Spring Benner Walker from the airport under the creek and up to Shiloh Road. The DEP letter explained that the application lacked technical data.

Mr. Stewart discussed the revised version of the bulk water agreement with Coke which will be transferred to Niagara. Section 1 F language was added stating how a problem would be resolved between Coke and Milesburg and the arbitration system that would be used. The solicitor stated that it would be suggested to have this mentioned on the record and act on the resolution again.

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the resolution No. 03022021-1 for the bulk water sales.  
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson discussed Mr. Eaton's presentation on the gravity flow water line related to bulk water flow volumes. The Authority extended their appreciation for the work that was done.

Mr. Stewart discussed being short staffed in the public works department. The Borough is hoping to have full staffing by the beginning of April. A light year as far as projects is planned.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The aluminum sulfate chemical bid was discussed. Bids were due and 4 p.m. and opened at the meeting. There were two received. U.S. Alco submitted a bid for \$4,163 per 4500-gallon load with a conversion of .9253 per gallon. Thatcher submitted a bid for liquid alum at 1.0467 per gallon load. Asterisk stated there was a minimum quantity order of 4,100 gallons with a lead time of 3-5 days. Mr. Noll will review.

Mr. Halderman moved to conditionally approved the U.S. Alco bid upon review by Mr. Noll. Mr. Falcone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The car wash plans went through the Planning Commission. The access was discussed. The HOP permit did not reveal any problems with the access. The car wash chemicals and detergents were discussed as they impact the creek.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the March 2, 2021 Authority Meeting. Mr. Falcone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – legal**

DRAFT