

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

September 8, 2021 – 6 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

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CALL TO ORDER:

The September 8, 2021 Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Ms. Julie Brooks, Assistant Superintendent of WWTP
Mr. Frank Noll, Superintendent of WWTP
Mr. Matt Auman, Superintendent of Public Works

Other:

Mr. Bob Decker, Engineer
Mr. Randy Brachbill

MINUTES

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sewer termination agreement with Spring Benner Walker was discussed. Water shut offs were stopped during COVID and SBW inquired about restarting the terminations. Authority members agreed to restart the terminations in the event of non-payment.

Letter from Walter Peterson regarding a six-inch sewer line that he installed a number of years ago to get hooked onto the Borough sewer system. He would like sewer service to a vacant lot

and the neighboring properties can hook up through his pipe. The size and condition of the pipe will be researched.

Benner Township study of the area surrounding the airport related to PFAS/PFOS were received by the Authority. Water contamination was discussed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

July financials were received by the Authority. Water balance is \$708,137.03. Amount for capital improvements: Water – \$ 1 million. Current water fund is \$85,000. Sewer fund cash balance is over \$300,000. The money market is almost \$1 million. Capital project balance is \$140,000 plus.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the finance report. Mr. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

WATER REPORT (Engineer)

Planning has started for the Benner shopping center. Flow tests were done. Revised plans need to be submitted. Logan Phase I construction started.

WATER REPORT – M. AUMAN

August 2-6 prep work was one on McAllister for the sewer main project. August 9-13 crews installed the first 300 feet of new 6-inch sewer main and prepared for laterals across the properties. August 9 repaired an inch and a quarter water main pipe at 515 West Water Street, after paving. August 19 deleted water service to the old milk plant at 238 North Thomas. August 23 repaired a four-inch main at Armor and Beaver. August 24-26 attended PA Rural Water Conference. August 31 repaired a two-inch water main on Locust Lane. Also replaced a service line on this date, at Sunset Blvd. The Niagara station used 408,000 gallons.

SEWER REPORT

No change with the EPA. Conversations were had months ago, and they have not been responsive. No change on the pretreatment at the airport. No change on the control situation. BNR filter room corrosion was discussed. The fans and upgrades were discussed. These items are a capital cost.

WWTP REPORT, Frank Noll, Superintendent

Bulk water sales for August were 236,900 gallons. Spicer and Shafer farms were spread over 200 times. One of the banks of UVs were pulled. They were switched out. Sales rep and manufacturing rep came in regarding the final clarifier change. Croft Chemical were in marketing the augmentation edition. A three-month trial was set up but needs to be discussed more, as the price is steep. Bio mag separator shut down. Repair was contacted. The sprocket needs to be changed. A shut down due to communications loss occurred. UV control panel was upgraded.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes from the Spring Benner Walker meeting were included in the packet. The office assistant thought the Authority may be interested to see what is happening on the collection side. The Chapter 94 report was discussed.

One Water Report for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission was discussed. Council decided to table any action on the resolution until a reply is received from the Commission. The Commission meets infrequently. Phase 2 was clarified as being the plan for discussion. Johnson asked members of the Authority to go through the report and highlight questionable items.

Mr. Stewart stated that as long as the Authority exists, the Authority has the authority over the water system. If the Authority is ever dissolved, then Council would have authority. Mr. Johnson wanted Council members to understand that the Water Authority does have the authority to refuse participation in the plan and it is not the Council's decision.

The UAJA biosolids proposed facility was discussed. Jason Brown, a former member of the Authority inquired about the Authority's decision. He is willing to come to a meeting work session and review the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Reports were presented earlier in the meeting. American Rescue Plan funds were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Halderman moved to adjourn the September 8, 2021 Authority Meeting.
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION