

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

October 5, 2021 – 6 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

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CALL TO ORDER:

The October 5, 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. Frank (Buddy) Halderman
Mr. Joe Falcone
Mr. Brian Walker
Mr. Mike Schmidt

STAFF:

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Superintendent
Ms. Julie Brooks, WWTP Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Lori McGowan, Finance

Guests:

Jason Brown (UAJA), Jason Wert (Rettew eng.)

MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Jason Brown with the University Area Joint Authority, addressed the Authority. He discussed a partnered sludge disposal project. They will be performing upgrades to the biosolids system. Capacity and fees, and transportation structure were discussed. Two options were proposed. The Joint Authority would like to hear from the Authority by the end of the year relative to commitment.

AT 6:45PM, THE AUTHORITY WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – phone call with attorney regarding a legal matter. The executive session lasted approx. 20 minutes.

WATER REPORT – M. AUMAN

September 8, repaired a sewer manhole lid on Valentine Hill Road, also installed new water and sewer taps at East Beaver; September 9-10 cover was cleaned at Big Spring. September 13-22, the water crew was involved with the curbing and ADA ramps at the diamond. September 24 repaired a sewer lateral at 129 East Burnside, September 29-30 rebuilt the sewer manhole at Locust and Church Lane.

WWTP REPORT, FRANK NOLL, SUPERINTENDENT

Bulk water sale were 123,000 gallons. September 2 the lime screen broke down and a bearing and roller were replaced. September 8 a pump in the bio mag system had issues relative to the SCATA. It was reset manually. The bio mag system was shut down three Sunday mornings in a row at 2 a.m. The fix is to change the level. This is being reviewed. Repair was done on one of the pumps. One of the BNR pump drives went down too. September 16, the clarifier chain had an issue which has been ongoing since the beginning of May 2021. Parts are hard to get and will not be in until end of November. The mechanism will be repaired by someone else, which will also be less expensive than the part and waiting until November for the part. A new chain was installed on mag drum No. 2. Sprockets were replaced too. The other mag drum broke down on October 8. The lab incubator broke down and Allied fixed that. The large rainfall was discussed. September 24 the efficient bar screen broke down.

FINANCIALS

Financials were reviewed. Water revenues are running about 75 percent on collection, but the sewer is 68 percent. Expenses and revenues are in line.

Mr. Halderman moved to accept the financials. Mr. Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Lori Walker discussed the budget for 2022. The American Rescue Plan was discussed. Centre County Commissioners' meeting was discussed. There are some big projects on the radar relative to spending some of the funding. The tank project was discussed. Mr. Beigle would like to get the tank project done, if possible. There is \$85,000 in the Corning fund. Capital in water is about \$2 million. The status of the cover project was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Issues at the WWTP were discussed briefly.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission response update was discussed. No deadline was given for a reply. Authority took the position that nothing would be decided until resolutions were in place regarding regulatory issues.

Personal consumption figures were discussed relative to water rates.

NEW BUSINESS

Public input on the Big Spring cover was discussed. Authority next meeting is Election night. A decision was made to combine Big Spring cover public comments with the next regular meeting on November 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Halderman moved to adjourn the October 5, 2021 Authority Meeting.
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – this session was cancelled.