

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REORGINZATION AND REGULAR MEETING**

January 11, 2022 – 6 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street

Bellefonte, PA 16823

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Mr. Ralph Stewart
Mr. Frank Noll
Mr. Matt Auman
Ms. Julie Brooks

Engineer:

Mr. Bob Decker

Guest:

Mr. Randy Brachbill

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Halderman for 2022 President. Mr. Halderman was elected President for 2022 with no further nominations coming forward.

Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Johnson as Vice President. Mr. Johnson was elected Vice President for 2022.

Mr. Walker nominated Joe Falcone as secretary for 2022. Mr. Falcone was elected Secretary for 2022.

MINUTES

Mr. Brown moved to table approval of the minutes. Mr. Falcone seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Local limits for approval were discussed.

Resignation letter was received by Mr. Walker, effective January 12th.

Council code of conduct was received by Authority members. Mr. Johnson moved to accept the Resolution 2021220-01. Mr. Walker seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Falcone gave an update on the financials. The refinancing of the debt was discussed. Two proposals came in, one from PNC and one from Jersey Shore Bank. They are similar. Mr. Falcone explained the benefits of taking advantage of lower interest rates. He will look for two final proposals from these banks. There are prepayment penalties which need to be factored in.

WWTP REPORT

Headworks' analysis was discussed. It is finally finalized with the EPA. Board action is needed to adopt the limits. Copper, Mercury, and Zinc were the biggest changes. This is for pretreatment and not the NPDES.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the pretreatment unit limits for Permit No. PA-0020486. Mr. Falcone seconded. Motion carried.

The insurance for US Bank was finalized today.

The BNR filter room project is still waiting for approval to move ahead.

WATER REPORT

Bulk water sale for December were approximately 1,500 gallons. Soil sampling was completed. 355 wet tons were spready in December. December 2 the uv banks were pulled up and found they were not completely wiping on the second bank. They are waiting on service visit date. Other items also need to be addressed with the uv system. The van was hit, but no injuries were reported. The van was damaged badly but no damage to the loader. On December 12, the flow meters were picked up from Nittany Controls. December 29, Mr. Noll went to Nittany Engineering to speak about the headworks analysis.

Benner shopping center contract has a question on the length of the lateral and meter pit.

December 1-3 crews did leak detection. December 12 leak detection was done at 148 Paradies Road. Flow tests were done at Logan Green as the townhomes are starting to be built. December 9 sewer lateral was repaired at High Street and Wilson. December 15-17 camera survey was done on West Beaver and North Spring. Spring Benner Walker assisted on short notice. More main cleaning was done on December 22 at West Curtin and Locust Lane. December 27 existing camera trailer was taken to Chambersburg for retrofitting. December 31, another sewer main cleaning was performed at 310 East Burnside. Niagara filling station got 438,000 gallons in December.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Spring cover project was discussed. DEP approval was discussed.

The UAJA was notified that the Borough is interested in their biosolids drying program.

Draft reply to the the Spring Creek Watershed Commission (One Water Plan) was discussed.

Mr. Johnson moved to send the reply to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission discussing the November 8, 2021, letter. Mr. Falcone seconded. Eaton discussed the plan and the water authorities coming together to discuss a regional plan. He talked about the water source and that it ran down under the Centre Region to the Borough. He discussed the future actions and taking court action if necessary. Mr. Halderman gave a briefly history of the Authority's position. Motion carried with one nay, Mr. Eaton.

Draft letter from Authority to the Borough was discussed.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the letter. Mr. Walker seconded. The bulk water funds were discussed. This was brought to the Council's attention many times and got lost in committee. Halderman explained the history of the funds briefly. Mr. Falcone explained that the water proceeds should benefit the water users of the Borough. The Authority is looking for a fair resolution, making the future equitable. Motion carried with one nay, Mr. Eaton.

NEW BUSINESS Daily water withdrawal for December 2021 was received.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walker moved to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.