

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 2, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**236 West Lamb Street**

**Bellefonte, PA 16823**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The November 2, 2021 Bellefonte Borough Authority was called to order at 6 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Beigle  
Mr. Doug Johnson  
Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman  
Mr. Joe Falcone  
Mr. Brian Walker

**STAFF:**

Mr. Ralph Stewart  
Mr. Frank Noll  
Mr. Matt Auman  
Ms. Lori Walker McGowan

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**MINUTES**

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

**COMMUNICATION/SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Presentation was given by Scott Russell, Sr. Vice President of Buchart Horn on the Big Spring Cover replacement project. Ben Mikesell was also present for the presentation. Public comment forms were provided to the public. Regulations, approach, vision and options of the project were discussed.

Public comments were taken from those present at the meeting. Dr. Richard Parizak was present and gave lengthy report on the spring and the quality of water.

## **FINANCIALS**

The financials for water look good compared to budget. Expenses are in line. Wastewater financials were discussed. The use of reserves were discussed. Expenses are in line, if not favorable.

Mr. Falcone moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Halderman seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Walker reviewed the budget for 2022. Grant funds were discussed. The tank project was discussed. The SCADA upgrade was discussed.

Final approval of the budget will be heard at the December Authority meeting.

## **WATER REPORT – MATT AUMAN**

The Belle Rose Townhomes water needs were discussed. Benner Pike will need to be drilled under to make the connection. There is no right of way showing for the water line. County planning office asked the Borough to ask the engineers to obtain the right of way.

The first ten days of October 2021 crews were limited. October 12 replaced a curb shutoff at 608 North Allegheny Street. October 13-15 leak detection was performed. October 18 repaired leaks on Allegheny Street. October 9 a two-inch tap was capped near the Brockeroff. Two service leaks were also found at the post office. Both were replaced. October 21 repaired a four-inch main at 527 East Curtin. October 25 went back and replaced service line at 538 East Curtin Street. October 26 did some water terminations for Spring Benner Walker. The Niagara filling station used 564,000 gallons in October.

At High and Allegheny, the main valve needed to be shut down. The valve in front of Confers was opened up and it started leaking. A contractor was called to do an insertion valve in the line in the 12-inch line. He is scheduled to finish the insertion work. The site will have to be excavated.

## **WWTP REPORT, FRANK NOLL**

The EPA was discussed. Nittany Engineering was discussed.

Bulk water sales were about 97,000 gallons. Clarifier sump in the drain valve was not operational. October 5 another mag drum shut down occurred. No. 2 was set up to run in the event of emergency and was run. The gear box was replaced. October 6 clarifier chain was received since May. The new chain was installed. The rails that they ride on had been broken down. The rails were cleaned off. Nine field samples were done at the Shaffer and Spicer Farms. The belt was replaced on the gravity thickener on October 18. Martz Technologies was in and made a lot of the connections that were needed and a cut over was done from the old system to the new system. The new system remained on. There has been very minimal issue with the changeover. Both scales for the chemical tanks are not functioning properly and both need replaced.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Joint Authority meeting minutes were provided to Authority members.

Mr. Stewart has contacted the commissioners about a meeting and he has not heard back yet. Margaret Gray indicated that the money will most likely be put into the old Centre Crest building.

Settlement agreement was discussed. The solicitor reviewed it and approved it.

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the settlement agreement. Mr. Walker seconded. Motion carried.

The new billing system with Niagara was discussed briefly.

**NEW BUSINESS** Nothing presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the November 2, 2021 Authority Meeting.  
Mr. Halderman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**