

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**December 21, 2021 – 6 p.m.**

**236 West Lamb Street**

**Bellefonte, PA 16823**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The December 21, 2021, Bellefonte Borough Authority 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. Joe Beigle  
Mr. Brian Walker

**EXCUSED:** Mr. Greg Brown

**STAFF:** Mr. Ralph Stewart  
Mr. Frank Noll  
Ms. Julie Brooks  
Mr. Matt Auman  
Ms. Lori Walker

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**MINUTES**

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

**COMMUNICATION/SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Letter received from neighboring property owner of the used car lot that adjoins the wastewater treatment plan property was discussed. An alleged encroaching property line was discussed.

Adverse possession was discussed briefly. The property owner is applying for a variance and looking for a letter of support. The issue will be researched regarding this property.

Spring Creek Watershed response regarding the One Water Plan was discussed. The letter response was in the packet. Comment was taken by Authority members. A resolution was requested by the Water Authority and the SCWC will not comply with the resolution request. The Authority owns the spring, and it should be the responsibility of the Authority to respond to agreements that have to do with the spring. Water Authority members stood by the decision not to participate in the One Water Plan. A letter will be drafted to Council and SCWC. Mr. Johnson reiterated his notes on where the funding will go and how Bellefonte would not benefit.

Mr. Halderman moved to abstain from joining the One Water Plan of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission and write a letter telling both Council and the Commission the reasons why. Mr. Walker seconded. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIALS**

Mr. Falcone reviewed the numbers, and the budget is running well. Services are in line and some money has been made in capacity fees, and assessments. Health insurance is over and heating oil is under. Wastewater side is also in good shape.

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

Ms. Walker discussed the 2022 budget.

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the 2022 budget. Mr. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

There will be no increase in fees in 2022. Debt refinancing was discussed.

### **WWTP REPORT, FRANK NOLL, SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Noll discussed the NPDES permit. A completed copy of the application was in hand and the numbers have been revised and it should be able to be adopted at the January meeting.

Certificate of insurance was discussed. The annual reports were discussed.

Maintenance was spreading biosolids in November. Bulk water sales were 58,800 gallons. Soil sampling is about 58% completed. Delay in equipment repair was discussed.

### **WATER REPORT – M. AUMAN**

November 1-2 replaced water line at 224 South Monroe. November 3-4 duct work for the valve insertion at Allegheny and High Street was done. November 4 Lower Coleville water meter work was done. November 5 12-inch valve insertion was done at Allegheny and High Street. November 8-9 removed the old valve at Allegheny and High Streets. November 10 the crews helped with road restoration. November 15 Governor's Park was winterized. November 22-23 sewer mains

were flushed and November 30 a 6-inch sewer main was repaired at Cherry. Niagara received 522,000 gallons.

Engineers report was reviewed. Benner Commerce Industrial Park project was discussed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Big Spring Cover follow up was discussed. Discussions will be held with the DEP to see what would be feasible. Follow up with Dr. Parizak was discussed briefly. He was willing to share his information and photographs with the engineers.

UAJA Biosolids proposal was discussed. They are developing a larger dryer which would enable the WWTa to cease having to spread the biosolids. The numbers may not be super advantageous but looking down the road, there are three maintenance persons that do the spreading. There may be a significant savings per year in wages/benefits. Regulations are becoming stricter and there may be implications for spreading it onto the lands. Long term plan would be to take the compost material and mix it in to create a Class A spread.

Mr. Falcone moved to approve joining the UAJA biosolids drying project. Mr. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Letter requesting plaque at big spring was discussed. The letter went to Council and it was deferred to the Authority.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No appointments were made at the Council meeting. Those will be done at the January 3, 2022, meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – legal**