

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 7, 2022 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order on September 7, 2022, at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present

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

Staff

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Mr. Shannon Struble, WWTP Assistant Superintendent
Engineer: Bob Decker

Guests

Sign-in Sheet attached.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes from August 2, 2022. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATIONS (Oral)/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

The Authority received a written communication regarding water usage concern/sale - Benner Township Warehouse. It was discussed that the estimated maximum daily usage for all 1100 employees is only 38,000g/day, which is minimal usage. The Authority will respond to the letter.

The PA DEP declares a drought watch for 36 counties, including Centre Co, and they asked for voluntary water conservation. The Authority will add this information to the website.

The Stage at Talleyrand Park's proposed separate building for Public Restrooms.

DEP invites public comment on the Draft 2022 State Water Plan, Identifying Priorities management and Protection. The Authority has until September 19th to make comments.

(NOT ON AGENDA) Council tabled the renewal of the lease for the cell tower agreement with AT&T on the Corning tank. The lease does not expire until 2028 – but the Authority needs to review this lease for several reasons. The water tower needs to be rehabilitated – but the cell tower equipment is in the way. There is a concern about who would be responsible to remove/replacing the equipment, even temporarily, while the tank is repaired/rehabbed. Mr. Stewart suggested the lease be reviewed and revised to include specific language regarding the rehab project. This issue will be revisited in future meetings.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Falcone updated the Authority on the financials for the first half of the year. He did not notice anything unusual in the financials, and he said finances are on target.

SEWER REPORT, Engineer

No Report

SEWER REPORT, Superintendent

Bulk water sales were about 477,600 gallons for August.

The Superintendent offered details regarding projects and repairs completed in August.

A new employee/operator will be starting on September 19th.

WATER REPORT, Engineer

Potential development of the brewery/restaurant at the Armory. An Industrial Waste Permit application has been submitted. There was a discussion regarding high BOD in businesses.

WATER REPORT, Superintendent

The Superintendent offered details regarding projects and repairs completed in August.

A question was asked regarding the ongoing brown water issue on Green Street. The issue will likely be resolved in the spring after an agreement is reached with the property owner.

OLD BUSINESS

The Big Spring cover grant funds – Nothing definite at this time, but key people say funds are available.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water Withdrawal August 2022 – no action needed

School logo - Hughes Street Water Tower. Mayor Johnson requested putting a school logo on the water tower. The funding would be from class donations, and the logo would be a decal that would stick to the tank. It's a \$5-6,000 project. The project would have to go to the School Board for approval. Authority members were in agreement that the tank should have some sort of advertisement on it. There was concern about future maintenance of any decal or paint that would be placed on the tower. Would there be funds available for repair/replacement when the decal fades or peels? It was mentioned that this is a class, not a district project. It is not on school property and it is entirely funded by a class donation/class gift. So the district may not need to be involved. Several aspects and details of the project were discussed, including conditions and considerations about removal, costs, etc.

A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Eaton to approve the Water Tower Logo project with the stipulated conditions, which are: getting approval from the School Board, and Spring Township. Motion carried.

Spring-Benner-Walker Area Joint Authority Meeting Minutes July-August 8, 2022.

Cerro Metal/Titan Energy: Remote Mounted Display for the Sewer flow reading.

Camera Work - Sewer Lines – the company was really short-staffed and was only here for 3 days. There were some issues detected and those issues are being discussed and addressed.

There was a brief discussion regarding new businesses coming into our area.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Executive Session