

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 1, 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 via zoom
Mr. Mike Schmidt
Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mr. Joe Beigle via zoom
Mr. Greg Brown

STAFF:

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

Engineer:

Bob Decker

MINUTES

Mr. Brown moved to approve the February 1, 2022, meeting minutes. Mr. Falcone seconded.
Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATION/SPECIAL PRESENTATION Nothing presented.

FINANCIALS

Financials for January 2022 were provided to members. Mr. Falcone reported that it was a little early to make any assessments but noted the negative health insurance charge on the books.

SEWER REPORT, Engineer

The last Act 57 tap fee calculations were provided for the Board's review. There has not been a lot of capital costs since 2014. Pretreatment application work was discussed. There are a few outstanding businesses that should probably have EDU counts and pretreatment permits. Applies Biosciences had not gotten back to anyone yet. They have been provided some information and the Borough is waiting to hear back from them. Headworks' analysis was discussed. BNR filter erosion issue in the back up pump was discussed. Discussion was held on researching how many properties were left to potentially tap ion the Borough to recover some tap fee revenue.

SEWER REPORT, Superintendent

Bulk water sales were about 6,500 gallons. Installation of conduit and internet and fiber optics Was done in the beginning of the month. A mag pump was repaired, and a press was repaired on February 8. February 15 plant inspection was conducted with the DEP official which went well. The UV system was looked at and they replaced a communication board and inspected the wiper system which had some issues. First quarter sour testing was done in the lab. A round table discussion was attended with Thompson on Febrary16 and a n overhaul was done on the polymer pumps feeding the belt thickener and the solutions lines were cleaned. Annual biosolids report was completed and they were sent to DEP. February 23, Evoqua stated that the original support person for the biomag was done, and they contacted the new person. January EMBR report was filed with the DEP on February 24, 2022. The site has been down for a while. February 25 a malfunction appeared with the biomag tank, and service tech was called in for servicing the probes. He worked on the nitrate probe. Tanks scale for the biocarbon was about 11,000 pounds off. It was emptied out and cleaned it out.

WATER REPORT, Engineer

Act 57 was discussed. A request for waterline information in Benner Commerce Park was discussed. Mr. Auman did send the intent to serve for the warehouse.

WATER REPORT, Superintendent

February 1 did leak detection, February 2 a leak was found at a four-inch main at Silven Circle. February 3-4 more leak detection was performed. More leaks were found – 2-inch fire line was repaired at 121 South Potter. February 8 cleans out at Wilson that the gas company hit. February 9 assisted homeowner with a frozen water line. February 10 repaired a four-inch water main at High and Wilson. February 10 also repaired another 4-inch main at High and Badger. More leak detection was performed on February 11. February 14 repaired a six-inch water main at Humes

and Monroe. February 15 flagger training was attended. February 16 repaired a water main at 147 Fishburne Hill Road. February 17-18 did some sewer cleaning. February 21 camera some sewers. Did a 6-inch main repair at 188 Paradise Road on February 28 and a $\frac{3}{4}$ service line at the Logan Green development. Niagara filling used 558,000.

Leak detection and repair process was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

A meeting will be scheduled regarding the bulk water issues, i.e., representation of the water system, etc.

Refinancing was discussed. New debt would include the Big Spring Cover and Corning tank. There is no new debt on the sewer. The Borough has a new roof project planned for the Borough building.

Borough council approved the Authority making recommendations for filling board vacancies.

The Big Spring Cover project was reviewed before meeting with the DEP. Mr. Stewart gave a history of the big spring and the cover project. Cover concepts were discussed. As a third option, a building and gallery are proposed for the spring. This would complement the new extension of Talleyrand Park. A meeting will be set up with representatives and DEP to discuss options. DEP regulations were discussed.

Bulk water purchase was discussed. Mr. Stewart talked with an interested company, and they are coming into the Borough on March 8 to look at the loading station situation down at the treatment plant. They would haul water to the Allentown area for bottling.

Master meter pit at the former Cerro complex was discussed. Currently the Borough is submetering 5-6 different businesses and there are issues with no pay.

Mr. Brown moved to install a master pit at the Cerro complex. Mr. Beigle seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Email accounts for Authority members were discussed. Members declined at this time. The sunshine law was discussed.

Public Works Assistant Superintendent's retirement was discussed.

The Rural Water conference coming up at the end of the month was discussed.

Council orientation was discussed relative to the Authority.

A future tour of the plant will be planned.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.