

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 5, 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. Greg Brown

EXCUSED: Mr. Joe Beigle

STAFF: Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. Julie Brooks, WWTP Assistant Superintendent

Guest: Mr. Scott Russell

MINUTES

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATION/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A presentation was given to the Authority on the Big Spring Cover Project after the meeting with the Pa DEP in Williamsport. The designs were discussed with the Authority members. Public comment was discussed.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Falcone updated the Authority on the financials. The first two months do not have anything that really stands out.

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried.

SEWER REPORT, Engineer

The tap fee study was discussed. NPDES permit was discussed. The BNR room was discussed. They have not been given the go on that project. There are a few things that are not ready yet.

SEWER REPORT, Superintendent

Bulk water sales were about 38,800 gallons for March. Biosolid sampling was done. There was an issue with the magnitude pump. The staff replaced a hard line with a 250-psi hydraulic hose. March 14 ultrasonic heads were recalibrated. March 14 also a processed sewer overflow was experienced. Water came up through the manhole. One of the maintenance staff fell and hurt himself and is out of commission. A noncompliance report was filed for the sewer water overflow. It was not constant just periodic. The report was filed on March 17, 2022. Technician from the UV place was in, and the hydraulic cylinders are bad. There are two on order. The plant is down one operator and the head of maintenance injured himself, so they are down two personnel.

WATER REPORT, Engineer

Mr. Stewart reported on a few items of the Engineers.

WATER REPORT, Superintendent

Mr. Auman stated that on March 1 some maintenance was done on the pump house. March 2 sewer manholes were located on Centre Street. March 3 the surge relief valve was showing signs of wear so that will be rebuilt. March 4 some leak detection was performed. March 8 6-inch water main break was discovered at Paradise Road. March 10 leak detection was performed in Walker Township. March 14-15 a few crews were sent down to clean up the lines at the treatment plant. March 17 more leak detection was performed. March 18 a 4-inch water main was repaired at Ripka Lane. March 21 replaced a leak at the _____ Street hydrant. March 22-24 PA Rural Water Conference Training was attended. March 28-29 more leak detection was performed. March 30 water main was repaired at High Street and Ridge. March 31 maintenance was performed on the Big Spring pump house.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stewart showed a few ideas for the Big Spring cover project and showed some photographs to the Authority of a gallery type scenario where you can see the uncovered spring.

Bulk water funds were discussed at a meeting with Council and Authority on March 30, 2022. (Executive Session)

Refinancing of debt was discussed. New financing updates were given by Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Halderman moved to approve the Jersey Shore State Bank proposal for refinancing. Mr. Eaton seconded. Motion carried.

No updates were available on the bottling of the spring water.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a grease trap inspection program was discussed.

Daily water withdrawal for March 2022 report was received by members.

Water line replacement will be performed on South Monroe Street soon, per Mr. Auman.

Interview with Dr. Parizak was discussed.

Bulk water agreement is being worked out with the new contract.

Easements were discussed briefly.

Assistant Superintendent interviews finished today.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Executive Session