

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 3, 2022 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
www.bellefonte.net**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Authority members present:

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

Excused: Mr. Greg Brown

Staff:

Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. Julie Brooks, WWTP Assistant Superintendent
Engineer: Mr. Bob Decker, Nittany Engineering

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Eaton and seconded by Mr. Falcone to approve the minutes from April 5. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATION/SPECIAL PRESENTATION Nothing presented.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Falcone updated the Authority on the financials.

Water: The first quarter of the year does not have anything that stands out. There is a YTD net income of \$17,951.79 for the first quarter.

Wastewater: Operating revenue from Spring/Benner/Walker has not been paid.

SEWER REPORT, Engineer

Act 57 update was discussed.

The BNR filter room was discussed.

The pre-treatment program was discussed. They want to streamline that information.

SEWER REPORT, Superintendent

Bulk water sales were about 122,840 gallons for April.

Lab tech completed the annual wet test for permitting.

There was an issue with an industrial user that was resolved.

On April 4th Stitzer Crane Service came to service one of the new jet pumps.

The superintendent visited a farm on Jacksonville Rd to resolved an issue with roads that are used for Borough access.

There was an Alum feed line that had a leak and was repaired.

A letter of adoption was received from Walker Township pertaining to the local limits adoption.

Letters and an email were sent out and a letter of approval was received from EPA.

there was a communication from Hawk in Colorado that stated the authority was stuck on a 2.2 million gallon/day limit, a computer card is faulty and will need to be upgraded.

The permit/annual fee for NPDES has increased.

On 4/19 they had interviews for the open operator position.

There was a short discussion about advertising for the operator position and details about the position.

951 net tons of biosolids were spread at Weaver Farm.

WATER REPORT, Engineer Nothing to report

WATER REPORT, Superintendent

4/1 a new curb shut off was installed on E. Bishop and cleaned sewer mains on E. Curtain and Simpson. There was a root blockage that was resolved.

4/5 – training on the new sewer camera trailer.

4/6 – repaired a service line leak at High and Penn St.

4/6-7 – replaced the chlorine injection pump at Big Spring Pumphouse

4/8 – repaired another leak at High and Penn St. and fixed a service line leak at the Logan Green Subdivision

4/11 – DEP came in for an inspection and cleaned the sewer main at E. Curtain

4/12-22 – started on the S. Monroe Street project

4/22 – repaired the cover on Big Spring

4/28 – hydro-excavated for Walker Township Water Assn. and also installed a new tap for 219 W. Beaver Street

4/29 – cleaned sewer mains on S. Monroe.

Niagara got 625,000g out of the bulk filling station

OLD BUSINESS

Bottling Big Spring Water – No updates at this time.

Deed of Easement- Benner Pike Shopping Center. A motion was made by and seconded to approve the deed. There was a brief discussion about the project. The motion carried.

Big Spring Cover Project. A special work session was held on April 14th to discuss options. PA DEP will not permit standing water on top of a cover. Beams used to hold a solid cover must be approximately 5 feet thick to traverse the spring pond which will substantially block the view of the pump house. The consensus was to consider a structure over the Spring that would allow the uncovered spring and the spring-facing side of the pump house to be viewable from within the structure. BH is now working in this direction.

Refinancing of debt was discussed.

Discussion of setting up a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

UAJA is working on their dryer project which is progressing

A Benner Township resident called to say he is pleased that the Authority is not planning to apply biosolids in Benner by joint the UAJA program. He is also dealing with the PFAS issue with the airport and the de-icing fluid tank.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of a waiver for excess water usage, 130 Florence Drive. There was a brief discussion about the waiver. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the bill by half. The motion carried.

Daily Water Withdrawal April 2022 – no action needed

Consider a new date and time for the Authority meeting. Borough Council meets on the first and third Monday of the month. The Authority has been meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Staff must prepare and send out both the council and authority packet on Friday proceeding the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. Depending on staff levels, this can be very difficult. The authority decided to have packets sent out on Monday.

There will be a brief executive session after tonight's meeting.

A question was raised about usage at Big Spring.

A question was raised about Chlorine in drinking water.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Executive Session