

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

**June 7, 2022 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order June 7, 2022 at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Authority members present

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

Excused None

Staff

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

Guests via zoom:

Scott Russell
Ben Mitsell

MINUTES

A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes from May 3, 2022. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A zoom presentation was presented by Bucharth Horn Engineering discussing the Big Spring structure/cover plans. Part of the building would include a history/discovery/visitor center.

Next steps: discuss financing and put together a summary report package to outline all options and costs.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Falcone updated the Authority on the financials for the first third of the year ending April 30, 2022. Water: The first third of the year does not have anything that stands out. There is a YTD net income of \$34,923.00 for the first third of the year. Wastewater/sewer: Operating revenue \$1,000,007.00.

SEWER REPORT, Engineer

Nothing reported

SEWER REPORT, Superintendent

Bulk water sales were about 485,700 gallons for May. 5/2 Allied Mechanical came in to troubleshoot the air dryers/compressors. They were repaired on 5/9. Weaver Farm equipment was discussed. Some equipment still needs to be returned. Yearly Wet Test (for affluent toxicity) failed. There were 2 failed tests. There will be further tests to determine the issue. The Authority will have to run 4 wet tests in a row that have to pass. On 5/17 the test company sent a synopsis the report that was very helpful. The company does not believe it is affluent toxicity. The gravity belt on the thickener broke. It was repaired. There are some steering issues that will need to be repaired. There was some work completed on the UV bags in 1B. 5/11 the superintendent had a meeting to discuss limits for industrial permitting. Work is continuing on the UV lamps. 5/13 there was some work completed on the basin mixers. They were repaired. There were some repairs done on the power distribution room. 5/16 the annual meter calibration was completed. The influent bar screen needed to be repaired. 5/24 the EDMR report was filed. It was discussed that staffing issues are causing issues with maintenance and repairs.

WATER REPORT, Engineer

Nothing presented.

WATER REPORT, Superintendent

May was spent working on the water line project on S. Monroe. The project is going well.

OLD BUSINESS

The Big Spring structure/building plans were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Bottling Big Spring Water Update. A zoom meeting with a consultant was held. It will take \$250,000 minimum to start bottling the water.

Tour of Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are still short on staff with openings and people out for medical reasons. We will look for a time when staffing and conditions are improved. Similarly, the Milesburg plant is also unavailable.

Several topics from the executive session were discussed.

Financing – rates have gone up. At this point in time, it is not a savings to refinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water Withdrawal May 2022 – no action needed

Drinking Water Week Proclamation May 1-7, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Eaton made a motion to adjourn, Johnson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Executive Session