

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2022 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order August 2, 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 (Excused)
Mr. Doug Johnson
Mr. Mike Schmidt

Staff

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Eaton to approve the minutes from July 12, 2022. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATIONS (Oral)/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Brachbill reported on the presentation given to Borough Council. Council will be meeting in executive session to discuss a settlement.

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

The Authority received a written communication regarding brown water on Green Street. It was clarified that the brown water was due to flushing water lines, and the brown water would have been very temporary after the line flushing. The resident was advised to run his hose for a few minutes to clear the line. The long-term solution to this ongoing issue is looping the lines/system together, but the homeowner was not interested in this solution.

Shannon Struble is the new Assistant Superintendent in the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Authority members introduced themselves.

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.

Mr. Beigle motioned to approve the Financial report. Mr. Schmidt seconded. Motion carried.

Julie gave an overview on the Capital Improvement Project Planning for the Authority, with the goal of getting funding in place for future projects. Future projects could include meter and fire hydrant replacements.

There was an extensive discussion regarding installing new meters, supply chain issues and other issues with recent projects.

SEWER REPORT, Engineer

The engineer is working on permit renewals.

SEWER REPORT, Superintendent

Bulk water sales were about 247,000 gallons for July.

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

WATER REPORT, Engineer

Eric sent the rules and regulations for sewer and water to Keller Engineers for the potential brewery/restaurant at the Armory. He also forwarded the Survey Application to see if the need an industrial waste permit. He also received plans for the Benner Pike Hotel at Benner Pike and Amberleigh.

WATER REPORT, Superintendent

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Big Spring structure/building plans were discussed. Several options and ideas were presented. The project is being tabled for now due to funding issues.

The solar exploration project is now considered a dead project. There was no interest in moving forward with this project. No action needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water Withdrawal July 2022 – no action needed

Several staffing issues and other business items were discussed. There is a lack of applicants for open positions.

A member asked about turning the water fountains back on in the downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Executive Session