

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

November 01, 2022 – 6 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street

Bellefonte, PA 16823

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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order November 1, 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
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 Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Lori McGowan, Borough Finance Director
Engineer: Bob Decker

MINUTES

- *A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Falcone to approve the minutes from October 4, 2022. No discussion. Motion carried.*

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Nothing presented

COMMUNICATIONS (Oral)/SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Nothing presented.

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

CPI Wastewater Apprenticeship Overview (Presented by Julie)

- Julie offered details and information about the new program.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Falcone updated the Authority on the financials for the first 3/4 of the year. He did not notice anything unusual in the financials, finances are on target.

Budget v. Actual September 2022

2023 Water and Sewer Budget draft – Lori

- Lori reported that it is a balanced budget with no major changes, using some reserves.
 - Sewer budget had the same increases.
 - One loan will be paid off next August.
 - 2 leases will be paid off in 2024.
 - 2 more will be paid off in 2027.
 - The Authority will decide if any rate changes are necessary at their next meeting

SEWER REPORT, Engineer

Pretreatment Applications – need to update all the commercial/industrial users

Corrosion mag fluid carrier pump installation – updated costs to purchase

- Project estimate - \$50,000

Industrial Waste Discharge Renewal Application

Bolton Metals - Zinc Levels

SEWER REPORT, Superintendent

Bulk water sales were about 370,000 gallons for September.

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

WATER REPORT, Engineer

The Engineer offered details regarding projects and repairs completed in October.

- Benner Commerce Park

WATER REPORT, Superintendent

The Superintendent offered details regarding projects and repairs completed in October, including repairing and replacing water mains, water lines, clearing sewer lines, installing new sewer taps, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Wastewater Treatment Plan Update: Info included in tonight's packet

- Should be revisited in the Summer of 2025

The Big Spring Cover Grant – notice of grant funds expected to be announced soon.

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Appointments

- 1 Elected Official
- 1 Citizen Representative – at large (from the Borough)
- The Authority is not interested in advertising for the Appointments
 - Board members will reach out to citizens to gauge interest

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water Withdrawal October 2022 – no action needed

Spring-Benner-Walker Area Joint Authority Meeting Minutes September 12 & 26, 2022

Proposed Draft Sprinkler Easement Agreement 106, 108, 110, 112, 114 N. Allegheny St.

- Liability and easement concerns
- It is recommended to have legal counsel advisement for this proposal
 - The building owner spoke about the project. He mentioned it is cost prohibitive to install 2 separate systems, and this idea could be a way to help get more building sprinklers installed in more buildings.
 - 2 options were proposed: combine the properties or put another tap in
 - It was noted that the property owner has done a lot of work on the properties in question – and the Authority appreciates the efforts to improve the property.

St. John Lutheran Water usage

- Leak/Bill forgiveness

Falcone made a motion to conditionally approve the forgiveness if the water line is replaced by June of 2023. If the water line is not replaced by then, the charges will go back on the bill. Any future charges for leaks between now and June 1, 2023 will be the property owner's financial responsibility. Beagle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index rate letters for 2023 – Niagara /Milesburg

- Letters are included in tonight's packet
- 5.1% increase
- *Motion to approve the price increase made by Beagle and seconded by Falcone. Motion carried.*

Resolutions – upcoming Water and Wastewater Grant Opportunities

- Dec 21, 2022 Deadline
- The grants can be matched

Motion made by Beagle and seconded by Falcone to apply for grant monies for both tanks. Motion carried. Staff will be coming back with more details related to the local match.

The Authority was contacted by Sprint, they want to decommission their antenna at the Corning Tank. Sprint will restore the tank to how it was prior to the antenna installation.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m.

Executive Session