

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

**April 4, 2023 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order April 4, 2023 at 6 p.m by Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

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

Staff

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

Engineer

Mr. Chris Roelke, Barton & Loguidice

Guests

Mr. Jim Lanning
Mr. Tom Eby

MINUTES

A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Halderman to approve the minutes from March 7, 2023. No discussion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

Mr. Jim Lanning for the Spring Creek Watershed Commission (SCWC) spoke regarding the Commission. He wanted to introduce himself and said he is happy to work together and cooperate with the Authority. He introduced Mr. Tom Eby who was in attendance as well.

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

PA DEP Water Source Testing notice regarding PFOA/PFOS contaminants – new required water sampling and testing will begin in 2024. Testing will need to be completed by a certified lab (certified by DEP). No funding was offered for this new expense/mandate.

FINANCIALS

Budget v. Actual February 2023

Water Fund net income in the first 2 months of \$49,789.00

Wastewater Fund in the first 2 months of \$53,450

Beigle made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Halderman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Reintroduction of Chris Roelke, Barton & Loguidice.

Chris offered several updates to the Authority. The DEP Chapter 94 waste load report has been submitted.

Chris is a civil engineer and an former operator. He was welcomed to the team.

SEWER REPORT

Bulk water sales in the month of March were 27,000g

The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in March.

WATER REPORT

Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Spring Cover grant (This is a state grant)

- Grant contract has been signed and completed. We expect to receive funds by wire transfer.
- Staff has requested updated cost estimates on the Buchart Horn proposed cover design.
- Time will be scheduled during the April meeting to review/discuss designs, potential directions, etc.

Kepler Pool update

- The pool authority overseeing the pool renovation project recently received some grant funds and they are ready to move ahead with the reconstruction/renovation soon.
- They will need help from the Authority for water line relocation, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water withdrawal March 2023

Spring-Benner-Walker Area Joint Authority February 27 & March 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Lead and Copper Rule Revised Service Line Inventory Mandate

- The DEP mandated that all water systems are required to have a survey completed of every service line on the system. The survey with known or unknown waterline material, is due October 16, 2024.
- If lead is detected the Authority will be mandated to remove and replace a certain number of those lines per year. Expenses will have to be worked out by the Authority.
- BIL stands for Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law: will modernize infrastructure, increase equity in transportation, help fight climate change, strengthen the supply chain and create jobs. This is a proposed pot of funding.

DISCUSSION

Jon Eaton mentioned the state will hold their annual PA Groundwater Symposium on May 9, 2023. There is a \$60 cost per attendee.

Mr. Stewart would like to add "Around the Room" as a new heading on future meeting agendas.

This discussion period will be an opportunity for Authority staff and members to discuss any topics “for the good of the order”.

There was another brief discussion regarding the DEP mandate for the water line survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m