

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

August 15, 2023 – 6 p.m.

236 West Lamb Street

Bellefonte, PA 16823

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order August 15, 2023 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

Staff

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

Engineer: Chris Roelke, B & L

Guests

Randy Brachbill
Brian Chilton
Kevin Abbey

MINUTES

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Eaton to approve the minutes from June 14, 2023. No discussion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS - ORAL

Mr. Stewart introduced Brian Chilton, structural engineer, who will be working on the Big Spring Cover Project. He also introduced Chris Roelke with Barton and Loguidice, who was also present to discuss the Cover Project.

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Letter from Glenn O Hawbaker - College Township Planning Commission, the Summit Park (Upper end of Corning Property) Subdivision Plan

- Rezoning and Subdivision of 11 lots
- The Subdivision will be serviced by College Township Water. The Authority directed Mr. Stewart to check with the solicitor as to service territory issues.

FINANCIALS

Budget v. Actual May 2023

Budget v. Actual June 2023

There was no motion to approve the financial report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chris offered several updates for June and July.

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent)

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

There was an extensive discussion regarding repair details and keeping equipment current and up to date.

WATER REPORT

Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in June and July.

OLD BUSINESS

Work Session held on July 18, Big Spring Cover Project

- Authority does not want to block the view of the pumphouse
- Authority wants a shallow pond on top of a hard shell cover
- Design concepts are being considered
- Top design concepts will be discussed with PA DEP for permit approval feasibility

Sewer line easement encroachment near 1201 Pine Circle, Parkview Heights

- All the work completed or being completed has been done without permits.
- A retaining wall has been built over the sewer line easement

Motioned and seconded to have the property owner remove the wall within 60 days and restore the easement to its original condition, to the satisfaction of Bellefonte Borough Authority solicitor. Motion carried.

Logan Greene Water Lines warranty

- Berks Homes is the owner/developer – Able Construction is the contractor. The issue is being addressed by the solicitor

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water Withdrawal Report June 2023

Daily Water Withdrawal Report July 2023

Spring-Benner-Walker Area Joint Authority May 8th – July 10th Meeting Minutes

There was a discussion regarding remaining capacity at the WWTP and the length of time for build out.

Corning Line break in July

The Authority looked at the entire situation and determined strengths and weaknesses and how to better handle a similar situation should another break happen in the future.

DISCUSSION

Spring Creek Watershed Commission Presentation - Randy Brachbill and Kevin Abby discussed details regarding the last meeting of the Spring Creek Watershed

- 2024 budget discussion
- There is an increase from 10 cents to 15 cents (this is the first increase since 2008)
- For Bellefonte Borough – in the 2024 budget – the additional nickel will mean an increase from \$615 to \$915 as the yearly contribution to the Commission.
- A goal for 2024 is to get better organized with the Watershed Municipalities to complete projects that cross municipal lines (water/sewer etc)
- The group is working on a Watershed Stewardship Plan that will benefit all entities – being a facilitator among all the municipalities (helping to facilitate collaboration for projects)
- 2024 budget - \$24,000 for the fiscal year
- Total annual contribution from all 12 members/municipalities is \$12,235 (Bellefonte Borough's current contribution is \$615/year)
- A brief history of the Watershed Commission was discussed. The Commission was established by Centre County 25 years ago, and 15 years ago the Commission was turned over to 12 area municipalities. It is a collaboration of the following 12 municipalities and townships:
 - Milesburg, Bellefonte Borough, Spring, Benner, Walker, Potter townships, State College Borough, Harris, College, Halfmoon, Ferguson and Patton townships

Carrier Fluid Pump at WWTP – funding discussion, design discussion

- It was agreed that the Authority needs to continue to move forward with the planning and of this project.

Blue Triton water sales from Penn Eagle Industrial Park – Water filling station

- Trying to establish a water filling station at Penn Eagle
- There needs to be an agreement as the volume of water is substantial
- The infrastructure for a filling station still exists underground
- It was agreed that the Authority will move forward with this project.

ADJOURNMENT

*Eaton motioned and Beigle seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.*