

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2023 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order October 17, 2023 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, Assist. Public Works Superintendent
Mr. Shannon Struble, WWTP Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Lori McGowan, Finance Director

MINUTES

A motion was made by Beigle -and seconded by Eaton to approve the minutes from September 6, 2023. No discussion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Communication from DEP the Class Action Suit regarding PFAS

- At this time there are no damages or defects detected so our Authority wouldn't be eligible.
- The Authority decided that since there are no damages at this time they will not act on this Class Action Suit at this time.

Mr. Stewart extended an invitation to the Authority members to the Centre County Boroughs Association Meeting tomorrow night, October 18, 2023 at 6pm. LB Water is sponsoring the meeting.

FINANCIALS

Budget v. Actual August 2023

2024 Budget Review: Water Fund & Sewer Fund

- Water Fund
 - The Authority will be ordering some new equipment.
 - Rate increases may be considered to keep up with inflation
 - Overall the budget looks ok, there is new revenue which helps
- Sewer Fund
 - Paid off 1 loan, still have 3 more loans
 - Loan payments are \$55,000/month or \$663,000/year

ENGINEER'S REPORT

NONE

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent)

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

Water sales for September: 86,840g

PHOSFAX SE 1000, (monitors the phosphorus in the system, also does auto dosing. A technician was requested. The unit was sent out for service.

WATER REPORT

Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in September.

There was a full DEP inspection in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Spring Cover Project

- A meeting is being scheduled with DEP to discuss the project.
- Brainstorming ideas and solutions to have a pond/fountain on top of the cover

The former loading station in Penn Eagle is being looked at by a potential water hauler.

There was a brief discussion regarding the right of way encroachment issue at the property in Parkview. There have been no new developments on the property. The homeowner has not reached out and the 60 day window is over at the end of October.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water withdrawal September 2023

Spring-Benner-Walker Area Joint August 28-September 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A resident expressed concern that they were not properly notified of a water line replacement and water got into the basement during the repair. The Authority will review and discuss the issue.

DISCUSSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Beigle motioned and Falcone seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.