

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

**June 6, 2024 – 6 p.m.
236 West Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
www.bellefonte.net**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order June 6, 2024 at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

Mr. Joe Beigle (EXCUSED)
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
Mr. Shannon Struble, WWTP Assistant Superintendent

Guests

MINUTES

A motion was made by Eaton and seconded by Falcone to approve the minutes from May 7, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

In accordance with Act 65 of 2021, If a matter is not on the Agenda, the Authority cannot take official action on it with some exceptions. The Authority can act on matters relating to potential or real emergencies. The Authority may add a matter of agency business to its agenda through

majority vote. The Authority should state the reason why the action item is being added to the Agenda. The Authority may vote to add an action item(s) to the agenda.

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

NONE

FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)

Budget v. Actual May 2024

- It was noted there was a lack of revenue on the Water side

Eaton motioned and Falcone seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- The engineer (Jean) highlighted several projects completed in May.
 - Projects:
 - The engineer is still working with the PennDot Engineers to get drawings for the GP5 permit.
 - Also working on the feasibility study
 - Wastewater: had McClure contractors on site to look at the HVAC unit. Quote received of **not to exceed \$95,000* for the replacement of the unit.
 - 8-10 weeks lead time
 - Authority members agree they should approve this project*Falcone motioned and Eaton seconded to proceed with approving McClure to install a new HVAC system *not to exceed \$95,000. Motion carried.*

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent - Frank)

- The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in May.
- Bulk Water sales for May: 556,700g
- The authority hired a new operator. The new operator started June 3. The Authority is now fully staffed.

WATER REPORT

- Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in May.
 - There were 51 PAONECALLs in May
 - 9 New water meters installed (1 new construction/8 replacements)
 - Homeowners do not need to pay for a water meter replacement
 - New meters cost approximately \$130 each and last about 20 years

- Niagara Filling Station - 475,000g

OLD BUSINESS

- Big Spring Cover Project
 - Cost analysis options are being reviewed.
- Service Line Inventory Project Update
 - Still working with Muni-Link - Work orders are on the iPad
 - Working on identifying schools/daycares/healthcare and other critical locations

NEW BUSINESS

- Reminder Shentel-Glo Fiber cabinet needs - Bellefonte PA
 - There is a noise concern with the generator
 - The Authority is giving Shentel-Glo Fiber 180 days, 6 months to evaluate the noise levels.
 - There was discussion regarding the long-term agreement
 - Authority agreed on a 10-year agreement/lease
- Daily Water Withdrawal May 2024
- Spring-Benner-Walker Area Joint Meeting Minutes April 22nd & May 13th, 2024

DISCUSSION

- Stoney Point wall encroachment
 - This case will be heading to court. The homeowner asked for an extension but the Authority did not agree to an extension.
- Penn Eagle water filling station
 - A draft agreement was made and offered
- McCrossin requested to lease out part of their property to a hotel. The Authority is considering this request. There is a concern about water usage for this project.
- Discussion regarding the waterfront development project and the request for a re-design of the condo design. Council said the design is “too modern”.
 - The design went from 3 buildings to 2
- Discussion regarding the NAPA building.
- Discussion regarding the BAIDA (Bellefonte Industrial Development Authority)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.