

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY**

**MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**November 5, 2024 – 6 p.m.  
301 N. Spring Street, Suite 200  
Bellefonte, PA 16823**

[www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order on November 5, 2024 at 6 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL Authority members present:**

Mr. Joe Beigle  
Mr. Greg Brown (EXCUSED)  
Mr. Dan DeLotto  
Mr. Jon Eaton  
Mr. Joe Falcone  
Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman (EXCUSED)  
Mr. Doug Johnson

**Staff**

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

**Engineer:** Jean Ryan

**Guests:** Rick Jacobs

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**MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Eaton to approve the minutes from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried.*

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL**

NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS (Written)**

Email regarding the EPA Rule – 10-year program to Identify and Replace Lead Service Lines, Drinking Water Systems.

**FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)**

Fund/Budget Review for 2025 Budget: Lori McGowan, Finance Director

○ WATER:

- There is no rate increase included in the coming year's budget
- There was a discussion about a rate increase, and it was noted that the water lines have different pressures and pumping requirements (Corning line has to be pumped 600ft but the Bellefonte/Big Spring line has to be pumped 200ft.). It was clarified that the rates have to be uniform.
- It was also noted that many water meters in the area need to be replaced. It is estimated that approximately 1000 meters have been replaced but there are likely more than 2500 that still need to be replaced. The authority averages 4 water meter replacements a day.
- Members proposed a \$.05 rate increase for the water side
- SEWER:
- Also no rate increase on the Sewer Budget

#### Budget v. Actual September 2024

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

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT** (Jean Ryan, Barton and Loguidice)

The engineer (Jean) highlighted several projects completed in October.

- Projects: Big Spring Project (Geophysical Survey/Wells)
  - Rick Jacobs, Talleyrand Stage Committee, was also present to discuss the stage project.
  - Timeframes – Geophysical Survey - Dec 2-5, workers will be on site to conduct the Geophysical survey. The results of the survey should be available sometime in January 2025.
  - 4 wells are being considered at this time.
  - The state concept was brought up to DEP and DEP stated that a stage structure would not be considered a hazard to the water supply (like a gas station or restrooms) and thus is not considered an issue for this project.

#### **SEWER REPORT (Superintendent - Frank)**

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

- There is a job vacancy posted and some interviews have been conducted for the new operator.

Bulk Water sales for October were not announced.

A worker submitted his letter of resignation. The Authority will be posting the open position.

Discussion regarding pre-treatment (industrial waste/PFAS) water reports.

#### **WATER REPORT (Matt)**

Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in October.

- Water shut offs for non-payment were a bit high this month
- Installed 42 new water meters, 5 were new construction, 37 were replacements
- There were 61 PAONECALL's last month.
- Niagara filling got 380,000 – up a bit from last month
- Last set of PFAS sampling was completed and it came back “non-detect”

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Water Line for Hotel, Length of Service Line, McCrossin Property – update

Logan Greene Water Main warrantee/dedication. Solicitor sent letter to Developer regarding this issue.

Agreement with Shantel Cable – Agreement is complete

Agreement with UAJA, biosolids Agreement is complete.

Big Spring Cover Project Update. First phase has been approved.

Service Line Inventory project update. Next step: Send a letter to owners who have service lines with unknown material

- 2,548 unknowns
- There was not a lot of response to the first request – at most 50
- There is more information on the website

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Daily Water Withdrawal October 2024. No action is requested.

Notice of new bulk water rates (2.7% based on PCI Index) sent to Milesburg and Niagara

Tentative Borough Council Community Open House 6 to 8pm, Thursday, December 5, 2024. This will be an opportunity for the community to meet local government officials, borough staff, see the new building and ask questions.

### **DISCUSSION**

A member noted that we had a bulk water agreement that was closed for a term of 50 years and recently, thanks to the efforts of the Authority board members, the Authority was able to negotiate with the new company to get rate increases.

The authority will be looking at updating rules and regulations over the winter.

Next meeting will be December 3, 2024 at 6pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Eaton motioned and Falcone seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.*