

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

**December 17, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Spring Street, Suite 200
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order December 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Halderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

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

Staff Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Shannon Struble, WWTP Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Ms. Julie Brooks, Public Works Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Engineer Ms. Jean Ryan via Zoom

Guests None

MINUTES

- *A motion was made by Eaton and seconded by Falcone to approve the minutes from November 5, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried.*

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

- NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

- Email from Rick Jacobs/Updates on the Stage Design (Stage at Talleyrand)

FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)

- Fund/Budget Fund/Budget Review for 2025 Budget, Consider any Fee Changes for 2025. The Authority may take action to adjust the water and sewer rates/fees.
 - Lori McGowan, Finance Director

Eaton motioned and Falcone seconded to increase the water rate and additional \$.50/1000g for the 2025 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

- Spring Creek Watershed Commission – Request for funds/donation from the Authority
 - The Authority decided to not contribute to this group at this time.

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

- The engineer (Jean) highlighted several projects completed in November.
 - Discussion regarding pump replacements
 - Discussion regarding drilling/mapping for the well project – Big Spring Cover Project

SEWER REPORT (Frank)

- The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in November.
- Bulk Water sales for November were 238,000g
- 116 wet tons of Biosolids at the Shaffer Farm
- A new operator started on November 4th.

WATER REPORT (Matt)

- Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in November.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line for Hotel, Length of Service Line, McCrossin Property – updates
- Warehouse at Benner Commerce Park – updates
- Logan Greene Water Main warrantee/dedication - updates

- Big Spring Cover Project Update - updates
- Service Line Inventory project update - updates
- Tour of UAJA facility – schedule when weather is better
- Tour of Niagara bottling plant – maybe after the holidays
 - Slow billing issues but this will be addressed later

NEW BUSINESS

- Daily Water Withdrawal November 2024. No action is requested.
- 2025 Bellefonte Borough Authority Meeting Schedule

DISCUSSION

- Pine Circle easement update – sewer easement encroachment/park property encroachment
 - The homeowner is being very uncooperative.
- Big Spring Cover Project – a member encouraged the Authority and Council to keep this project moving forward.
- NPDES – no new information
- Industrial user letter
 - A draft letter was sent to the Authority’s Industrial Users to state that:
 - starting January 2025 the Authority will require PFAS sampling quarterly. The recommended minimum is yearly but the WWTP has to do quarterly. If users pass the quarterly tests 4 or 5 times consecutively – then they can drop back to the yearly requirement.
 - Starting next year the Authority will push the actual sampling onto the users, rather than the Authority. The users will have to contract out a private lab to do the sampling and testing and users will have to submit results to the Authority.
 - Discussion regarding testing accuracy. The Authority can still go in and do testing if there is any question about the results.
 - This is an attempt to relieve some of the burden off the Authority.
- The Authority got a letter from DEP stating that the Authority has been identified as a candidate for the PFAS monitoring program. This means that future PFAS testing would be at no cost to the generator. The Authority will look into this further.
- Discussion regarding pump malfunctions.

ADJOURNMENT

- *Falcone motioned and Eaton seconded to adjourn tonight’s meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.*