

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

**January 7, 2025 – 6 p.m.
301 N. Spring Street, Suite 200
Bellefonte, PA 16823
www.bellefonte.net**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order January 7, 2025 at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

Mr. Joe Beigle
Mr. Greg Brown
Mr. Dan DeLotto
Mr. Jon Eaton
Mr. Joe Falcone--EXCUSED
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: Jean Ryan via Zoom

Guests: Stage Committee reps.

REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS

*Brown motion to retain the officers as they are currently. Johnson seconded. No discussion.
Motion to retain all officers carried.*

MINUTES

A motion was made by Eaton and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes from December 17, 2024. No discussion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

NONE

BIG SPRING WELL PROJECT – UPDATE (Jean)

Results of the Geophysical Survey

- The survey found that where the water flows and that the water level is reachable – Good news!
- Next Steps:
 - The Authority will have to apply for a variance with DEP for this project
 - The survey company recommends putting in one or more monitoring wells and they offered suggested locations (benefit – more information to offer to DEP and could offer cost savings)
 - Water level was somewhere around 15ft
- Concerns:
 - subsurface/bedrock (What does this look like? Still unknown)
 - The survey indicated there is likely not bedrock but it's still unknown
 - If there is no bedrock that means drilling deeper to hit competent bedrock (increased costs)
 - variance from DEP
- Questions for the work session:
 - What is the turnaround time for the test wells?
 - How long does it take to determine if the water chemistry is the same?
- Expenses are coming in under budget so far.
- 3 representatives from the Stage Committee were present at the meeting tonight to discuss how the well drilling project may impact the stage project. They asked several questions about the project.
- Additional Information:
 - Vertical Turbine Pumps
 - The pump room and pumps will be abandoned and the room will be considered for historical use

FINANCIALS

Budget v. Actual November 2024

Eaton motioned to approve the financial report. Seconded by Johnson. Motion to approve carried.

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

The engineer (Jean) offered her report on the Geophysical Survey earlier in the meeting.

Jean mentioned that the Authority did order the replacement pumps. She will have contractor/installation price quotes available at the next meeting. The pumps should arrive around March.

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent - Frank)

The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in December 2024.

Bulk Water sales for December were 9,700g

Biosolids issues – equipment and weather issues

UV System – replacement? Upgrade?

- The hope is it can be repaired/upgraded
- There were 3 parts ordered and replaced with the hope that would solve the issue and the new parts did not fix or solve the issue.

WATER REPORT (Matt)

Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in December 2024.

- 27 PAONE calls
- Installed 6 new water meters
- Niagara - 126,000g

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

Discuss water and sewer projects for 2025

- Corning line replacement
- UV system replacement?
- Service line inventory

Daily Water withdrawal December 2024

February meeting date.

- The regular date conflicts with PA Rural Water Association's trip to DC to lobby for water and sewer system funding. Consider a new meeting date for February.
 - The meeting was moved to Thursday February 6, 2025.

DISCUSSION

PFAS Sampling (Industrial users)

Walking path from Cerro Metals to Bellefonte (proposed project)

Pine Circle legal battle (Wall built on the Sewer right of way)

- The issue is ongoing

ADJOURNMENT

Johnson motioned and Eaton seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.