

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY

**MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 6, 2025 – 6 p.m.
301 N. Spring Street, Suite 200
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order February 6, 2025 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
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 via Zoom

Guests None

MINUTES

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Letter from Spring Township - re: Wells Project

- The Authority will respond to the letter

Mr. Tom Bathgate with Stage Committee – re: Wells Project

Communications—reps of Stage Committee communicating directly with Borough Authority Engineer. Authority took action to address this issue.

FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)

Budget v. Actual December 2024 (annual report)

- Water side – net loss \$170,000 (revenues were under and engineering expenses)
- Wastewater side – revenue of \$1,000,089

There was no motion or vote to approve the financial report.

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

Water:

- working on the Valentine Road plans.
- no report about the hotel or warehouse this month

Wastewater:

- Info gathering for the Chapter 94 and Initial Pre-Treatment reports
- Finalized and updated permits and drafted cover letters for the permits regarding the quarterly PFAS sampling requirements for industrial users.
- Next meeting Jean will have contractor pricing for installing the replacement RAS (Return Activated Sludge) pumps

Big Spring Cover Project:

- Moving forward with the proposal from Dr. Parizek for a temperature study
- Should the engineers move forward with the Sourcewater Assessment? (Paper exercise only. The Sourcewater study would look into/mapping surrounding businesses/structures/land uses - cost estimated at \$25,000)

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent – Frank Noll)

The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in January 2025.

- Bulk Water sales for January were 43,800g
- Both heating units were replaced last month in the pre-treatment building.
- EDMR report was filed with DEP and the Gear 2 report to PSU on 1/23
- An operator gave notice that he is leaving his position on February 7, 2025.
- January 22-30 hauled 238WT to the Wayne Township Landfill

WATER REPORT (Superintendent - Matt Auman)

Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in January 2025.

- 29 PAONE calls
- Installed 25 new water meters
- Niagara - 186,000g

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line for Hotel, Length of Service Line, McCrossin Property – No update
- Warehouse at Benner Commerce Park – No update
- Logan Greene Water Main warrantee/dedication – No update
- Big Spring Cover Project – work session held on January 28th
- Service Line Inventory project update - updates
- Tour of UAJA biosolid facility – schedule when weather is better
- Tour of Niagara bottling plant

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Proposal from Dr. Parizek – temperature study related to Well Project (to be received by the meeting date). As soon as this proposal is received, it will be sent out to the Authority.

Chemical Bid Opening (liquid Alum).

- The Authority may take action to have bids reviewed and awarded.
 - Chemco Inc – NO BID
 - USA Alco - \$6,338.70/4,500g load OR \$1.4086/g (currently paying \$1.382/g)

Eaton motioned to accept/approve the bid contract and Falcone seconded. Motion to accept the contract carried.

Change to Borough Fee Schedule – related to Water System. Consider approval of adjusted fees. (Cost of water heaters increased)

Falcone motioned and Eaton seconded to accept the change to the Borough Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

Daily Water withdrawal January 2025

DISCUSSION

Discussion regarding masonry work on the wall around the Big Spring – cost estimates need to be broken out – borough work and Authority (Big Spring) work separated.

ADJOURNMENT

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