

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

**March 4, 2025 – 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 March 4, 2025 at 6 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL Authority members present:**

Mr. Joe Beigle via Zoom  
Mr. Greg Brown  
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:** Jean Ryan via Zoom

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**MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Eaton and seconded by Beigle to approve the minutes from February 6, 2025. No discussion. Motion carried.*

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL**

NONE

### **COMMUNICATIONS (Written)**

Letter Proposal from Dr. Parizek re: Studies related to Big Spring wells project. Dr. Parizek attended the meeting to provide an overview of the proposal.

- Several members expressed concern about drilling wells near the spring.
- Authority members requested a work session to further discuss this project.

Email – Gene Stocker RE: Benner Township water issues

Email Exchange – Stage at Talleyrand Committee

- Rick was present at the meeting to discuss the project

Benner Township Water Authority – looking for new contractor.

- The Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority has split up. Benner has reached out to the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority for help. The Authority discussed the situation and how to respond. The general consensus is Bellefonte Authority is not going to be able to help Benner.

### **FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)**

- Budget v. Actual January 2025

*No financial reports were included in the packet.*

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

Water:

- Return Activated Sludge (RAS) and Carrier Fluid Pump Replacements. The Authority may take action to approve the purchase of these pumps from a COSTARS vendor.

Wastewater:

- Started preparation of the Chapter 94 report and the Industrial Pre-Treatment report, both are due at the end of March.
- Also submitted the annual Biosolids report to DEP and Centre County Conservation
- Finalizing updated permits and letters for the industrial users
- Received the MPDS permit for the wastewater treatment plant
- Received 2 quotes for replacing the RAS and Carrier Fluid Pumps
  - Quotes from Blooming Glen Contractors and PSI
    - PSI was low at \$69,709 (based in Harrisburg)

*Beigle motioned and Johnson seconded to award the contract to PSI. The motion carried.*

Big Spring Cover Project:

- The Authority asked Jean to research fabric/dome cover options for the spring.

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

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

Bulk Water sales for February were 22,000gal

A new operator was hired and has accepted the position

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

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

- Lots of leak reports and repairs
- There is a tear in the Big Spring Cover – Matt is working to get it repaired
- 32 PAONE calls
- Installed 29 new water meters
- Niagara - 241,000g
- 296WT to the Wayne Township Landfill (Ground is frozen)

### **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

Service Line Inventory project update – updates

Tour of UAJA biosolid facility – schedule when weather is better

Tour of Niagara bottling plant – maybe when weather is better

Reply to Spring Township – wells project.

Act 57 Study – Tap Fees for the Corning Line. The previous study is included.

Review of current Rules and Regulations. Staff will try to review the regulations in March and provide mark ups to the Authority.

Masonry Work at Big Spring. Only a portion of the proposed work involves the wall at the Big Spring. The other work will be considered by the Borough.

*Beigle motioned and Falcone seconded to approve the masonry repairs. Motion carried.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bellefonte Waterfront Property National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (issued through DEP). Owners notified staff that they had inadvertently left their NPDES

permit expire. Riparian zone regulations near waterways had changed after the permit was originally issued. The regulations allow for property located elsewhere to be substituted. The Authority owns an approx. 8-acre parcel next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant that is now considered wetlands. A portion of this property could be designated as the riparian zone for the Bellefonte Waterfront Project. See the attachment. The owners of the Bellefonte Waterfront property are asking if the Authority would approve a portion (approx. 4 acres) of the property to be used as the designated Riparian Zone. The Authority may take action on this request.

- The Authority is going to invite the developer to the work session to further discuss this situation.

Daily Water withdrawal February 2025

Act 57 Study – consider updating the Corning Line Tap Fee/Rate Fee Study

Rockview Penitentiary potentially shutting down.

- Potential for more water sales

### **DISCUSSION**

Discussion regarding Bell Rose Townhomes (Fox Hill Mini Mall)

- Extending water main (probably less than 25ft)
- The authority agreed to move forward with this project

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Johnson motioned and Beigle seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.*