

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

**April 1, 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 April 1, 2025 at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

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

Staff

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

Engineer

Guests

Mr. Rick Jacobs

MINUTES

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Falcone to approve the minutes from March 4, 2025. No discussion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Email response from PA DEP regarding Riparian Zone Requirements for NPDES permits. This email is listed as OLD BUSINESS.

FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)

Budget v. Actual January and February 2025

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

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent - Frank)

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

Bulk Water sales for March

WATER REPORT (Matt)

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

- Lots

OLD BUSINESS

Water Masonry Work at Big Spring – updates

Authority work session held on March 18th to discuss two items: Bellefonte Waterfront Associates using a portion of Authority-owned wetlands to satisfy their NPDES permit requirements and; Big Spring Wells project and other options.

Big Spring Wells Concept Option. Call for a motion to discontinue consideration of using wells concept for the Big Spring improvements. Further study of the underground water flow is considered beneficial and may be approved by the Authority via a consultant Agreement with Dr. Richard Parizek.

Mr. Johnson motioned and Mr. Falcone seconded to discontinue consideration of using wells concept for the Big Spring improvements. If/when a development occurs in the expanded area of Talleyrand Park, primarily the Zone 1 area (for drinking water sources), the Authority will insist that underground water modeling be conducted to ensure no detriment to the Big Spring water flow or Zone 1 will occur. Motion carried.

Bellefonte Waterfront Property National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. 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. PA DEP has responded via email as to what is allowed for a riparian zone set-aside.
- 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. A deed restriction or covenant with boundary lines is required.
- The Authority may take action on this request to state their interest or non-interest.

Mr. DeLotto motioned and Mr. Johnson seconded to allow a covenant/easement to be applied to four of the eight acres on a parcel adjacent to the east side of the Bellefonte Wastewater Treatment Plant, to be used as a riparian zone set aside for the Waterfront project as described. Motion carried.

Tour of UAJA biosolid facility – schedule when weather is better

Tour of Niagara bottling plant – schedule when weather is better

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 and provide mark ups to the Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water withdrawal March 2025.

Ralph is retiring from the Borough. His last day in the office will be Friday, March 28th. Ralph has expressed an interest in staying on as Authority Secretary to help with the transition.

Mr. Johnson motioned and Mr. Eaton seconded to consider continuing Ralph's appointment as Authority Secretary until the Authority or Ralph gives notice of discontinuance. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Eaton motioned and DeLotto seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.