

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

**June 3, 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 on June 3rd, 2025, at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

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

Staff

Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Mr. Ralph Stewart, Secretary

Engineer: Jean Ryan via Zoom

MINUTES

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS- ORAL

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

Wastewater NPDES Compliance
All numbers are within normal range.

FINANCIALS (Mr. Falcone)

Budget v. Actual April 2025.

A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Brown to approve the financial report. No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

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

Water:

- Jean reported that they are wrapping up the Bulk Water Loading Station Permit. It should be done this week.
- The Authority will be conducting some Geotechnical work done on Valentine Hill Road for the water main replacement.
 - The Authority needs to take some soil samples and Hillis-Carnes Engineering (Pittsburgh) was the low bidder - \$5880.

Wastewater:

- Consider increasing the fee for industrial users (industrial pre-treatment)
 - The Bellefonte Borough Authority handles all industrial users, even those in Spring/Benner/Walker.
- Generator study proposal is due back this week.
- There was a discussion regarding hiring a staff person to help manage the industrial users. The staff position would likely be part-time.

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent - Frank)

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

Bulk Water sales for May were 470,000 gallons.

The BOD analysis was flagged – DEP was notified

The heavy rain in the past month has caused the need for a lot of extra repairs.

WATER REPORT (Matt)

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

The water is officially turned on at the new elementary school!

52 PA ONE calls in the month of May.

Installed 81 new water meters in the month of May.

Niagara - 276,000 gallons.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Spring Cover – getting an updated cost estimate for a hardshell cover, etc.

- There was a very lengthy discussion regarding this project – the consensus is a soft cover with some nice landscaping might be the best option

Masonry Work at Big Spring – updates

- This project is completed

Tour of UAJA biosolid facility – scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th from 1:00 PM-2:30 PM.

- Participants will meet at the borough building at 12:30 pm and carpool.
- No Authority action is requested.

Tour of Niagara Bottling Plant – scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th at 3:15 PM. No Authority action is requested.

Act 57 Study – Tap Fees for the Corning Line.

Review of current Rules and Regulations. Staff will try to review the regulations and provide markups to the Authority. (IN PROGRESS)

Authority Email Addresses- Email addresses for Authority members have been provided to Authority members. No Authority action is requested.

Bulk Water Billing Memo. No Authority action is requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water Withdrawal May 2025. No Authority action required.

DISCUSSION

Update on Parkview Homeowner – homeowner agreed to remove the structure and remodel it so it is fully on his property and not on the right-of-way. He had built the structure with no permits, but it seems the situation is going to be fully resolved.

Discussion regarding the Benner Township Water Authority withdrawing from Spring/Benner/Walker

Discussion regarding waterfront project – hoping the project breaks ground in the fall

Jon Eaton will act on the suggestion from Denny McDowell to attend the Spring/Benner/Walker meetings and he will begin attending those meetings.

An authority member discovered that in between State College and Pleasant Gap, near Rockview Prison – the meaning behind the “Village of Peru” – PERU stands for Prison Employee Residential Units. Discussion regarding Rockview State Prison closing.

Discussion regarding the issue with sewer lines at “Suds N Bucket” laundromat on W Bishop – the property owner wants the issue resolved as soon as possible because he would like to sell the building, and he cannot with this outstanding issue. Authority members agreed to look more into this and work to resolve this issue expeditiously.

For the waterfront project, it sounds like the developer will possibly start the garage and condo units first, rather than the hotel.

The assistant superintendent position will likely be filled soon, as there are currently 3 applicants for the position.

ADJOURNMENT

Eaton motioned, and Falcone seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.