

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

**July 7, 2026 – 6 p.m.
301 N. Spring Street, Suite 200 – The Oak Room
Bellefonte, PA 16823
www.bellefonte.net**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order July 7, 2026 at 6 p.m. An executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting at 5:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

Mr. Joe Beigle	
Mr. Greg Brown (EXCUSED)	Mr. Frank (Buddy) Halderman (Chairman)
Mr. Jon Eaton	Mr. Doug Johnson
Mr. Joe Falcone (EXCUSED)	Mr. Ralph Stewart

Staff

Mr. Dave Pribulka, Borough Manager
Mr. Frank Noll, WWTP Superintendent
Mr. Matt Auman, Public Works Superintendent
Mr. Shannon Struble, WWTP Assistant Superintendent

MINUTES

A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Eaton to approve the minutes from June 2, 2026. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

In accordance with Act 65 of 2021, If a matter is not on the Agenda, the Authority cannot take official action on it with some exceptions. The Authority can act on matters relating to potential or real emergencies. The Authority may add a matter of agency business to its agenda through majority vote. The Authority should state the reason why the action item is being added to the Agenda. The Authority may vote to add an action item(s) to the agenda.

Mr. Pribulka requested that a presentation be added to the agenda regarding the Big Spring Enhancement project with the option to take action.

(? not announced 2:44) motioned and Beigle seconded to add the above listed item to the agenda. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS - ORAL

Please sign in, come to the podium at the appropriate time, and state your name and address and what you are speaking about. Please limit comments to three minutes maximum.

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS (Written)

NONE

FINANCIALS (Mr. Pribulka)

- Mr. Pribulka presented the financial report through May 31, 2026.
- Budget v. Actual May, 2026
- Water Revenue \$787,063.49
- Water Expenditures \$1,208,132.02 (-\$421,000)
- Sewer Revenue \$1,499,348.32
- Sewer Expenditures \$1,325,599.35 (+173,748.97)

(? not announced) motioned to approve the Financial Report. Stewart seconded. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

- Water:
 - Jean reported on several projects and permits being completed, including:
 - Water side:
 - General engineering - no updates
 - Valentine Hill Road – contractor did another round of disinfection testing (no longer had a chlorine residual)
 - The pipe tie in work should be finished this week or next week.
 - Change order - \$59,850 (due to additional time due to the water conditions)
 - the change order was initially \$250,000 and the Authority negotiated it down to the above listed amount.
- Big Spring Cover Replacement
 - Permits and proposals are in progress. There were no comments or concerns regarding the proposal for the RFP.
 - The Stucky Pool development was received and they will have responses back to them within 2 weeks.
- Sewer:
 - General Engineering: There were several outstanding items that were discussed.
 - A draft memo was completed regarding alternatives for the WILO pumps
 - 4 options:
 - replacement with Flight pumps
 - going with indent mixers
 - going to aqua aerobics mixing system
 - OR – Engineering investigation which may help to solve the problem without a major capital expense
 - The memo offers pros/cons and cost breakdowns of each option.
 - The evaluation of the WWTP was started. Jean plans to finish this and get the proposal to the board before the next meeting.

- The generator proposal is ongoing.

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent - Frank)

- The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in June 2026.
- Bulk Water sales for June were 399,400g.
- A water quality specialist visited the plant and completed a full inspection on June 2, 2026.
- 2 notices of violations were submitted for industrial users in the pretreatment program.

WATER REPORT (Matt)

- Details were offered regarding projects and repairs completed in June 2026.
 - PAONE calls – not announced
 - Installed - new water meters – not announced
 - Niagara – 0 gallons

OLD BUSINESS

Big Spring Cover Replacement. Call for a motion/2nd to award the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Big Spring Cover Replacement Project to ALCO, in the amount of \$235,000.00.

(? not announced) motioned and Stewart seconded to award the above listed RFP to ALCO. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

**Item added to the Agenda – Presentation regarding the Big Spring Cover Replacement*

- Details were offered regarding recent updates to the project.
- Costs continue to be an issue. Construction costs are estimated at \$840,000. For everything in the plan the overall total cost is estimated at \$1.1M.
- Members viewed the rendering options and discussed each option – pros and cons.
- Members discussed keeping the project “low maintenance” (landscaping) given the staffing available to maintain the landscaping.
- Discussion regarding a water feature. Members discussed that not including a water feature may help to simplify the overall scope of the project.
- Discussion regarding the DCD grant funding that was awarded – the deadline to use that grant money is December 21, 2027. There will be no extensions on this deadline, so the board is encouraged to make a decision so grant money can be used for this project.

Bellefonte Borough Authority Water Leak Adjustment Policy. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the Water Leak Adjustment Policy. The policy was updated to allow forgiveness for up to 2 quarters, rather than just 1 quarter of forgiveness. There was also a discussion regarding for profit vs nonprofit businesses and organizations and if the policy should reflect a difference.

(? – not announced 1:14) motioned and Beigle seconded to approve the Bellefonte Borough Authority Water Leak Adjustment Policy. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

2025 Bellefonte Borough Authority Audit Report. Call for a motion/2nd to accept the 2025 Bellefonte Borough Authority Audit Report, as presented by the Authority's independent auditors, and authorize its receipt into the official record.

Beigle motioned and Johnson seconded to approve the Audit Report. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Daily Water Withdrawal June 2026. No Authority action is requested.

2026 Bulk Water Billing and Usage for Milesburg and Niagara January-May 2026. No Authority action is requested.

Hussain Settlement Agreement. Call for a motion/2nd to ratify the Settlement Agreement between the Borough and Hussain, as presented, and authorize the appropriate Borough officials to execute any documents necessary to carry out the terms of the agreement.

(? – not announced 1:22) motioned and Beigle seconded to approve the Settlement Agreement listed above. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

McQuaide Blasko Legal Invoice June 2026. Call for a motion/2nd to approve the McQuaide Blasko Legal Invoice for June 2026.

Eaton motioned and Beigle seconded to approve the above listed Invoice. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Keystone Water Group Valentine Hill Road Water Line Replacement Change Order No. 4. Call for a motion/2nd to approve Keystone Water Group Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$59,850.00 for the Valentine Hill Road Water Line Replacement project.

Johnson motioned and Stewart seconded to approve the above listed change order. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

There was an announcement regarding a meeting that will be held on July 8th regarding the Stage project. The meeting will be at 10am at the Borough Office.

Discussion regarding proposals for leak detection services, rates and availability.

Discussion regarding Corning. No design has been completed as Jean has not received authorization to start a design.

Discussion regarding grants, the water tower (advertisements), etc .

Discussion regarding a project on Potter Street (water main) and grant awards.

ADJOURNMENT

(?) motioned and (?) seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:44? pm. Names for motion and second for adjournment were not announced. The meeting end time was not announced.

****NOTE FROM THE TRANSCRIPTIONIST:** *Please announce the names for all motions and seconds. I cannot discern individual voices from an audio recording. This will help avoid difficult audio fees. Thank you.*