

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

**August 4, 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 August 4, 2026 at 6 p.m by Doug Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present:

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

Staff

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

Guests

MINUTES

- *A motion was made by Beigle and seconded by Eaton to approve the minutes from July 7, 2026. Voice vote. 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.

- NONE

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. Falcone)

- Mr. Falcone presented the financial report through June, 2026.
- Budget v. Actual June, 2026
- There was a discussion regarding finances and payroll.

16:47 (? not announced) motioned to approve the Financial Report. Eaton 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 – working on a cost evaluation for the Corning water tank (life cycle cost). This will be completed by the next meeting.
 - Discussion regarding water meters and leak detection and estimates
 - Leak detection meters
 - Valentine Hill Road Water Line Replacement –
 - Payment application #3 - \$87,720 (for added manpower/additional fill due to water damage)
- Big Spring Cover Replacement
 - Submitted the Public Water Supply Permit application to DEP on July 7. Waiting to hear back from DEP.
 - a Notice of Award to ALCO and they sent back an executed agreement. NOTE: Cover color – only option is black if the cover should be completed this year.
 - Authority members asked to see other color options before committing to black.
 - Big Spring Pump House electrical work – no update
 - Relocation of the PennDot SR 3006 Water Main – no update
- Sewer:
 - General Engineering: There were several outstanding items that were discussed.
 - A draft memo was provided regarding alternatives for the WILO pumps

- There was no feedback from Authority members regarding the memo.
- The evaluation of the WWTP was completed and provided.
- Industrial Pre-Treatment Program
 - Reviewed and provided revisions for the Authority Industrial User Survey
 - Identifies potential users of the Industrial Pre-Treatment Program
 - EPA approved the proposal of the limits for the WWTP on 7/27. Draft language for a resolution was provided. The board is required to pass a resolution adopting the local limits. After the limits are adopted they will be shared with SBWJA (Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority). Public notifications are also required. There is a 4 month window to get this completed. 4 months from 7/27/2026.
 - The limit for zinc was raised. The limit is currently at .064mg/L. The secondary limit is 5mg/L, so the updated limit is still well below that.

SEWER REPORT (Superintendent - Frank)

- The Superintendent highlighted the details of various projects and repairs completed in July 2026.
- Bulk Water sales for July were 318,000g.

WATER REPORT (Matt)

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Talleyrand Park Big Spring Master Plan Materials
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority approve the Talleyrand Park Big Spring Landscape Improvements Master Plan and Conceptual Cost Estimate.
 - The Authority heard a presentation and discussion from Jenna with Weber Murphy Fox on this master plan, but no action was taken. The Authority will vote on this action item at the next meeting in September due to several members being absent from tonight's meeting.
- Approval of Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T).
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority approves the Lease Agreement between the Borough of Bellefonte, the Bellefonte Borough Authority, and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the communications facility located at 254 Transfer Road, and to authorize the Authority Chairman and Secretary to execute the agreement and any related documents on behalf of the Borough.

Beigle motioned and Eaton seconded that the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority approve the Lease Agreement between the Borough of Bellefonte, the Bellefonte Borough Authority, and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the communications facility located at

254 Transfer Road, and to authorize the Authority Chairman and Secretary to execute the agreement and any related documents on behalf of the Borough. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

- Upcoming Work Session Reminder
 - Reminder that the Authority's next Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the Oak Room (1st Floor) of the Bellefonte Borough Administration Building, 301 N. Spring Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823. No Authority action is requested.

NEW BUSINESS

- Daily Water Withdrawal July 2026. No Authority action is requested.
- 2026 Bulk Water Billing and Usage for Milesburg and Niagara June 2026. No Authority action is requested.
- Consider Approval of Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 – Valentine Hill Road Water Main Replacement Project
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Authority approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 to Keystone Water Group, Inc. for the Valentine Hill Road Water Main Replacement Project (Contract No. 2025-01 – General Construction) in the amount of \$64,850.00, as recommended by Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
- Consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with Albright Institute for Nonprofit & Civic Administration
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Authority authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with the Albright Institute for Nonprofit & Civic Administration to provide interim Finance Department support, with an estimated cost not to exceed \$10,000, with funding to be paid from the 2026 Budget.

Beigle motioned and 1:46 (? – not announced) seconded that the Bellefonte Borough Authority approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 to Keystone Water Group, Inc. for the Valentine Hill Road Water Main Replacement Project (Contract No. 2025-01 – General Construction) in the amount of \$64,850.00, as recommended by Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Eaton motioned and Beigle seconded that the Bellefonte Borough Authority authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with the Albright Institute for Nonprofit & Civic Administration to provide interim Finance Department support, with an estimated cost not to exceed \$10,000, with funding to be paid from the 2026 Budget. There was extensive discussion regarding the proposed rate and the need for this service. Members expressed concern regarding the hourly rate and other various details regarding this agreement. Voice vote. Motion carried with 4 yes votes.

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Assessment Proposal
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Authority authorize Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to perform a comprehensive Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Assessment in accordance with the submitted proposal, for a cost not to exceed \$105,000.

2:37 (?) motioned and ? seconded (not announced) seconded that the Bellefonte Borough Authority authorize Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to perform a comprehensive Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Assessment in accordance with the submitted proposal, for a cost not to exceed \$105,000. Discussion regarding the specific details of this assessment. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution No. 2026-5 – Adoption of Revised EPA-Approved Local Limits
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Authority adopt Resolution No. 2026-5 approving the revised Local Limits for the Bellefonte Borough Authority Pretreatment Program, as accepted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and authorize the appropriate Authority officials to execute all documents necessary to implement the revised Local Limits and satisfy applicable NPDES permit requirements.

2:47 (?) motioned and (?) seconded (not announced) that the Bellefonte Borough Authority adopt Resolution No. 2026-5 approving the revised Local Limits for the Bellefonte Borough Authority Pretreatment Program, as accepted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and authorize the appropriate Authority officials to execute all documents necessary to implement the revised Local Limits and satisfy applicable NPDES permit requirements. Discussion regarding. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

- Adoption of the 2027–2031 Capital Improvement Program.
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Authority adopt Resolution No. 2026-6, approving the Bellefonte Borough 2027–2031 Capital Improvement Program, as presented and revised through August 4, 2026, with any amendments approved by the Authority.
 - No action taken on this item at the meeting tonight. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

- GPRS Water System Leak Survey Report
 - Staff provided a brief overview of the results of the recent GPRS leak survey, which identified several leak locations and areas requiring additional investigation within the Borough's water distribution system. The report will assist staff in prioritizing future maintenance and repair efforts. No action is required.

- McQuaide Blasko Legal Invoice July 2026.
 - Suggested Motion: That the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority approves the McQuaide Blasko Legal Invoice for June 2026.

3:00 (? Not announced) motioned and Beigle seconded that the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority approves the McQuaide Blasko Legal Invoice for June 2026. Discussion regarding the actual amount due. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

- Discussion regarding the Waterfront Hotel project
- Discussion regarding and ordinance for free water for a resident.
- Discussion regarding Benninghoff's letter regarding the Rockview property.

ADJOURNMENT

- *(3:12) Beigle motioned and (?) seconded to adjourn tonight's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:12? 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.*