

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

**September 22, 2026 – 5 p.m.
301 N. Spring Street – The Oak Room
Bellefonte, PA 16823
www.bellefonte.net**

CALL TO ORDER

This special meeting was called to order September 22, 2026 at 5pm by Doug Johnson. The meeting was held in person and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and finalize plans for the Big Spring Cover Project.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Authority members present: *(There was no roll call for tonight's meeting.)*

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

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

- *No minutes review this evening.*

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **Continued Discussion – Big Spring Cover Project and Big Spring Enhancement Project**
 - Narrative - The Authority Board approved the Big Spring Enhancement Master Plan on September 1, and a Request for Proposals is currently out for response on final design, engineering, and construction management. There were some items from the master plan that warranted additional Authority discussion so that the bid package can be refined to reflect the most accurate base bid and alternates. Also, the Authority is asked to decide on a color for the Big Spring cover so that Alco can begin ordering and manufacturing of the material for installation next spring. Provided with the agenda is a copy of the Big Spring Enhancement Project Approved Master Plan and cover specification sheet.
 - Black or tan are the only color options that are available for the price quoted, but tan is a 5-8 week lead time and would be an additional \$4,600.
 - Other custom color options could be available in 8-10 weeks and would cost an additional \$24,750.
 - Current budget for this project is \$1.87M.
 - The cover would come with a 30 year weathering warranty.
 - Construction is slated to start in Spring, 2027

Beigle motioned and Stewart seconded that the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority approve “Spanish Olive” - #3672 as the color selection for the cover. Voice vote. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

- Discussion regarding a slate roof.
 - Revised costs with a slate roof would be \$1.5-4M.
- Scenic Overlook discussion and review.
- Fencing discussion and review.
- Brick/fountain pavers discussion and review (Bricks? Stamped concrete?)
 - It was clarified that the promenade will be unit pavers on a aggregate base. There will be an upcharge for a decorative pattern.
- Contract, construction and financial details

- Deadline for questions is October 6, 2026.
- Proposals are due October 13, 2026 at 4pm.
- October 26-29 are interviews.
- November 3rd the Authority will award the bid.
- Discussion regarding Tallyrand Stage project progress
- Ms. Barbara Dann, council member, addressed the Authority regarding meeting recordings and public transparency. She expressed concern that the meetings are not recorded and available to the public. She formally requested that Bellefonte Borough Council request that the Authority begin holding their meetings in Council Chambers and that all Authority meetings be recorded by C-NET. Ms. Dann stated that she feels strongly that Borough Council has an obligation to ensure that Borough residents have meaningful access to all public proceedings.

ADJOURNMENT

- *Beigle motioned to adjourn. There was no second to adjourn tonight's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm. The meeting end time was not announced.*