

Bowmanstown Borough Authority
November 19, 2024
Minutes

The Bowmanstown Borough Authority meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman - Darren Thomas; Vice Chairman – Joseph Civitella; Treasurer – Mathew Behler, Secretary -Chad Everett, member – Rodney Reeser, Solicitor -Neil Ettinger, Engineer -Mark Bahnick, Water Plant Operator - Craig LaBarre -attended by phone and Clerk – Tara Takerer were present.

Visitors:

- No visitors were present.

Approval For:

- **A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd Chad Everett to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024, motion carried.**
- **A motion was made by Chad Everett, 2nd Rodney Reeser to approve the treasurer report of November 19, 2024 and payment of bills, motion carried.**

Solicitor:

- Nothing to report

Engineer:

- Engineer will provide a cost estimate for booster pumps. Booster pumps would be needed, if the Authority needed to tie-in Trivalleys Well to the water system, so water can be pumped up to the Water tank off of Oak Street.
- Highway Occupancy Permit was returned by PennDOT, requiring revisions. Van Cleef is working on resolving.
- DEP certificate of construction/modification form will be completed by Van Cleef

Other Business:

- **A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd Rodney Reeser to approve the final 2025 water authority budget, motion carried.**
- Notifications has been sent out to all unknown customers regarding their water service line classification; galvanized letters still must be mailed.
- Kirk Summa & Company will audit 2024 water authority books

Property/Water Operations:

- Darren has been in contact with Matt Lang and will set up a meeting with him to walk the easement on Craig Street.
- Leak detection was performed on the entire system looking for water leaks on 10/21/2024.
- Water main break occurred on 10/21/2024 on Fireline Road (775 Fireline Road driveway).

Water main break occurred on Mill Street (609 Mill Street) on 11/19/2024.

Water service line was leaking on homeowner side of 610 Craig Street. Homeowner had plumber repair; this was inspected by Boro crew on 10/28/2024.

- Craig LaBarre believes Well #3 low water issues were due to the above stated leaks.
- Drought warning has been placed for Carbon County, all residents were notified by the Rave call out system & posted on Boroughs Facebook page, to voluntary conserve water until further notice.
- Duane Dellecker advised that there is a train model display room above 419 Hamilton Street garage.
- Tunnel line valve on Hamilton and Spring Street has been disconnect on 11/12/2024, to the best of the water operator’s knowledge, the tunnel line is no longer hooked up to the system.
- Lehigh Valley Valve replaced the Pressure Reducing Valve on Lime Street on 10/23/2024. Since replacement, all highwater pressure issues have been resolved.
- Flushing of townwide hydrants will be postponed, due to lack of rain and until drought warning has been lifted.

Correspondence:

Subject:	Date:	Summary:
Unknown water service line letters	10/31/2024	140 letters were mailed to homeowners that did not submit survey letters and are currently listed as 'unknown' for their water service line.
PRWA operator health & safety guide	11/21/2024	Training program for operators; information on file in office
PRWA	1/16/2025	Automatic Control Valves for Water Distribution System – information on file
PMAA	11/7/2024	Final Lead & Copper rule improvements
DEP Drought warning	11/7/2024	Drought warning has been called for Carbon County – noticed has been placed online, RAVE callout

Adjournment:

- **A motion was made by Chad Everett, 2nd Rodney Reeser to adjourn the water meeting at 6:18 pm, Motion carried.**

PENDING LIST:

- * New hydrants to be installed/replacing old in town
- * Craig to provide lock boxes
- *Innovative Controls ~Craig advised that Joe Liberti formulated a plan and Bellview must be scheduled on Well #1
- *PennDOT/Fireline Road drain issues by old Hotel, PennDOT waiting on workorder being approved
- *155 Manor Drive; Craig & Banko to address; dig up shut off valve ~ Craig will verify this still needs to be completed.