

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
December 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Izzo at 7:00pm.

Roll Call found the following members present:

Nathan Leslie, Bob Slosser, Michael Marciante, Cody Jackson, Lu Anne Izzo, Art VanTassel, Jimmy Nolfi, and Douglas Ordak.

President Izzo acknowledged that there was an Executive Meeting on December 5, 2022.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*November 14, 2022*) with the correction of the 2023 proposed budget being *nine hundred sixty-one thousand, twenty-six dollars (\$961,026.00)* not *eight hundred eighty-nine thousand, nine hundred ninety-three dollars (\$889,993.00)*...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to accept the balances of the Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve payment of the December bills with the Cargill invoice to be paid out of the Liquid Fuel fund (PLGIT)...*carried*

VISITORS: Kenny Smith (Compliments to the borough on a wonderful Christmas Parade), Steve Baker/Baker Forestry - Proposal provided to council for the purchase of 45 trees located in Bessemer Lake Park for the price of \$6,500. The contract does not include the removal of the treetops unless the tops would be usable for firewood.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to move forward with the selling of 45 borough trees located in Bessemer Lake Park for the price of \$6,500 with the purchaser agreeing to bond (\$10,000) Lakeside Drive ...*carried*

Ordinance No. 9 of 2022 (Water Rate Increase)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to *amend Ordinance No. 9 of 2022* that increases the water rate by **ten dollars (\$10)** including to revisit the water department funds quarterly to see if additional funds are available that can be placed into the PLGIT Water Fund...*carried*

Slosser, Marciante, Jackson, Nolfi, and Ordak -Yah and VanTassel -Nay (would like to see monthly deposits into the Water Fund (PLGIT).

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to adopt **Ordinance No. 9 of 2022** that increases the water rate by **ten dollars (\$10)** across the board and to quarterly revisit the availability of additional funds that can be deposited into the PLGIT Water Fund...*carried*

Slosser, Marciante, Jackson, Nolfi, and Ordak - In favor and VanTassel -Opposes

2023 Budget - Balanced 2023 Budget (\$961,026.00)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to pass the 2023 balanced budget of **nine hundred sixty-one thousand, twenty-six dollars (\$961,026.00)**...*carried*

Resolution No. 16 of 2022 - 2023 Tax Rates

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to pass **Resolution No. 16 of 2022** that sets the tax rates for the 2023 year to remain the same as 2022...*carried*

Resolution No. 17 of 2022 - Sidewalk Agreement with PennDOT (Hickory Run Bridge/S. Main St)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to pass **Resolution No. 17 of 2022** that places in motion the sidewalk agreement with PennDOT for the S. Main Street bridge over Hickory Run Creek...*carried*

2023 Council Meeting Schedule

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the regular council meeting schedule for 2023...*carried*

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2023 Paid Holidays

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to approve the 2023 Paid Holidays with Christmas Eve being given on Friday, December 22, 2023...**carried**

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie gave a public appreciation to all those involved in making the Christmas Light-Up-Night a success. Mayor Leslie announced the winners of the Home Decorating Contest: **1st Place** - Cameron Family (8th St), **2nd Place** - Quear Family (E. Poland Ave.), and **3rd Place** - Walker Family (8th St)

Police Report: Chief Charmo read report ... *see written report*
Lights/2023 Ford Police Vehicle Quotes: Jason Daughtry (EMC)- \$4,849.98 and IbisTek - \$6,224.00
A **motion** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve Jason Daughtry for the lights/installation on the 2023 Police Interceptor vehicle...**carried**

Fire Department Report: Chief Breetz and Justin Javens (both present)
President Izzo read reports. *See written report...*
Chief Breetz reported that the 404 is in service and needs inspected. Mr. VanTassel received invoices from the department that he will review to see what the borough owes. Justin Javens reported that the borough owes \$1,629.57. Mr. Jackson will work with the secretary to find out if the borough invoices were paid.

Public Works Report: Joe Werhnyak... *See written report.*

BMA Report: Not in attendance. *See written report.*

Engineer's Report: Eric Buzza gave report... *see written report.*
Liquid Engineering requested pictures of the water tower that were already provided to the company. Mr. Buzza sent the photos once again for the quote process. Alternative options for the inspection and cleaning of the tank was discussed. Mr. Buzza suggested that we get a quote from Liquid Engineering for the repairs and look into other companies for the same work. The borough received proposals when we initiated the inspection and cleaning of the water tank. In accordance with the Service Line Inventory that the DEP has made mandatory with a deadline of **October 16, 2024**, the seminar Mr. Buzza attended provided information for the borough. The borough is required to verify which materials are used in the service lines to customers' homes and the borough's main lines. The borough may need to rely on Don Wharry to offer his opinion since he has done a majority of repairs in the last few years. We may need to dig up areas to see what we have and this is a favorable time to install the curb boxes that have been missing since the sewer lines were installed. This inventory only applies to homes built prior to 1991. If it is discovered that a customer has a lead line, the customer isn't required to change it, but the borough will have the responsibility to send a letter each year regarding their lead line.
There are internal inspections that can be conducted with a camera (scope) to see what the lines are. The borough could petition the DEP that we did a subset of this area and found that there were no lead lines. This may be acceptable. The Water Committee will meet to discuss the plan.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - County Grant (Roosevelt Ave. Bridge) A resolution is needed prior. Mayor Leslie will gather the information for submittal.

Human Resources: Art VanTassel - Janet Novad/Borough Coordinator/\$22 per hour/40 hours per week.
A **motion** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to name Janet Novad the Borough Coordinator with the hourly wage of \$22.00 at full-time (40hours/week) effective January 1, 2023...**carried**
Borough employees will go through the Borough Coordinator regarding daily responsibilities and calling off. The Borough Coordinator will bring to the employees all requests from the Council President.

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Borough Property: Bob Slosser - F600 Representative will be at the borough on 12/13/22 to go over operations.

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Lease Agreement (4th Street borough property) is ready for signatures with David Byers. Penn Power pole on E. Stewart Ave. has a sinkhole. Penn Power is aware that the new pole placed about six years ago may have punctured the storm drain.

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Water Committee will contact Jeff Stauhl and meet with him prior to the next meeting. A form will be created for the Lead Line Inventory. Mr. Nolfi would like to start at 8th Street and work our way back up to the center of town.

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel -

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Millings for the boat ramp have been delivered and are ready to be spread over the ramp. The poles will be coming soon to be placed as barriers.

Old Business:

"Off-Duty" Police Officers Plowing (\$16)

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to pay the off-duty police officers \$16 per hour to assist with the plowing when needed...*carried* Mr. Slosser opposed.

New Business:

Code Enforcement Officer - Needing additional hours due to numerous cases/hearings

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to give Code Enforcement Officer Perrotta up to 10 additional hours per month during the winter months...*carried*

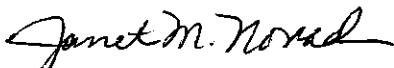
Removal of Water Fee - Business/Homeowner requesting to pay only one tap-in now that the owner is no longer living in the residence. Council did not give approval to remove the residential water fee.

E-ZPass - A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to purchase one E-ZPass for the borough to use when entering the toll road...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to adjourn the meeting...*carried*

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS (1)	PFA VIOLATIONS ()
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ()	PROPERTY CHECKS (60)
ASSISTS (7)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (7)
ASSAULTS ()	PUBLIC INTOXICATION (1)
ATV COMPLAINT (2)	OVERDOSE ()
BURGLARY ()	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (2)
BURNING COMPLAINT (2)	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE ()
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (2) JUVENILES ()	THEFT/ FRAUD ()
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (2)	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ()
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES ()	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (4)
DUI ARREST ()	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS (3)
HARASSMENT (1)	TRAFFIC STOPS (9)
MEDICAL CALLS (5)	WARNINGS (5)
MISSING PERSONS (1)	TRESPASSING ()
ERRATIC DRIVERS ()	FOLLOW UP ()
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ()	911 HANG UP ()
VEHICLE REPAIR ()	WELFARE CHECK (3)
ROAD HAZARD (1)	FOUND PROPERTY ()
PSYCHIATRIC (1)	ASSIST FIRE ()
NARCOTICS (1)	ASSIST PUBLIC (7)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 496.5	Hours
FUEL: 127.5	Gallons
MILES: 1,822	Miles

Bessemer Volunteer Fire Company Council Report November

Balances:

General Checking: \$7,515.05

General Savings: \$6,879.85

Relief Checkings: \$10,956.47

Relief Savings: \$760.32

CD #1: \$566.75

CD #2: \$529.62

Deposits:

\$1,000 UGI Energy

\$300 First Covenant church Bessemer

Purchases:

Paint for Rescue 404

Christmas supplies for kids Christmas party

Mahoning Station 200 final payment for Rescue 404

Fuel:

Calls:

(2 calls Total)

1 Gas Odor

1 Brush Fire

Training:

November 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Norman's Garage performed state inspection and PM on one ton dump truck. Two new front tires were required. Purchased from R & J Tires.

Batteries filled on one ton later in the month. Replaced and a maintainer installed by Thompson's.

Plow and salt spreader installed and tested on one ton.

Batteries and electrical system tested and a maintainer installed on backhoe by Thompson's.

Received new F-600. Washed and waxed as requested.

Water

Postings and one shut off.

Issues with injection of chlorine upon start up of well #1. Acting upon advice received from Bluebook technical assistance, replaced current 250 psi injector with a 150 psi injector. Currently running now with no issues.

Numerous one calls responded to in regards to sidewalk restoration and prior to paving.

Additional one calls for individual gas services on the tree streets.

Tank inspection. Mr. Buzzan will elaborate with any information that he may have received from the inspection company.

Streets

Snowflake decorations tested. Installed by Mr. McConahy while assisting with the installation of the latest shipment of veteran's banners.

Lowered the placement of the speed limit sign on the existing post at the end of the borough limits on East Poland to accommodate banner as directed.

Stop sign at the intersection of West Poland and Walnut knocked down. Reinstalled with new base post.

Received in excess of 115 tons of road salt.

Borough Property

Perennial bed and leaves addressed at municipal building. Leaves addressed at the monument in Kennedy Park.

Assisted with spreading out the millings, grading, and planting of grass seed at the boat launch as requested.

Leveled the mulch and soil dumped in the old dump location at Lake Park.

Dumpsters delivered to residences on Field, First, Elm, and East Fairview.

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2022

INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 1-30, 2022

69	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
\$3,001.25	Total owed in late payments
17	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
1	Total customers to have water shut off
1	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
0	Total Property Sales
0	Total Sheriff Sales
0	Total Liens applied

BMA

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK
ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$43,575.80
OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$294,238.82
PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$191,277.74
F & G ANNUITY: \$129,260.65
GRAND TOTAL: \$658,353.01
LOAN FCB: \$1,784,891.27
BESSEMER SEVERLEY DELINQUENT \$12,010.00

BMA ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET

M. Davidson & Associates, Inc.
WasteWater Treatment Specialists

Michael P. Davidson

4707 Scott Road
Jamestown Pa. 16134
(724) 932-6050 notify to send fax

To: Board of Directors
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson
Date: December 08, 2022
Subject: November 2022 Operators Report

CATEGORY	OBTAINED		REQUIRED
	NOVEMBER 2022		
Flow (MG/D)	0.167	0.350 Maximum	
CBOD (MGL)	3 mg/l	25 Maximum	
Total Suspended Solids (MGL)	5 mg/l	30 Maximum	
Total Nitrogen (MGL)		Menitor Quarterly	
Total Phosphorus (MGL)		Menitor Quarterly	
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGL)	0.8 mg/l	12.5 Maximum	
Fecal Cellform (Sanematic Average)	105/100 ML	2,000/100 ML Maximum	
Dissolved Oxygen	8.1 mg/l	4.0 Minimum	
Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)	0.25 mg/l	0.32 Maximum	

The treatment plant produced a good quality effluent discharge throughout the month of November 2022. All parameters were within N.P.D.E.S. permit limits.

NOVEMBER 2022

The average daily flow for the month of November was 0.167.

The precipitation for November was 2.30".

The NPDES permit for the treatment plant expires on May 31, 2023, the permit renewal application needs to be submitted by December 31, 2022.

Cleaned out the influent pump station, cleaned the grit out of the head works, hosed down the clarifiers, drained and cleaned the chlorine contact tanks, drained and cleaned the sump pit, cleaned the strainers on the effluent line and chlorine feed line.

Continued adding dechlor to the effluent, Works great.

M Davidson is paying for the dechlor, request the Authority pay for the garbage dumpster.

Replaced the effluent water pump.

Cleaned one sludge drying bed.

No sludge was hauled during November 2022.

Checked the oil in both blowers.

Switched blowers from #2 to #1 and cleaned the #1 blower air filter.

Plant discharge monitoring report for the month of November 2022 was complete and sent to the Authority, RAR Engineering and PADEP.

Decant 17,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 7 PA One calls.

Performed 1 home inspections.

Daily routines of analytical testing, plant inspection, skimming the tanks and taking readings are daily tasks that are not in the report.

If the Board should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Michael P. Davidson
President



BESSEMER BOROUGH
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
DECEMBER 12, 2022 MEETING

1. Tank Inspection
Liquid Engineering has requested copies of photos of the top of the tank in order to provide an estimate for installation of the tie offs needed to access the tank interior for the inspection.
2. Bridge Water Line Relocation
We have had the proposed relocation design prepared and it is being reviewed internally. Once approved it will be submitted to PennDOT/Bridge replacement consultant for review.
3. Statewide USA Grant Applications
No update on the status of the applications has been received.
4. Operations Assistance
Staff have been alternating operation of both well sources.
5. System Service Line Inventory
A DEP training seminar was attended and the tasks required to complete this work were outlined. A discussion of the potential sources of information is needed.
This work must be completed by October 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.
Eric Buzza
Senior Operations Specialist