

THE REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF
BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
January 2, 2024

The reorganization meeting was called to order by Mayor Nathan R. Leslie at 6:00pm.

Roll Call found the following members present:

Nathan Leslie, Bob Slosser, Michael Marciante, LuAnne Izzo, Art VanTassel, Rick Dudzenski, and Douglas Ordak.
Absent was Cody Jackson.

Mayor Leslie asks for nominations for council president. Mr. Slosser nominates Douglas Ordak. Mr. Marciante nominates Rick Dudzenski. Mr. Ordak nominates LuAnne Izzo. Mayor Leslie asks for a second and third time. No other nominations.

Roll Call Vote: **PRESIDENT**

1st Nomination - Douglas Ordak

Bob Slosser - YES, Mike Marciante - NO, LuAnne Izzo - YES, Art VanTassel - NO, Rick Dudzenski - NO, and Douglas Ordak - YES ... 3 YES and 3 NO ...

2nd Nomination - Rick Dudzenski

Mike Marciante - YES, LuAnne Izzo - NO, Art VanTassel - YES, Rick Dudzenski - YES, Douglas Ordak - NO, and Bob Slosser - NO ... 3 YES and 3 NO ...

3rd Nomination - LuAnne Izzo

LuAnne Izzo - NO, Art VanTassel - NO, Rick Dudzenski - NO, Douglas Ordak - YES, Bob Slosser - NO, Mike Marciante - NO ... 1 YES and 5 NO ...

The tie between Douglas Ordak and Rick Dudzenski is broken by Mayor Leslie voting for Douglas Ordak for Council President.

Mayor Leslie asks for nominations for council vice president. Bob Slosser nominates LuAnne Izzo.

Mayor Leslie asks a second and third time for nominations. No other nominations.

Roll Call Vote: **VICE PRESIDENT**

Art VanTassel - YES, Rick Dudzenski - YES, Douglas Ordak - YES, Bob Slosser - YES, Mike Marciante - YES, and LuAnne Izzo - YES ... 6 unanimous YES votes...

Mayor Leslie asks for nominations for council president pro-temp. Douglas Ordak nominated Rick Dudzenski (Accepted), LuAnne Izzo nominated Bob Slosser (Declined). Mayor Leslie asks a second and third time for nominations. No other nominations.

Roll Call Vote: **PRESIDENT PRO-TEMP**

Rick Dudzenski - YES, Douglas Ordak - YES, Bob Slosser - YES, Mike Marciante - YES, LuAnne Izzo - YES, and Art VanTassel - YES ... 6 unanimous YES votes...

********Douglas Ordak takes over the reorganization meeting as Council President***

A ***motion*** was made by Mrs. Izzo, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to set the mileage rate for 2024 at 67 cents per mile and to appoint for 2024: Janet Novad as Secretary/Treasurer, Louis M. Perrotta as Solicitor (at \$115 per hour), Ken Holly as Flood Plain Administrator, Jason Daughtry as Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Novad as Vacancy Board, Berkheimer as collector for Wage Tax and Local Service Tax, Gannett Fleming as Principal Engineer, Huntington Bank as Depositor of Borough Funds, Douglas Ordak to the FD Campbell Library Board. To the Bessemer Planning Commission for a four year term: Eugene Retort, Art VanTassel, and Bud Haylett. To the Bessemer Zoning Hearing Board: Bud Haylett, Eugene Retort, and Mike Marciante. Nathan Leslie as Lawrence County Council of Governments, Code Sys as Principal Code Enforcement, Nathan Leslie as Zoning Officer, Cody Jackson/Douglas Ordak(Alternate) as Sewage Enforcement Officer(s), Bill Hauser as Auditor. Douglas Ordak, LuAnne Izzo, Mike Marciante, and Nathan Leslie (upon approval by the borough solicitor) as check signers...***carried***

********Borough Council enters into the regular meeting at 6:47pm***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Dudzenski, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*December 11, 2023*)...***carried***

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

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve payment of the January bills using Liquid Fuels money for the Cargill invoice and with the inclusion of an additional invoice from Wes's Heating & Cooling for \$841.66 (Bay area heating units of Fire Department)...***carried***

2024 Approved Budget - will not be reopened at this time.

Visitors: Ron Izzo (Mr. Izzo has been asked to look at the outlet in the square after the outlet blew during the holidays), Jeff Breetz (FD), Kurt Miller (FD), Justin Javens (FD), and Jimmy Verlotte (Book & Proch) - Will compile the inventory of the borough's main lines. Information has been documented after the break on 13th Street. The chlorine analyzer will need to be replaced. Council was provided with a quote of \$6,875 for the replacement.

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A *motion* was made by Mrs. Izzo, and seconded by Mr. Dudzenski, to have Book & Proch order a new chlorine analyzer at the cost of \$6,875 with the borough using funds from the PLGIT water account...*carried*

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie – Nothing to report

Police Report: Mayor Leslie read report...*see written report*

The resolution for the second fulltime officer will have to wait until the February meeting while the solicitor reviews pension details for Officer Wallace. The MPS patrolling contract has been reviewed by council.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Dudzenski, to approve of the MPS Police Patrol Contract and to move forward with the new company's acceptance...*carried*

Fire Department Report: Chief Breetz read report ...*see written report*

Assistant Chief Miller reported that they are still waiting on the new radios. Approximately \$33,000 is still in the Relief Fund for the radios. He also reported to Mr. Marciante that the contaminated dumpster has been cleaned and is ready for the Mr. Holly to pick it up.

Public Works Report: Written Report was emailed. Mayor Leslie read report...*see written report*. Council instructed Mr. Holly to clear the trucks of any salt after each use.

BMA Report: No Reports

Engineer's Report: Eric Buzzza reported (No Written Report):

Mr. Buzzza provided the borough with a copy of the Gannett Fleming Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Buzzza mentioned that any services provided by Gannett Fleming in the development of the Dollar General store can be submitted to the developer for reimbursement.

Committee Reports: The Committees will be discussed after the meeting. President Ordak will assign each member to a committee and a chairperson for each committee.

Coordinator:

HA Thomson/Claim/Ford F-250 - (Salt-Spreader/estimate \$1329.96) Borough deductable \$1,000. Mayor Leslie's vehicle (separate claim/Ins Co. will pay his deductable of \$500 with his Ins. Co. paying the damages).

Unused Sick/Personal Days - Chief Charms (53 hours) and Ken Holly (40 hours). The Human Resource Committee can look into this once the new committee is formed.

Snow Removal/Additional Hires - Council agreed to have Mr. Werhnyak and Mr. Masters help for right now and will wait until the additional names are provided and looked into.

Old Business: **Kubota or Backhoe Forks** - More information to be collected for a new Kubota. The Fire Department would like to turn the 408 Brush Truck into a Rescue Squad Truck by removing the tank. The department will sell the tank on Municibid, placing funds back into the relief account. **Fire Siren** - Council asked the Fire Department to look into the Weather Radios for the residents. The project could be used as a possible fundraiser.

New Business: Borough Fees (list provided to council for adjustment)

Resolution No. 1 of 2024 - Borough Fees

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mrs. Izzo, to leave the borough fees of 2013 and the current fees as is until the 2024 committee can look it over...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to enter into executive session...*carried*

Executive Session: 7:49pm

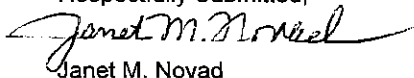
A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, enter back into the regular meeting...*carried*

Regular Meeting: 8:15pm

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mrs. Izzo, to adjourn the meeting...*carried*

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS ()	PFA	()
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (3)	PROPERTY CHECKS	(49)
ASSISTS ()	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER	(14)
ASSAULTS (1)	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	()
ATV COMPLAINT ()	OVERDOSE	()
BURGLARY ()	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	(3)
BURNING COMPLAINT ()	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	(1)
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (1) JUVENILES ()	THEFT/ FRAUD	(1)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (2)	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	(2)
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES (2)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	(4)
DUI ARREST ()	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS	()
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (1)	TRAFFIC STOPS	(2)
MEDICAL CALLS (2)	WARNINGS	()
MISSING PERSONS ()	TRESPASSING	()
ERRATIC DRIVERS ()	FOLLOW UP	(9)
JUVENILE COMPLAINT (2)	911 HANG UP	(1)
VEHICLE REPAIR ()	WELFARE CHECK	()
ROAD HAZARD (3)	FOUND PROPERTY	(1)
PSYCHIATRIC ()	ASSIST FIRE	(1)
NARCOTICS ()	ASSIST PUBLIC	(5)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED	425	Hours
FUEL:	76	Gallons
MILES:	1,175	Miles

December 2023

Vehicles & Equipment

Diesel used: 56.3 Gas used: 19.1

Salt Boxes installed with spreaders put in both trucks

Backhoe serviced for a hydraulic leak at Hermans Garage

Water

Postings: 41 Shut offs: 1

Water line break on 12th St. 12/20/21-12/21/23

Fire Hydrant at the corner of Wallage and 15th has small leak

Borough Property

Salt thrown

5 loads of salt received

Down trees at park removed

Brush around gazebo removed

New motor mount and spinner received and put on F-250 salt box

DATE	TIME	FUEL	MILES	REMARKS
12-23	30.1	F300		M.T.V.C.E. ADD D
12-23	26.2	F600		ADD D
12-14-23	19.1	F350		ADD 6

Bessemer Volunteer Fire Company Council Report December 2023

General Checking: \$2,091.97

General Savings: \$5,381.28

Relief Checking: \$54,919.70

Relief Savings: \$760.50

CD #1: \$567.03

CD #2: \$529.87

Deposits:

Relief Deposits
\$6011.59
\$5063.00

Purchases:

Chinese Auction Stuff
Christmas Party Decorations

Fuel:

39.4 Gallons Diesel
14.3 Gallons Unleaded

Calls: 2 Calls total

1 Entrapment
1 MVA

Training:

ENDING BALANCES

January 31, 2024

GENERAL FUND	\$50,000.00
RECREATIONAL FUND	\$356.08
WAGE TAX SV	\$1,000.00
PAYROLL ACCT	\$10,641.42
POLICE DEPT	\$19,795.52
MONEY MARKET SV	\$141,790.58
*PLGIT (HIGHWAY AID)	\$66,524.57
*PLGIT (Water Fund/Capital Improvements)	\$120,056.92