

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
January 9, 2023

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, Lu Anne Izzo, Jimmy Nolfi, and Douglas Ordak.

Absent: Cody Jackson and Art VanTassel

President Izzo acknowledged that there was an Executive Meeting on January 4, 2023.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*December 12, 2022*)...*carried*

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

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve payment of the January bills...*carried*

2023 Appointments

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to appoint...

Secretary/Treasurer - Janet Novad; Borough Solicitor - Louis M. Perrotta; Flood Plain Administrator - Joe Werhnyak; Emergency Management Coordinator - Jason Daughtry; Vacancy Board - Mike Novad; Wage Tax & Local Service Tax - Berkheimer; Borough Principal Engineer - Gannett Fleming; Depositor of Funds - Huntington Bank; FD Campbell Library Board - Douglas Ordak; Bessemer Planning Commission - Eugene Retort, Art VanTassel, and Bud Haylett; Bessemer Zoning Board - Bud Haylett, Eugene Retort, and Mike Marciante; Lawrence County Council of Governments - Nathan Leslie; Code Enforcement - Code Sys; Zoning Officer - Joe Werhnyak; Sewage Enforcement Officer - Cody Jackson/Douglas Ordak as alternate; Auditing Firm - Philip Weiner & Co.; Signer of Checks - Lu Anne Izzo and Cody Jackson; and Constable - Art VanTassel...*carried*

VISITORS: Sam Masters

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie reported that Bessemer does not qualify for the 100% Federal Grant due to Bessemer being included with surrounding municipalities placing the borough above the poverty rate percentage. Mayor Leslie will look into Bessemer being separated from the other municipalities/areas. Code Enforcement (Perrotta) will receive a vest to wear when he needs to step out of the vehicle to identify him as Code Enforcement.

Police Report: Chief Charmo read report ... *see written report*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the 2023 uniform allowance for the patrolmen at \$150 and the Chief at \$500...*carried*

The 2023 Ford Police Interceptor should be ready in the coming weeks. The financing will need to be decided at the next meeting or special meeting.

Fire Department Report: Chief Breetz and Justin Javens (present)

President Izzo read reports. *See written report...*

The Fire Dept will provide a list of all repairs for the department's vehicles for council to approve.

The restoration of the 1927 Fire Engine will be placed on hold and a Historical Grant will be researched.

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

Don Wharry will work with the borough on the waterline inventory project.

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

The owner of the rental property on Bestview Ave. agrees to change the water shutoff valve so that the water can be shut off for nonpayment.

Engineer's Report: Eric Buzza gave report... *see written report.*

Mr. Buzza will come to Bessemer when the new hire is available to go over the fundamentals of the day to day procedures. He will also be doing the quarterly chlorine tests and feels this would be important for the new hire to be present for. Mr. Nolfi is requesting that he be present when the testing and instructions are given. Mr. Buzza suggested renting a lift (86') for the inspection of the water tower so that the expense of the alterations of the tower may be avoided. Mr. Nolfi reported that Jeff Stauhl is not interested in being the water operator at this time due to personal issues. The borough is to check with Jeff Stauhl in six months.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - 14th Street

The resident is asking for stone to be placed at the end of the street just past the drive. This is the only house on the street. Mr. Slosser will check with Gary Pezzuolo regarding stone.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to budget between \$500 - \$700 for the project...*carried*

Mr. Marciante would also like to get the PennDOT street sweeper back.

Human Resources: Art VanTassel - Absent - President Izzo brought up to council the five unused sick days of Mr. Werhnyak for 2022.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to carry over Mr. Werhnyak's five unused sick days (use or lose) before he retires...*carried*

New Hire - Sam Masters

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to hire Sam Masters at \$18 per hour at fulltime (40 hours per week) starting Monday, January 23, 2023, with a 90-day probation...*carried*

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - Suggests driving the F600 a couple times per month on Interstate 376 to clean the diesel (vehicle maintenance). Mr. Slosser would like to see Mr. Werhnyak do a complete inventory of all tools and supplies in the maintenance garage before Mr. Werhnyak retires.

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Absent - President Izzo reported that the North Beaver Sewer residents may be interested in having garbage pickup under the borough's contract.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to give the North Beaver residents that have Bessemer sewers the option to refuse pickup...*carried*

St. Anthony cancelled the dumpster service and will now be paying the residential rate of \$26 for the church site. Borough Fees to be looked over to consider passing an Ordinance to set fees.

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Requesting a generic Inventory Form with letterhead "Bessemer Borough/Waterline Inventory" with check boxes for Lead, Copper, Galvanized, and Plastic. Mr. Nolfi would like an All-Call announcing the week and location in which the borough will start and a FaceBook Post. He is suggesting we start on W. Poland Ave. (Rt. 317), the tree streets, and Covenant Dr.

Mr. Nolfi offered to help so that the processes of taking inventory doesn't fall behind schedule. Mr. Buzza suggested that the borough purchase a Safety Amp Meter to make sure the lines are grounded first.

Mr. Nolfi would like Mr. Buzza to get the borough a quote for the Pump House waterline. He would like to see if there are any grants available for the replacement of the lines. Mr. Nolfi would like to see two waterlines in the plant with valves (Insert-A Valve) on each. This would enable the borough to work on each side without shutting the water off. Mr. Buzza's main concern is the condition of the current water main and compromising the line during installation.

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel - Absent

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Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Baker Forestry has begun the removal of the trees. Mr. Ordak has reported that there is no noise or damage to the property.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to issue a \$200 check to the Fire Chief and a \$100 check to the Assistant Fire Chief...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to issue the \$5,047 Fire Department Tax check to the Fire Department...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to issue the \$5,047 Library Tax check to the Library...*carried*

PO Lease - The lease is the same as the last lease at \$1,463 per month. Council would like to see an increase and have Lou Perrotta negotiate for the borough. Secretary to send lease agreement to the solicitor.

Karsky - Cameras - Pump House - Tabled subject to collect information regarding more options.

Fire Fly Invoices - Fire Department - Justin Javens agreed that the invoices that the borough received and paid from Fire Fly were correct. He is waiting on more information from the company for what the department owes.

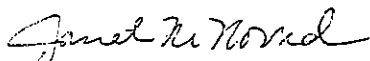
Borough Coordinator - Asking for the understanding that the new position is added to the Secretary/Treasurer's position and will need to complete both jobs. It was suggested that the Borough Coordinator choose a time of day to respond back to council. Emergencies will be handled immediately.

Backhoe - Steve Mazzarini has offered to sandblast and paint the backhoe.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

December 2022

Vehicles

ALARMS (1)
 ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (2)
 ASSISTS (12)
 ASSAULTS ()
 ATV COMPLAINT ()
 BURGLARY ()
 BURNING COMPLAINT ()
 CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (2) JUVENILES ()
 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ()
 DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES (1)
 DUI ARREST ()
 HARASSMENT ()
 MEDICAL CALLS (3)
 MISSING PERSONS
 ERRATIC DRIVERS (1)
 JUVENILE COMPLAINT ()
 VEHICLE REPAIR ()
 ROAD HAZARD (4)
 PSYCHIATRIC (2)
 NARCOTICS ()
 PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 500 Hours
 FUEL: 116.20 Gallons
 MILES: 1,844 Miles

PFA VIOLATIONS (1) F600 taken in for undercoating.
 PROPERTY CHECKS (62) McCandless Ford dropped off the Quality Truck mud flaps for the F600.
 REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (9) Quality Truck dropped off the spare tire and tailgate for the F600 and provided training i
 the operation of the new salt spreader. They returned the next day to make the proper
 PUBLIC INTOXICATION (2) adjustments to the truck to allow a full range of operation.
 OVERDOSE (1) Checked and topped off fluids in all vehicles prior to inclement weather.
 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (1) Mounted plow on pick up. Plow lights not working. Addressed and operational again but
 current issue of intermittent angling of the blade.
 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (1)
 THEFT/ FRAUD (2) Water
 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT () Thirty two postings. Two shut offs.
 TRAFFIC CITATIONS (2) Shut off water at the request of a resident for plumbing repairs.
 NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS (3) Responded to one call for Columbia Gas on East Stewart, 2nd Street, and 7th Street.
 TRAFFIC STOPS (7) Responded to one call for private contractor on West Poland.
 WARNINGS (5) Issues with injector replacement for well #2. Threading on saddle damaging threads on
 replacement injectors. L & S provided assistance with renewing the threads and
 TRESPASSING () installation of new injector. Rebuilt the chem pump for #2 and currently awaiting
 assistance to bring well #2 back on line. Mr. Wharry stopped in to view the situation and
 FOLLOW UP (2) may be available for a recommendation to address the ongoing issue as well as input
 regarding the changes to the lead and copper rule.
 911 HANG UP ()
 WELFARE CHECK (2) Streets
 FOUND PROPERTY () Plowing and salting. Pushed back two trees from South Main during the last storm.
 ASSIST FIRE () Borough Property
 ASSIST PUBLIC (6) Picked up dumpsters on East Fairview, Elm, and Field. Dumpsters were emptied and then
 delivered to Elm, Field, and East Poland. Those dumpsters were emptied and then one
 delivered to 15th Street.
 Provided assistance for the erection of the Christmas tree in Kennedy Park.
 Oil purchased from Romano's and oil change completed on the shop air compressor.

Station 400 2023 Fundraisers
 12 food type sales
 Hall Rentals
 Yearly Festival
 Kids Christmas Party
 Easter Bunny Ride
 Raffles (public doesn't attend these, just to pick up prizes)
 12 Boot Drives
 2 Chinese Auctions

<u>DECEMBER 2022</u>				
12/5	12	PICK UP	MTCE	9PW G
12/13	10	PICK UP	"	9PW G
12/16	11.5	BACKHOE	"	9PW D
12/19	20	F600.	"	9PW D
12/23	12	PICK UP	"	9PW G
			D = DIESEL	G = GASOLINE

4707 Scott Road
Jamestown Pa. 16134
(724) 532-5050 notify to field fax

BMA

**FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK
ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES**

To: Board of Directors
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson
Date: January 12, 2023
Subject: December 2022 Operators Report

DECEMBER, 2022

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$45,438.35

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$295,223.42

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$191,978.87

F & G ANNUITY: \$129,260.65

GRAND TOTAL: \$661,901.29

CATEGORY	OBTAINED	REQUIRED
	DECEMBER 2022	
Flow (MG/D)	0.200	0.350 Maximum
CBOD (MG/L)	0 mg/l	25 Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MG/L)	5 mg/l	30 Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MG/L)	0.8 mg/l	12.9 Maximum
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	117/100 ML	2,000/100 ML Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	6.8 mg/l	4.0 Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MG/L)	0.24 mg/l	0.32 Maximum

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

DECEMBER 2022

LOAN FCB: \$1,776,665.38

BESSEMER SEVERELY DELINQUENT \$13,006.60

The average daily flow for the month of December was 0.200.

The precipitation for December was 2.45".

The NPDES permit for the treatment plant expires on May 31, 2023, the permit renewal application been 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.

Replaced the effluent water pump.

Cleaned one sludge drying bed.

No sludge was hauled during December 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 December 2022 was complete and sent to the Authority, RAR Engineering and PADEP.

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

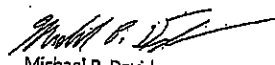
Marked 6 PA One calls.

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

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: JANUARY 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 1-31, 2022

<u>74</u>	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$3,585.55</u>	Total owed in late payments
<u>32</u>	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
<u>5</u>	Total customers to have water shut off
<u>5</u>	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
<u>0</u>	Total Property Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Sheriff Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Liens applied

12-20-2022 PER DEVYON MCCONAHY, CAN NOT LOCATE SHUT-OFF FOR 33 BESTVIEW AVENUE. THIS IS A RENTAL AND HAS BEEN ON THE SHUT-OFF LIST BEFORE.



BESSEMER BOROUGH
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
JANUARY 9, 2023 MEETING

1. Tank Inspection

Liquid Engineering has been provided with copies of photos of the top of the tank. They are to provide an estimate for installation of the tie offs needed to access the tank interior for the inspection.

The board may wish to consider requesting inspection quotes from other firms.

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

Well #2 has been offline since before Christmas due to an issue with the chlorine injector. Staff have requested assistance with restarting the well.

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.

6. Pump House Raw Water Main and Chemical Injectors

Options for modifications to the raw water main in the pump house should be considered. When replacement of the chemical injectors is required, the discharge mainline valve must be closed. This valve is difficult to close completely. Also, the condition of the raw main is not ideal. Options for addressing this situation can be presented if desired by the board.

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