

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Izzo at 7:01pm.

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 February 6, 2023.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*January 9, 2023*)...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the meeting minutes of the Special/Emergency Meeting (*January 12, 2023*)...*carried*

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

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve payment of the February bills including the late invoice arrival of Clark Enterprises (\$1450/Backhoe repairs) and Gannett Fleming (\$116/asbestos sampling research and information including photos of the water tank)...*carried*

Resolution No. 1 of 2023 (Secretary Financing Authorization)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to give Secretary Novad authorization to sign all documentations for the financing of the 2023 Ford Police Interceptor...*carried*

VISITORS: Roberta Penwell (BMA), Tracey Meanor (BMA), Anthony Shaner (FD), James McConahy (Elm Street tenant/Upset that he did not receive a call from the borough regarding the waterline break. Tenant claims that his wife called several times and left a message. Secretary Novad stated that there were no messages left on either the office answering machine or the Comcast answering service. Mr. McConahy stated that he used the emergency number that was given by the Sewer Authority), Matt DeSalvo (Elm Street landlord/upset that he did not receive a call from the borough regarding the waterline break. He was also concerned about the amount of time he had to address the code violation he received in the mail. Mr. Ordak explained that as long as you make an effort, Officer Perrotta will work with the property owner), Austin Bandemer, and Nicholas King.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie reported that he has begun the paperwork for the approved DCNR grant.

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

Resolution No. 2 of 2023 (Pulaski Mutual Aid Agreement)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to pass **Resolution No. 2 of 2023** that engages Bessemer Borough in the mutual aid with Pulaski Township...*carried*

Jersey Barriers - Mr. Slosser informed council that he can get the barriers for \$50 each.

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to purchase six (6) barriers at \$50 each...*carried*

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

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

Resolution No. 3 of 2023 (Operational Support/Worker Compensation)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve **Resolution No. 3 of 2023** that includes non-firemen to be covered under the workers compensation insurance...*carried*

Mr. VanTassel questioned the number of social members. Mr. Javens reported four (4) or five (5).

Blanket events at this time are graduation parties, birthday parties, sub sales, car washes, and funerals.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the blanket events of the Fire Department...*carried*

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1984 Tanker Truck (Pump Issue) - Glick Fire Equipment Company will send an employee to Bessemer to look at the pump issue to determine the cause. HA Thomson Insurance will cover the inspection of the tanker by the Glick Fire Equipment Company. Chief Breetz stated that he is working with the East Palestine Fire Department regarding the Norfolk Southern train derailment. The replacement of gear worn the evening should be replaced. Paperwork will be filled out and turned over to the proper agencies that are handling the Norfolk Southern train derailment. Mr. VanTassel and Mr. Ordak will be present when the insurance adjuster and appraiser come to Bessemer to inspect the 1984 Tanker.

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

Mr. Nolfi would like the Waterline Inventory to move forward as soon as possible.

Mr. Slosser would like the new Ford F600 to be taken to McCandless to be realigned and the speed setting to be adjusted due to the truck not being able to go any faster than 72mph. Council agreed to shut the speed limiter off as long as doing so wouldn't void the truck's warranty.

BMA Report: ...*See written report.*

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

Mr. Buzza offered to help with finding another company for the tank inspection pending council's approval. Mr. Buzza reported that the S. Main Street waterline relocation drawings and specs have been delivered to PennDOT. He has not heard anything regarding the LSA State Grant application. Mr. Buzza mentioned that Well #2 has returned to service. Mr. Buzza discussed the pipes in the Pump House and the need to replace them or possibly build a new Pump House. A meeting with Book & Proch should take place in early March 2023. The borough needs to get rough estimates on the two options before them. Mr. Buzza advised council that with the Lead Waterline Inventory, we will need to enter all homes due to the chance that throughout the years the homeowners may have made changes. Mr. Buzza reminded council that if a new home was connected to the main waterline after 1991, they do not need to be inventoried. He also mentioned that the mainlines must be inventoried, and if you have homes constructed in different eras, the borough will need to take inventory in these homes. If you have recent waterline repairs in the different locations mentioned, then you will not need to inventory these separate locations.

Mr. Buzza reported that the prices have increased for Gannett Fleming and will need council to sign off on the proposal. He has reassured council that he will assist in the qualifying of Mr. Nolfi, Mr. Masters, and the new hires. Mr. Buzza reminded council about the Public Water Supply Report (Due 3/31/23) and the Consumer Confidence Report (Due 6/30/23). Gannett Fleming has prepared the reports for the borough for the past years, and they will cost approximately \$1000.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to accept Gannett Fleming's Consulting Proposal and to have Gannett Fleming prepare the Public Water Supply Report and the Consumer Confidence Report...*carried*

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - 14th Street

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to rescind the motion to purchase stone for 14th Street until the borough can confirm that it is Bessemer's street...*carried*

Human Resources: Art VanTassel - The committee will look over the applications that have been submitted, and the two new applications that came in before the meeting will be emailed to Mr. VanTassel. Mr. VanTassel reported that Mr. Werhnyak will be retiring in June of 2023.

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - The backhoe cylinder was delivered and repaired by Mr. Masters. Mr. Masters placed a conversion kit on the backhoe that he found in the borough garage, eliminating the use of pedals.

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Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Hold Harmless Form (Removing trees from Forester's work). Anyone interested in the removal of the wood, must sign agreement prior to entering the area to remove the remaining wood.

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Will contact Gary Guy regarding a ballpark figure for a new Pump House. Would like to get Marla Brown involved with the grant process for the water infrastructure.

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel - Justin Javens explained about the EIN and other obstacles they have faced. Mr. Javens understands that council is frustrated with the holdup on the paperwork. Mr. Javens reassured council that he is fully certified and is also frustrated with the backlash he has received from council. His main concern is the residents of the borough. He is upset with the backlash considering he volunteers so much of his time. He has reported that the Department Articles have been completed. Mr. Slosser reassured Mr. Javens that he does appreciate all the work he puts in. Mr. Slosser would like to see the department search for additional grant money like other municipalities in the county.

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Covered previously

Coordinator: Mrs. Novad discussed the County Assessor's Office not wanting the borough to tear down any structures until the property owner pays the owed taxes. Secretary to contact the solicitor to see if the county can do this. Mrs. Novad was told by Code Sys that the County can't do this.

Old Business: Programmable Combination Lock will be ordered for the Pump House. A better lock for the Bessemer Lake Park will be purchased. The BMA needs to inform the North Beaver residents that they may be included with the borough's garbage pickup in the next billing.

New Business: Neil Musitano sign at Bessemer Lake Park that was removed will be tabled until options are considered. Resident/Business owner must have a residential charge and dumpster charge. Resident may not use his commercial dumpster to avoid paying a residential rate. 2023 Grass Cutting/Donofrio - Contract A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the grass cutting contract with Sam Donofrio for the 2023 season...***carried***

Schweikert's Greenhouse - Secretary to get a budget approved for flowers. Borough Building toilet needs snaked. Limitless Contracting will be contacted for the snaking of the line. 208 Oak Street (waterline break washed away stone at end of drive) - Mr. Werhnyak is to place some stone for the resident.

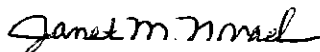
212 & 210 1/2 W. Poland Ave (new curb box) and Mr. Werhnyak is to include two more and schedule the repairs with L & S. Limitless Contracting to take care of the Bestview Ave curb box. Skill Games & Amusement Ordinance (Machines) - Mr. Jackson is to look over a sample of this type of ordinance provided to him at the meeting. And Resolution No. 4 of 2023 - TIP Grant - Designation (Roosevelt Ave) set plan for the Roosevelt Bridge replacement. Council and Mr. Buzza discussed the options to replace or repair the bridge. Mr. Buzza will look back into the grant program.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to apply for the TIP Grant designating the Roosevelt Ave Bridge to be replaced or repaired...***carried***

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 1-31, 2023

<u>81</u>	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$4,830.90</u>	Total owed in late payments
<u>31</u>	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
<u>6</u>	Total customers to have water shut off
<u>2</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

01-19-2023 PER JOE WERHNAYK, 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
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 MEETING

- Tank Inspection
The board may wish to consider requesting inspection quotes from other firms. GF can assist if requested.
- Bridge Water Line Relocation
We have submitted the proposed relocation design to PennDOT and the consultant doing the design for bridge replacement project. We will respond to any questions as they are received.
- Statewide LSA Grant Applications
No update on the status of the applications has been received.
- Water System Assistance
Well #2 has been returned to service.

GF met with a Borough Council member and a plumbing contractor at the Pump House to review the condition of the well and plant effluent piping. We have asked the plumbing contractor to provide a rough estimate of the cost to replace the pump house piping and chemical injectors.

GF has contacted a representative from Book and Proch to request they visit the site and offer an estimate to replace the pump house with a new treatment building. That meeting should occur in early March.
- System Service Line Inventory
GF can provide assistance to the Borough in determining the best way to conduct the lead service line inventory.
- 2023 Consulting Services Proposal
An updated consulting services proposal has been submitted to Borough Council for consideration.
- New Employee Certification
If desired, GF can provide assistance to conduct the Initial Demonstration of Capability required in order for any new Borough employee or Council member to be qualified to conduct the required daily chlorine residual testing.
- Public Water Supply Report and Consumer Confidence Report
GF can prepare the DEP required Public Water Supply Report and Consumer Confidence Report for 2022 if requested by the Council. The Public Water Supply Report is due by March 31, 2023. The Consumer Confidence Report is due by June of 2023.

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FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK

ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES

JANUARY 2023

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$49,315.80

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$300,482.64

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$192,719.03

F & G ANNUITY: \$129,260.65

GRAND TOTAL: \$671,778.12

LOAN FCB: \$1,768,539.77

BESSEMER SEVERELY DELINQUENT \$13,475.60

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