

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
February 14, 2022

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

**Roll Call** found the following members present:

Mayor Leslie, Bob Slosser, Michael Marciante, Cody Jackson, Lu Anne Izzo, Art VanTassel, and Douglas Ordak. Absent : Jimmy Nolfi and Secretary Novad

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (January 10, 2022)...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, 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 confirming that the invoice for Thompson's Alternator was a starter for the Fire Truck ...***carried***

**Ordinance No. 1 of 2022** - Setting the compensation for council and mayor

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2022 that sets compensation for Council and the Mayor at \$100 per meeting/month...

**Roll Call Vote: Slosser- Yes, Marciante-Yes, Jackson-Yes, VanTassel-Yes, and Ordak-Yes... *carried***

**VISITORS:**

Tracey Meanor, Beth Grundy, Justin Javens, and Kurt Miller

**Mayor's Report:**

**Hometown Heroes/Banner** : Cost of the banner is \$190 with the hardware included. The borough will charge \$200 and use the additional \$10 in each purchase for expense of a bucket truck for installation and(or) a slush fund for anyone unable to afford it.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to start the Hometown Heroes Banner Project...***carried***

**Community Days:** Working with the Fire Department and Library, with a target date of June 24-26, 2022

**Borough Sign** - Mr. Ordak asked about the borough sign replacement. Mayor Leslie reported that when we looked into replacing it, it was estimated at about \$20,000

**Police Report:** Report was given by Mayor Leslie... *see written report*

**Interceptor Vehicle** - \$38,946.00(COSTARS)(EcoBoost) is the cost of the vehicle. A down payment of \$20,000 will be made and the borough will finance the rest. It will take about 20 weeks (July) to arrive. The police truck should be paid off by then. The borough will be replacing one payment with another.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to order the new police Ford Explorer Interceptor Vehicle...***carried***

**Police Contract** - It was agreed to have the solicitor look over the contract before council proceeds with the contract. Mayor Leslie reported that he is still waiting to hear back from the state pension department. The 2022 budget includes this funding for the contract. Mayor Leslie is asking council to move forward with the hiring of Officer Charmo as full-time by June 1, 2022 with details to be solidified at the March 14, 2022 meeting. The solicitor will look over the contract and report back to council.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Jeffery Breetz reported two calls for the month of January (1 AVA and 1 structure fire/mutual aid), 4 gallons of fuel (regular) ...*see written report*

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Council is requesting a financial report each month. Council also asked if the department has been audited, and if they have turned the audits over to the borough secretary to be filed in the borough office. Assistant Chief Miller stated that the auditor would have spoken to the borough secretary for the completion of the audit.

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

Compliments for the job removing the snow. Reminder regarding the picnic tables that need cleaned up for the upcoming spring and summer seasons.

**BMA Report:** Tracey Meanor gave report. *See written report...*

Mrs. Meanor reported that there was a discovery of petroleum in the sewer system. This was reported to the DEP and the outflow tests are coming back good.

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

Mr. Buzza reported that he has been in contact with the consulting firm for the storm sewers and that everyone is waiting on better weather. He also reported that the test results for the wells are back and that they are normal readings. Mr. Buzza will be doing the 2021 Public Water Supply Report that is due at the end of March. This will be a cost to the borough of about \$500 - \$600. The Consumer Confidence Report is due at the end of June. Mr. Buzza wants to focus on the pump house and what is going on with the chlorine. He feels it is not an equipment issue, but rather periodically a water quality issue. He will have the lab drop off bottles for testing for non contaminants that might be affecting day-to-day chlorine demand. He will be visiting the borough to get Well No. 2 up and running along with the installation of new larger chemical pumps. Mr. Buzza will do the quarterly chlorine calibrations too. Mr. Buzza informed council that there is a new non-matching grant program that the state has opened up to municipalities. This grant program is for anything that helps the community and is anywhere from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000. The grant requests are due by March 15, 2022. There is a non-refundable \$100 filing fee for each grant. Most pressing would be water system improvements.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to apply for the three grants covering the new borough truck, generators, and N. Main Street waterline...*carried*

**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante- Wallage Ave. between 13th and 15th Streets should be addressed regarding the water flooding the yards. Snow removal was brought up again. Council is asking to put another insert in next months billing reminding the residents to clear the snow around mailboxes, fire hydrants, and to not block the roads during snow removal. Mr. Marciante reported that he and Mr. DelPrincipe had not been able to get together regarding ordinances and paving of the tree streets.

**Human Resources:** Art Van Tassel -

**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser - New F-600 -COSTARS price of \$51,375 and the aluminum bed (9'4"x96"), lights, etc. price is \$41,939. The total would be \$93,314. The truck has been ordered but the borough is not obligated to purchase the truck. Mr. Slosser feels that the borough should sell the Sterling. A trade-in would bring less money than to sell it. It would cost about \$200 to advertise the Sterling in T&T magazine. Mr. Slosser will check with Quality Truck regarding COSTAR pricing on the bed. The borough will have to put the bed out for bid if the price is not COSTARS

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to move forward with the purchase of the Ford F-600 cab and chase...*carried*

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84 Pumper Fire Truck - Pump issue- Glick (replace pump/\$34,934.65) and Fire-Fly (replace pump/\$79,990). Repairs are not possible due to a lack of available parts. It was suggested that council wait until the Fire Department gets the EIN situation figured out and that council tables the topic.

1927 Brass - A letter is to be sent out to the family that has the brass to the 1927 Fire Engine. The brass is to be stored in the borough building. The 1998 backhoe has a blown manifold gasket but can be addressed at a later time. Suggestion that a fork for the backhoe should be looked into to make it easier to deliver dumpsters. Price would be around \$1000-\$2000.

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:** Cody Jackson -

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi (absent) - Continue to change out waterline valves three at a time.

**Emergency Services:** Art Van Tassel -

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Resolution No. 2 of 2022 (Modified Workers' Compensation Act of 108 of 2020

A **motion** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve Resolution No. 2 of 2022 for the Modified Workers' Compensation Act of 108 of 2020 which covers operational support activities with the fire department...**carried**

Resolution No. 3 of 2022 (Establishing a Storage Fee Non Borough Vehicles

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2022 establishing a storage fee of \$25/day on vehicles and \$50/day on large vehicles and equipment for non borough vehicles (equipment)...**carried**

5th Street Sign (Missing)

A **motion** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to replace the "No Parking Here To Corner" sign at the end of 5th Street...**carried**

Carpet Cleaning and Cintas Mats - Secretary is to get quotes for carpet cleaning keeping in mind that we have a local resident that has a carpet cleaning business. Council approved the purchase of mats for the borough building and discontinue rental through Cintas.

Bessemer Hotel - Water and Refuse Reimbursement

A **motion** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to reimburse the Bessemer Hotel for water and refuse for the month of February only...**carried**

Ace Hardware LED lights (Heath Knowling) - Will come to the March meeting to go over the proposal.

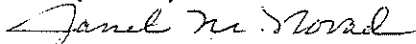
A **motion** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to enter into executive session at 8:28pm...**carried** Reopen meeting at 8:47pm

A **motion** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to hire Louis Perrotta as the borough solicitor...**Roll Call Vote:**

**Doug Ordak-Yes, Art VanTassel-Abstain, Cody Jackson-Yes, Mike Marciante-Yes, Bob Slosser-Yes, and President Izzo-Abstain ...carried**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to adjourn the meeting...**carried**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted the meeting minutes taken from the recording,

  
Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT JANUARY MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS (2)	PFA VIOLATIONS (1)
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (2)	PROPERTY CHECKS (60)
ASSISTS (3)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (9)
ASSAULTS (1)	PUBLIC INTOXICATIONS (1)
ATV COMPLAINT (1)	OVERDOSES (1)
BURGLARY (1)	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (1)
BURNING COMPLAINT (1)	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS (1)
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (2) JUVENILES (1)	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES (1)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (2)	THEFT/FRAUD (2)
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (1)	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (1)
DISORDERLY CONDUCT (1)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (1)
DISTURBANCES (2)	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS (1)
DOMESTICS (2)	TRAFFIC STOPS (4)
DUI ARREST (1)	WARNINGS (4)
HARASSMENT (2)	FIREWORKS COMPLAINT (1)
MEDICAL CALLS (3)	TRESPASSING (1)
MISSING PERSONS (1)	FOLLOW UP (3)
NARCOTICS (1)	NOISE COMPLAINT (1)
ERRATIC DRIVER (1)	911 HANG UP (1)
JUVENILE COMPLAINT (1)	WELFARE CHECK (2)
VEHICLE REPAIR (1)	FOUND PROPERTY (2)
ROAD HAZARD (3)	ASSIST FIRE (1)
PSYCHIATRIC (1)	ASSIST PUBLIC (5)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 453.25	HOURS
FUEL: GALLONS 129.5	GALLONS
TOTAL MILES: 1,728	MILES

**January 10, 2022  
Council Meeting  
Fire Department Report**

- 1) 2 Calls, 1 MVA, 1 Structure Fire Mutual Aid
- 2) Fuel: 0 gallons Diesel, 4.7 gallons regular

January 2022

January 10, 2022 – February 10, 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Pick up truck began running rough and missing. Also the four wheel drive to the left front wheel began to fail. Both issues were addressed by Herman's.

Hydraulic fitting for raising and lowering the snow plow on the Sterling failed. Repairs made in house.

Both right rear tires on the Sterling failed. Replaced by Flynn Tire.

Plow on pick up acting erratically. Completely flushed system and added fresh hydraulic fluid. Currently attempting to address one last issue with it.

At the very end of the last snow event it was discovered that the left rear wheel on the one ton was coming undone and the bolt holes were elongated. A new wheel was necessary and repairs were made by Herman's.

Washing, greasing, and checking fluid levels on vehicles between snow events.

Water

Postings as requested.

Met with Mr. Wharry of L & S Excavating in regards to the proposed excavations of curb boxes/shut offs, one each, on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> streets. One Calls were submitted but the weather deteriorated prior to the legal dig date. These will be completed once weather conditions improve.

Responded to One Calls for the above mentioned sites as well as two for Columbia Gas, five for Penn Power, and one for a resident.

Responded to resubmission of One Calls for Penn Power as work did not commence within the ten day period following first submission due to the weather.

Responded to resubmission of a One Call for a resident as work did not commence within the ten day period.

CL-17 requiring weekly cleaning now as compared to the normal three or four week intervals.

Lower chlorine residuals noted on January 27, 2022. Increased chlorine dosage in response. Mr. Buzza will elaborate further if necessary.

Water shut off at the request of a resident on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to facilitate plumbing repairs.

Streets

Majority of time this month spent plowing and treating roads.

Removed piles of snow from around the intersection at the square as well as at the end of First Covenant to expose the catch basins to allow water to flow to the drains.

Granted a request by Columbia Gas to remove the snow from the area between the old library and old VFW as well as to the South of the old VFW for equipment access to facilitate their excavation of the area to the Southeast of the old VFW.

Borough Property

Dumpster delivered and picked up at a residence on Elm Street. Dumpster picked up and another one delivered to a residence on Field Street.

Accompanied and provided access to a representative from Ace LED so that he may inventory and provide a proposal regarding the retrofitting of the existing lamps in the lighting in all borough buildings to LED lamps.

BMA  
FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK  
ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES  
JANUARY 31, 2022

UTILITY ACCOUNT:      \$40,538.36  
  
OPERATING ACCOUNT:    \$240,982.80  
  
PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT:   \$188,719.90  
  
F & G ANNUITY            \$124,289.07  
  
GRAND TOTAL              \$ 594,530.13

BESSEMER TOTAL DELINQUENT: \$12,817.40

**BMA MONTHLY REPORT**

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER-BOROUGH

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2022

INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 1-31, 2022

<u>75</u>	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$5,997.46</u>	Total owed in late payments
<u>30</u>	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
<u>6</u>	Total customers to have water shut off
<u>5</u>	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
<u>2</u>	Total Property Sales
<u>1</u>	Total Sheriff Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Liens applied