

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
March 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 (Phone), Michael Marciante, Cody Jackson, Lu Anne Izzo, Art Van Tassel, Jimmy Nolfi, and Douglas Ordak.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (February 14, 2022)...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, 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. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve payment of the March bills. The L & S invoice for \$8,229.33 (N. Main St. storm drain repair) was excluded because it was turned over for the claim with Columbia Gas...***carried***

VISITORS: Ron Izzo, Kenny Smith (end of 12th Street paving), Roberta Penwell (Hometown Heroes questions regarding deadlines)- A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to have Hometown Heroes banners made for those residents of Bessemer Borough that were KIA...***carried***, Tracey Meanor, Heath Knowling (Ace Hardware/proposal for LED rebate)- A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to proceed with the LED lighting installation...***carried***
Justin Javens, and Anthony Shaner

Mayor's Report: Hometown Heroes Banners previously discussed

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

President Izzo reported that the Union Police Department wanted a message to be relayed to Officer Hoyland regarding the impressive handling of the PFA help he provided to their department.

Fire Department Report: Justin Javens gave report... *see written report*.

Mr. Jackson requested that the department provide council with the certifications of all members of the department for the next council meeting. President Izzo requested a financial report for the next council meeting. A flow meter for the fire hydrant that the fire department uses was discussed. Mr. Nolfi will get quotes for a meter.

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

N. Main Street drain and estimates for a camera to be used to identify the issue and jetting the drain was discussed.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to hire Morris Drain Service to address the drain issue of N. Main Street...***carried***

Valve replacement (N. Main Street/Pipe under house issue, Walnut St., and 5th St.)

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to have the three most important valves replaced immediately by L & S Excavating...***carried***

BMA Report: Tracey Meanor provided report. *See written report*...The water shut-off signature form was approved by council. Itemized list of expenses absorbed by the Bessemer Municipal Authority. The Finance, Litigation, and Appropriation Committee will meet and bring to council their opinion.

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

Mr. Buzza reported that the inspection and cleaning of the water tower will take place this spring. He also informed council that Well #2 is up and running showing a higher demand of chlorine. It

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was mentioned that he is still waiting on more information on the relocation of the waterline for the bridge replacement project on S. Main Street.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - E. Poland Ave. speed limit letter needs to be submitted to PennDot by the police department.

Human Resources: Art Van Tassel - Executive Session

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - 2007 Zero-Turn Mower out for bid with a reserve of \$1,800; Myers Snow Plows out for bid; Sterling out for bid; and Mr. Slosser requests the electric mixer be returned.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to put the snowplows and the Sterling (reserve of \$32,000) out for bid, holding off on the Exmark mower until an approximate reserve is allocated for it...*carried*

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Executive Session

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Concerns over the future of the water system.

Emergency Services: Art Van Tassel - Discussion regarding department issues of tax ID numbers

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to enter executive session...*carried*
Executive Session at 8:25pm
Reopen regular meeting at 9:42pm

Resolution No. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of 2022

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to pass Resolution No. 4 of 2022 (Emergency Generator Grant), Resolution No. 5 of 2022 (N. Main St. Waterline Grant), and Resolution No. 6 of 2022 (Maintenance Vehicle Grant)...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, to pass Resolution No. 7 of 2022 to enter into a fulltime police chief agreement in principle that is subject to revisions and final review of the borough solicitor...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to pass Resolution No. 8 of 2022 that sets the mileage reimbursement for the borough employees...*carried*

Lease agreement with Mr. Parrott needs to be reviewed by the Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations Committee and then brought back to council for review.

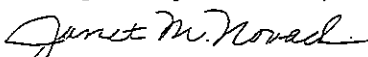
A *motion* was made by Mr. Van Tassel, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to give \$1 raises to all police officers and the maintenance department...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to change the employee benefits to read "Secretary-Treasurer" instead of part-time employees, changing the vacation to two weeks, and clarifying that time off for the death of family members also includes one day for aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews...*carried*

* The Borough Property Committee is to reevaluate possible grass-cutting bids *

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to adjourn the meeting...*carried*
Meeting adjourned at 10:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS ()	PFA VIOLATIONS ()
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (1)	PROPERTY CHECKS (56)
ASSISTS (2)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (5)
ASSAULTS (1)	PUBLIC INTOXICATION ()
ATV COMPLAINT ()	OVERDOSE ()
BURGLARY ()	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (4)
BURNING COMPLAINT ()	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (1)
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (1) JUVENILES ()	THEFT/ FRAUD (2)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ()	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ()
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES (2)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (1)
DUI ARREST ()	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ()
HARASSMENT ()	TRAFFIC STOPS (2)
MEDICAL CALLS (1)	WARNINGS (2)
MISSING PERSONS	TRESPASSING ()
ERRATIC DRIVERS (1)	FOLLOW UP (2)
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ()	911 HANG UP ()
VEHICLE REPAIR ()	WELFARE CHECK (2)
ROAD HAZARD (1)	FOUND PROPERTY (1)
PSYCHIATRIC (1)	ASSIST FIRE (2)
NARCOTICS ()	ASSIST PUBLIC (5)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 432 HOURS	
FUEL: 94.2	
MILES: 1,594	

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Fire Department Report

- 1) 3 Calls, 1 Gas Odor, 2 flooded basements
- 2) Fuel: 28.4 gallons Diesel, 3.1 gallons regular

Relief Bank Balances:

Checking: \$9,911.78

Savings: \$760.21

February 2022

February 11, 2022 - March 13, 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Control issues with the plow on the pick up. Completely flushed hydraulic system and replaced fluid in house. Electrical issue diagnosed and addressed by Thompson's.

Left front brake caliper hanging up on the one ton. Addressed by Herman's.

Sterling inspected and serviced by Herman's.

Water

Postings as requested.

Issues with hypochlorite pumps at the pump house. Both pumps and injectors replaced with larger units. Mr. Buzza will elaborate.

Properly sized AquaMsg pumps and injectors placed into operation.

Well # 2 slowly introduced into the system and currently operating system as designed with alternating wells/pumps. Mr. Buzza will elaborate.

Water shut off excavated at a residence on 5th Street. Currently shut off at the request of the resident. A new shut off and curb box will be installed when the resident requests the return of water service.

Water line curb box excavated and water shut off at a residence on 6th Street.

Water line excavated, shut off located, and new curb box installed, and water shut off at a business on 10th Street.

All above mentioned water lines remain in the closed position. All excavation work completed by L & S.

Basement area of the pump house flooded once due to a heavy snow melt and again to heavy rainfall amounts. A sump pump was purchased and placed in a temporary operational mode to prevent water levels from reaching the flow meter on the piping system located there.

Responded to update One Call requests for power pole replacement work on East Poland.

Responded to One Call for a residence on West Stewart.

Streets

Majority of time spent this past month involved either addressing winter roads or with the water. Anticipate spending many hours this coming month locating lines and curb boxes on the tree streets for the upcoming gas line replacement.

Resident reported uneven road surface on Wallage near 14th Street. Heaving and settling due to frost and saturated surrounding soil.

What appeared to be water under pressure from a water line break was actually a damaged clay storm water line on North Main Street. Excavation of the area found the damaged lines as well as brick catch basin approximately 2 - 2 1/2 feet below the road surface. The broken clay pipes were replaced with plastic and the catch basin was brought up to grade with a concrete extension topped with the appropriate grating. The excavation was filled with stone and topped with a minimum of 8 inches of concrete to match the existing base for the brick. The brick were cut to accommodate the new catch basin and reinstalled. All work was completed by L & S Excavating.

Cold patched a pothole near the square as requested.

Provided assistance/water to Monaloh Basin Engineers for conducting dye testing of the storm water lines on South Main Street for the upcoming bridge replacement.

Removed a vehicle damaged stop sign and post from the corner of Wallage and 15th Street. Straightened the existing street sign post and attached a replacement stop sign to it.

Installed a new post and "No Parking" sign near the corner of East Poland and 5th Street as requested.

Replaced a plow damaged post and paper box for a residence on 13th Street.

Borough Property

Removed the Christmas tree from Kennedy Park. Light strings from this tree were stored in the garage at the administrative building.

Picked up loaded dumpsters, one each, from residences on 5th Street and Field Street.

Replaced sixteen 300 watt incandescent lamps in the pole barn with twelve 80 watt LED lamps.

DATE	LIBERATED	MARKED	2022			
3/2	15.0	PICK UP	MTCE	QPW	G	
3/8	10.0	PICK UP	"	QPW	G	
3/11	6.0	PICK UP	"	QPW	G	

To: Bessemer Municipal Authority
 Board of Directors
 From: Michael P. Davidson
 Date: March 10, 2022
 Subject: February 2022 Operators Report

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: MARCH 01, 2022

INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 1-28, 2022

CATEGORY	OBTAINED	REQUIRED
	FEBRUARY 2022	
Flow (MGD)	0.336	0.350 Maximum
BOD (MG/L)	2 mg/L	20 Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MG/L)	6 mg/L	30 Maximum
Total Nitrogen (mg/L)		Monthly Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MG/L)		Monthly Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MG/L)	0.8 mg/L	1.2 Maximum
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	20/100 ML	2,000/100 ML Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	7.9 mg/L	4.0 Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MG/L)	0.20 mg/L	0.82 Maximum

<u>73</u>	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$4,184.40</u>	Total owed in late payments
<u>22</u>	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
<u>6</u>	Total customers to have water shut off
<u>6</u>	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
<u>1</u>	Total Property Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Sheriff Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Liens applied

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

February 2022

The average daily flow for the month of February was 0.336 mgd.

The precipitation for February was 7.18".

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 sludge pit, cleaned the strainers on the effluent line and chlorine feed line.

On January 30th we had a petroleum based product enter the plant, it upset the plant but didn't notice any effect to the stream. We contacted PaDep of the incident and will follow up with them. We traced the product to a certain area.

No sludge was hauled during February 2022.

Poured off all 4 sludge drying beds.

Checked the oil in both blowers.

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

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

Decant 10,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 18 PA One calls.

Plowed and shoveled snow.

Performed 2 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

ITEM	YEARLY CHARGE	BOROUGH HALF
POSTAGE METER	\$720.00	\$360.00
ENVELOPES	\$810.00	\$405.00
BILLS	\$751.00	\$375.50
YELLOW DELINQUENT	\$68.00	\$34.00
PINK POSTING	\$19.00	\$8.00
DELINQUENT POSTAGE		1/2 COST ALREADY PAID
SPARTAN SOFTWARE		1/2 COST ALREADY PAID
POSTAGE		ALREADY PAYING FOR 600 RESIDENTS

IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL PAYMENTS FOR POSTAGE AND SPARTAN, THE ABOVE ITEMS WOULD APPROXIMATELY BE \$100.00 PER MONTH

REQUEST TO HAVE THE WATER SERVICE TURNED ON / OFF

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

ADDRESS: _____
 REASON: _____
 REQUESTED BY: _____
 DATE: _____
 BMA NUMBER: _____
 OWNER: _____
 PHONE: _____
 BOROUGH: _____
 EMPLOYEE: _____

BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE: _____ DATE: _____

BMA REPRESENTATIVE: _____ DATE: _____

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PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
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1. Tank Inspection

We have not yet received notification from the tank inspection firm as to their schedule for conducting the inspection of the water storage tank. We have been told it will take place in the spring of 2022.

2. Sodium Hypochlorite Storage Tank

Information has been provided to staff regarding commercially available chemical storage tanks suitable for storage of sodium hypochlorite.

3. Bridge Water Line Relocation

We have not received a response from the engineering firm coordinating the bridge replacement project requesting the documents needed to participate in the cost sharing arrangement for the water line relocation. We received an acknowledgement to our inquiry but no form as of yet.

Borough staff assisted with the identification and locations of the storm drains associated with the bridge replacement project.

4. Statewide LSA Grant Applications

We have completed the grant applications for the North Main Street water mainline replacement project, the emergency generators and the utility truck replacement. We will need copies of the resolutions in order to complete the application process. Grant applications must be submitted by March 15.

6. Operations Assistance

Continue to assist staff with treatment adjustments. We have received the two larger chemical feed pumps to accommodate the higher required dosage. Staff has been operating Well #2 on a consistent basis for the last week plus. Chlorine demand and residuals are fluctuating somewhat during the alternation between the 2 wells. We have been adjusting the chlorine feed rates to address these fluctuations and are confident that continued use of Well #2 will rectify the inconsistent chlorine residuals.

7. Public Water Supply Report

All public water supplies are required to submit a report on water production each year. Gannett Fleming has completed this work for the borough in year's past and will begin to compile the information needed to complete the 2021 report.

Due to an issue with the PA DEP's Greenport website this report could not yet be submitted. The website issues have been resolved and the report will be submitted prior to the March 31, 2022 deadline.

8. Consumer Confidence Report

All public water supplies are required to submit a Consumers Confidence Report (CCR) each year. Gannett Fleming has completed this work for the borough in year's past and will begin to compile the information needed to complete the 2021 report. The report is due by June 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

Eric Buzzza
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Senior Operations Specialist