

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
April 10, 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 prior to tonight's meeting (April 10, 2023).

The approval of the March meeting minutes was *tabled* until the secretary can review the minutes regarding the motions that were recorded as being made by Cody Jackson. These motions were made in error.

...See correction motion before the adjournment of meeting.

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, 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. Jackson, to approve payment of the April bills including a late arrival of the Workers' Compensation Insurance (HA Thomson) invoice for \$1,593.00 ...*carried*

VISITORS: Beth Grundy (BMA), Roberta Penwell (BMA), Tracey Meanor (BMA), Bruce Tropea (North Beaver) to consider a lower bill for Sewer. Mr. Tropea was referred to the BMA.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie reported that David Holman requested to conduct a Topographic Map and Existing Condition Site Survey for Bessemer Lake Park (DCNR grant). The map survey will cost the borough \$4,510.00.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to conduct the site survey costing the borough \$4,510.00 for the Bessemer Lake Park Grant...*carried*

Mayor Leslie reported that the money received for the grant will need to be in an interest-bearing account.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to deposit the grant money into a **PLGIT "Class"** account...*carried*

Mayor Leslie informed council that he would be hosting a meeting for business owners on April 17 (6:30pm) at the MoCo House for a chat regarding how the borough could support them and future business owners in the borough. There will be a meeting for Community Days on April 17 (5:30pm) prior to the business owners' meeting.

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

Chief Charmo reported that the police department has applied for a grant. Chief Charmo informed council that he has applied for a government program called "1033 Program" which is through the military. The items included in this grant are vehicles and equipment that the military takes out of service. If the police department is accepted, there would be a yearly fee of \$500.00 and the borough would have to keep the items for only a year and then they could be sold.

Fire Department Report: Absent

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

BMA Report: *See written report.*

Tracey Meanor reported that the BMA spoke to the solicitor and that they are going to continue to bill the same as they have been. The due date for the BMA bill, if the twenty-fifth falls on a weekend, will be the following Monday and that the ten-day posting count will start on day twenty-six in which the customer is considered late.

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

Mr. Buzzza reported that the S. Main Street waterline relocation is moving forward. Mr. Buzzza feels that the pump house repairs and possible replacement of the building will need more estimates. Replacing the building altogether and installing a water filtration system was considered. Book and Proch has built water treatment plants for towns similar in size to Bessemer. Bessemer should receive and estimate the cost of a new plant. The Copper and Lead Service and Waterline Inventory Project would be the perfect time to replace some of the curb boxes. Mr. Buzzza suggested replacing the boxes in particular areas where there have been candidates for water shut-offs. The borough will be able

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to identify the type of pipes used on both the utility and customer sides. Mr. Buzza suggests the borough have someone come in and replace six curb boxes at a time reaching approximately thirty percent of a designated area. He feels that the DEP would possibly find these acceptable to be characteristic of the homes built in the same era. Mr. Buzza has qualified the new hires for the testing and routines of the water treatment plant. He reported to council that the Public Water Supply report was submitted on March 14, 2023. PennVest funding deals with many factors like community income and water rates. PennVest will prepare the application for free. This route could include both grants and loans for the water treatment plant's generators. Mr. Buzza suggested that the water tank inspection could take place by renting a lift to drop the divers in safely. He also reminded everyone that meters on the customer's home helps get government funding and that you don't need to measure water usage yet. Council agrees to move forward with the application for generators and curb boxes. Mr. Buzza will have more information at May's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - Wallage Ave. and 11th Street waterline break area needs repaired. The borough will repair when the paving schedule is figured out. The committee will wait until Columbia Gas finalizes the areas to be paved before recommending which areas the borough will pave. He will contact Youngblood Paving for a discussion. The Oak Street waterline repair will include the possible repair to the driveway that was damaged.

Human Resources: Art VanTassel -

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - The committee will meet to consider truck estimates for the Utility Truck Grant.

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Waterline Tap-In Fee - Will remain the same at this time. PIRMA Insurance Claim is on hold until further information is collected.

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Continue the waterline/service line inventory. Mr. Nolfi will contact Don Wharry regarding the drawing for the water treatment plant.

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel - The Fire Department is collecting the information needed to move forward with the PIRMA Insurance Claim.

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Mr. Ordak is waiting on the poles for the boat ramp. He will be taking some time off in May and would like to have the employees work with him in the ramp area to clear brush and clean up the area. He would like to see some reflectors so that anyone using the ramp can determine their location by the water. Chief Charmo reported that Hanson has stone for the ramp. President Izzo requested that the sign for boat motor restrictions be placed at the ramp.

Coordinator: PLGIT Account/Huntington Bank -

The *amended motion* for the interest bearing account for the Park Grant was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to include the Investment Account with the Park Grant Interest Bearing account...*carried*

Old Business: Glenn Libby is working on the Health Savings Account (tabled), Intent to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 - Junk Ordinance (Tabled until solicitor can review the appeals board section of the prior ordinance), and Resolution No. 5 of 2023/Ordinance No. 2 of 2023 - BMA (Tabled until more information can be gathered).

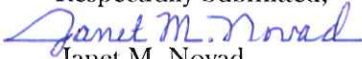
New Business: Spring Clean-Up

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to have spring clean-up June 12 - 16, 2023, from 7am to 7pm, and on Saturday, June 17 from 7am to 12pm...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the March 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes with the motions made by "*Mr. Jackson*" be corrected to read "*Mr. Nolfi*"...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adjourn the meeting...*carried*
Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: APRIL 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR MARCH 1-31, 2023

BMA

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK

ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES

MARCH 1-31, 2023

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$43,453.85

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$307,954.44

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$193,419.25

F & G ANNUITY: \$129,260.65

GRAND TOTAL: \$674,088.19

LOAN FCB: \$1,751,893.86

BESSEMER SEVERELY DELINQUENT \$13,762.40

47	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$3,204.00</u>	Total owed in late payments
21	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
0	Total customers to have water shut off
0	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
3	Total Property Sales
0	Total Sheriff Sales
0	Total Liens applied

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Bessemer Municipal Authority

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Date: April 13, 2023
Subject: March 2023 Operators Report



BESSEMER BOROUGH
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
APRIL 10, 2023 MEETING

1. Tank Inspection

The board may wish to consider requesting inspection quotes from other firms. GF can assist if requested.

2. Bridge Water Line Relocation

We have been contacted by the engineer for the bridge replacement project with a request for some additional information / clarification on our proposed rerouting of the waterline. This information has been submitted to the engineer.

3. Statewide LSA Grant Applications

The borough has received notification that the grant application for the utility truck was approved. Unfortunately funding for the emergency generator systems was not approved.

4. PennVest Funding

The borough may wish to consider applying for funding for the emergency generator project and potentially funding for installing water meters through the PennVest program. This program offers grants and low interest loans for water system improvement projects. The application process is quite extensive and can be time consuming. If the Borough wishes to pursue this funding source GF can provide assistance.

GF has been notified that PennVest is willing to include the Borough in their Technical Assistance Program. In this program PennVest representatives will actually complete the funding application for the borough. This represents a very significant cost savings as the application process for this funding is extremely detailed and time consuming.

A preplanning meeting with PennVest and PADEP representatives is required prior to submission of the application. The application cutoff for this round of funding is May 3, 2023. The application cutoff for the next round is anticipated to be in August.

One requirement of the PennVest program is public notification / outreach to present information about the intended project. This can be through an advertised public notice or simply a public meeting as long as it appears on the agenda and the minutes include any comments/discussion received. If the borough wishes to pursue PennVest funding it is suggested that the notice of the intent to apply for PennVest funding be included in the May meeting agenda. This will satisfy the public outreach requirement.

4. Water System Assistance

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. We have tried to reach out to that contractor, but they are not responding.

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. They will be contacted to see if a meeting can be arranged.

It is recommended that estimates for the replacement of the pump house piping and an estimate for the construction of a new water treatment facility be obtained prior to initiating any work on piping replacement.

5. System Service Line Inventory

GF can provide assistance to the Borough in determining the best way to conduct the lead service line inventory. It may be possible to incorporate the replacement of missing water valve curb boxes with the service line inventory. During the replacement of curb boxes, the materials used for the borough side of the service line and the property owner's side of the service line can be identified and documented. Doing this for a select number of residences in each area of the borough may generate enough information to satisfy the PADEP's inventory requirements.

6. New Employee Certification

GF visited the site on March 27th and conducted the quarterly chlorine meter calibrations and conducted the Initial Demonstration of Capability with the new Borough employees. Both employees passed the demonstration and are now approved to conduct and report the results of chlorine testing.

7. Public Water Supply Report and Consumer Confidence Report

GF has prepared the DEP required Public Water Supply Report. It was submitted on March 14, 2023.

The Consumer Confidence Report will be prepared and submitted prior to the June 30, 2023 deadline.

Respectfully submitted,
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.
Site Office

CATEGORY	OBTAINED	REQUIRED
	MARCH 2023	
Flow (MG/D)	0.330	0.350 Maximum
CBOD (MG/L)	3 mg/l	25 Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MGL)	9 mg/l	30 Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MGL)		Monitor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MGL)		Monitor Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGL)	0.8 mg/l	12.9 Maximum
Faecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	190/100 ML	2,000/100 ML Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	6.1 mg/l	4.0 Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)	0.27 mg/l	0.32 Maximum

The treatment plant produced a good quality effluent discharge throughout the month of March 2023. All parameters were within N.P.D.E.S. permit limits.

MARCH 2023

The average daily flow for the month of March was 0.330.

The precipitation for March was 5.75".

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

Poured three sludge drying beds.

No sludge was hauled during March 2023.

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 March 2023 was complete and sent to the Authority, RAR Engineering and PADEP.

Decant 15,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 12 PA One calls.

Performed 5 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