

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
April 11, 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, Jimmy Nolfi, and Douglas Ordak.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (March 14, 2022) adding the change from three (3) days off to five (5) days off for bereavement and one (1) day off for aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews (Secretary's omission) and Mr. Marciante added under the committee reports, that the letter to PennDOT can be submitted by the secretary, mayor, or the road superintendent...***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. Jackson, to approve payment of the April bills noting the L & S invoice included 702 N. Main St., not 207 N. Main Street (Secretary's error) ...***carried***

VISITORS: Kenny Smith (looking for any update regarding the end of 12th Street paving), Roberta Penwell, Beth Grundy.

Mayor's Report: Hometown Heroes Banners - the project is moving along with about 69 banners at this point. Mr. Slosser reported that he spoke to Gary Pezzuolo and that he is willing to let Bessemer use his man-lift as long as the person operating it wears a harness. Mayor Leslie reported that the Legion will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in June 2022 with a special program at the Croatian Club. The Legion will be participating in the Memorial Day service this year at 10am on Memorial Day in Kennedy Park.

Police Report: Report was given by OIC Charmo... *see written report*

Fire Department Report: Chief Breetz reported 1 brushfire
Chief Breetz reported that Justin Javens has the financial reports and all certifications for the department in his vehicle and that he will turn it over to council. President Izzo reminded Chief Breetz that every fundraiser the department holds must be approved by council and in the approved meeting minutes per our insurance policy.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the Fire Department's purchase of a 1981 Chevrolet Mini Pumper from Mahoning Township...***carried***

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

N. Main Street drain - Mr. Werhnyak reported that Bob Prell feels the drain across the street is tied in with the west side of the street. Public Works will dig the drain out to investigate.

President Izzo requested that Public Works email the borough office the specs on the Sterling, snowplows, and the Exmark for putting them out for bid.

BMA Report: Beth Grundy provided report. *See written report...*

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

Mr. Buzza reported that he has emailed Liquid Engineering regarding the inspection and cleaning of the water tower and was informed that the company will notify the borough one week prior to their arrival. Mr. Buzza brought up the alternation of Well #1 and Well #2 and the notification of the alarm system due to a possible injection port issue. He will change this port again only three month after it was last changed. Mr. Buzza suggests that if the new port doesn't work, the borough would need to have a new tap put into the main line assuming there is a dead spot in the chlorine line. A contractor would need to be hired to install the new tap. He also informed council that the Public Water Supply Report has been submitted. He will now begin the Consumer Confidence Report. He reported that he has received information on two of the three grants that were submitted. His thoughts are that the borough is still in the running for N. Main Street and the utility truck. He hasn't heard anything on the generator grant.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - PennDOT letter will be worked on by the Mayor. PennDOT will be making some repairs to the state roads.

On April 28, 2022, Mr. Marciante will be attending a meeting in Rochester regarding the state roads and weight limits of commercial trucks. Mr. Slosser would like to see speed limit signs placed on the north and south lanes of N. Main Street. Slowing traffic on the south bound lane from 35mph to 25mph at Lakeside Drive. He would also like to see the 25mph sign on the north bound lane by Cow Licks made more visible and a 35mph sign posted on the side of the north bound lane across from Lakeside Drive.

Human Resources: Art Van Tassel - The intent to amend the Police Pension Ordinance was discussed. The details are being worked out with little assistance from the state on wording. The secretary will advertise Intent to Amend/Adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2022

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - 2007 Zero-Turn Mower.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to put the Exmark Zero-Turn out for bid with a reserve of \$2500...*carried*

All information on the Sterling, Exmark mower, and snow plows must be submitted via email to the secretary so that they can be put out for bid.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to amend the High Grass and Weed Ordinance as to change the amount charged for the violation if the owner doesn't abide...*carried*

Mr. Slosser would like to look into other means of advertising the Sterling. It was suggested that Muncibid might be a good route to take. Mr. Slosser would like to see the sidewalk into the borough building repaired. He would also like to see the Roosevelt Ave. bridge cleaned up of any debris and the barriers painted bright yellow. The Street Committee will meet to discuss the bridge and possibly look into a grant to repair it. The Committee was given the name of Levi Feeze to possibly look at the bridge for an engineer's opinion.

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Discussion regarding the expense list given to the committee from the BMA took place. Mr. Jackson feels both the borough and BMA incur similar cost on a monthly basis. It was decided that the borough will leave the original setup in place. It was suggested that the borough and BMA wait until Mr. Kliem gets back into town for any further discussion.

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Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Discussion regarding the hydrant meter took place. Mr. Nolfi contacted Aqua Ohio and YS Plumbing in Youngstown (neither sell). Trumbull Industries has a meter costing about \$1000. Mr. Nolfi will contact Neptune Meters for pricing.

Emergency Services: Art Van Tassel - Previously covered.

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Mr. Ordak has been asked to see if the State Fish Commission would stock the lake at Bessemer Lake Park. It was suggested that DCNR be contacted for help. It was also mentioned that the park was once private to only Bessemer residents. Mr. Ordak mentioned that the borough used state money in the park and that we can no longer make it Bessemer residents only. The boat/kayak launch was discussed. Mayor Leslie reported that Tim Walker would clear the trees for the launch free of charge if the Mayor and OIC Charmo helped him with the job.

Old Business - Ordinance No. 2 of 2022 (Parking of motor vehicles within the borough limits)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to adopt (in principle) Ordinance No. 2 of 2022, regarding the parking within the borough limits...*carried*

Ordinance No. 3 of 2022 (Opening of Borough street)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2022 for the opening of borough street and the restoration of the streets...*carried*

New Business - Ordinance No. 4 of 2022 (Police Pension Plan)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to advertise intent to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2022 that reintroduces the Police Pension Plan...*carried*

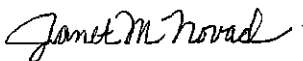
Parrott Lease Agreement - Mr. Jackson to go over the lease agreement the borough has with Kim Parrott. **Painting of the fire hydrants** - Checking with Dr. Patton regarding the painting of the fire hydrants by the Eagle Scouts. Mr. VanTassel feels that the borough should pay for the paint whoever does the job. Mr. Buzza suggested making sure that the hydrants work before they are painted. The Fire Department has a list of all non-working hydrants and they will get the list to the borough. It was reported that a hydrant at the end of Field Street is leaking. This hydrant will be either repaired or replaced. **Fuel tank monitoring** - Discussion was had regarding a card-reader on the fuel tanks. It was also discussed that they could use a BP card and receive \$.10 off a gallon. The set up with the fuel tanks needs to be addressed at next month's meeting. **Security Cameras** - Mr. Jackson to look into the security cameras for the borough building.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet M. Novad


Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: MARCH	YEAR: 2022
Alarms (1)	PFA Violations ()
Animal Complaints (2)	Property Checks ()
Assists (2)	Request to speak to Officer (4)
Assaults ()	Public Intoxications ()
ATV ()	Robbery ()
Burglary ()	Suspicious Activity ()
Burning Complaint ()	Suspicious Persons (2)
Criminal Arrests Adults () Juveniles ()	Suspicious Vehicles (2)
Criminal Investigations ()	Theft (2)
Criminal Mischief (1)	Traffic Accidents ()
Disorderly Conduct ()	Traffic Citations (6)
Disturbances (1)	Non Traffic Citations ()
Domestics (1)	Traffic Stops (12)
DUI Arrest ()	Trespassing (1)
Harassment (1)	Warrant Service ()
Medical Calls (9)	Written Warnings ()
Missing Persons ()	Follow Up ()
Narcotics ()	Noise complaint ()
Erratic driver ()	911 Hang Up (1)
Lockout ()	Welfare Check (2)
Juvenile Complaint (1)	Sex Offense ()
Vehicle Repair ()	Assist Fire ()
Road Hazard (2)	Unautho. use of motor vehicle ()
Psychiatric ()	Assist public non-criminal (4)
Patrol Officers Hours Worked:	492.5 Hours
Fuel: Gallons	187.5 Gallons
Total Miles:	1,732 Miles

March 2022

March 14, 2022 - April 10, 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Water

Postings as requested.

Three curb boxes, one each on 5th Street, Elm Street, and North Main, excavated by L & S Excavating.

Water shut off at the request of two residents to accommodate plumbing repairs.

Responded to four One Calls, two on South Main for private contractors, one on Oak Street for Columbia Gas, and one on 12th Street for Comcast.

Replaced Barrel of AquaMag and one of the AquaMag chem pumps at the pumphouse.

Flushed hydrant at the end of Bestview at the request of a resident.

Locating and mapping curb boxes and service lines on Walnut, Elm, Oak, and Roosevelt Streets in preparation for the upcoming gas line replacement project. Began the same process on West Poland Avenue.

Streets

Plowing and salting.

Mr. Prell investigated the catch basin situation near the square. Camera was not used as too much/murky water in the piping. He believes that there is another pipe tying the catch basins together that we will attempt to clear and locate, weather and time permitting.

Replaced damaged stop sign and post on the corner of 11th Street and Wallage.

Purchased additional sign posts and hardware to replenish our stock on hand from Municipal Sign.

Borough Property

Purchased and installed latch protector as requested for the new man door for the police department garage.

BMA

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK

ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES

MARCH 31, 2022

<u>UTILITY ACCOUNT:</u>	\$36,972.95
<u>OPERATING ACCOUNT:</u>	\$252,051.63
<u>PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT:</u>	\$188,759.58
<u>F & G ANNUITY</u>	\$129,260.65
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 607,044.81</u>

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: APRIL 1, 2022

INFORMATION FOR MARCH 1-31, 2022

<u>52</u>	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$3,638.10</u>	Total owed in late payments
<u>21</u>	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
<u>1</u>	Total customers to have water shut off
<u>1</u>	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
<u>2</u>	Total Property Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Sheriff Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Liens applied

To: Bessemer Municipal Authority
 Board of Directors

From: Michael P. Davidson
 Date: April 14, 2022
 Subject: March 2022 Operators Report

CATEGORY	OBTAINED	REQUIRED
	MARCH 2022	
Flow (MGD)	0.345	0.380 Maximum
CBOD (MG/L)	8 mg/l	25 Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MG/L)	7 mg/l	30 Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly
Ammonia Nitrogen (MG/L)	0.8 mg/l	12.0 Maximum
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	67/100 ML	2,000/100 ML Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	8.2 mg/l	4.0 Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MG/L)	0.23 mg/l	0.52 Maximum

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

March 2022

The average daily flow for the month of March was 0.345 mgd.

The precipitation for March was 4.88".

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

No sludge was hauled during March 2022.

Had the main line clogged at 220 Hillside Road, had the line jettied.

Worked with RAR Engineering for a grant.

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 2022 was complete and sent to the Authority, RAR Engineering and PADEP.

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

Marked 5 PA One calls.

Performed 6 home inspections.

Daily routines of analytical testing, plant inspection, skimming the tanks and taking readings are daily tasks that are not in this report.

If the Board should have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,


 Michael P. Davidson
 President

Gannett Fleming

**BESSEMER BOROUGH
 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
 APRIL 14, 2022 MEETING**

1. **Tank Inspection**
 Contacted tank inspection firm to request a tentative date for inspection. Was told we would be notified about a week in advance.
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 received email responses requesting additional information regarding the grant requests for the utility truck and North Main Waterline replacement projects.
6. **Operations Assistance**
 Continue to assist staff with treatment adjustments. Staff has been operating Well #2 on a consistent basis. Chlorine demand and residuals continue to fluctuate during the alternation between the 2 wells. Changes in chemical addition points indicates that the addition of the new chemical injection tap may help alleviate the fluctuating residuals.
7. **Public Water Supply Report**
 The Public Water Supply Report has been submitted to the PA DEP
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 Buzza
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 Senior Operations Specialist