

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
May 8, 2023

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

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

Nathan Leslie, Bob Slosser, Michael Marciante, Cody Jackson, Lu Anne Izzo, Jimmy Nolfi, and Douglas Ordak.

Absent: Art VanTassel

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*April 10, 2023*)...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, 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. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve payment of the May bills...*carried*

**VISITORS:** Beth Grundy (BMA), Scott Lindey (BMA/turned in keys to Boro building), Roberta Penwell (BMA), Tracey Meanor (BMA), Patti Etzold Glass & Michelle Miller (Friends of the Library/Yard Sale & Spring Fling/approval to advertise on Boro sign), and Bryan Cunningham.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Leslie reported on Bessemer Community Days. The library will be hosting a movie night on July 28th. Mayor Leslie asked council if the money in Recreational Fund could be used for the Bessemer Community Days expenses. This money would be replaced after money is raised during the weekend.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to use the Recreational Fund to cover the expenses of the Community Days event, with an agreement to replace any money used with money earned throughout the weekend...*carried*

The business meeting was successful and resulted in a "Bessemer Business Directory." Mayor Leslie would like anyone that was missed to please contact him to be added.

Mayor Leslie reported that the Cops Hiring grant was submitted on May 8th. He also reported that the park grant is on hold until the borough's solicitor certifies that the borough owns the Bessemer Lake Park. Also, the final order for the year of Hometown Heroes Banners have been submitted.

**Police Report:** Mayor Leslie read report ...*see written report*

Permission to purchase an additional AR with Police Department Account Funds - Quotes provided.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, approving the purchase of a new AR with a \$2,000 spending limit...*carried*

**Fire Department Report:** Assistant Chief Miller read report... *see written report*

Assistant Chief Miller provided the Glick Invoice that HA Thomson had requested after the PIRMA claim was filed for the 84 Pumper.

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

Mr. Ordak would like the guys to do some work at the boat ramp before the Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Buzza is to conduct the iron and manganese sampling with Ken Holly in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Werhnyak has permission to purchase new flags and has been asked to purchase mulch at the best price.

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

Mrs. Meanor inquired about North Beaver residents' interests in garbage pick-up with the Republic Service.

It has been reported that no residents have called the borough showing any interest.

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

Council agreed to have Mr. Buzza contact Liquid Engineering to inform the company that the borough will use a lift as a tie-off point to access the top of the tank for inspection.

Discussion regarding the Roosevelt Ave. Bridge and the opening of one lane to local traffic. Mr. Buzza reminded council that Gannett Fleming engineers recommended that the bridge remain closed.

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Mr. Buzza suggested that the borough get the letter out to PennVEST regarding applying for funding of the generators and meters. Mr. Slosser suggested purchasing better pumps so that we aren't repairing and replacing pumps repeatedly. Mr. Buzza is to collect information that is required by the DEP on this.

The utility side of the DEP's inventory requirements are being ironed out. Lastly, the CCR is finished and ready to be submitted to the local DEP. The drawings of the pump house updates are to be provided so that the borough can put the project out for bid.

**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante - Suggested that we change the wording in the Street Ordinance to better suit the borough when utility companies open our streets. He provided measurements of what Columbia Gas would not be paving. County Liquid Fuels money is available with an estimate provided by an engineering firm.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to place the tree streets out for bid after Mr. Buzza reviews the measurements and develops specific measurements for the ad...*carried*

**Human Resources:** Art VanTassel - Absent - Mr. Jackson would like to go into Executive Session.

**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser - 84 Pumper to be tabled until Fire Dept meets with their attorney.

2023 Utility Truck discussion on different options and COSTAR pricing.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to purchase the option for the 2023 Ford F-250 (regular cab), aluminum dump-bed, 8' snowplow, and 8' saltbox for the price of \$71,466 stating that the price may go up once the money from the state comes in...*carried*

Black 1997 GMC truck (fuel tank leak) discussion.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to put the 1997 GMC black truck, with the plow attached, on Municibid with a \$3,000 reserve...*carried*

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:** Cody Jackson - Already covered.

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi - Continue the waterline/service line inventory. Drawings for the water treatment plant are needed as soon as possible.

**Emergency Services:** Art VanTassel - Absent

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak - Confirmation that the downed pine tree near the Bessemer Lake Park is on the neighboring property and not the borough's.

**Coordinator:** Executive Session

**Old Business:**

**PIRMA Check/Resolution No. 5 of 2023**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak to pass Resolution No. 5 of 2023 giving the insurance check to the Fire Department for the replacement of the 84 Pumper Truck...*motion fails* ...due to the lack of second.

**Advertise intent to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 (Revised Junk Ordinance)**

**Hydrants** - Checking with Mohawk for Senior Requirements (Community Service) to paint the hydrants "yellow"

**New Business:**

**Lawrence County Liquid Fuels**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to pass Resolution No. 5 of 2023 approving the application for Lawrence County Liquid Fuels money...*carried*

**Republic Services Contract** - Pricing provided for discussion.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to accept Republic Services' contract pricing proposal...*carried*

**Multimodal Transportation Grant** - Streets and Lights Committee will look over the need for improvements.


**Jimmy Lombardo's Retirement** - Award (Crown Award)/Recreational Fund

**Stock Bessemer Lake Park/Community Days** - State controlled - Council did **not** approve the stocking of the lake.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to enter into executive session at 8:32pm...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to enter back into the regular meeting and to adjourn the meeting...*carried* Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Janet M. Novad  
Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT APRIL MONTHLY REPORT

April 10, 2023  
Council Meeting

Fire Department Report for March 2023

ALARMS ( 1 )	PFA VIOLATIONS ( )
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ( 3 )	PROPERTY CHECKS (60)
ASSISTS ( 5 )	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER ( 4 )
ASSAULTS ( )	PUBLIC INTOXICATION ( 1 )
ATV COMPLAINT ( 2 )	OVERDOSE ( 1 )
BURGLARY ( )	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ( 2 )
BURNING COMPLAINT ( )	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE ( 2 )
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS ( ) JUVENILES ( )	THEFT/ FRAUD ( 3 )
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ( 2 )	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ( )
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES ( 4 )	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (14)
DUI ARREST ( )	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ( 1 )
HARASSMENT ( 1 )	TRAFFIC STOPS (25)
MEDICAL CALLS ( 5 )	WARNINGS (11)
MISSING PERSONS	TRESPASSING ( 1 )
ERRATIC DRIVERS ( 2 )	FOLLOW UP ( 3 )
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ( 2 )	911 HANG UP ( 1 )
VEHICLE REPAIR ( 1 )	WELFARE CHECK ( 1 )
ROAD HAZARD ( )	FOUND PROPERTY ( )
PSYCHIATRIC ( )	ASSIST FIRE ( )
NARCOTICS ( )	ASSIST PUBLIC ( 3 )
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 472 Hours	
FUEL: 155.7 Gallons	
MILES: 1,871 Miles	

1) 6 Calls, 4 Lines down, 1 Flooded basement, 1 MVA  
2) Fuel: 16.9 Gallons diesel  
7.5 Gallons regular

Financial Report

General Checking: \$2,181.07

General savings: \$6,880.31

Relief Checking: \$19,946.48

Hold balance: \$169,144.10 Note this money( both together) is to replace lost equipment from E. P. call

Relief Savings: \$760.37

Bessemer Volunteer Fire Company Council Report April 2023

Balances:

General Checking: \$3,174.85

General Savings: \$6,880.54

Relief Checking: \$179,815.48

Relief Savings: \$760.40

CD #1: \$566.90

CD #2: \$529.74

Deposits:

Purchases:

Supplies for Burger Sale  
Lunches for Ropes 1 class

Fuel:

6.7 Diesel  
12.1 Gas

Calls:

(2 calls Total)

2 Brush fires

Training:

Autism Awareness  
Ropes 1 class

April 2023

Vehicles & Equipment

Purchased hooks and made up chains with chain found at the maintenance building to lift the Salt Dogg from the bed of the F600. Salt Dogg removed and stored in the pole barn area.

Water

Twenty one postings, one shut off.

Shut off water for plumbing repairs at the request of the resident.

One calls for PennDOT bridge replacement project, Columbia Gas at regulator station, private contractor for local business, paving project on Walnut, design phase of Lake Park project, and four for Penn Power for pole reinforcement.

Submitted one call on the borough's behalf for excavation on Walnut Street.

Hydrant flushing on Thursdays.

Documentation of service lines within residences moving along nicely.

Chem pump on well #1 failed. Replaced injector and pump with rebuilt unit on hand.

Installed supplied programmable entrance lockset at the pump house as directed.

Compiled list of possible excavation locations for identification of the materials used between the corp stops and curb stops.

Streets

Pot holes on East Poland Ext, Clyde, and Bestview addressed with cold patch.

Borough Property

Holes in parking lot at Lake Park addressed with limestone available on site.

Dumpsters delivered and picked up at residences on Elm, Walnut, and West Fairview.

Toe plate on handicapped handrail secured and additional fasteners installed on playground "slide" as requested at pump house park.

Gathered together a load of nonferrous scrap and taken in for recycling.

Continued cleaning, organizing, and inventory of maintenance building.

Leveled out millings on the slope for the boat launch. Installed boat launch sign.

Topsoil purchased and applied by borough office and Kennedy Park thus far. Remainder stored in pole barn for future use.

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: MAY 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR APRIL 1-30, 2023

61	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
\$3,944.60	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

MAY 2023				
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4787 Scott Road  
Jamestown Pa. 16134  
(724) 932-5050 notify to send fax

BMA

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK  
ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES

APRIL 1-30, 2023

To: Board of Directors  
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson  
Date: May 13, 2023  
Subject: April 2023 Operators Report

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$ 43,585.87

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$309,233.60

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$194,996.29

F & G ANNUITY: \$129,260.65

GRAND TOTAL: \$677,076.41

LOAN FCB: \$1,743,717.91

CATEGORY	OBTAINED	REQUIRED
	APRIL 2023	
Flow (MG/D)	0.262	0.350 Maximum
CBOD (MG/L)	3 mg/l	25 Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MG/L)	5 mg/l	30 Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MG/L)	10.2 mg/l	Monitor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MG/L)	2.8 mg/l	Monitor Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MG/L)	0.8 mg/l	12.8 Maximum
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	142/100 ML	2,000/100 ML Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	4.2 mg/l	4.0 Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)	0.24 mg/l	0.32 Maximum

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

APRIL 2023

The average daily flow for the month of April was 0.262.

The precipitation for April was 4.90".

The NPDES permit for the treatment plant expires on May 31, 2023, the permit renewal application was 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 one sludge drying beds.

Installed a new mailbox.

Investigated a sink hole at the intersection of Walnut and West Poland. Televised the sewer line and it was in good shape.

No sludge was hauled during April 2023.

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

Decant 14,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Ordered a spare pump for the South Breeze pump station from Trombold Equipment Company.

Marked 10 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

BMA ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET



BESSEMER BOROUGH  
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE  
MAY 8, 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**  
Our plans for the waterline relocation have been submitted to the engineering firm managing the bridge replacement project. We will respond to any comments received.
- 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.
- Roosevelt Bridge**  
The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission is in the process of updating their transportation project priority list. GF will review the list when it is finalized to determine if the Roosevelt Bridge has been added to the list.
- PennVest Funding**  
The PA DEP is reviewing the inclusion of the emergency generator project and the installation of water meters into PennVest's Technical Assistance Program. If approved, a preplanning meeting with PennVest and PADEP representatives is required prior to submission of the application. The application cutoff for the next round is anticipated to be in August.
- Water System Assistance**  
GF has contacted L&S Excavating to request they provide their proposed pump house piping replacement. We are waiting for their response.  
Well #1 is showing an elevated chlorine demand. This is potentially a seasonal issue. The board may wish to consider having a water well driller conduct inspections of the wells.  
GF can provide training to the recently hired employees in conducting iron and manganese analyses of the water.
- 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.
- Consumer Confidence Report**  
GF has prepared the Consumer Confidence Report and it has been provided to the Borough for distribution.

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