

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
May 9, 2022

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

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

Bob Slosser, Michael Marciante, Lu Anne Izzo, Art VanTassel, and Douglas Ordak.

Absent: Nathan Leslie, Cody Jackson, and Jimmy Nolfi

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (April 11, 2022) ***...carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, 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 May bills ***...carried***

PLGIT Credit (Card) - Secretary to provide a copy of the credit card statement with the financial report.

**Marla (Gallo) Brown**: Pennsylvania State House Representative Candidate (R) introduced herself and talked about her hope for the area's growth.

**Mark Solley**: Addressed council regarding having a buyer for his 401 W. Poland Ave. commercial property. The Buyer/George Williams (George's Asphalt) will be placing a building and parking lot on the property. Mr. Williams reassured council that the asphalt company will have all vehicles licensed and registered. Mr. Williams stated that he is aware of the borough's ordinances and will abide by them.

**VISITORS**: Roberta Penwell, Mary Kliem (Code Enforcement info needed)(\$1900 refund/park benches)

**Mayor's Report**: President Izzo gave report: Hometown Heroes Banners - shipping out this week. We will coordinate with Gary Pezzuolo using his man-lift. We will also coordinate with Ted Jurich and the use of his tractor. If the equipment is available this coming weekend, we will start to hang the banners. The American Legion and the Cub Scouts will take part in a Memorial Day Service on May 30th in Kennedy Park at 10am. The Service will include the dedication of the Hometown Heroes banners.

**Police Report**: Report was given by President Izzo *... see written report*

The state has yet to provide the numbers for the state pension. Once they are completed, an ordinance can then be adopted. It was reported that the F150 police truck was damaged. The department received a verbal estimate of \$650 from Terry Johnson. The OIC, mayor, president of council, and the chairman of borough property will conduct an investigation into what happened to the F150 police responder. It was agreed that the inspection of the police vehicles shall take place at the start and end of each shift.

**Fire Department Report**: Assist. Chief Miller reported they had two calls in April...*see written report*. Assistant Chief Miller gave the financial report. The department purchased a gas reader meter (Sniffer). Borough council gave permission for the department to have

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a spaghetti dinner and a sub sandwich sale fundraiser in the next couple of months. Pool filling will be on a request-to-request basis due to the pumper issues.

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

**Lock-n-Safety on Fuel tanks/disconnects** - John Stambul/certified electrician can give the borough a bid for the fuel pumps.

\*\*Mr. Ordak requested that the park picnic tables be cleaned up. The area of Bessemer Lake Park where the pipe leads out needs cleaned up. After the area dries up, we can look into what improvements need to be made to the drainage. Mr. Ordak spoke to PENNLIN regarding clearing vegetation along N. Main St. guardrails. This would include the clearing on both sides of the lakes. Mr. Marciante offered to pressure-wash the monument and gazebo in Kennedy Park in preparation for Memorial Day.

**BMA Report:** President Izzo read report. *See written report...*

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

Mr. Buzza reported that he continues to try and contact Liquid Engineering regarding the inspection and cleaning of the water tank. He has yet to hear back from them. Mr. Buzza informed council that he is still trying to get a cooperative agreement completed between the company for the waterline relocation (S. Main Street bridge replacement/2023) and Bessemer Borough. He has sent numerous emails and made calls regarding this agreement with no response. Mr. Buzza also reported that he has received confirmation that the grant application through LSA for the generators are still in the running. He also reported that he will be getting started on the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). He also stated that he will take a look at the Roosevelt Ave. bridge. Gannett Fleming can inspect the bridge and give a written report costing the borough around \$7500. Council agrees to place jersey barriers temporarily closing Roosevelt Ave bridge until it can be inspected and repaired. Castle Builders Supply will be contacted for the barriers. Public Works to post "Road Closed" signs on both sides of the bridge. The barriers are to be painted yellow.

Mr. Buzza explained that Well No. 2 has been in use and exercised. They are making progress with the well at this time. Mr. Buzza reported that one of the three pumps at the booster station isn't operating. He will contact Tim St. John to see about getting a new pump. This is not critical at this time, but it will be if another pump fails.

\*\*Discussion regarding a former Bessemer business owner taking water from the borough's hydrant took place. Secretary Novad is to contact the former business owner by phone and inform the company's owner that they can no longer use the borough's water as of May 9, 2022. The Water Committee is to meet regarding a policy or ordinance for the use/taking of water out of the fire hydrants.

Mr. Nolfi provided the information prior to the meeting for a Neptune Meter with a backflow preventer at a cost of \$2,090. This is to be approved at next month's meeting

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(June 13, 2022) after the committee meets. Mr. Buzza will also get a price from St. John Electric.

**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante - Speed Limit Signs/N. Main Street

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to erect a south bound 25mph sign at Lakeside Drive and a north bound 25mph at Roosevelt Avenue...*carried*  
Committee to meet regarding what streets need paved and a reminder that the contract mentions the borough keeping the millings. The committee is to consider the paving at the pump house and Bessemer Lake Park parking areas.

**Human Resources:** Art Van Tassel - Nothing

**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser - Concrete work - Receive estimates for the sidewalk at borough office and sections of the post office parking lot. Chicken Ordinance - Looking into the ordinance regarding animals. Backhoe - Hemis is repairing the manifold leak and placing new gaskets. The turbo also needs replaced. The borough is considering a 6' set of forks that would hook onto the bucket for delivery and pickup of dumpsters safely.

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:** Cody Jackson - absent - He is looking into the lease agreement with Mr. Parrott regarding the 4th Street borough property.

**Security Cameras** - Still receiving quotes for the placement of security cameras. Secretary is to keep door locked when a police officer is not present in the building. Borough Property Committee to meet regarding the best option for security cameras.

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi - Absent - previously covered the portable water meter with backflow preventer. Storm drain/N. Main St. will be inspected with Mike Davidson's camera. Mr. Nolfi questions the amount of time spent on water plant issues. Schedule the next shut-off valves for replacement. Mr. Nolfi suggested that the borough reach out to our state representatives for water filtration system grants.

**Emergency Services:** Art Van Tassel - Certification of the emergency vehicles. Assist. Fire Chief Miller mentioned that Firefly will be in our area in June of 2022 to do pump tests and certifications on the tanker and mini pumper. The maximum cost would be \$1,500. The fire department can pay the cost of the certification and turn it over to the borough for reimbursement consideration.

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak - Checking into the stocking of Bessemer Lake Park. Will provide the information once he receives it.

**Old Business :**

**Ordinance No. 4 of 2022-**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to amend the High Grass and Weed Ordinance \$100 charge to a \$200 charge plus market rate...*carried*

**Hydrant painting** - Dr. Patton will have the boy scouts put a proposal together and present the proposal to council as part of the community service badge. The troop will be able to start around July if they are approved by troop leader. Council approves of the troop painting faces on the hydrant but the caps must be color-coded for flow of hydrant. The

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borough will purchase the paint. Bench/Tree Memorial (Ray Penwell and Ed Allison) - A reminder that public funds cannot be used to purchase these memorials.

**New Business:**

Spring Clean-Up -

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve Spring Clean-Up for June 20th - 25th...***carried***

Columbia Gas (Road Permit) - Approval for Columbia Gas to open the streets (N. Main St, Oak St., Elm St., Walnut St., Roosevelt Ave., Covenant Dr., 1st St., and 2nd St.)

Flowers - (Kennedy Park and center of town) - Council approved \$300 for flowers but is asking to try and stay under that. The Kliems have offered their Schweikert's punch card for free baskets. It was mentioned that at Schweikerts on May 12th, the Library will receive 10% of the sales if you mention the library at purchase.

Borough Sign (Advertise Library Spring Fling) - Approval to advertise on the borough sign for the Library's Spring Fling on June 21, 2022.

LIHEAP - Council approved to have the borough be a participant.

PSAB Cannabis Legalization/Resolution - The borough solicitor feels that at this time he would not recommend the passing of any resolution. The passing of said resolution may inhibit the borough police to enforce certain regulations. He recommends revisiting it at a later time.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to table the discussion for a later date...***carried***

Garbage can/Kennedy Park (more pleasing to the eye) - Tabled discussion for a later date.

Sterling/Reserve-\$32,000 (Municibid) - Council approved to place the Sterling on Municibid since not receiving any bids after running two ads in the New Castle News.

Public Works were instructed to clean up the Sterling with black paint and have Officer Wallace take photos for Municibid.

George Williams (George's Asphalt) - Council approved of the secretary issuing a letter to Mr. Williams approving the parking of his paving vehicles.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to enter into executive session...***carried***

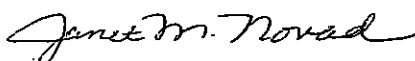
Executive Session at 9:17pm

Reopen the Regular Meeting at 9:41pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

| MONTH: April                              | YEAR: 2022                        |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Alarms ( )                                | PFA Violations ( )                |
| Animal Complaints (2)                     | Property Checks ( )               |
| Assists (9)                               | Request to speak to Officer (3)   |
| Assaults ( )                              | Public Intoxications ( )          |
| ATV ( )                                   | Robbery ( )                       |
| Burglary ( )                              | Suspicious Activity ( )           |
| Burding Complaint ( )                     | Suspicious Persons (2)            |
| Criminal Arrests Adults (3) Juveniles ( ) | Suspicious Vehicles ( )           |
| Criminal Investigations ( )               | Theft ( )                         |
| Criminal Mischief ( )                     | Traffic Accidents ( )             |
| Disorderly Conduct ( )                    | Traffic Citations (8)             |
| Disturbances (2)                          | Non Traffic Citations (2)         |
| Domestic (2)                              | Traffic Stops (25)                |
| DUI Arrest ( )                            | Trespassing ( )                   |
| Harassment ( )                            | Warrant Service (1)               |
| Medical Calls (4)                         | Written Warnings ( )              |
| Missing Persons ( )                       | Follow Up ( )                     |
| Narcotics ( )                             | Noise complaint (2)               |
| Erratic driver (1)                        | 911 Hang Up (1)                   |
| Lockout ( )                               | Welfare Check (1)                 |
| Juvenile Complaint ( )                    | Sex Offense ( )                   |
| Vehicle Repair ( )                        | Assist Fire (1)                   |
| Road Hazard (2)                           | Unortho. use of motor vehicle ( ) |
| Psychiatric ( )                           | Assist public non-criminal (4)    |
| Patrol Officers Hours Worked: 484.5       | Hours                             |
| Fuel: Gallons 138.5                       | Gallons                           |
| Total Miles: 2,876                        | Miles                             |

April 2022

April 11, 2022 - May 8, 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Trucks and backhoe washed down to remove any remaining salt.

Sterling unloaded and salt spreader washed out.

One ton unloaded, salt spreader washed out, greased, and removed. Tailgate reinstalled. Plow removed.

Starter on backhoe replaced by Thompson's.

Water

Postings and shut offs as requested.

After a period in of inactivity, request was made to have water service activated at a residence on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Line locating for PA One Calls for residences on South Main, East Fairview, and 15<sup>th</sup> Street for private contractors. South Main for Columbia Gas for normal operations and for the areas affected by the gas line project, design, for Columbia Gas.

Continuing line locating on Second Street and South Main for the gas line replacement.

Plan to proceed onto West Poland line locating for the project. Marking only pertinent areas at this point in time to expedite future and more detailed marking prior to excavation.

Many hours spent at the pump house attributed to well # 2. Mr. Buzza will elaborate.

Streets

Nothing to report.

Borough Property

Awaiting site visit from Mr. St. John in regards to the disconnect for the fuel tanks as well as the booster station pumps. Mr. Buzza will elaborate on the pumps.

New hose was installed on the diesel fuel tank by Reed Oil. (Tanks are leased.)

Straightened and secured curbs at Lake Park as requested.

LED lighting changes completed within the interior area of the maintenance building. Exterior changes pending.

Began the interior area of the fire hall.

Once areas are started they must be completed in a timely fashion for the submission of the rebates.

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Fire Dept. Report**

2 Calls, 1 Brushfire, 1 Vehicle Fire  
Fuel: 0 Gallons

| APRIL |      | 2022                    |      |     |  |
|-------|------|-------------------------|------|-----|--|
| 4/5   | 10.0 | PICK UP                 | MTCB | JPW |  |
| 4/13  | 16.0 | "                       | "    | JPW |  |
| 4/21  | 2.0  | GAS CAN<br>PRES. WASHER | "    | JPW |  |
| 4/25  | 12.0 | PICK UP                 | "    | JPW |  |

**BMA MONTHLY REPORT**

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: May 2, 2022

INFORMATION FOR APRIL 1-30, 2022

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 85         | Late fee's applied to customer accounts |
| \$4,593.50 | Total owed in late payments             |
| 13         | Water Shut Off Warnings posted          |
| 3          | Total customers to have water shut off  |
| 3          | Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee |
| 4          | Total Property Sales                    |
| 0          | Total Sheriff Sales                     |
| 0          | Total Liens applied                     |



BESSEMER BOROUGH  
 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE  
 MAY 9, 2022 MEETING

To: Bessemer Municipal Authority  
 Board of Directors

From: Michael P. Davidson  
 Date: May 12, 2022  
 Subject: April 2022 Operators Report

| CATEGORY                           | OBTAINED   | REQUIRED             |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
|                                    | APRIL 2022 |                      |
| Flow (MGD)                         | 0.288      | 0.350 Maximum        |
| CBOD (MGA)                         | 3 mg/l     | 25 Maximum           |
| Total Suspended Solids (MGA)       | 5 mg/l     | 30 Maximum           |
| Total Nitrogen (MGA)               | 12.1 mg/l  | Monitor Quarterly    |
| Total Phosphorus (MGA)             | 1.2 mg/l   | Monitor Quarterly    |
| Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGA)             | 0.5 mg/l   | 12.9 Maximum         |
| Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average) | 55/100 ML  | 2,000/100 ML Maximum |
| Dissolved Oxygen                   | 8.3 mg/l   | 4.0 Minimum          |
| Total Residual Chlorine (MGA)      | 0.25 mg/l  | 0.33 Maximum         |

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

April 2022

The average daily flow for the month of April was 0.288 mgd.

The precipitation for April was 6.35".

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

No sludge was hauled during April 2022.

Performed the annual service on the plant generator (changed the oil and all filters).

Performed the annual service on the South Breeze generator (changed the oil and all filters).

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

Decant 17,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 8 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

- 1. Tank Inspection**  
 Have not yet heard from tank inspection firm with date for the inspection.
- 2. Sodium Hypochlorite Storage Tank**  
 Information has been provided to staff regarding commercially available chemical storage tank suitable for storage of sodium hypochlorite.
- 3. Bridge Water Line Relocation**  
 Tried to contact the engineering firm coordinating the bridge replacement project via phone requesting the documents needed to participate in the cost sharing arrangement for the water line relocation. My call went to voice mail and has not yet been returned.  
 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 response requesting additional information regarding the grant requests for the water system generators.
- 6. Operations Assistance**  
 Continue to assist staff with treatment adjustments. Staff has been operating Well #2 on consistent basis. Progress is being made and it appears the differences in chlorine demand between the two wells is related to the lack of flow in the piping from Well #2 to the pump house. With the regular use of Well #2 it appears that the residual fluctuations between the 2 wells is beginning to decrease.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Roosevelt Ave. Bridge Inspection**  
 At the request of a council member an evaluation of the condition of the Roosevelt Ave. Bridge is desired. Photos of the bridge deck and culvert were taken and provided to GF's bridge group. A bridge inspection and options report can be conducted for an estimated cost of \$7,500. This inspection will indicate what steps are needed to rehabilitate the bridge deck and the culvert below as needed.

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