

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
June 13, 2022

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, Art VanTassel,

Absent: Jimmy Nolfi and Douglas Ordak

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (May 9, 2022) ***...carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, 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. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve payment of the June bills excluding the invoice from the solicitor due to questions regarding hourly charges and work not requested by council...***carried***

VISITORS: Dale Baker (N. Main St. speed limit - unhappy with the reduction of the speed.

Roosevelt Ave. bridge - feels that if it needs replaced, to just close it or install a large pipe for the water flow and fill it in. There is a chance that there is state grant money available); Beth Grundy (BMA); and Justin Javins

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie publicly thanked all those that helped with the Hometown Heroes Banners including Gary Pezzuolo/GP Construction for the equipment used in the installation of the banners. He also thanked Mike Marciante for power-washing the Kennedy Park monument and gazebo in preparation for Memorial Day. He also thanked the American Legion, Dr. Patton and the boy scouts for all the help with the Memorial Day Service. Mayor Leslie updated council regarding the boat launch. Tim Walker cleared the trees, Marc Mitchell and Sam Masters used their equipment to clear the way for the boat launch, Bob Slosser and Gary Pezzuolo provided millings for the ramp, and Officer Charmo is working on a donation from Hanson Aggregates for stone to place on the ramp. The Bessemer Presbyterian Church donated \$200 for the Bessemer Lake Park. Mayor Leslie is asking if the \$200 donation from the church can be used for the cost to place posts and signs (NO Gas Powered Boats) at the boat ramp.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to use the \$200 donation from Bessemer Presbyterian Church for the new boat launch expenses...***carried***

Mayor's Report to be continued after the opening of the bids...

7:15pm - Opening of Bids:

Sterling - Keystone Equipment - \$28,000

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to accept the Keystone Equipment Sterling bid of \$28,000...***carried***

Exmark Zero-Turn - No Bids

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to advertise for sale the Exmark Zero-Turn in front of the borough garage after the 15 day PSAB wait rule...***carried***

Myers Snow Plows - Paul Slosser - \$75/8' and \$75/7.5'

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to accept the Paul Slosser bid of \$150 for both plows...with Bob Slosser abstaining...***carried***

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Electrical Work at Fuel Pumps - John Stambul - \$1200

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to accept the John Stambul bid of \$1200 for the electrical work for the fuel pumps and building...***carried***

Concrete Work - GP Construction - \$4100/sidewalk + \$5700/PO entrance = \$9800

Mahoning Buildings - \$9900/sidewalk and PO entrance

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to accept GP Construction's bid of \$9800 for the repair of the boro sidewalk and PO entrance...***carried***

Mayors Report continued... Mayor Leslie reported that he has the letter to PennDOT regarding the E. Poland Ave. speed reduction study ready to be sent out.

The PMRS/Pension/Chief - The Mayor reported on the findings from the state. Retirement at age 50 with 25 years of service(in Bessemer). Fully vested at 12 years of service. 5% employee salary contribution. 100% benefit/spouse. Reimbursable Cost after two years at \$10,801(Borough), budgeted at \$8000/\$29 hour but now chief is at \$31/hour bringing the cost up a little higher than budgeted.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to move forward with the pension ordinance now that the state provided the numbers to Bessemer...***carried***

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

The Bessemer PD is in need of three badges.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to approve the purchase of 3 new badges...***carried***

Council is in agreement to continue making payments on the Ford F150 Responder until it is paid off.

Code Enforcement Ordinance/Officer Perrotta - will be tabled until Officer Perrotta is notified of the available position and any interest in holding such position.

Property Maintenance Code - Revised Code

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to advertise intent to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2022 that revises the property maintenance code...***carried***

Fireworks - Discussion regarding how to handle the possible violations of the Fireworks Ordinance. Council to consider the amendment of the ordinance. Police department will send a letter to the property owner that is in violation of the Fireworks Ordinance explaining the violation.

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

Mr. Miller reported that Fire-Fly conducted pump testing. The 403 passed, 401 Tanker did not pass, and the 404(mini-pumper) also failed due to four bad valves. The department received quotes for repairs. Mr. Miller reported that the 403 is out of service.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to pay the Fire-Fly invoice for the new mini-pumper (404)...***carried***

Public Works Report: Joe Werhnyak...*See written report*. Valve Replacement - next three (two on Walnut St. and one on Bestview Ave.) also agreed to repair the valve on 12th

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Street. Still looking into the keypad/Key-fob/Keycards - Karski will be contacted by Mr. Werhnyak

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

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

Mr. Buzza reported that the CCR has been provided to the borough. He also mentioned that he hasn't received any information on when the tank will be inspected and that he will email Liquid Engineering to see when this will take place. Mr. Buzza also mentioned that he has sent numerous emails regarding the relocation of the water line on S. Main St. where the state will be replacing the last bridge. Mr. Buzza needs information on whether the borough or the state will be replacing the waterline under the bridge. He also reported that the Roosevelt Ave. bridge inspection would be \$7500. Mr. Buzza mentioned that Mr. McConahy is doing a great job with the borough water system. He is recommends that the borough purchase a meter (\$2,000) that would assist in detecting chlorine, iron, manganese, and hydrogen sulfide. Mr. Buzza brought up the borough selling bulk water and what to charge. He reminded council that the meter we had looked into did not have a backflow preventer. He suggested that if the borough wanted to save on cost and not purchase the meter with the backflow preventer, that you could use the air-gap method using the top of the truck's tank creating an air gap. He reported that a One-Call meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, with Columbia Gas regarding the service gas line replacements and our streets restoration requirements. Council would like Mr. Buzza to attend the

One-Call meeting with our Public Works Department. He also mentioned that if the wells are scoped, it would be around \$10,000-\$12,000 per well. One well would be out of service while it is scoped.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to have Gannett Fleming inspect the Roosevelt Ave. bridge for \$7,500...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to purchase the meter (Fe, Mg, H Sulfide/\$1,700 and reagents/\$400) to test the drinking water...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to purchase two hydrants...***carried***

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - Received quotes for the potholes and borough property that will we may pave. He is to provide confirmation that PennDOT allows the borough to move a speed limit sign. Decide streets for bid at the July 11, 2022 meeting.

Human Resources: Art Van Tassel - Charmo/Life Ins. Policy

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to place Officer Charmo on the Life Ins. Policy...***carried***

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - Security System quotes to be tabled. Backhoe/Turbo is leaking - Hemis will charge less for the repair if they are in town on another job. Feels that at this time we should hold off on the forks for the backhoe.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve Hemis repairing the turbo engine on the backhoe costing between \$1,200 - \$1,800...***carried***

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Mr. VanTassel opposed the motion.

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Executive

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Absent - No motion to purchase the Neptune meter. Vac-Truck to clean the storm drain on N. Main Street. Mr. Buzza can provide three companies to contact for a quote.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to have a Vac-Truck clean the drain so that we can see if there is damage to the drain...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to spend up to \$3,000 to clean the debris out of the N. Main Street drain...***carried***

Emergency Services: Art Van Tassel - Nothing

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Absent

Old Business : Steve Mazzarini has equipment to move the ESSROC Safety Monument. Council agreed to not move the monument from 2nd Street.

New Business: County Aid/MS-339 - It was agreed that the secretary is to contact our PennDOT representative for assistance in receiving the additional county aid money.

Bestview Ave. storm drain - Council agreed to repair the catch basin immediately.

Bestview Ave. stairs - Not borough property.

Resolution No. 9 of 2022- Non-Active FD Members-

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to pass Resolution No. 9 of 2022 that includes non-social members of the fire department on our workers compensation policy (HA Thomson)...***carried***

IRS mileage Reimbursement (62.5cent)

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to use the IRS increase for mileage reimbursement at 62.5 cents per mile...***carried***

Signature (Signature Cards) - Mayor to be removed as a signature per banking institution.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to replace Mayor Leslie with Cody Jackson as a check signer on all borough accounts...***carried***

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

Executive Session at 9:30pm

Reopen the Regular Meeting at 9:45pm

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to approve Food Trucks for the Fire Department fundraisers...***carried***

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Month: MAY YEAR: 2022

ALARMS (3)	PFA VIOLATIONS (1)
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (5)	PROPERTY CHECKS (62)
ASSISTS (3)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (9)
ASSAULTS (1)	PUBLIC INTOXICATION (1)
ATV COMPLAINT (1)	OVENDOSE (1)
BURGLARY (1)	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (2)
BURNING COMPLAINT (1)	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (1)
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (1) JUVENILES (1)	THEFT/ FRAUD (2)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (4)	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (1)
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES (4)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (5)
DUI ARREST (1)	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS (1)
HARASSMENT (1)	TRAFFIC STOPS (23)
MEDICAL CALLS (6)	WARNINGS (18)
MISSING PERSONS	TRESPASSING (1)
ERRATIC DRIVERS (2)	FOLLOW UP (3)
JUVENILE COMPLAINT (1)	911 HANG UP (2)
VEHICLE REPAIR (1)	WELFARE CHECK (3)
ROAD HAZARD (2)	FOUND PROPERTY (1)
PSYCHIATRIC (2)	ASSIST FIRE (1)
NARCOTICS (1)	ASSIST PUBLIC (2)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED : 517 HOURS	
FUEL: 110.2 gallons	
MILES: 1,813 miles	

Bessemer Volunteer Fire Company Council Report

Balances:

General Checking: \$11,125.41

General Savings: \$8,129.03

Relief Checking: \$9,839.76

Relief Savings: \$740.25

CD #1: \$566.65

CD #2: \$529.50

Petty Cash: \$130.00

Deposits:

\$1909.00 Spaghetti Dinner and Boat Drive

Purchases:

Spaghetti Dinner cost \$356

3 20LB fire extinguishers

Fuel:

42.6 Gallons Diesel
16.3 Gallons Gas

Call:

Assist North Beaver tree down on wires.

Training:

Advanced Ropes and Rigging

Ropes 3

May 2022

May 9, 2022 - June 12, 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Leaking manifold on backhoe addressed by Herms.

Sporadic fuel leak on pickup truck. Will have Herman's investigate the next time it becomes active.

Water

Postings as requested.

PA One Call for a resident on 13th Street.

Submitted three One Calls on behalf of the borough prior to the installation of three new sign posts along North Main.

PA One Call submitted by Columbia Gas requesting stakeholder presence at a complex project meeting on June 14, 2022. Continued our intention to attend.

Changing water characteristics realized in well # 1 requiring additional time spent and hypochlorite used to address. Mr. Buzza will elaborate.

Hypochlorite supply line from the pump to the injector failed. Replaced with stock on hand. Ordered new tubing to maintain stock on hand.

Streets

Numerous compliments by residents and nonresidents alike asked to be forwarded on to those who volunteered to acquire and mount the banners throughout town.

Removed the accumulation of soil and debris from the bridge on Roosevelt prior to and the placement of the banners as directed.

Purchased and installed "Road Closed" signage onto the barriers for the bridge on Roosevelt. Installed used stop signs onto the barriers. Removed "One Way" and "Yield" signage from the posts by the bridge and replaced with stop signs.

Purchased and installed additional speed limit signage and posts and installed as directed along North Main.

Trimmed back vegetation to allow a clear view of the speed limit signage.

String trimmer used along guardrail on North Main as well as the end of 13th Street.

Trimmed back tree branches blocking the view of the banners near the cement plant and those blocking the sidewalk along the eastbound lane of East Poland near the square as requested.

Baronch Property

Delivered & picked up dumpster for a resident on Elm Street. Delivered a dumpster to another resident on Elm Street.

Completed LED lamp replacement in the garage area of the fire department. Will continue other areas within the fire department as time permits.

Purchased and hauled 12 yards of red mulch which was applied at the square, Kennedy Park, and the remainder at the pump house.

Herbicide application made to the beds and around the trees etc. prior to the application of the mulch at the above listed areas.

Herbicide application made to the guard rail wear along West Poland, curb areas on North Main, around pump house, and the basketball court.

A thank you goes out to Mr. Marciano for his day spent pressure washing the sidewalks, monument, and gazebos at Kennedy Park.

Exterior stain/sealer applied to the gazebos at Kennedy Park.

Removed plywood and sign posts used to display the Lake Park funding goals.

Installed posts and signage to display the honors banner in Kennedy Park.

Large American flags installed on the square. American flag at Kennedy Park replaced.

MAY 2022					
5/3	12.0	PICK UP	MTCR	QPN	G
5/10	10.0	" "	" "	QPN	G
5/17	28.0	ONE TON	" "	QPN	D
5/19	10.0	PICK UP	" "	QPN	G
5/31	11.0	" "	" "	QPN	G
JUNE 2022					
6/10	10.0	PICK UP	MTCR	QPN	G
		D = DIESEL		G = GASOLINE	

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: JUNE 1, 2022

INFORMATION FOR MAY 1-31, 2022

57	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
\$3,312.00	Total owed in late payments
28	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
4	Total customers to have water shut off
4	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
2	Total Property Sales
0	Total Sheriff Sales
0	Total Liens applied

M. Davidson & Associates, Inc.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS REPORT
 4770 South 20th Street
 Jacksonville, FL 32216
 (904) 592-5853 ready to read fax

To: Board of Directors
 Bessemer Municipal Authority

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

CATEGORY	UNIT/ANALYZED	REMARKS
Flow (MGD)	0.251	0.250 Medium
COD (MGL)	2 mg/l	25 Medium
Total Suspended Solids (MGL)	5 mg/l	30 Medium
Total Nitrogen (MGL)		Monitor Closely
Total Phosphorus (MGL)		Monitor Closely
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGL)	0.8 mg/l	12.8 Medium
Fecal Coliform (Omnimix Average)	27700 N/L	200000 M/L Medium
Dissolved Oxygen	8.8 mg/l	4.9 Medium
Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)	0.28 mg/l	0.32 Medium

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

May 2022

The average daily flow for the month of May was 0.251.

The precipitation for April was 4.80".

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 grill 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.

Airled Waste hauled out 7 tons of sludge during May 2022.

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

Decant 16,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 14 PA One calls.

Performed 1 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



BESSEMER BOROUGH
 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
 JUNE 13, 2022 MEETING

- 1. Tank Inspection**
 Have not yet heard from tank inspection firm with date for the inspection.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Statewide USA Grant Applications**
 We received email response requesting additional information regarding the grant requests for the water system gasmain.
 It is likely that determinations on these grant awards will not be made until the Fall of this year.
- 4. Gas Line Replacement One Call Meeting**
 Staff received notice of a one call meeting regarding the gas main line replacement project on the Two streets and Poland Ave. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 14.
- 5. Overtop Assistance**
 Continue to assist staff with treatment adjustments. Variable chlorine demand in the well water has led to variations in finished water chlorine residuals. A noticeable sulfur odor is present in the well water, and it is thought this is creating the unusual chlorine demand.
 The purchase of a Hach DR 900 portable colorimeter is recommended. This instrument can test 90 different parameters and will be useful to the staff in determining the chlorine dose required to maintain a consistent chlorine residual. The cost for the meter and needed reagents is approximately \$2,000.
- 6. Consumer Confidence Report**
 The report was provided to staff on June 3rd for posting on the website. Unfortunately, I did not get the report to the Borough in time to include the notice of availability of the report in the monthly bill meeting. I apologize for the time and expense this created.
- 7. 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.

- 8. Well Evaluation**
 It is recommended that an evaluation of the wells be conducted to determine the condition of the well casing. To the best of our knowledge this has not been done. Well casings can corrode over time and if the corrosion becomes significant it can allow surface water to enter the well. Although it is not suspected that this is occurring, an evaluation of the well casings and condition of the wells is recommended. A budgetary estimate for this work is \$12,000 per well.

Well #2 will have to be returned to service prior to doing this work.

Respectfully submitted,
 GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

Eric Buzza

Eric Buzza
 Senior Operations Specialist