

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
July 10, 2023

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

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

Nathan Leslie, Bob Slosser, Cody Jackson, Lu Anne Izzo, Art VanTassel, and Douglas Ordak.

Absent: Michael Marciante and Jimmy Nolfi

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*June 12, 2023*)...***carried***

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

**Visitors:** John Kliem (BMA)

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Leslie reported that he is waiting on a response from the company regarding updating the ordinances. Mayor Leslie brought council up to date on the Community Day vendors and the letters being sent out to our local businesses regarding donations. He also asked council for help with the day's events if they would be available. Partial payment (\$50,000) for the park grant has been issued. Still working on a final plan for the park.

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

Chief Charmo reported that the new Ford Interceptor is experiencing some trouble and is at McCandless Ford repair.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to proceed with the Intergovernmental Police Grant for \$150,000 per year for two years...***carried***

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

The \$30,000 PIRMA insurance check arrived today and will be deposited into the borough's general fund and a check will be made out to the Fire Department.

**Public Works Report:** Ken Holly was present. *See written report.*

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to purchase the 12" backhoe bucket from Clark Equipment for \$1,250...***motion carried*** with Mr. VanTassel opposing.

**BMA Report:** *See written reports.*

Discussion regarding payment plan late fees being charged.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to make it official that once a customer enters into a payment plan, they are no longer assessed the 10% late fee unless the customer does not make the payment; therefore, they are now removed from any payment plan...***carried***

Discussion regarding landlords paying the water, refuse, and sewer bills. Tabled for next month's meeting.

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

Mr. Buzzza reported that due to PennDOT not sending the layout for the gas lines and storm drains, Gannett Fleming had to redo the drawings and is now over budget and the borough may owe \$5,400 (75% reimbursement). Mr. Jackson reported that the bid for the relocation of the waterline was awarded to Jet-Di Contracting (Medina, OH).

We were not selected to take part in the PennVEST program. If we want to partake in the PennVEST funding application, it will cost the borough approximately \$6,000 - \$8,000 with reimbursement if the borough is granted the funds. The DEP has changed the spreadsheet again, so we need to be up on what is required for the waterline inventory. Mr. Buzzza informed council that the hydrant testing needs specific metering, and that the system could be jeopardized if conducted incorrectly. It was recommended that the flow testing be done during the day when public works are available. The fire department will purchase the flow meter for fire-flow testing. The chlorine tank at the pump house has a hairline crack in it. Mr. Buzzza recommends that the borough does not put any chlorine in it. The borough can purchase drums for the chlorine feed. Mr. Holly will contact Univar regarding repairing the tank.

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A new regulation will come into effect in early 2024 setting limits for the PFAS chemicals (Forever Chemicals). The tests are approximately \$400 per well. If found, the treatment would be similar to a softener. Mr. Buzzza recommends testing each well.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to test both wells for PFAS chemicals...*carried*

**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante - The manhole at 908 1/2 E. Poland Ave. needs dropped for better water drainage. Tabled paving until next month's meeting.

**Human Resources:** Art VanTassel - Needs to hire an additional borough employee. Mayor Leslie reported that he looked into plans that would include Gap Insurance and that it would end up costing the borough between \$230 to \$500 per month depending on different factors of each individual employee.

**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser - Utility Truck Grant updates.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to purchase a "White" F-250...*carried*

Gary Pezzuolo will look at the borough building roof and provide the borough with an estimate for a gable roof.

The Post Office windows have several holes in them. We need a couple estimates for their replacement.

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to fix the Post Office windows if the estimate does not exceed \$1,000...*carried*

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:** Cody Jackson - Tabled BMA business.

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi - Absent - Messaged President Izzo that he will meet with GP Construction for the Pump House pipes and assess changes for bidding.

**Emergency Services:** Reported that the Fire Dept will have their Burger Fest for Community Days at the Fire Dept.

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak - Pump House playground needs more mulch and weed killer. Some areas have been missed at Bessemer Lake Park. Mr. Ordak will mow the areas first and then show Mr. Donofrio that there is nothing hidden in the grass.

**Coordinator:** Already covered.

**Old Business:** Rug (Post Office) needs removed and replaced with mats. Mr. Ordak will look at the rug. Contact David Sandora for the rug cleaning in the borough office and police station. Republic Service to work with suspending garbage. Tabled Republic Service suspending refuse fees if customer leaves for longer than a month.

**New Business:** MPT 25th Anniversary for July 14, 2023, road closure. A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to close the dogleg of E. Poland Ave. for the 25th Anniversary of Mohawk Physical Therapy so that they can celebrate in the area...*carried*

RTK Fees - A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to charge a flat rate of \$50 for up to three hours of work...*carried*

Flood Plain Officer - A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to appoint Ken Holly as the borough Flood Plain Officer...*carried*

More Mulch - A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to purchase more mulch...*carried*

Mayor Leslie requested council to enter into executive session.

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

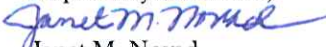
*Executive Session entered at 8:40pm*

*Entered back into the regular meeting at 8:54pm*

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

*Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm*

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Janet M. Novad  
Secretary/Treasurer



BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNE MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS ( 1 )	PFA	( 4 )
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ( 2 )	PROPERTY CHECKS	( 60 )
ASSISTS ( 9 )	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER	( 11 )
ASSAULTS ( 2 )	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	( )
ATV COMPLAINT ( 2 )	OVERDOSE	( )
BURGLARY ( )	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	( 3 )
BURNING COMPLAINT ( )	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	( 4 )
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS ( ) JUVENILES ( )	THEFT/ FRAUD	( 2 )
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ( 4 )	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	( )
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES ( 5 )	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	( 14 )
DUI ARREST ( 1 )	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS	( 3 )
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE (1)	TRAFFIC STOPS	( 25 )
MEDICAL CALLS ( 4 )	WARNINGS	( 11 )
MISSING PERSONS (1)	TRESPASSING	( 5 )
ERRATIC DRIVERS ( 2 )	FOLLOW UP	( 2 )
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ( 6 )	911 HANG UP	( )
VEHICLE REPAIR ( )	WELFARE CHECK	( 4 )
ROAD HAZARD ( 1 )	FOUND PROPERTY	( )
PSYCHIATRIC ( 5 )	ASSIST FIRE	( 1 )
NARCOTICS ( )	ASSIST PUBLIC	( 4 )
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED	507.5	Hours
FUEL:	167.9	Gallons
MILES:	2,223	Miles

July 10, 2023  
Council Meeting  
Fire Department Report

- 1) 0 Calls
- 2) Fuel: 19.3 Gallons Diesel

Financial Report

General Checking	\$781.67
General Savings	\$6,880.66
Relief Checking	\$177,478.61
Relief Savings	\$760.41
CD #1	\$566.92
CD #2	\$529.76

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: JULY 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR JUNE 1-30, 2023

79	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<b>\$5,081.80</b>	Total owed in late payments
20	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
1	Total customer (s) to have water shut off
1	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
1	Total Property Sales
0	Total Sheriff Sales
0	Total Liens applied

June 2023

Vehicles & Equipment

Discussion item: found a 12" backhoe bucket for the borough's backhoe. Pricing exceeds what was authorized.

Water

Nineteen postings, one shut off.

Hydrant flushing as time permits.

PA One Call responses for private contractor on Overlook, PennDOT on First Covenant, resident on South Main, and private contractor on Woodline.

DEP inspection of facilities. Mr. Buzza commented on this at the previous council meeting.

Water shut off requested by resident on Walnut Street for repairs. Water service back on again.

Hypochlorite storage tank leaking. Our supplier is currently working on a proposal for a replacement at no charge. Must continue to monitor the leak. Prepared for the worse case scenario, empty drums and a drum cradle is available should draining of the tank become necessary. If situation is not addressed, a call to Book & Proch may be in order.

Streets

Weeds and grass cut along guardrail on North Main.

Herbicide applications made to North Main on the brick portions of the roadway.

Borough Property

Dumpsters delivered to Wallage, Elm, and two on South Main.

Clean up week. Three roll offs received and filled. Two less than last year. Took one load of steel in for recycling that was gleaned from the roll offs.

Relocation of veteran's banners as requested.

JUNE 2023				
6/1/23	8.0	SKID STEER*	"	QPD
6/22/23	24.1	F600	"	QPD
6/28/23	12.9	BACKHOE	"	QPD
*SKID STEER, BACKHOE, USED AT BEAT LAUNCH				

BMA

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK  
ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES

JUNE 1-30/ 2023

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$ 40,941.55

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$ 181,968.81

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$ 296,798.61

F & G ANNUITY: \$134,431.05

GRAND TOTAL: \$654,140.02

LOAN FCB: \$1,727,202.68

BESSEMER SEVERELY DELINQUENT \$ 14,039.20

4707 Scott Road  
Jamestown Pa. 16134  
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To: Board of Directors  
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson  
Date: July 13, 2023  
Subject: June 2023 Operators Report

CATEGORY	OBTAINED JUNE 2023	REQUIRED
Flow (MG/D)	0.171	0.350 Maximum
CBOD (MG/L)	2 mg/l	25 Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MG/L)	6 mg/l	30 Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MG/L)	0.4 mg/l	12.9 Maximum
Faecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	76/100 ML	200/100 ML Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	6.1 mg/l	4.0 Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MG/L)	0.24 mg/l	0.32 Maximum

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

#### JUNE 2023

The average daily flow for the month of June was 0.171.

The precipitation for June was 4.10".

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.

Attended the meeting with Pennvest.

Sent drawings to Taylor Engineering for the Esroc subdivision.

Completed the sludge recertification for Republic.

Cleaned off all 4 sludge drying beds.

Poured one sludge drying bed.

No sludge was hauled during June 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 June 2023 was complete and sent to the Authority, RAR Engineering and PADEP.

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

Picked up the spare pump for the Squith Breeze pump station from Trombold Equipment Company.

Marked 9 PA One calls.

2 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