

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

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (June 13, 2022) ...***carried***

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

VISITORS: John Kliem(Ordinance High Grass & Weeds questions), Kurt and Mellissa Miller (Fireworks-violations... Chief Charmo explained that if he arrests anyone, the caller must be willing to go to court and that you can't remain anonymous), Anthony Shaner(FD), John Jacobs(FD), Justin Javens(FD), Josh Maggie(FD), Carrie Kuy-Rendall(FD), Amber Miller(FD), Esther Jacobs(FD), Ray Jacobs(FD), Kory Walters(FD), Kathi Keys(FD), Nick Keys(FD), Alicia Galbreath(FD), Molly Javens(FD), Alivia Bailey(FD), and Vince Argiro(FD).

Mayor's Report: Second order of banners will be going out.

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

New Police Vest - at \$370/vest x 8 officers

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, for the police officers to receive new vests...***carried***

The department will look into a federal grant to help offset the cost of new vests.

Fire Department Report: Chief Breets reported the department had three calls for June...*see written report*. Chief Breetz reported that there had been comments made regarding the selling of borough property equipment by the fire department on social media. The fire department reported that the equipment in question was purchased by the fire department and not the borough.

The fire department also mentioned that the borough made a boat ramp to access Bessemer Lake Park off of N. Main Street and now the fire department is scrambling to come up with money to provide rescue equipment for the area. The department is now in need of a new boat for the lake. It was mentioned that the fire department boat belongs to LEOC and has to be given back. Mr. Slosser reported that the county gave the boat to the fire department in the 1970s when they dismantled Lawrence County Civil Defense. The discussion came to an end when Mayor Leslie and Chief Charmo stated that the lakes have always been here along with several boat ramps and that providing an additional ramp hasn't change the need for rescue equipment.

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President Izzo discussed the letter the borough received from the borough's insurance agency regarding the fire department and council approval of all events. The agent suggested the fire chief call the agency so that she can explain how this works and the limited coverage if these events are not approved including no coverage with Workers Compensation.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, for a blanket coverage approval of all fundraisers and hall rentals that the fire department has for 2022...***carried*** In December, the fire department is to figure out what the next year events will be so that council can review and approve them.

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

Fire Hydrants - Council instructed Mr. Werhnyak to purchase two fire hydrants.

Karsky Key Phobs- Council agreed to just change the keys.

Karsky Cameras- relocate maintenance cameras to the Borough building.

A ***motion*** was made by Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to purchase new cameras from Karsky for the Maintenance garage area...***carried***

Walnut St. gifted property - Tree removal and maintenance of the property.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to have the dead and falling trees removed at a cost of no more than \$1500...***carried***

Fire Department told council that they would take the wood.

Walnut Street Apartment Parking/Boro Property - tabled for August Meeting

Devyn McConahy - PRWA training and mileage reimbursement if using his vehicle

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve having Mr. McConahy attend a training class through Pa Rural Water Association and pay mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate...***carried***

LED wall pack by fuel pumps - The area is dark and in need of the LED wall pack.

Pump House Air Conditioner - The air conditioner that was recently purchased will be replaced under warranty. Once the borough gets it replaced, it is to go into the borough office to replace the air conditioner that is not working properly. The borough will purchase a new air conditioner for the pump house.

Exhaust Fan (Pump House) - The exhaust fan is to be installed as soon as the waterlines are marked (PA ONE CALLS) for the gas company project in the borough.

BMA Report: Financial Report emailed to the borough. *See written report...*

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

Mr. Buzza is dealing directly with PennDOT regarding the bridge replacement and waterline relocation on S. Main Street. He also reported that there has been no news on the grants for the generators, N. Main Street, and utility truck. He informed council on the Roosevelt Ave bridge inspection that resulted in two pricing options. The numbers were not provided to council on these options as of yet. One option is to replace the bridge. The other option is to repair the surface of the bridge. Mr. Buzza explained to council the issue with the drop in chlorine over the holiday weekend. He contacted Book and Proch

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regarding the issue. They told Mr. Buzza that a large batch of these pumps have been having issues with the plastic diaphragm, which possibly caused the problem. The issue has currently been resolved after changing out the pumps and tubing brand. The catch basin on E. Poland Ave. was discussed. Mr. Buzza suggested that the borough hire a contractor to fix the issue. Mr. Werhnyak is to get a couple quotes on the repair of the catch basin. Mr. Buzza has reported that the new testing meter for the pump house has arrived. He will be in Bessemer in a week to go over how it works. At this time, he will also do the quarterly chlorine calibration. The sampling for lead and copper will be done before the end of the month. He will coordinate this testing with the borough. Lastly, Mr. Buzza suggested that if the borough is serious about selling bulk water, the borough will need to establish a location and decide if there will be a meter placed and/or a backflow preventer or allow only top loading air gap method. Mr. Buzza emphasized that this would have to be monitored.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - Potholes - He will help public works fill the potholes. Hot wagon to be free to use and a tamper will be provided for this project.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to put Bestview Ave. out for bid...***carried***

Human Resources: Art VanTassel - Executive

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - Equipment for the utility truck additional packaging. The pricing is going up. The original price was \$41,939 and now the price is \$44,131.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to purchase the utility truck additional packages separately to avoid the price increase...***carried***

Roosevelt Avenue Extension - The neighbor has been cutting the grass and would like the borough to cut the grass. The borough will now clear this area.

Police Vehicle Maintenance - \$500 Approval

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve maintenance/repairs on the police vehicle up to \$500...***carried***

Exmark Tracker - The tractor now can be sold. Mr. VanTassel offered \$2000.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to sell the Exmark tractor to Mr. VanTassel for the price of \$2000...***carried***

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson -

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - The problem with the chlorine level issue needs to be resolved. He has contacted an engineer for help. This engineer requested pictures so that they will have a better idea of what is needed to fix this problem. Mr. Davidson is to be contacted for suggestions. Mr. Nolfi discussed the selling of bulk water. He emphasized the fact that we are dealing with a delicate water system and that it would be a bad idea to sell bulk water at this time. Lastly, a Vac-Truck is needed for the N. Main Street drain and it would be a good idea to clean other drains on borough property.

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel -

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak -

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Old Business : International Property Maintenance Code

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2022 that adopts the International Property Maintenance Code...***carried***

New Business: Resolution No. 10 of 2022 County Liquid Fuels Money

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to pass Resolution No. 10 of 2022 to apply for the county liquid fuels money...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to enter into Executive Session...***carried***

Entered Executive Session at 8:34pm

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to reopen the Regular Meeting...***carried***

Reopened Regular Meeting at 8:50pm

TOPIC - CODE ENFORCEMENT

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to hire Armande Perrotta as Bessemer Borough Code Enforcement Officer at \$18 per hour working 10 hours per month from April to September and five hours per month for the rest of the year. The motion includes Armande Perrotta becoming a "fill-in" officer for the Police Department when needed, starting at \$17 per hour with a 90-day probation period...***carried***

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNE MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS (2)	PFA VIOLATIONS (1)
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ()	PROPERTY CHECKS (60)
ASSISTS (9)	REQUEST-TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (10)
ASSAULTS ()	PUBLIC INTOXICATION ()
ATV COMPLAINT ()	OVERDOSE ()
BURGLARY ()	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (1)
BURNING COMPLAINT (1)	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE ()
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS () JUVENILES ()	THEFT/ FRAUD (4)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (4)	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ()
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES (2)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS ()
DUI ARREST ()	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS (2)
HARASSMENT (5)	TRAFFIC STOPS (16)
MEDICAL CALLS (5)	WARNINGS ()
MISSING PERSONS	TRESPASSING (2)
ERRATIC DRIVERS (2)	FOLLOW UP (4)
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ()	911 HANG UP (1)
VEHICLE REPAIR ()	WELFARE CHECK (1)
ROAD HAZARD ()	FOUND PROPERTY ()
PSYCHIATRIC ()	ASSIST FIRE ()
NARCOTICS ()	ASSIST PUBLIC (3)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 480.5 Hours	
FUEL: 138.3 Gallons	
MILES: 1,975 Miles	

Fire Department Report
Council Meeting 7/11/22

3 Calls, 2 rescues and 1 downed wire
Fuel used: Regular Gas 13.7 Gallons
Diesel : 14.5 Gallons

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: JULY 1, 2022

INFORMATION FOR JUNE 1-30, 2022

64	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
\$3,588.00	Total owed in late payments
14	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
2	Total customers to have water shut off
2	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
0	Total Property Sales
0	Total Sheriff Sales
2	Total Liens applied

June 2022

June 13, 2022 - July 10, 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Sterling sold and no longer on site.

Water

Postings and shut offs as requested.

Met with Columbia Gas in regards to the upcoming gas line replacement project.

PA One Calls for paving contractor on 10th Street, pool installation, one each on North Main and South Main, plumbing contractor on South Main, and the first in a series for Columbia Gas beginning on West Poland and Oak Street.

L & S excavated water shut off on Bestview and excavated and repaired a shut off on 12th Street.

AC unit failed at the pump house. Submitted warranty claim which is currently under review.

Mr. Buzza will elaborate on the chlorine levels at the pump house.

Streets

Currently awaiting scheduling for the vac truck to address North Main.

Continuing weed trimming and herbicide application as time permits. Daffodils trimmed back and plantings on the square addressed prior to the holiday.

Additional trimming of tree branches and shrubbery obstructing the view of banners as well as signage on North Main.

Replaced the 25 MPH speed limit sign on the northbound lane of North Main across from Lakeside with a 35 MPH sign as requested.

L & S elevated the catch basin on Desrview. Drought soil up to the new grade and seeded.

Borough Property

Continuing with LED lamp replacement in the fire hall as time permits. Exterior fixture illuminating the parking area on the North side of the fire hall beyond repair. Replaced with a 60 watt LED wall pack. Purchased signage and hardware for the installation of the boat launch sign as requested.

Provided assistance for the spring clean up. Same as last year, a total of five roll offs.

Shut off switches and associated wiring for the fuel pumps installed by a private contractor.

Escorted vendors to provide price quotes for tree removal, security cameras, and electronic access devices.

Dumpster delivered to a resident on Elm Street. Picked up a loaded dumpster from a different resident on Elm Street. Picked up a loaded dumpster from a resident on South Main and replaced with another empty dumpster.

JUNE 2022				
6/10	10.0	PICK UP	MTCC	QW G
6/20	10.0	"	"	QW G
6/27	12.0	BACKHOE	"	QW D



BESSEMER BOROUGH
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
JULY 11, 2022 MEETING

1. Tank Inspection

Have not yet heard from tank inspection firm with date for the inspection.

2. Bridge Water Line Relocation

GF contacted PennDOT regarding the South Main bridge replacement project. PennDOT has requested our budget estimate and timeline for design. This information will be provided, and a request made for the cost sharing agreement.

3. Statewide LSA Grant Applications

We received email response requesting additional information regarding the grant requests for the water system generators.

It is likely that determinations on these grant awards will not be made until the Fall of this year.

4. Operations Assistance

Assisted staff with chlorine feed issues over the weekend of the 4th. Was able to obtain rebuild kits from Book & Proch on the 5th and rebuilt the pumps. Rebuild kits included off-gassing heads and the rebuild of the pumps and the use of the off-gassing head appears to have corrected the issue. We will provide staff with the information needed to provide to DEP as part of the issue.

Staff has received the Hach DR 900 portable colorimeter and needed reagents. We will train the staff on how to run a few of the other analyzers that this meter will do. Quarterly chlorine meter calibrations will be conducted at the same time.

5. Roosevelt Ave. Bridge Inspection

The inspection of the bridge has been completed and the report is being prepared. The report will include cost estimates to repair or replace the bridge.

6. 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
Senior Operations Specialist