

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
September 12, 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. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (August 8, 2022)...**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. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve payment of the September bills...**carried**

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS for TAR & CHIP of BESTVIEW AVENUE

Youngblood Paving: \$14,445.00 (Tar + Chip)

Cade Paving: \$17,985.00 (Tar + Chip)

Cade Paving: \$3,000.00 (Mechanical Repair)

Discussion: The entrance to Bestview Avenue must be milled and repaired prior to tarring and chipping the street. Mr. Micco and Mr. Genova would prefer to have the street paved.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to reject both bids and wait until 2023 to pave Bestview Avenue...**carried**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to hire Cade Paving to mill and pave the transition onto Bestview Avenue from N. Main Street...**carried**

Mr. Marciante will order asphalt to patch the potholes on Bestview Avenue.

VISITORS: Roberta Penwell (her family was in from several states the past weekend mentioning how beautiful Bessemer looks with the Hometown Heroes banners), Beth Grundy, Darin/US Municipal (spoke regarding the pricing for the Ford F600 Super's dump bed, salt spreader, and plow. He compared the pricing and availability of these items. Most items will take weeks to come in. The borough is looking at late in the year to receive the dump bed, salt spreader, and plow. He handed all of council information to look over.)

John Kliem/BMA (Board members would like to see their \$50/month go to \$75/month)

A **motion** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to give the BMA board members a raise with Lu Anne Izzo abstaining. The **motion** is to raise the monthly rate of \$50/month to \$75/month starting January 1, 2023...**carried**

Nick Micco and John Genova (unhappy with the grass that was planted when the storm drain was repaired in front of Mr. Genova's and Mr. Micco's properties. It has been decided that the borough will revisit it in the spring to see if it needs replanted.)

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Mayor's Report: The second round of banners have been delivered. Mr. Slosser suggested to contact the company in the North Gate Industrial Park for renting equipment to get the banners up instead of asking Gary Pezzuolo for his lift. They may donate the rental equipment if they know it's for military banners. Mayor Leslie gave notice that there is a need to have an appeals board for code enforcement. The borough will post on social media and an insert will be added to the October BMA invoice regarding any borough resident interested in sitting on the Code Enforcement Appeals Board.

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

Chief Charmo reported that Ford has cancelled the 2022 Ford Explorer. A 2023 Ford Explorer has been ordered in its place at an increased cost of approximately \$2,000.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer police vehicle...*carried*

Lights for the Ford Explorer - Tabled for October's meeting once the Chief receives quotes.

Police Pension wording is ready for the solicitor to review.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to advertise for the intent to adopt the Police Pension Ordinance...*carried*

Grants Writing - Andrew Henley will be contacted to see if he would be interested in finding any grants that could help the police department receive additional funding.

Fire Department Report: Department was absent.

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

Have the borough building furnace checked before the winter weather. Call local companies for quotes. Purchase a carbon dioxide detector for the building.

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

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

Mr. Buzza suggested that if Liquid Engineering does not inspect and clean the water tower, the borough should look into another company to do the job. He also reported that we are waiting on the documents to be completed by PennDOT for the waterline relocation on S. Main Street. Mr. Buzza announced that the cost of the emergency generators has increased by \$8,710 and that the state requires the borough to provide, on letterhead, that we can financially afford this. Mr. Buzza is pleased with what he is seeing with some fluctuation in the chlorine residuals with the alternating of Wells #1 & #2 and that this will get better as they both continue to be worked. Mr. Buzza recommends that the well casings be inspected. This would cost the borough approximately \$12,000 per well.

Mr. Buzza reported that the electronics for the booster station were apparently struck by lightning. Tim St. John could not get the parts due to them being obsolete. He was able to create what was needed and the communication is back up and running. The Roosevelt Bridge report was brought up. Mr. Buzza and council agreed to contact contractors to get an idea of how much the repair would cost the borough.

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Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - Speed limit sign on E. Poland Ave. needs to be moved to the opposite side of the road. He is waiting on PennDOT to send the letter of approval. Catch Basin on 12th Street and E. Poland Avenue is in good shape but will need some cement repairs. Mr. Marciante reported that the dirt on the road from the digging near the old Martin Trucking property (currently owned by Keystone Properties of America) needs to be cleaned up.

Human Resources: Art VanTassel - Executive

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - Ford F600 Super's dump bed, salt spreader, and plow need to be advertised for bid. Advertise Special Meeting to open bids.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to advertise the dump bed, salt spreader, and plow, and to advertise the bids to be opened at a special meeting on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 7:00pm...*carried*

Trees on borough property - Contact the borough solicitor regarding the selling of trees.

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Residential Business (Code Officer will look into the property maintenance Ordinance for answers and report back to council.) Walnut Street parking - Council instructed Mr. Werhnyak to purchase two signs that read, "Park At Your Own Risk" and place them in the area that the apartment tenants park. Committee will meet to go over the 2023 budget and then council will schedule a budget workshop.

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Reported that they have mathematical formulas now to use if the communication goes down again between the pump house and water tower.

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel - Hasn't heard from the Fire Department.

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Checking on benches and pricing (\$500+).

Looking for someone that is close to Bessemer. The boat ramp needs to have more dirt moved and limestone is needed on access to the ramp.

Old Business: Resolution No. 11 of 2022(Cost Share/PennDOT - waterline relocation)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve Resolution No. 11 of 2022 that agrees to the cost sharing of the waterline relocation on S. Main Street's bridge over Hickory Run...*carried*

New Business: Resolution No. 12 of 2022(Act 57 Waiver of Penalties +additional fees)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve Resolution No. 12 of 2022 that waives penalties and additional fees when new property owners have not received a tax bill after purchasing their property...*carried*

Trick-or-Treat -

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to have Trick-or-Treat on October 31, 2022, from 5 - 7pm...*carried*

Approval of Secretary's Vacation: 10/03/2022 - 10/7/2022

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the secretary's vacation...*carried*

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Ford F600 Super Financing: Vice President VanTassel asked for a motion to finance the Ford F600 -

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to finance the F600 with no money down for four years paying on the principal when the borough has extra money and paying it off early...*carried*

Mr. Tasota overpaid his taxes by \$16.21.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to refund Mr. Tasota \$16.21 for the overpayment...*carried*

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

Executive Session entered at 8:48pm.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to enter back into the regular meeting...*carried*

Entered into Regular Meeting at 9:14pm.

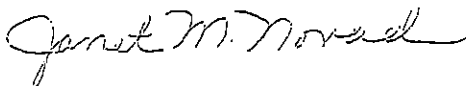
Additional Request..

The advertising to receive bids for the Ford F600 Super's dump bed, salt spreader, and plow need to have a delivery date for when it will be completed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS (2)	PFA VIOLATIONS ()
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (2)	PROPERTY CHECKS (66)
ASSISTS (9)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (6)
ASSAULTS ()	PUBLIC INTOXICATION ()
ATV COMPLAINT (2)	OVERDOSE ()
BURGLARY ()	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ()
BURNING COMPLAINT ()	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE ()
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (.) JUVENILES ()	THEFT/ FRAUD (1)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ()	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ()
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES ()	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (2)
DUI ARREST ()	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ()
HARASSMENT (1)	TRAFFIC STOPS (15)
MEDICAL CALLS (2)	WARNINGS ()
MISSING PERSONS	TRESPASSING ()
ERRATIC DRIVERS ()	FOLLOW UP ()
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ()	911 HANG UP ()
VEHICLE REPAIR ()	WELFARE CHECK ()
ROAD HAZARD (1)	FOUND PROPERTY ()
PSYCHIATRIC (2)	ASSIST FIRE ()
NARCOTICS (1)	ASSIST PUBLIC (6)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED	509 Hours
FUEL:	167.5 Gallons
MILES:	1,898 Miles

August 2022

Vehicles & Equipment:

Turbo installed on backhoe by Herman's Garage.
Pick up truck repaired, serviced, and inspected by Herman's Garage.

Water

Numerous one calls and updated one calls for gas line project.
One calls for private contractor for residence on East Poland, Columbia Gas on East Poland, Business on East Poland, and residence on Woodlino,
Received two new replacement fire hydrants.
L & S Excavating installed four new curb stops and curb boxes on South Main. Portions of sidewalk removed were replaced by GP Construction while on site addressing the post office entrance concrete replacement.
Stocked well #2, replaced chem pump, injector and brought back online.
Communication failure between pump station and pump house. Mr. Buzza will elaborate.

Streets

Called to Oak Street near cemetery by gas project crew when an old storm sewer was exposed. Consulted with Mr. Jackson and verified that it is abandoned and work could proceed.
Catch basin repairs on East Poland completed by United Asphalt.
Installed "Brake Retarders Prohibited" sign on West Poland as requested. Reinstalled stop sign on Metro Drive.

Borough Property

Weed trimming and spraying as time/weather permits.
Removed downed tree at Lako Park as requested.
Picked up loaded dumpsters at a residence on East Stewart and one at a residence on Elm Street. Rear load dumpsters gathered together and emptied.
Delivered empty dumpsters to residences on East Stewart, West Stewart, and two on South Main.
LED lighting replacement completed at fire hall. Lighting replacement at the post/borough building nearing completion.

<u>SEPTEMBER 2022</u>				
9/2	12	PICK UP	MTC	JPW G
9/9	10	BACKHOE	"	JPW D
9/9	15	DNE TON	"	JPW D

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 1-31, 2022

<u>64</u>	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$3,098.00</u>	Total owed in late payments
<u>23</u>	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
<u>0</u>	Total customers to have water shut off
<u>0</u>	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
<u>1</u>	Total Property Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Sheriff Sales
<u>0</u>	Total Liens applied



BESSEMER BOROUGH
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MEETING

To: Board of Directors
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson
Date: September 08, 2022
Subject: August 2022 Operators Report

CATEGORY	OBTAINED		REQUIRED
	August 2022		
Flow (MG/D)	0.162	0.360	Minimum
CBOD (MG/L)	5 mg/l	25	Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MGL)	8 mg/l	30	Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MGL)			Monitor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MGL)			Monitor Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGL)	0.8 mg/l	12.0	Maximum
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	85/100 ML	250/100 ML	Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	5.8 mg/l	4.0	Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)	0.21 mg/l	0.32	Maximum

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

July 2022

The average daily flow for the month of August was 0.162.

The precipitation for August was 1.70".

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.

Began adding dachlor to the effluent, Works great.

Setting up the sampling for the NPDES permit renewal with ESL Laboratories.

Cleaned one sludge drying bed.

No sludge was hauled during August 2022.

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

Decant 19,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Jetted and lubevised the Thompson Attenuator line, plan to replace the line. Marked 13 PA One calls.

Performed 3 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**
GF has exchanged emails with Liquid Engineering regarding the schedule to complete the water tank inspection. The response indicated they are hoping to conduct the inspection in August. We will reach out to the firm to get an updated schedule.
- 2. Bridge Water Line Relocation**
We are awaiting the final documents to enter into the cost sharing agreement with PennDOT to incorporate the water line relocation as part of the bridge replacement project.
GF has responded to requests for information from PennDOT and other stakeholders in the project.
- 3. Statewide LSA Grant Applications**
We have received communication from the state informing us that the estimated cost for the emergency generator project has increased by \$8,710 and requiring the Borough to submit a commitment letter affirming that the Borough will provide the funds needed to cover this estimate increase. A copy of the most recent audited financial statement will need to be provided to confirm that funds are available to cover this commitment.
- 4. Operations Assistance**
Staff has successfully returned Well #2 to service and it is operating on an alternating basis with Well #1. There are some fluctuations in chlorine residuals during this alternation but it is felt that these will begin to minimize as alternate operations continue.
- 5. Agnewell Ave. Bridge Inspection**
The inspection of the bridge has been completed and the report has been submitted. Copies of the report are available. The evaluation and reporting of the structure follows PennDOT's Bridge Management System 2 Coding Manual (Publication 100A) and applicable excerpts from that manual are included for reference. Extensive repairs are required and are delineated in the report. Cost estimates for these repairs are not provided due to the current economic situation and inflation uncertainty. Funding programs for full replacement are available but not for bridge repair. If funding assistance can be obtained, replacement is recommended.
- 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.

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

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF
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September 28, 2022**

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

Roll Call found the following members present:

Bob Slosser, Mike Marciante, Lu Anne Izzo, Art Van Tassel, and Douglas Ordak.

Absent: Nathan Leslie, Cody Jackson, and Jimmy Nolfi

The purpose of this "Special Meeting" is to open sealed bids for the Ford F600 Super's dump bed, salt spreader, and snow plow.

SEALED BIDS: Dump bed, salt spreader, and snow plow.

1. US Municipal:

\$44,075.92 + \$2,283.73 (automatic controls) + \$1,175.00 (step slide under ladder & LED spreader lights wired to up-fitter switch) = **\$47,534.65**

Delivery date: end of year/early 2023 (18-36weeks)

2. Quality Truck: Same equipment as US Municipal with a quote of **\$46,431.54**

Delivery date: 30 - 45 days

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to accept Quality Truck's \$46,431.54 bid for the dump bed, salt spreader, and snow plow...*carried*

General Purpose /Additional Topics:

Resolution No. 13 of 2022 (Purchase Ford F600 Super and authorize secretary to sign all documents)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to purchase the Ford F600 Super and authorize Secretary Novad to sign all documentation with the financing...*carried*

Authorize ACH payments for the Ford F600 Super payments (\$7,107)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to authorize the ACH payments for the F600 Super...*carried*

Liquid Fuel Money (dump bed, salt spreader, and plow)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to purchase the dump bed, salt spreader, and snow plow using the Liquid Fuels Money with the exact amount being determined at October's meeting...*carried*

Graphics/Ford F600 Super - Contact Creative Labworks for pricing and estimated timeframe

Ford F600 Super Undercoating - Lifetime warranty at a cost of \$1,900(coating every 2 yrs/\$100) or a yearly warranty (up to 16 months) at a cost of \$450.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to purchase the lifetime warranty at \$1,900 (fee of \$100 to recoat every two years) through Cox Undercoating ...*carried*

Grant Bessemer Lake Park - Tabled for the October 10 meeting (More information needed)

Town Hall Meeting - Council approves - Mo Co House on November 3, 2022, at 6:00pm

Bestview/13th & Clyde. - entrance mill and pave Bestview. Repair 13th & Clyde (waterline break),

United Asphalt - Quote \$3,135 (13th & Clyde) + \$2,960 (Bestview) = \$6,095.00

Castle Asphalt - Quote \$3,800 (13th & Clyde) + \$5,250 (Bestview) = \$9,050.00

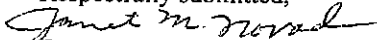
A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, to accept United Asphalt's quote of \$6,095 to repair 13th Street and Clyde Ave. along with the milling and paving of the entrance of Bestview Avenue...*carried*

Small Water Grants- Council will discuss the small water grants with Eric Buzza at the October meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted,


Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer