

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
October 10, 2022

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

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

Nathan Leslie, Michael Marciante, Cody Jackson, Lu Anne Izzo, Art VanTassel, Jimmy Nolfi, and Douglas Ordak. Absent: Bob Slosser

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (September 12, 2022)...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting (September 28, 2022)...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, 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. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve payment of the October bills with the additions of the Fireman's Relief Check (\$5,013.63)...***carried***

**VISITORS:** Roberta Penwell (BMA), Tracey Meanor (BMA), Tim Walker, and Ron Chmura (President of the Bessemer Rod and Gun Club) - asking for council's approval to incorporate a 25 yard pistol range (inspected by the state) at the club to generate more income. There are 38 acres with a high wall to be used for the range, Mr. Chmura will provide all blueprints and certifications to the borough.

**Mayor's Report:** The Bessemer Lake Park grant will be continuous of the original grant playground equipment phase including the installation of electric. This grant will be approximately \$104,000, which would be an 80 - 20% state grant with the county matching the borough's 20%. This would cost the borough approximately \$10,000. The next round of banners will be up by Veteran's Day. We are still trying to line up a lift for the placement of the banners.

**Police Report:** Chief Charmo read report ... *see written report*  
The "Attention Getter" signs/center of town Mr. Werhnyak will get pricing for attention getter signs for the four stops in the center of town.

**Ordinance No. 7 of 2022 (Police Pension Plan)**

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to adopt Ordinance No. 7 of 2022 which establishes its own single-employer pension plan adopting a base plan document with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System...***carried***

**Fire Department Report:** Justin Javens was present. President Izzo read the financial reports. *See written report...*

Mr. Javens reported that the 401 was inspected and will need a new tie-rod replaced. 404 and 403 still need inspected. Mr. Javens reported that the department will hold a burger and hotdog fundraiser in October.

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

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Wes' Heating and Cooling inspected the boiler and reported that it is in proper working order. The parts are now obsolete, noting that in the future the parts will not be available.

**BMA Report:** No Mike Davidson/Plant Report sent. *See written financial report...*

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

State Funding Programs/Water Utilities - A summary has been provided to council.

Mr. Buzza believes that the water tower will not be inspected in 2022. He suggests that the borough request new quotes. The bridge waterline relocation design has been prepared, submitted, and is being reviewed by PennDOT bridge consultants.

The commitment letter affirming the borough will provide the funds needed to cover the increased estimate (\$8,710) has been submitted to the state for the Statewide LSA Grant Application. Mr. Buzza would like to assist the borough with the maintenance on the chlorine analyzer to resolve the erratic readings. Mr. Buzza updated council on the Roosevelt Avenue bridge and stated that funding is available for the replacement of the bridge and not the repair of the bridge. The inspection report has been submitted to borough council. Replacement is recommended. Mr. Buzza has suggested that the well casing be inspected. Mr. Buzza reported that if the casings corrode, the surface water can enter the well. The estimate for this work is approximately \$12,000 per well. Lastly, Mr. Buzza mentioned that the System Service Line Inventory revised the Lead and Copper Rule to require an inventory of each customer's line. This may be a lengthy process and it is suggested that a plan be developed to identify the methods of conducting this inventory. All work must be completed by 2024.

**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante - Roosevelt Avenue - Start with the estimates before starting with the grant work.

**Human Resources:** Art VanTassel - Nothing at this time.

**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser - Absent. Mr. Ordak reported that pricing on the borough trees may take place this coming week. Mr. Ordak will update council once the trees are looked at. The undercoating for the F600 was discussed as a result of Mr. Slosser rescinding the motion for the lifetime undercoating cost of \$1,900 at the special meeting on September 28, 2022.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to rescind the original motion of \$1,900 for the lifetime undercoating on the Ford F600 Super...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve Rust Prevention and Treatment Center's estimate for the wax undercoating on the Ford F600 Super at a cost of \$1,500 for a lifetime with a two year reapplication schedule, at a cost of \$100 for each application...***carried***

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:** Lease Agreement 4th Street property. Mr. Jackson will discuss lease options with the new owner of 315 E. Poland Ave. and report back to borough council.

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi - Grants for the water infrastructure. Mr. Buzza will have a list for the November 14th meeting for the borough on what should be considered in

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the near future. North Main Street waterline is in need of replacement. Another project would be a new water tower (elevated tank) at an approximate cost of two-million dollars. Mr. Nolfi would like see the ingress and egress addressed in the water treatment plant. He would like to have the borough send out a letter notifying the residents of the System Service Line Inventory. He would like this letter to include a quadrant breakdown for the borough to collect this information. Mr. Buzza will draw up an insert for the billing.

**Emergency Services:** Art VanTassel - The 404 and 403 are expected to pass inspection.

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak - He has developed a plan with Mr. Werhnyak to move the stones by the boat ramp over to the boat launch to block access of vehicles. Mr. Ordak will be working with his employer to get poles to create a barrier to prevent vehicles getting past the high spots of the ramp area.

**Old Business:**

Resolution No. 14 of 2022 (Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board)

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to create an Appeals Board for the Property Maintenance Code...***carried***

Budget Workshop date was set for October 19, 2022, at 7:00pm

Borough Building Grants - Andrew Henley to be contacted regarding grant writing.

Garbage Contract - Contract expires in April 2023.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to enter into executive session...***carried*** Executive Session entered at 8:17pm.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to enter back into the regular meeting...***carried*** Entered into Regular Meeting at 8:26pm.

**Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board:**

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to appoint Cody Jackson (Council Member), Richard Dudzenski (Resident), and Joel Jordan (Business Owner) to the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board...***carried***

**Ordinance No. 7 of 2022 (Police Pension):**

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to adopt Ordinance No. 7 of 2022 that sets the Police Pension Plan...***carried***

**Roll Call Vote:** Mike Marciante - Yes, Cody Jackson - Yes, Art VanTassel - Yes, Jimmy Nolfi - Yes, and Doug Ordak - Yes... 5 YES VOTES... ***carried***

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer