

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
December 11, 2023

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 (via phone), and Douglas Ordak.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (November 13, 2023)...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, 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 December bills...*carried*

2024 Proposed Budget - \$970,199

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the 2024 Budget at \$970,199...*carried*

Resolution No.9 of 2023 (Fixing Tax Rates for 2024)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. VanTassel, to pass **Resolution No. 9 of 2023** setting the tax rates for 2024 with no changes from this current year...*carried*

2024 Council Meeting Schedule

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the 2024 Monthly Meeting Schedule with the reorganization meeting starting at 6:30pm on the first available day after the holiday (1/2/2024) and proceeding directly into the regular monthly meeting...*carried*

2024 Paid Holidays

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve the 2024 Paid Holidays...*carried*

Visitors: Kenny Smith, Ann Kephart/North Beaver Civics Club (Requesting contact information for the Fire Department. She is looking for information regarding two checks that were made out to the department that have not cleared), John and Stephen Negrich (MPS/New Owners of the Hanson Plant. They wanted to introduce themselves and bring in samples of what their company processes. They also updated council on their plans for the upcoming year), Rick Dudzenski, Scott Lindy, and Jimmy Verlotte (Book & Proch - Started operations this month and has met with Ken Holly. They have rebuilt the chlorine analyzer and started to order materials for the rebuilding of the plumbing in the water treatment plant. They expect to start on the plumbing in late winter/early spring. They have started sampling throughout the system and will report back to council with this information as soon as it is ready. Jimmy Nolfi requested Book & Proch to look at the water of a home on Woodline Ave. that is having issues with sediment, smells, and discoloration).

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie – Reported that the Christmas Festival & Parade were a success. Gary Pezzuolo donated the lift for the installation of the Christmas Decorations and the mayor will send him a thank you.

Police Report: Mayor Leslie read report...*see written report*
Discussion will be had in the Executive Session regarding an additional full time police officer.

Fire Department Report: Absent

Public Works Report: Written Report...*see written report*.

Mr. Ordak is requesting that the picnic tables be brought into the maintenance garage during the winter months to be stained. Mr. Slosser is requesting that Mr. Holly breaks down the borough's dumpsters when we are done with them and scraps them. Mr. Wharry has been asked to replace the hydrants that are on the urgent list. Ken has been instructed to order three more hydrants.

BMA Report: Scott Lindy gave the report...*See written reports*

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

Mr. Buzza stated that right now we are at a standstill until Book & Proch gets in and starts operations. Mr. Buzza reported that they did get a response from Dollar General regarding the Storm Water Management Agreement. Dollar General has agreed to the changes that Gannett Fleming has made. The invoices from Gannett Fleming for the Storm Water Management Agreement will include a statement for submitting this back to LDG for reimbursement.

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Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante – N. Main Street repair will need to be watched to see if more is needed around the patch work. There could be more issues. The patch work is good but the area around it is of concern.

Human Resources: Art VanTassel – Hired Wayne Anderson at \$14.50 an hour on an as-needed-basis.

Borough Property: Bob Slosser – Fire Siren - Quotes reviewed. Most covered range is priced at \$17,022.15 (Tabled) Forks for the Backhoe are needed due to Republic Service removing the rear loader from service due to the trucks being dangerous and obsolete. Council agreed to get quotes on forks for the backhoe and quotes on Kubota options. Mr. VanTassel offered to deliver and pick up a Republic Service dumpster if we are no longer able to have Republic Service dump our borough dumpsters.

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Nothing

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi – Would like to see the steps in the pump house brought up to OSHA standards when doing the piping. *Jimmy thanked everyone for appointing him and having faith in him as he sat on council. Jimmy said that it isn't goodbye, it is see you later once things calm down for him.*

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel – Take the tank off the Brush Truck and sell it. Tabled until next month.

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak – Still trying to get information on benches with not much luck.

Coordinator:

Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Agreement/Larson Design Group (Dollar General)

A motion was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve Attorney Perrotta's approval of the changes to the agreement and sign the agreement with Larson Design Group(Dollar General)...carried

Developer's Agreement/Larson Design Group (Dollar General)

A motion was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to sign the Developer's Agreement with the Larson Design Group(Dollar General)...carried

Ford F-350/Municipal Winner: Next bidder awarded but wants to counter offer.

A motion was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to respond to the second bidder regarding the F350 with \$12,000 and not to go lower than \$9,000...carried

Old Business: Covered previously

New Business: Checks: FD Chief(\$200), Assistant Chief(\$100), FD Tax(\$5,063), and Library Tax(\$5,063).

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to issue checks to the FD Chief(\$200), Assistant Chief(\$100), the FD Tax(\$5,063), and the Library Tax(\$5,063)...carried

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

Executive Session: 7:56pm

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

Regular Meeting: 8:35pm

A motion was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to hire Officer Paul Wallace as a fulltime officer at a rate of \$29 an hour at 40 hours per week effective January 1, 2024, contingent on Officer Paul Wallace's acceptance of the contract...carried

Vice President VanTassel took over the meeting... BMA Board Appointment - Gary Fusco (5 year term)

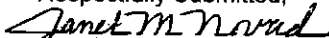
A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to appoint Gary Fusco to a 5 year term to the Bessemer Municipal Authority Board with President Izzo abstaining...carried

Mr. VanTassel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting...

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS ()	PFA ()
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (1)	PROPERTY CHECKS (51)
ASSISTS (10)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (12)
ASSAULTS ()	PUBLIC INTOXICATION ()
ATV COMPLAINT ()	OVERDOSE ()
BURGLARY (1)	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (1)
BURNING COMPLAINT ()	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE ()
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS () JUVENILES ()	THEFT/ FRAUD (1)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (1)	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (1)
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES (3)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (2)
DUI ARREST ()	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ()
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (2)	TRAFFIC STOPS (2)
MEDICAL CALLS (3)	WARNINGS ()
MISSING PERSONS ()	TRESPASSING ()
ERRATIC DRIVERS (2)	FOLLOW UP (3)
JUVENILE COMPLAINT (1)	911 HANG UP ()
VEHICLE REPAIR ()	WELFARE CHECK (1)
ROAD HAZARD (1)	FOUND PROPERTY ()
PSYCHIATRIC ()	ASSIST FIRE ()
NARCOTICS ()	ASSIST PUBLIC ()
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 404	Hours
FUEL: 79.2	Gallons
MILES: 1,244	Miles

November 2023

Vehicles & Equipment

Desiel Used: 54.5gal Gas Used: 2.5gal

Oil change and Inspection on F600 (done at Hermans)

Water

Postings: 24 Shut off: 0

Borough Property

One Calls: 1

Dumpsters Delivered: 3

Catch Basin on E.Poland lowered

North main was asphalted and sealed

GMC Listed and sold

Ford dump still listed

Jersey Barriers were received stockpile walls being built

Fire Hydrant on Roosevelt was taken out by a semi truck (to be repaired) (Don Wharry was given list of damaged hydrants that need addressed as well)

Month	Hours	Equipment	Operator	Notes
November				
11-10-23	26	F600	MTNCE	KH D
11-13-23	2.5	Gas Can	MTNCE	KH D
11-28-23	28.5	F600	"	KH D
December				

BMA

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK

ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES

NOVEMBER 1-30/ 2023

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$ 55,780.65

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$ 198,076.22

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$ 303,655.32

F & G ANNUITY: \$134,431.05

GRAND TOTAL: \$691,943.24

LOAN FCB: \$ 1,685,680.24

BESSEMER SEVERELY DELINQUENT \$ 13,489.60



To: Board of Directors
Bessemer Municipal Authority
From: Michael P. Davidson
Date: December 14, 2023
Subject: November 2023 Operators Report

CATEGORY	OBTAINED		REQUIRED
	NOVEMBER 2023		
Flow (MG/D)	0.165	0.350 Maximum	
CBOD (MG/L)	2.0 mg/l	25 Maximum	
Total Suspended Solids (MG/L)	5 mg/l	30 Maximum	
Total Nitrogen (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly	
Total Phosphorus (MG/L)		Monitor Quarterly	
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MG/L)	0.4 mg/l	12.5 Maximum	
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	68/100 ML	200/100 ML Maximum	
Dissolved Oxygen	5.1 mg/l	4.0 Minimum	
Total Residual Chlorine (MG/L)	0.28 mg/l	0.32 Maximum	

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

NOVEMBER 2023

The average daily flow for the month of November was 0.165.

The precipitation for November was 2.50".

The NPDES permit for the treatment plant expires on May 31, 2023, the permit renewal application has been 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.

Replaced the #2 Influent pump, took the old pump to North West Electric for repair.

Poured the #1 sludge drying bed.

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

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

Marked 9 PA One calls.

Repaired the broken force main.

No 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
Integrity Aquatic completed the tank inspection and cleaning. The inspection noted that the interior and exterior coatings of the tank are in poor condition and that repainting of the tank is needed. There are a number of other issues that should be addressed. Of primary importance is that the one vent on the tank is not screened. This has been brought to the attention of the staff and it is recommended this be addressed as soon as possible.

If requested GF can assist the Borough in obtaining bids for painting the interior and exterior of the tank. There are COSTAR qualified painters that can be used.

2. Chlorine Bulk Storage Tank Leak
The Sodium Hypochlorite bulk storage tank has developed a leak at the discharge bulkhead fitting. Staff was advised to drain the tank and to begin to receive the chemical in 55 gallon drums from the supplier. This will likely increase the cost of the chemical from the suppliers quoted cost. GF is working on identifying a supplier for a replacement storage tank that will fit into the room and supply adequate volume for bulk deliveries. The tank must be certified under NSF 61 for use in a drinking water system.

3. Funding Applications
We have been informed that the Borough's request to include the emergency generator project in PennVest's Technical Assistance Program was not granted.

An application for PennVest funding can still be submitted. The cost of preparing the funding application will initially be the responsibility of the Borough. If funds are awarded those costs are reimbursable. GF can provide assistance in preparing the PennVest funding application.

A preplanning meeting with PennVest and PADEP representatives is required prior to submission of the application. The next PennVest application Deadline is February 7, 2024.

Information has been provided to the Borough for use in the Statewide LSA grant application for emergency generators, North Main St Water line replacement and well inspections.

4. System Service Line Inventory
GF can provide assistance to the Borough in completing the system service line inventory if requested. The deadline for submittal of the inventory is October 2024.

5. System Fire Flow Testing
Information on equipment needed to conduct fire flow testing of the fire hydrants was provided to the Borough.

Fire flow testing can create issues with water quality and main lines. It is strongly recommended that this work be conducted during week days in order to have staff available to address any water quality or main line issues that arise during this work.

6. Dollar General / Developers Agreement
Per the Borough's request GF reviewed the storm water management plan that was submitted by the developer of the Dollar General project. There were a number of issues noted with the plan

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during our review. Those comments were submitted to the developer and satisfactory responses were submitted. A review letter was issued stating that the post construction storm water management plan was in compliance with the Borough's storm water management plan.

7. PFAS Testing
Information regarding the cost of testing both well sources for the "Forever" chemicals has been provided to the Borough Secretary. The total cost is estimated to be approximately \$600 to have both sources analyzed.

9. Tank Ladder Guard
Borough staff reports that the ladder guard for the tank ladder has been received.

Respectfully submitted,
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

Eric Buzza

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Senior Operations Specialist