

THE REGULAR MEETING
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
December 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nathan R. Leslie at 7:00pm.

Roll Call found the following members present:

Mayor Leslie, Michael Marciante, Rich Hennon, Art VanTassel, and Jimmy Nolfi.

Absent: Shelley Vendemia, Cody Jackson, and Douglas Ordak

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (November 8, 2021)...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Van Tassel, and seconded by Mr. Hennon, 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. Nolfi, to approve payment of the December bills ...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Van Tassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to approve the 2022 budget with a .5 increase in millage...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2021 that increases the borough millage by .5 ...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Van Tassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to pass Resolution No. 10 of 2021 that increases the wages of the newly elected council members and mayor to \$100.00 per meeting...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Hennon, and seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, to approve the Reorganization Meeting for January 3, 2022, and the 2022 Scheduled Council Meetings...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to approve the 2022 paid holidays including New Years Eve of 2021 as a 2022 holiday due to the holiday being in the first week of the 2022 payroll ...***carried***

VISITORS:

Lu Anne Izzo, Robert Slosser (requested the update on the drain in the center of town - PennDOT takes responsibility), Roberta Penwell, and Tim Walker

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Leslie reported that Light-Up-Night was a success. He gave public appreciation to those that helped with preparations including the Fire Department for providing Santa Claus

Police Report: Report was given by Mayor Leslie... *see written report*

Fire Department Report: Chief Jeffery Breetz reported no calls for the month of November.

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

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Hennon, to purchase the Eastcon Line-Locator at \$4,500.00...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Hennon, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to hire L & S Excavating to replace the catch basin on W. Poland Ave. where the ground is sinking and exposing the waterline...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Van Tassel, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to authorize L & S Excavating to repair curb boxes and/or valves three at a time...***carried***

BMA Report: Mayor Leslie read report...*See written report*

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

Mr. Buzza reported that Liquid Engineering will contact the borough in the spring regarding the inspection and cleaning of the water tower. This is on Liquid Engineering's schedule in order for the company to honor the price quoted in 2021. Still waiting on documents for the S. Main Street bridge replacement over Hickory Run. The holdup is the storm sewers flow direction. One of the consultant firms is requesting that the borough maintenance staff assist them in determining the flow of the storm sewers. He also reported that he is still waiting on the electrical engineer regarding the generators. The sampling of Well No. 1 and Well No. 2 is complete. This information will be provided to the DEP with the explanation that the wells are equivalent.

Mr. Buzza addressed the complaint that was issued with the DEP from an anonymous resident. The DEP inspector reported that there were no violations for the borough.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Shelley Vendemia - Absent

Human Resources: Rich Hennon - Commended Mr. Werhnyak and Mr. McConahy on their work that he has witnessed while he has served on Borough Council.

Borough Property: Art VanTassel - Tabled the 1-ton discussion

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson - Absent

Water and Sanitation: Rich Hennon – Looking forward to the findings of the tank inspection.

Emergency Services: Mike Marciante - Suggestion was made to have L & S address the drain on E. Poland Ave. near the truck wash and possibly place cold patch to direct the flow of water.

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak - Absent

Old Business: Letter to State Ethics Commission is drafted and Attorney Langer will email it to the borough.

New Business:

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to issue the millage checks to the Library (\$4,964) and Fire Department (\$4,964)...***carried***


A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Van Tassel, to issue Fire Chief Breetz a \$200 check and Assistant Fire Chief Miller a \$100 check...***carried***

BMA appointment...*see written letter of interest*

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Hennon, to reappoint John Kliem to a five-year term on the Bessemer Municipal Authority Board...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Hennon, to adjourn the meeting...***carried***
Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS (1)	FFA VIOLATIONS (1)
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (1)	PROPERTY CHECKS (60)
ASSISTS (6)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER (6)
ASSAULTS (1)	PUBLIC INTOXICATIONS (1)
ATV COMPLAINT (1)	OVERDOSES (1)
BURGLARY (1)	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (2)
BURNING COMPLAINT (1)	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS (2)
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (1) JUVENILES (1)	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES (2)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (1)	THEFT/FRAUD (1)
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (1)	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (1)
DISORDERLY CONDUCT (1)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS (2)
DISTURBANCES (3)	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS (1)
DOMESTICS (3)	TRAFFIC STOPS (4)
DUI ARREST (1)	WARNINGS (2)
HARASSMENT (1)	FIREWORKS COMPLAINT (1)
MEDICAL CALLS (2)	TRESPASSING (1)
MISSING PERSONS (1)	FOLLOW UP (2)
NARCOTICS (1)	NOISE COMPLAINT (1)
ERRATIC DRIVER (1)	911 HANG UP (1)
JUVENILE COMPLAINT (1)	WELFARE CHECK (2)
VEHICLE REPAIR (1)	FOUND PROPERTY (1)
ROAD HAZARD (1)	ASSIST FIRE (1)
PSYCHIATRIC (1)	ASSIST PUBLIC (3)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED:	453.5 HOURS
FUEL: GALLONS	123.2 GALLONS
TOTAL MILES:	1,882 MILES

November 2021

November 8, 2021 - December 12, 2021

Yehicles/Equipment

Storing dump truck prepared and used for salting streets.

Necessary repairs made to one ton dump truck by Herzman's in order for it to pass state inspection.

Power steering pump replaced on pick up truck by Herzman's.

Mounted plow and salt spreader on one ton. Used for salting streets.

Hydraulic line on sugar on one ton salt spreader failed. Replaced.

Spreader light failed on one ton. Rewired and operational again.

Water

Shut off notices posted as requested.

Bollard installation complete. Painted bollards and well heads.

Line flushing continued until November 11, 2021.

Requests from three residents to have their water shut off for plumbing repairs. None of the valves could be operated from the curb stop as they shifted through the years. L & S excavated and rendered two of the shut offs operational again. New curb stops were installed as one was too short, 8" below grade, and the other was an old narrow unit. The third was not addressed at this time as the resident's contractor completed the work with the third on.

Recommend contacting L & S for the excavation of the water line shut offs and replacement of the curb stops at three services, one each on 5th Street, 6th Street, and 10th Street.

PA One Call for resident on West Stewart for deck installation. PA One Call for design phase of the gas line project scheduled for next year. Spoke to the consulting firm completing the design work for more information. Our markings can wait until we have a reliable locator. Mr. Frell will forward them his BMA maps which will suffice for now on both his and our behalf.

Mr. Jackson took time out of his schedule to be present when a representative from Eastcom presented his recommendation of a replacement line locator for the borough. Included on this month's agenda is my request that council accept the proposal and purchase the unit.

The PA DEP conducted an inspection of the water facilities in response to a complaint that they received. Mr. Buzza will elaborate.

Mr. Buzza will also elaborate on the operation/testing of well # 2.

FUEL

DATE	GALLONS	VEHICLE	DEPT.	SIGNATURE
<u>MAY 2021</u>				
5/13	10.5	BACKHOE	MTCE	JPW
5/14	14.8	ONE TON	MTCE	JPW
<u>JUNE 2021</u>				
6/7	18.1	DNE TON	MTCE	JPW
6/8	12.0	BACKHOE	MTCE	JPW
6/15	3.1	ZERO TURN	"	JPW
6/25	23.2	ONE TON	"	JPW
<u>JULY 2021</u>				
7/20	10.3	ONE TON	MTCE	JPW
7/26	1	STUMP TRIMMER	"	JPW
<u>AUGUST 2021</u>				
8/5	9.0	BACKHOE	MTCE	JPW
8/6	20.7	ONE TON	"	JPW
<u>SEPTEMBER 2021</u>				
9/3	23.8	ONE TON	MTCE	JPW
9/30	23.7	ONE TON	"	JPW
<u>OCTOBER 2021</u>				
10/6	9.5	BACKHOE	MTCE	JPW
10/12	25.5	PICK UP	"	JPW
10/14	7.6	BACKHOE	"	JPW
<u>NOVEMBER 2021</u>				
11/9	15.3	PICK UP	MTCE	JPW
11/9	6.7	BACKHOE	"	JPW
11/11	1.0	STUMP TRIMMER	"	JPW
11/29	10.0	PICK UP	"	JPW
D = DIESEL G = GASOLINE				

Streets

Investigated the storm drain/minimal soil coverage on the water line issue near 410 West Poland. Contacted L & S for a proposal to install a catch basin and properly remedy the situation. Request that council accept the proposal and move forward with this while the weather remains conducive.

New riser and grating installed on the storm drain on the corner of North Main and Woodline completed by L & S.

Arrow on library signage on the corner of East Poland and South Main now directs traffic the proper direction.

Replaced damaged stop sign and post on the corner of Oak and Roosevelt.

Replaced faded stop signs at the post office and 12th Street.

Winter road maintenance, so far, has been only the application of salt to Bestview and the main roads.

Borough Property

Brush encroaching upon the parking lot areas of the municipal building and post office trimmed back and debris removed to expose the underlying concrete.

Replaced all broken and burned out lights on the snowflakes and wreaths. Hung the snowflakes, wreaths, and banners on the power poles along the main roads with the assistance of Mr. Lealin.

Cut down and hauled the Christmas for Kennedy Park from Walker's.

Removed the lamps from the pole lighting in Kennedy Park as requested to darken the area and accentuate the Christmas lighting.

Failed ballast in a fixture in Mrs. Novad's office. Removed and relamped with LEDs.

Found that a failed ballast is the issue with the lighting in the borough municipal building sign. Ordered LED lamps designed for this purpose and will direct wire upon receipt.

**BESSEMER BOROUGH
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE
DECEMBER 13, 2021 MEETING**

John Kliem
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1. **Tank Inspection**
The tank inspection firm has been contacted regarding the scheduling for the inspection of the standpipes. The representative said that they will be working up a schedule for their inspections and will be in contact to let us know when they will be on site. The inspection will take place in the spring of 2022.
2. **Sodium Hypochlorite Storage Tank**
Information has been provided to staff regarding commercially available chemical storage tanks suitable for storage of sodium hypochlorite.
3. **Bridge Water Line Relocation**
We have reached out to the engineering firm coordinating the bridge replacement project in order to receive the documents needed to participate in the cost sharing arrangement for the water line relocation. We have not yet heard back from that firm.
4. **Emergency Generator Project**
CADD work is continuing. Upon completion of that work and compilation of the specification documents bids can be requested. The tentative timeline is for bids to be requested after the first of the year for construction to be initiated in the Spring of 2022.
5. **Well Water Quality Testing**
Sampling of Wells #1 and #2 was completed on Tuesday December 7. Once the analytical data is received it will be reviewed and shared with the DEP. A determination will be made as to whether any additional work will be required to return Well #2 to regular service.
6. **PA DEP Inspection**
Due to an anonymous complaint from a borough resident, the DEP conducted an inspection of the borough's water system on November 16th. The inspection included a review of water quality and production information, analysis of the water produced at the pump house and testing of water quality at various locations in the distribution system. No violations were noted.
7. **Operations Assistance**
Continue to assist staff with treatment adjustments. We have received the two larger chemical feed pumps to accommodate the higher required dosage.

Respectfully submitted,
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

Eric Buzza

Eric Buzza
Senior Operations Specialist

November 30, 2021

RE: Bessemer Sewer Authority

Dear Council President,

My term on the Bessemer Sewer Authority expires at the end of this year and I would like to be considered for reappointment. Although I am in Georgia from November to April I can still keep in touch and attend the meetings on the phone. The other members of the Authority are on board with this arrangement. I feel with my experience on Borough Council, I can be of service to the residents of Bessemer.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Kliem
John Kliem

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2021

INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 1-30, 2021:

63	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
\$3,063.16	Total owed in late payments
13	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
4	Total customers to have water shut off
4	Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee
1	Total Property Sales
0	Total Sheriff Sales
0	Total Liens applied