

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
August 14, 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, Lu Anne Izzo, Jimmy Nolfi, and Douglas Ordak.

Absent: Cody Jackson and Art VanTassel

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*July 10, 2023*) with the correction that there was not a report given by Eric Buzza...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, 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 August bills...*carried*

**Visitors:** Ken Smith, Joey Gleghorn, Nick Vercilla (New Castle News), and John Kliem (BMA)

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Leslie reported that he spoke with General Code regarding the codifying of the borough's ordinances. The company would bring the borough up to date including current laws taking the last forty years of adopted ordinances. The borough would receive a draft highlighting the areas that need updated. The borough would then make the decision by passing an ordinance that would cover all the changes to the ordinances. This is projected to be a two-year process. Mayor Leslie mentioned that this could be budgeted over the next two years. Council agreed to have the major ordinances sent to the company for an estimate on the cost to the borough. Mayor Leslie reported that the Bessemer Presbyterian Church resurfaced the parking lot that was purchased off of Mohawk School District and has resurfaced a section of Roosevelt Ave. (Ext.) along with the parking lot. Mayor Leslie will provide a letter to High Performance Sealcoating stating that the improvement to the extension was not for any borough street improvement. Mayor Leslie gave the financial report for the Bessemer Community Days. The costs totaled \$2,264.28, but with the generous donations, we were able to cover everything. The fireworks were donated and the dunk-tank was an Eagle Scout project. The amount from donations came to \$1,380. Payment of all expenses came from the recreational account leaving roughly a \$200 balance. Next year Mayor Leslie would like to have Community Days in June 2024 due to the other event taking place in July. The Halloweenfest scheduled for Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> will include a small costume parade along with the judging of the costumes at the borough building. The Christmas Parade is tentatively set for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> with the commitment of the Mohawk band participation.

**Police Report:** Mayor Leslie read report...*see written report*

The need for a storage garage was discussed. This has been tabled for further discussion.

**Fire Department Report:** The Fire Department was absent. No report was sent to the borough.

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**Public Works Report:** Ken Holly was present. *See written report.*

12" Backhoe bucket was discussed. Confusion on whether the bucket was ever purchased. The secretary will contact the company (Clarks Equipment in Barkeyville, PA) to see if the bucket is still available and will make arrangements to have it picked up. The need for a second employee was discussed. President Izzo and Mr. Nolfi agreed to meet to go over the resumes that the borough received from the New Castle School of Trades. The Human Resource Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 16 at 5:30pm to discuss hiring.

**BMA Report:** See written financial reports.

John Kliem reported on updates regarding the late fees and payment plans.

Mr. Kliem provided council with a revised copy of the payment plan.

**Engineer's Report:** Eric Buzza was not present at the meeting but did send his report... *see written report.*

The report mentioned that Gannett Fleming will need to increase the amount for the S. Main Street bridge (Hickory Creek) project due to PennDOT making changes to the project. The increased cost will be \$5,600.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to increase the amount payable to Gannett Fleming for the S. Main Street bridge (Hickory Creek) waterline relocation project at \$5,600 after Mr. Slosser rescinded the previous motion for the amount of \$5,550...*carried*

The testing for Well #1 and Well #2 that the borough was advised to conduct was discussed regarding the cost of \$600 for each well.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to have Well #1 and Well #2 tested for the additional chemicals (Microbac/PFAS) at a cost of \$600 per well...*carried*

The Integrity Aquatic (Quote \$6,971) was the only company that he could find for the water tower inspection and possible cleaning.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Orkak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to move forward with Integrity Aquatic, out of Cortland, Ohio, to inspect and clean the water tower at a cost of \$6,971...*carried*

**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante - Catch basin (908 1/2 E. Poland Ave.) needs to be dropped for better water flow.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to have United Asphalt drop the catch basin at 908 ½ E. Poland Ave at a cost of \$4,260...*carried*

The storm drain in front of the Fire Department is the borough's responsibility per PennDOT considering the reporting of the issue was submitted too long after the time the bridge was replaced. He will get prices for its repair. The street paving he would like to see would be 306' of 6<sup>th</sup> Street starting at E Poland Ave. along the curb to the newly paved parking lot and First Covenant Drive (patch and tar and chip).

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to pave the area of 6<sup>th</sup> Street from E. Poland Ave 306' north from the newly paved parking lot to the across to the curbside (east side) and patch then Tar & Chip First Covenant Drive...*carried*

The Oak Street Storm Drain that was damaged when the sewers were installed was discussed regarding asking the BMA to cover half of the costs. The secretary will provide the BMA with a copy of the invoice for the BMA's next monthly meeting.

**Human Resources:** Art VanTassel - Absent

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**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser – McCandless Ford did not have a white truck. There is a silver Ford F-250 available and the paperwork is underway for its purchase. The undercoating will be approximately \$1,000 or less with the same company that did the undercoating on the Ford F-600.

He reported that one of the diesel fire trucks was filled with gasoline.

He also reported that replacing the borough roof with a gable roof would cost between \$100,000-120,000.

A flat roof would be considerably less. He will get an estimate for a new flat roof.

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:** Cody Jackson – Absent - Tabled until present

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi - Ladder Guard – Water Tower

A *motion* was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to order and install the ladder guard for the ladder on the water tower at a cost of \$1,003.95...*carried*

He met with Gary Pezzuolo regarding the pump house piping and a possible 30' x 30' one-story building bringing up both water supplies and tying them into each other. This would provide more room for a future filtration system. He feels council should lean more towards taking this route than just replacing the pipes and creating a lower back access to the lower level. There are also grants available for this type of funding. Mayor Leslie will contact Mr. Vito Yeropoli for assistance with the grant.

**Emergency Services:** Absent

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak – Feels that before we agree to the grass cutting in 2024, we need to be more specific with whom the borough has cutting the grass. There have been areas that have been missed and areas that need more attention. The need to replace the sign at the Bessemer Lake Park was discussed. Mayor Leslie will look into costs for a new Bessemer Lake Park sign.

**Coordinator:** Reported to council that Mrs. Novad will need to take two weeks off to take care of personal matters in Arizona. She reported that she will access the borough computer remotely via her laptop. She will be able to remote into the meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023. She will transfer the calls to her cell phone and she will have help with any physical tasks in the office from the police department. Council suggested that the meeting be rescheduled for the following week.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to reschedule the October 9, 2023 regular monthly meeting for October 16, 2023 due to the secretary being out of town...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the two-week absence of the secretary while she attends to personal matters in Arizona...*carried*

The Dollar Store Tap-In-Fee documents have been requested by the company. The current water ordinance needs to be updated to include dollar amounts. The wording on the billing does not comply with the current billing. The suggested amount of \$1,800 to charge to hook up to the borough's water came from Don Wharry stating that all the cost should be on the new builder. The amount you charge should allow for the borough to make a profit for providing the water service to a new builder. Mayor Leslie will provide the solicitor with the borough's ordinance highlighting what needs to be changed or adjusted.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to set the Tap-In Fee to \$2,000...*carried*

The refuse ordinance was also discussed regarding making changes to the last amended ordinance to include the new 96-gallon cans that Republic Service will provide. Additional cans can be purchased through the company. The issue of suspending the garbage

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collection if the resident will be gone for one month or longer was discussed. Mayor Leslie will take part in the revised refuse ordinance and will submit the changes to the solicitor. The secretary will advertise Intent to Adopt/Revise the Water Ordinance and the Refuse Ordinance.

**Old Business:** Mr. Holly is requesting better chlorine pumps. Pricing will be needed in order to approve.

The council will need to rescind the RTK fee schedule due to the State setting these rates. A *motion* by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to rescind the RTK (Right-To-Know) rate of \$50 and adopt the state scheduled rates...*carried*

**New Business:** Trick-Or-Treat (Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 5-7pm)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to schedule Trick-Or-Treat on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 5-7pm...*carried*

Mr. Marciante mentioned that the parking lot curbs at the Municipal building should be painted due to some people tripping on them during the Community Days Event. Mr. Holly will look into getting the curbs painted bright yellow.


*\*President Izzo made a public announcement regarding Community Days mentioning that feedback was great and that she was pleased to hear this.*

*\*Mayor Leslie publicly thanked the community for the support and all those that helped with the preparations and the day's events.*

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

*Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm*

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Janet M. Novad  
Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT JULY, MONTHLY REPORT

|                                              |                             |         |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| ALARMS ( 1 )                                 | PFA                         | ( 6 )   |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ( 2 )                      | PROPERTY CHECKS             | ( 62 )  |
| ASSISTS ( 7 )                                | REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER | ( 18 )  |
| ASSAULTS ( )                                 | PUBLIC INTOXICATION         | ( 1 )   |
| ATV COMPLAINT ( 5 )                          | OVERDOSE                    | ( )     |
| BURGLARY ( )                                 | SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY         | ( 2 )   |
| BURNING COMPLAINT ( )                        | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE          | ( 3 )   |
| CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS ( 4 ) JUVENILES ( 2 ) | THEFT/ FRAUD                | ( 4 )   |
| CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ( 6 )                | TRAFFIC ACCIDENT            | ( )     |
| DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES ( 5 )                 | TRAFFIC CITATIONS           | ( 4 )   |
| DUI ARREST ( )                               | NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS       | ( 4 )   |
| CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ( 3 )                      | TRAFFIC STOPS               | ( 20 )  |
| MEDICAL CALLS ( 5 )                          | WARNINGS                    | ( )     |
| MISSING PERSONS ( )                          | TRESPASSING                 | ( 3 )   |
| ERRATIC DRIVERS ( 1 )                        | FOLLOW UP                   | ( 4 )   |
| JUVENILE COMPLAINT ( 3 )                     | 911 HANG UP                 | ( 1 )   |
| VEHICLE REPAIR ( 1 )                         | WELFARE CHECK               | ( 1 )   |
| ROAD HAZARD ( 4 )                            | FOUND PROPERTY              | ( 1 )   |
| PSYCHIATRIC ( )                              | ASSIST FIRE                 | ( )     |
| NARCOTICS ( )                                | WARRANT ARREST              | ( 2 )   |
| PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED                 | 504.75                      | Hours   |
| FUEL:                                        | 126.1                       | Gallons |
| MILES:                                       | 2,131                       | Miles   |

**BMA MONTHLY REPORT**

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: AUGUST 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR JULY 1-31, 2023

|                   |                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <u>72</u>         | Late fee's applied to customer accounts   |
| <u>\$2,530.40</u> | Total owed in late payments               |
| <u>38</u>         | Water Shut Off Warnings posted            |
| <u>0</u>          | Total customer (s) to have water shut off |
| <u>0</u>          | Customers billed \$50.00 delinquent fee   |
| <u>0</u>          | Total Property Sales                      |
| <u>0</u>          | Total Sheriff Sales                       |
| <u>0</u>          | Total Liens applied                       |

Report July 2023

Vehicles & Equipment  
None

Water

Total postings: 38 Shut Offs:

(7-7-23) CI17 dropped to .23 rose to 3.70  
CI17 was under control later that day  
CI17 tank crack worsened emptied tank into 55 gallons drums  
Ordered 4 55 gallon drums of chlorine  
CI17 residual dropped over night came in and resolved the issue  
Watch dog system fail and fixed within the hour, (I called Tim St. John)  
Delivered water samples to Environmental Lab solutions

Streets

Fixed down stop sign on lakeside North main  
Don Wharry and L and S were in town and repaired a valve on the corner of Elm and Roosevelt  
Weed Whacked North Main

Borough Property

Boro building skylight had leak temporary repair made  
Roof drains cleaned (thanks chickenhawk)  
Ran to ace and got roof cement sealer  
Weed whacked pump house park, south main bridge (closet to library)  
Sprayed weed killer on playground  
Trimmed branches and cleared debris from bestview and south main  
Redid the mulch at Kennedy park  
Pulled weeds and cleaned up park

One Calls

Total: 4

July 2023

| DATE    | GALLONS | VEHICLES | DEPT  | SIGNATURE |
|---------|---------|----------|-------|-----------|
| 7-3-23  | 23.9    | F600     | MTNCE | KH.D      |
| 7-17-23 | 8.6     | Berklee  |       | KH.D      |
| 7-28-23 | 23.7    | F600     |       | KH.D      |

**BMA**

**FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK**

**ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES**

JULY 1-31/ 2023

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$ 77,466.53

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$ 184,898.13

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$ 298,128.68

F & G ANNUITY: \$134,431.05

GRAND TOTAL: \$694,924.39

LOAN FCB: \$1,718,863.33

**BESSEMER SEVERELY DELINQUENT \$ 14,850.80**



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BESSEMER BOROUGH  
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE  
AUGUST 14, 2023 MEETING

To: Board of Directors  
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson  
Date: August 10, 2023  
Subject: July 2023 Operators Report

| CATEGORY                           | OBTAINED  | REQUIRED           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
|                                    | JULY 2023 |                    |
| Flow (MG/D)                        | 0.202     | 0.260 Maximum      |
| CBOD (MG/L)                        | 2 mg/l    | 26 Maximum         |
| Total Suspended Solids (MGL)       | 5 mg/l    | 30 Maximum         |
| Total Nitrogen (MGL)               |           | Monitor Quarterly  |
| Total Phosphorus (MGL)             |           | Monitor Quarterly  |
| Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGL)             | 0.4 mg/l  | 12.0 Maximum       |
| Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average) | 33/100 ML | 200/100 ML Maximum |
| Dissolved Oxygen                   | 6.1 mg/l  | 4.0 Minimum        |
| Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)      | 0.17 mg/l | 0.32 Maximum       |

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

**JULY 2023**

The average daily flow for the month of July was 0.202.

The precipitation for July was 6.50".

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.

Attended the meeting with Pennvest.

Cleaned off all 4 sludge drying beds.

Poured four sludge drying beds.

No sludge was hauled during July 2023.

Checked the oil in both blowers.

Switched blowers from #2 to #1 and cleaned the #1 blower air filter.

Plant discharge monitoring report for the month of July 2023 was complete and sent to the Authority, RAR Engineering and PADEP.

Decant 17,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 8 PA One calls.

1 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. Bridge Water Line Relocation**

The bridge replacement project contract has been awarded. We will keep the Borough updated with any activity of which we become aware. A budget increase of \$5,600 is needed to cover the cost of the last minute redesign needed due to PennDOT consultant not providing information on new interferences created by the relocation of other utilities. The need for this work was only shared with GF 5 days prior to the deadline.

This increase should suffice to cover costs associated with any questions received from the contractor during the work to replace the water main.

**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. PennVest Funding**

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 November 1 for consideration at their January 24, 2024 board meeting.

**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**

GF has been informed that an inquiry for construction of a building for a Dollar General has been received by the Borough. There are a number of issues that should be investigated prior to issuing permits for the construction. These include water tap in fees, review of the proposed

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plans to determine if they meet Borough regulations, storm water management, erosion control, excavation, grading, restoration, etc.

It is suggested that the Borough consider requiring the developer to enter into a "Developer's Agreement" with the Borough to assure that the development complies with Borough zoning, storm water management, land development and water service. The agreement is a legally binding document and requires the developer to place funds into an account with the funds to be used to cover the costs of those reviews.

An example of a Developer's Agreement has been provided to the Borough Secretary. This example can be used as a template going forward for the Dollar General and any subsequent development in the Borough. Since this is a legal agreement the Borough may wish to have it reviewed by their solicitor.

**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. GF is waiting on information from the lab to determine the best way to submit the samples to the lab.

**8. Tank Ladder Guard**

At the request of Borough staff, GF has located a ladder guard to deter unauthorized individuals from climbing the storage tank ladder. Information on a suitable ladder guard has been provided to the staff.

**9. Water Operations Assistance**

GF provided water system operational guidance to staff during a site visit on August 3. GF reviewed operations records for the month of July, reviewed analytical procedures for iron and manganese analyses and provided assistance during the change over between well operation. All water system functions appear to be operating normally.

**10. Pump House Building Evaluation**

GF met with Jimmy Nolfi and Gary Pezzuolo at the Pump House on August 10 to get input from Mr. Pezzuolo on costs to create an access point to the basement for the pipe replacement. Also discussed was ballpark pricing on the cost to construct a new building to house the treatment equipment.

Respectfully submitted,  
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

Eric Buzza

Eric Buzza  
Senior Operations Specialist