

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

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

There was a moment of silence in observance of 9/11 remembering those that lost their lives, and for those whose lives were changed forever.

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.

Enterprise Zone - Resolution No. 7 of 2023 (Bessemer Borough's Zoning Map is included)

Diane Richardson stated that the program has expired and the county will be renewing the program. They currently have eleven commitments and would like to see all fifteen municipalities become members. There is no liability to the borough to be a member. Ms. Richardson shared that this would be a benefit to businesses and developing areas. The program can help the industrial district with low interest loans and Act 2 (assistance with environmental issues). There are also tax credit programs under this membership.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to pass Resolution No. 7 of 2023 that confirms council has reviewed and approves the five-year strategy, is willing to participate in the proposed designation, and authorizes the filing of a proposal to the DCED for the Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone designation by the Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation that assists communities in distressed or blighted industrial areas to attract private sectors and create employment opportunities...

Roll Call Vote... Doug Ordak- YES, Bob Slosser- YES, Mike Marciante- YES, Cody Jackson- YES, Art VanTassel- YES, Jimmy Nolfi- YES, and LuAnne Izzo- YES... unanimous YES vote...motion carried
Mentioning: Mayor Leslie supports council's decision as well

LERTA (Ordinance to participate in a tax abatement program with the county and school)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to advertise intent to adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2023 which would mean the jointure of Lawrence County, Mohawk School District, and Bessemer Borough to participate in the tax abatement program LERTA...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*August 14, 2023*) with the correction that the Dunk Tank was a donation provided by the Eagle Scouts for Community Days...*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 September bills...*carried*

Ordinance No. 2 of 2023 - Amend Water Ordinance No. 171 of 1970 revising technical specs to updated current mechanical installation of lines and meters.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and was seconded by Mr. Ordak, to adopt **Ordinance No. 2 of 2023** that amends Ordinance No. 171 of 1970...*carried*

Visitors: Anthony Shaner (FD), Griffin Holtom(FD), and John Kliem (BMA)

Mayor's Report: Mayor Leslie reported that the equipment (OMNIA/Like Co-STARS/Council would have to sign up for the program) for the playground at Bessemer Lake Park is ready to be ordered for this Phase I of the grant. Phase I would be equipment for ages five to twelve. Phase II would be for younger children and financed via a fundraising project or an additional grant. Phase I equipment is estimated between \$50,000 to \$60,000 plus the installation costs. The total cost is estimated to be \$75,000.

A *motion* was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to sign up for OMNIA...*carried*

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A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to move forward with Phase I of the Bessemer Lake Park Grant...*carried*

Keystone Grant Support (Library asking for Bessemer to be a municipal support)

A *motion* was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to pass Resolution No. 8 of 2023 that supports the FD Campbell Library for the Keystone Grant...*carried*

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

A full time officer is needed. Mayor Leslie will bring numbers to the next meeting showing the cost to support a second full time officer.

Fire Department Report: Chief Breetz and Assistant Chief Miller were present.

Assistant Chief Miller read report...*see written report.*

Assistant Chief Miller reported that the dumpster with the contaminated gear is still at the fire department. Norfolk Southern has yet to advise the department on where to take the gear. Assistant Chief Miller is requesting to go into an executive session regarding a personal matter. The hydrant across from the carwash needs to be replaced. Mr. Buzza suggests making a prioritized list of the hydrants that need to be replaced. The replacement of hydrants will be considered in the 2024 Budget.

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

Mr. Holly reported that the tree that broke in half at the pump house will need to be taken down. Mr. Holly will get prices on having the tree removed.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to have Mr. Holly get prices on removing the split tree at the pump house and to move forward with the lowest bid...*carried*

N. Main Street leak at Beechwood Road has been repaired and a new blow-off valve is needed.

BMA Report: *See written reports...*

Engineer's Report: Eric Buzza ... *See written report.*

Mr. Buzza will contact Integrity Aquatic to set up the cleaning and inspection of the water tower.

Mr. Buzza recommends replacing the pump house. He has been working with Mr. Nolfi on the specs and the current building necessities.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Lights: Mike Marciante - Reported that the New Castle News did not advertise the paving sections of 6th Street and the sections of First Covenant Drive for bidding. It has been decided that the borough will hold off until 2024. The borough received two quotes for the repairs to 6th Street and First Covenant Drive:

Hard Rock Paving & Seal Coating: \$6,000

Mill 1 1/2" and Pave 1 1/2" (1,400square feet/30 Tons)

United Asphalt: \$5,690

Mill and Pave 1"

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve United Asphalt to make the repairs to 6th Street and First Covenant Drive...*carried*

Mr. Holly reported that vulgar images have been painted on the Roosevelt Bridge. Mr. Holly will attempt to remove the images.

Human Resources: Art VanTassel - Reported that we need to move forward on hiring help with winter approaching. The secretary will advertise for Full-time and Part-time help for all positions.

Borough Property: Bob Slosser - Reported that a new gable roof would cost approximately \$120,000 and replacing the existing flat roof with a new flat roof would cost \$78,750. The existing roof needs some more tar at the main seam and the drains need to be cleared periodically. The new 2023 Ford F250 is at Quality Truck to get outfitted. Once complete, it will be taken to Rust Prevention & Treatment Center in Portersville, PA. The wax/oil coating estimate for the truck and plow is under \$1,000. The lights for the F250 will need to be all amber lights (PA law). The 12" backhoe bucket quote from Fully Torqued (Tony DeChant) came in at \$650.

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A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to purchase the 12" bucket that includes the pins quoted at \$650 from Fully Torqued...*carried*

Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations: Cody Jackson – *October 23, 2023* will be the 2024 Budget Meeting

Code Enforcement needs more hours. Mayor Leslie will check with Officer Perrotta.

The BMA will need a copy of the new water ordinance for their Thursday, September 14, 2023, meeting. The BMA will review the water ordinance regarding the section that covers the Landlord/Owner of the property be responsible for the Water, Sewer, and Refuse bill.

Water and Sanitation: Jimmy Nolfi - Reported that he would like to set up a meeting with Jimmy Verlotte to discuss water operations. The meeting has been scheduled for *Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 7pm.*

Emergency Services: Art VanTassel - Addressed the emergency vehicle that had gasoline put into a diesel engine. This has been fixed by the Fire Department.

Culture and Recreation: Douglas Ordak – Has been working on the bench project and pricing.

Coordinator: Reported to Council that the Act 205 of 1984 (Pension Plan) needs to be approved for the 2024 year.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and was seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve the 2024 fund requirements for the Bessemer Borough Police Pension Plan...*carried*

Old Business: Discussion of oil change prices: Herman's, Brandon's, Terry Johnson's, and Officer Tressler (Pit in the Garage). Get price proposals on oil changes for all vehicles.

F-600 Recall - When the police vehicle comes back, they will take the F-600 to McCandless Ford to be reprogrammed (recall). The police vehicle is still at McCandless Ford. The transmission has been lost and they are trying to figure out how this happened. No date on when the car will be back in service. Mayor Leslie will notify Joshua Deal regarding the painting of the fire hydrants. Paint the curb of the parking lot of the borough building and Post Office. Add reflective beads to paint.

New Business: Overlook Drive would like to see a "Watch Children" sign due to a resident driving fast down the road. Council denied the placement of the sign. Storm Water Management Ordinance is needed for the developers of the Dollar General Store. The County has this on file and the borough will ask for a copy to be sent to the DG developer. Drain issue in front of 29 Bestview Ave. Mr. Holly is to take a look at the drain and the road and will report back to council.

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

Entered into Executive Session at 9:00pm

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

Entered into the Regular Meeting at 9:26pm

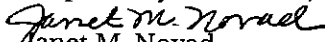
A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to take the hydrates that the borough has on stock and replace the hydrants that the Fire Department has determined to be top priority, and to stay with the same company to keep all hydrants uniform throughout the borough...*carried*

Don Wharry to be contacted for the installation of the new hydrants.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Janet M. Novad
Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT

August 2023

ALARMS (1)	PFA	(3)
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS (1)	PROPERTY CHECKS	(62)
ASSISTS (10)	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER	(14)
ASSAULTS (1)	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	(1)
ATV COMPLAINT ()	OVERDOSE	()
BURGLARY ()	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	(2)
BURNING COMPLAINT ()	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	()
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS (2) JUVENILES ()	THEFT/ FRAUD	(3)
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ()	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	()
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES (11)	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	(5)
DUI ARREST ()	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS	(7)
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (3)	TRAFFIC STOPS	(18)
MEDICAL CALLS (4)	WARNINGS	()
MISSING PERSONS ()	TRESPASSING	()
ERRATIC DRIVERS ()	FOLLOW UP	()
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ()	911 HANG UP	(1)
VEHICLE REPAIR (1)	WELFARE CHECK	(5)
ROAD HAZARD ()	FOUND PROPERTY	(2)
PSYCHIATRIC ()	ASSIST FIRE	()
NARCOTICS ()	ASSIST PUBLIC	(6)
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED	489.5	Hours
FUEL:	94.1	Gallons
MILES:	1,688	Miles

Vehicles & Equipment

F-600 Miles:2112

Fuel used 41 gallons

Water

28 Postings 0 Shut Offs

Met with Eric at the beginning of the month to check in after the first month

Rebuilt and tested Chem Pump A 8-22-23 (24 oz. 15 mins at 50/50)

Rebuilt Chem Pump C 8-7-23 (23 oz. 15mins 50/50)

Streets

Sounding equipment used water line on Beechwood and North main

Work to be done (9-11-23)by Don Wharry

Borough Property

11 One calls

Tree branches down at the Pump House Park and Lake park where cut and remove

DATE	MILES	FUEL	WATER	NOTES
7-2-23	23.9	F600	MTNCE	MT
7-17-23	8.6	Bckhoe	"	KH
7-28-23	23.7	F600	"	KH
August 2023				
8-11-23	2.6	F600	MTNCE	KH
8-29-23	2.6	F600	"	MT

BMA MONTHLY REPORT

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 1-31, 2023

Bessemer Volunteer Fire Company Council Report August 2023

Balances:

General Checking: \$5,378.16

General Savings: \$5,880.88

Relief Checking: \$141,213.71

Relief Savings: \$760.44

CD #1: \$566.95

CD #2: \$529.79

Deposits:

Purchases:

Fuel:

32.2 Diesel
22.6 Gas

Calls:

(3 calls Total)

2 Medical lift assist
1 Smoke investigation

<u>64</u>	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$4,438.80</u>	Total owed in late payments
<u>21</u>	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
<u>2</u>	Total customer (s) to have water shut off
<u>2</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