

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
October 16, 2023 (Rescheduled)

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

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

Nathan Leslie, Bob Slosser, Lu Anne Izzo, Jimmy Nolfi, Douglas Ordak, and Cody Jackson (Arrival 7:10pm)

Absent: Michael Marciante and Art VanTassel

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*September 11, 2023*)...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to accept the balances of the Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit...*carried*

A *motion* was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to approve payment of the October bills...*carried*

**Bessemer Borough Planning Commission's recommendation to council is to approve the final plans for the subdivision and parcel consolidation of MPS /Heidelberg Cement Materials, LLC**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve the final plans for the subdivision/lot consolidation for MPS/Heidelberg Cement Materials, LLC...*carried*

**Visitors:** Ken Smith, John Sheehan, John Kliem (BMA), Kevin Schibik/Jaikara (Sewer issue off of 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Schibik wants to build a home on his back lot and cannot due to his belief that the sewer line runs underneath his neighbor's house. His attorney has instructed him to contact the borough for answers. He has been instructed to attend the next BMA meeting. John Kliem will look into this)

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Leslie reported that there is an LSA and USDA grant that he has looked into. He was informed by Vito Yeropoli that he would let him know when this becomes available, but has yet to hear anything. Mayor Leslie is willing to work on this once the necessary information for the grant is provided. Mr. Buzzza will look into this also for the borough. Mayor Leslie will look into a lift for the installation of the Christmas decorations.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to place a \$500 limit on the lift rental for the Christmas decorations installation...*carried*

**Rescind Motion - Resolution No. 8 of 2023 (Library/Keystone Grant)**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Nolfi, to rescind Resolution No. 8 of 2023 giving support to the Library/Keystone Grant due to the Library not going through with the grant at this time...*carried*

**Live Nativity in Kennedy Park - Provided by Westfield Church** - Council approves Westfield Church using Kennedy Park for the Live Nativity since the church is under construction and cannot have it there.

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

The Ford Explorer has been repaired and is back from the dealership. Chief Charmo is in talks with Ford to compensate the borough for the issues with the new car and dealership. He is looking into Ford reimbursing the borough and is still negotiating with the company. Mayor Leslie is still working on the numbers for a second full-time officer to be considered in the 2024 Budget.

**Officer Paul Wallace - Recognition** - Mayor Leslie publicly acknowledged Officer Wallace for his brave and swift action saving Jim and Beverly Medich's home when a fire broke out in their kitchen. The Medich family also wanted Officer Wallace to be recognized for his heroic actions.

**Fire Department Report:** Assistant Chief Miller read report...*see written report*

They are still waiting on new radios and hoses. He reported that the dumpster with the contaminants will be taken to East Palestine, Ohio, and will be placed in a container provided by the EPA. He also reported that the Bessemer firemen are under medical supervision, on a regular basis, due to the contaminant exposure. The new 1984 Tanker Truck is in service. The 408 has been repaired since the gas/diesel mistake.

Assistant Chief Miller reported that the flow meter (hydrant testing) may have arrived. Once he confirms that it has arrived, they will continue to test hydrants throughout the borough.

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Mr. Slosser brought up the fire siren reinstallation. Mr. Miller feels that the siren should go back up. Mr. Ordak will stop down at the Fire Station to look at the siren to see if it is salvageable. Mayor Leslie is willing to look into a grant for this.

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

Mr. Holly was given permission to order more stone for waterline repairs.  
The parking lot lines and curbs will be painted on the next weekend that it doesn't rain.

**BMA Report:** *See written reports*

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

He reported that the water tower inspection and cleaning has been completed. 12" of sediment was removed from the bottom of the water tower. He reported that both the inside and outside of the tank will need painted and that the screen for the overflow pipe is missing and needs replaced. He reported that he will have someone from Gannett Fleming look into the borough's storm water ordinance and compare it to the plans submitted for the Dollar General Store. A Developer's Agreement is needed so that the fees for any alterations to the storm drains will fall under the developer and not the borough. Mr. Buzza mentioned the "Forever" chemicals that both wells need to be tested for. When Book & Proch are testing for this, it was mentioned that the borough should make sure they are a state certified lab for this type of testing.

**Executive Session**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to enter into executive session...*carried*  
Executive Session entered at 7:51pm.

**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante - Absent

**Human Resources:** Art VanTassel - Absent - Mr. Jackson will look over the interested applicants

**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser - 1997 GMC with Plow (\$3,000 Reserve/AS-IS) and the F-350 with Plow and Salt Spreader (\$6,000 Reserve) to be put out on Muncibid. Mr. Slosser reported that the new F-250 will get the undercoating on Tuesday, October 24, and will get the service agreement from Pam.

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:** Cody Jackson -

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi - Would like Don Wharry to replace the hydrants deemed the worst hydrants.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to replace the #1, #2, and #3 hydrants that are deemed the worst on the map provided by the Fire Department...*carried*

He would like Book & Proch to give a price on inspecting/pulling the well heads on both wells. He also would like to see an upgrade on the communication system with the water tower and pump house.

**Emergency Services:** Art VanTassel - Absent

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak -

**Coordinator:** Reported to council that Robert Izzo (Borough Auditor) is retiring. Mr. Bill Hauser will be starting his own company and would be interested in continuing on with auditing the borough.


**Old Business:** Already covered earlier

**New Business:** Already covered earlier

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

*Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm*

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Janet M. Novad  
Secretary/Treasurer



To: Board of Directors  
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson  
Date: October 12, 2023  
Subject: September 2023 Operators Report

CATEGORY	OBTAINED		REQUIRED
	SEPTEMBER 2023		
Flow (MG/D)	0.151	0.360	Maximum
CBOD (MG/L)	3.0 mg/l	25	Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MGL)	6 mg/l	30	Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MGL)			Mentor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MGL)			Mentor Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGL)	0.4 mg/l	12.9	Maximum
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	23/100 ML	200/100 ML	Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	6.8 mg/l	4.0	Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)	0.18 mg/l	0.32	Maximum

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

The average daily flow for the month of September was 0.151.

The precipitation for September was 1.50".

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.

Poured four sludge drying beds.

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

Decant 15,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 10 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



BESSEMER BOROUGH  
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE  
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- 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.
- 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.
- 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. The next PennVest application Deadline is February 7, 2024.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 plans to determine if they meet Borough regulations, storm water management, erosion control, excavation, grading, restoration, etc.

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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.

- Water Ordinance**  
GF reviewed the revised water ordinance and offered comments on some items included. An example of GF's meter pit design is included with this report.

- 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.

- Tank Ladder Guard**  
Borough staff have ordered the ladder guard for the tank ladder.

- 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.

GF can provide estimated costs for treatment equipment for a new treatment plant.

Respectfully submitted,  
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

*Eric Buzza*

Eric Buzza  
Senior Operations Specialist