

THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE H. SPENCER CARR MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
November 14, 2022

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, and Douglas Ordak.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting (*October 10, 2022*)...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting (*October 19, 2022*)...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Slosser, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, 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. VanTassel, to approve payment of the November bills excluding the Central Heating & Plumbing invoice...***carried***

**MATTHEW MC KNIGHT (Loan Specialist with the USDA/funding/Water projects/Lawrence Co)**

Mr. Mc Knight reported that there is roughly forty-million dollars available for needy communities and that Bessemer Borough is eligible for this funding. This money is based on the median income and amount charged for utilities. Mr. Mc Knight reported that there is funding for water, sewer, and storm water projects and that they work with the engineering firm to apply for the grant money. Mr. Mc Knight suggested that the borough start with a meeting in 2023 if the borough has any projects that are being planned. The funding is a 75/25 percent grant.

**VISITORS:** Tracey Meanor (BMA), Beth Grundy (BMA), Devyn McConahy, Nicholas Vercilla (New Castle News), TJ and Jan Donofrio of 602 S. Main Street (Interested in purchasing the borough property that is a non-ordained street (Osterling Ave.) adjacent to their property. TJ also would like code enforcement visit the property that is located on the opposite side of the borough property. Code Enforcement will visit the property. The solicitor will be contacted regarding the borough's options on selling the non-ordained street (Osterling Ave.), Steve Baker/Baker Forestry - Proposal provided to council for the purchase of 45 trees located in Bessemer Lake Park for the price of \$6,500. The contract does not include the removal of the treetops unless the tops would be usable for firewood.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Slosser, to move forward with the selling of 45 borough trees located in Bessemer Lake Park for the price of \$6,500 with the purchaser agreeing to bond (\$10,000) Lakeside Drive ...***carried***

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Leslie reported that the total number of Hometown Heroes Banners is 115. He thanked those involved (Devyn McConahy, Janet & Eric Novad, LuAnne & Ron Izzo, Art VanTassel, and the police department/traffic control) in the placement of the second round (44) of Hometown Heroes Banners and Equipment Rental Options of Neshannock Township for providing the borough with the lift at a discounted price. The mayor mentioned that plans for the Christmas Parade and festival are moving along as planned. He also reported that the application for the second phase of the Bessemer Lake Park Grant has been submitted. *The second phase includes playground equipment, parking*

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(ADA also), and electrical work installed in the new pavilion. He also mentioned that the Town Hall Meeting went well. The discussion was centered around both businesses and residents investing in the borough. It was mentioned that those in attendance were interested in additional meetings in the future. Also, the idea of a quarterly newsletter was brought up to keep residents informed on what all is happening in the borough. Mayor Leslie volunteered to take on this Newsletter Project.

**Police Report:** Chief Charmo read report ... *see written report*

**Hanson Contract:** A *motion* was made was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marcinate, to approve the Hanson Contract for \$600 per week for three years...*carried*

**Ordinance No. 8 of 2022 (Refuse Rates)**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to adopt Ordinance No. 8 of 2022 which raises the monthly refuse rates by \$10 across the board making the rate schedule as follows: Residential (\$26) and Commercial Dumpsters at (\$55/1 yd), (\$100/2 yd), (\$148/4 yd), and (\$195/6 yd) starting January 1, 2023...*carried* with Art VanTassel opposing.

**PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET: \$889,993.00 balanced with the increase to water rates.**

A *motion* was made by Mr. Marciante, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to advertise that the 2023 budget is on display in the borough office...*carried*

**Fire Department Report:** Justin Javens was present. President Izzo read the financial reports. *See written report...*

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

**BMA Report:** Tracey Meanor gave written report... *See written report.*

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

Mr. Buzza reported that Liquid Engineering came out to inspect the water tower but were unable to conduct an inspection due to the inexperienced crew and safety concerns. He informed council that he will need an additional \$13,000 for the waterline relocation project. A *motion* was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to increase the waterline relocation budget by \$13,000, bringing the total budget to \$28,000...*carried*  
The agreement will need to be re-signed because PennDOT never entered the project into their system and now there has been an added section that needs to be included. Mr. Buzza mentioned that the DEP will be having a seminar on waterline inventory in December that he will attend. Mr. Buzza provided council with state grant (50%) funding information that has a deadline of December 21, 2022. Mr. Buzza informed council that he has an individual (Jeff Stauhl) that the borough could contact regarding a water plant operator. Jimmy Nolfi will contact him.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Streets and Lights:** Mike Marciante -

**Human Resources:** Art VanTassel - Executive Session

**Borough Property:** Bob Slosser - Fork and Cage for backhoe was mentioned. The undercoating on the plow and salt box can be sprayed for an additional \$200.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to pay the additional \$200 for the undercoating for the plow and salt box...***carried***

**Finance, Litigation, and Appropriations:**

**Water and Sanitation:** Jimmy Nolfi - Asked Mr. Buzza to provide an itemized invoice from here on out. Possible repairs to the water tower was discussed.

**Emergency Services:** Art VanTassel -

**Culture and Recreation:** Douglas Ordak - Public appreciation to Joe and the crew for all the help with the work on the boat ramp.

**Old Business:**

**Storage Fee (revised resolution)**

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Nolfi, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to revise **Resolution No. 3 of 2022** (storage fee) making the storage fee for vehicles \$50 per day and large equipment \$100 per day starting January 1, 2023...***carried***

**New Business:**

**Office Hours** - 10am - 2pm open to the public

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. VanTassel, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to approve the borough office hours to be open to the public from 10am to 2pm...***carried***

**Police backup for snow plowing** - Police Dept will plow when on duty if the road crew needs a break. Officer Wallace - to be called out to plow when not on duty.

**Comcast** - Cancel the Fax and phone services at the maintenance garage.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to cancel the fax and phone services at the maintenance garage...***carried***

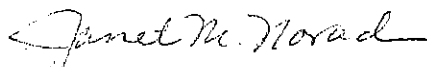
**Solvency Fee** - A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Ordak, and seconded by Mr. Jackson, to not pay the solvency fee...***carried***

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to enter into executive session...***carried*** Executive Session entered at 8:57pm.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Ordak, to enter back into the regular meeting...***carried*** Entered into Regular Meeting at 9:36pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, and seconded by Mr. Marciante, to adjourn the meeting...***carried*** Meeting Adjourned at 9:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet M. Novad, Secretary/Treasurer

BESSEMER POLICE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT

ALARMS ( 1 )	PFA VIOLATIONS ( )
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ( )	PROPERTY CHECKS ( 62 )
ASSISTS ( 3 )	REQUEST TO SPEAK TO OFFICER ( 5 )
ASSAULTS ( )	PUBLIC INTOXICATION ( )
ATV COMPLAINT ( )	OVERDOSE ( )
BURGLARY ( )	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ( 2 )
BURNING COMPLAINT ( )	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE ( 2 )
CRIMINAL ARREST ADULTS ( ) JUVENILES ( )	THEFT/ FRAUD ( 1 )
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ( )	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ( 1 )
DOMESTIC/ DISTURBANCES ( 1 )	TRAFFIC CITATIONS ( 8 )
DUI ARREST ( )	NON TRAFFIC CITATIONS ( )
HARASSMENT ( )	TRAFFIC STOPS ( 24 )
MEDICAL CALLS ( 4 )	WARNINGS ( )
MISSING PERSONS	TRESPASSING ( )
ERRATIC DRIVERS ( 1 )	FOLLOW UP ( )
JUVENILE COMPLAINT ( )	911 HANG UP ( )
VEHICLE REPAIR ( )	WELFARE CHECK ( 2 )
ROAD HAZARD ( 1 )	FOUND PROPERTY ( 1 )
PSYCHIATRIC ( 3 )	ASSIST FIRE ( 2 )
NARCOTICS ( )	ASSIST PUBLIC ( 7 )
PATROL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 492.5	Hours
FUEL: 121.6	Gallons
MILES: 2,195	Miles

October 2022

Vehicles & Equipment

Leaking front tire on backhoe repaired by R & J.

Water

Postings and shut offs.

Hydrant flushing as time permits.

Responded to one calls for private contractor on East Poland and East Stewart. Numerous requests for the gas line project on North & South Main, First Covenant, West Poland, Roosevelt, Walnut, Elm, and Oak Streets.

Much time spent on the calibration of chem pump #2 to achieve desired residual levels.

Steps currently underway to rectify the erratic performance of chem pump #1.

Streets

Submitted one call on behalf of the borough prior to the relocation of the speed limit signs on East Poland. Speed limit signage installed/relocated as directed.

Responded to request on Elm Street in regards to hidden sink hole/deteriorated storm sewer found during gas line project excavation. Filled with the large stone acquired from Fourth Street last fall as directed.

Leaves and debris removed from along the curbing at the square.

Borough Property

Delivered dumpsters to a residence on East Fairview and South Main.

Took a load of scrap steel and a load of scrap aluminum in for recycling.

Installed "Park at Your Own Risk" signage on Walnut Street as directed.

Removed faded stop sign on East Stewart and replaced with new.

Replaced vacuum breaker and diaphragm assembly in a flush valve in the fire department. Replaced broken handle on toilet in post office.

Levelled the dirt placed on the old restrooms in Lake Park. Pushed back slabs of concrete and rough graded the dumping area in the park.

Installed smoke/CO detector in borough admin building as directed.

Installed two cameras on the outside corner of the borough admin building as requested.

NOVEMBER 2022				
11/2	12	PICK UP	MTCB	JPW G
11/7	14	BACKHOE	"	JPW D
11/8	12	PICK UP	"	JPW G

**BMA MONTHLY REPORT**

SUBMITTED TO BESSEMER BOROUGH

DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2022

INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER 1-31, 2022

69	Late fee's applied to customer accounts
<u>\$3,068.20</u>	Total owed in late payments
17	Water Shut Off Warnings posted
2	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

ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS TO HAVE WATER SHUT-OFF CANNOT DO THIS AS THEY CANNOT FIND THE SHUT OFF AT THIS PROPERTY. (10 METRO DRIVE)

**BMA**

**FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK**

**ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCES**

OCTOBER 31, 2022

UTILITY ACCOUNT: \$51,390.09

OPERATING ACCOUNT: \$284,136.87

PLGIT PRIME ACCOUNT: \$190,671.69

F & G ANNUITY: \$129,260.65

GRAND TOTAL: \$655,459.30

LOAN FCB: \$1,792,982.64

**BESSEMER SEVERLEY DELINQUENT \$11,772.40**



BESSEMER BOROUGH  
PROJECT STATUS UPDATE  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022 MEETING

To: Board of Directors  
Bessemer Municipal Authority

From: Michael P. Davidson  
Date: November 10, 2022  
Subject: October 2022 Operations Report

CATEGORY	OBTAINED OCTOBER 2022	REQUIRED
Flow (MG/D)	0.159	0.350 Maximum
CBOD (MGA)	3 mg/l	25 Maximum
Total Suspended Solids (MGL)	5 mg/l	30 Maximum
Total Nitrogen (MGL)	13.9 mg/l	Menlor Quarterly
Total Phosphorus (MGL)	2.8 mg/l	Menlor Quarterly
Ammonia-Nitrogen (MGL)	0.8 mg/l	12.9 Maximum
Fecal Coliform (Geometric Average)	65/100 ML	200/100 ML Maximum
Dissolved Oxygen	7.2 mg/l	4.0 Minimum
Total Residual Chlorine (MGL)	0.30 mg/l	0.32 Maximum

The treatment plant produced a good quality effluent discharge throughout the month of October 2022. All parameters were within N.P.D.E.S. permit limits.

OCTOBER 2022

The average daily flow for the month of September was 0.159.

The precipitation for October was 2.00".

The NPDES permit for the treatment plant expires on May 31, 2023, the permit renewal application needs to be 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.

Continued adding dechlor to the effluent, Works great.

M Davidson is paying for the de chlor, request the Authority pay for the garbage dumpster.

Cleaned one sludge drying bed.

No sludge was hauled during October 2022.

Changed 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 October 2022 was complete and sent to the Authority, RAR Engineering and PADEP.

Decant 18,000 gallons of clear water off the digesters.

Marked 29 PA One calls.

Performed 3 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

With very limited notice the tank inspection company visited the tank site on Thursday November 10. Due to the pitch of the tank roof, the relative inexperience of the crew and changes in safety standards since the previous inspection the crew could not conduct the inspection. Specifically, the crew mentioned that additional tie offs were needed on the tank roof. We will reach out to the company's office staff for instructions on what will be needed to comply with these requirements.

2. Bridge Water Line Relocation

We were contacted by PennDOT regarding an internal issue they had regarding getting the executed cooperation agreement entered into their system. We have been instructed that the signature page for the agreement would need to be re-signed and dated.

We have had the proposed relocation design prepared and it is being reviewed internally. Once approved it will be submitted to PennDOT/Bridge replacement consultant for review.

3. Statewide LSA Grant Applications

The needed commitment letter to confirm the borough had sufficient funds available to cover the increased estimated cost of the emergency generator project has been submitted by borough staff.

4. Operations Assistance

Staff has been alternating operation of both well sources.

Maintenance of the online chlorine analyzer appears to have addressed the erratic readings that were being seen.

5. Roosevelt Ave. Bridge Inspection

The inspection of the bridge has been completed and the report has been submitted. Copies of the report are available. The evaluation and reporting of the structure follows PennDOT's Bridge Management System 2 Coding Manual (Publication 100A) and applicable excerpts from that manual are included for reference. Extensive repairs are required and are delineated in the report. Cost estimates for those repairs are not provided due to the current economic situation and inflation uncertainty. Funding programs for full replacement are available but not for bridge repair. If funding assistance can be obtained, replacement is recommended.

6. Well Evaluation

It is recommended that an evaluation of the wells be conducted to determine the condition of the well casing. To the best of our knowledge this has not been done. Well casings can corrode over time and if the corrosion becomes significant it can allow surface water to enter the well. Although it is not suspected that this is occurring, an evaluation of the well casings and condition of the wells is recommended. A budgetary estimate for this work is \$12,000 per well.

7. System Service Line Inventory

As previously discussed with the board, the revised Lead and Copper Rule requires all water systems to conduct an inventory of the service lines for every customer of the system. This may be a very time consuming effort. It is suggested that a plan be developed to identify the methods



to be used to conduct this inventory, the personnel responsible for conducting the inventory and the time frame for conducting this work. I will be attending a DEP seminar to familiarize myself with the program requirements.

This work must be completed by 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
GANNETT FLEMING, INC.  
*Eric Buzza*  
Eric Buzza  
Senior Operations Specialist