

A Regular Meeting of the Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority was held at the Administration Building, 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey on Monday April 23, 2012.

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided. Letters to North Jersey Herald/News, Suburban Trends and the Administrator of Pompton Lakes, dated March 27, 2012 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. A notice stipulating the time and date of this meeting was also posted in a public place, to wit: 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

Roll Call was as follows:

PRESENT: George D. Decker
Kevin P. Carroll
Lawrence DeMaio
Neal Galletta
Michael Longo
John Wegele (Operations Manager)
Kathleen Shortway (Office Manager)
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)
John Black (Consulting Engineer)
William Baig (Council Liaison)

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2012 were accepted.

Vote:

Ayes Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta, Longo
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Decker noted for the record that no one from the public was present.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

In Mr. Carroll presented the following bills for approval:

Operating Vouchers	\$ 113,800.09
Additional Expenses for March	925.72
Hospitalization for April	24,833.86
Operating Payroll/Gross March	90,792.28
Social Security March	5,629.18
Meter Deposit Refunds	<u>1,028.00</u>
	\$ 237,009.13

CAPITAL EXPENSES:

Lee T. Purcell	\$1,360.00
Security System Solution	8,000.00
Paparozzi Associate, Inc.	6,000.00
Jeffrey M. Kassover	506.25
ASCO Services, Inc.	3,600.00
Alpine Painting & Sandblasting	<u>5,800.00</u>
	\$25,266.25

NJEIT:

Lee T. Purcell	\$8,505.60
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UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta and upon roll call vote it was certified that the funds are available and budgeted to pay these expenses and the Finance Report was accepted.

Vote:

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta, Longo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. Decker read into the record a resolution to amend the 2013 Sewer Budget which amends the sewer budget from \$2,136,898 to \$2,124,648. Two certified copies will be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. DeMaio and upon roll call vote the Resolution to amend the Authority's sewer budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2013 was accepted.

Vote:

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta, Longo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

PERSONNEL:

Mr. DeMaio reported progress.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/FACILITIES REPORT:

Mr. Decker reported that the survey has been completed for the Twin Lakes Dam. O'Brien and Gere is in the process of preparing an evaluation and alternative report which must be submitted to the Dam Safety Department of the State of New Jersey by the June 30, 2012.

Mr. Decker also reported that Mr. Wegele has submitted all necessary documentation to FEMA for the damage that the Authority suffered as a result of Hurricane Irene. The total damages documented are \$300,742.00. If the total damages are approved the federal level of reimbursement is 75% which would mean a reimbursement of \$225,557.00.

Mr. Decker noted that the SEM program (Sustainable Energy Meeting) held an auction on April 4, 2012 for the June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013 electric rates. Mr. Decker noted that the Authority has seen a significant reduction in electricity costs since joining the SEM program and the upcoming year is set to produce an additional 17.4% reduction from the current rate. Mr. Decker also noted that the budget lines for gas, sludge and insurance are all significantly lower than in the past.

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and noted that the Authority worked with the Borough DPW to resolve a problem with the water fountains by the tennis courts in Hershfield Park.

Mr. Galletta also reported that water consumption continues to drop and is down approximately 3.6% from 2011.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. DeMaio and upon roll call vote the Water Operations Report was accepted.

Vote:

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta, Longo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

SEWER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele's Sewer Report and noted routine maintenance throughout the month.

Mr. Galletta inquired why the sludge removal seems to fluctuate throughout the month. Mr. Galletta acknowledged that the sludge removal is much less than it used to be but that it does fluctuate. Mr. Wegele reported that there continues to be some minor problems with the new sludge thickener which are resolved each time but they cause fluctuations in the sludge removal.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. DeMaio and upon roll call vote the Sewer Operations Report was accepted.

Vote:

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta, Longo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

OPERATIONS MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mr. Wegele reported that the Arbitration Hearing for Verizon vs. Pompton Lakes MUA has been rescheduled several times the new date is Thursday May 10, 2012. Mr. Wegele noted that the mark out company ECSM Utility Contractors is also named in the lawsuit.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported contract No. 121, Treatment Plant Site Paving and 122, Sludge Thickener Mechanism have been signed by the contractors and now have to be signed by Chairman Decker and Secretary DeMaio. Mr. Kassover also reported he returned the bid security documents of the second and third bidders for the two projects.

Mr. Kassover reported that he answered a letter from an insurance company stating that they had paid a claim for a break in a water line on property located on Durham Street and the Authority should submit the invoice to our insurance company. Mr. Kassover informed them that the property owner is responsible for the water line from the curb to the house and the Authority is responsible for the water main located in the street.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mr. Black reported that the water main project in the Garden Road area is 25% done in the first six days.

Mr. Black also reported that D.R. Mullen should be back to pave Colfax Avenue in approximately two to three weeks.

Mr. Black noted the he will contact the contractors to setup a preconstruction meeting for contracts 121 and 122.

Mr. Black reported that he received the draft from the state regarding the Wastewater Management Plan Mapping which is favorable to the Authority therefore he recommends that we notify the state and inform them that we will accept their limits of our servicing area.

COUNCILMAN LIAISON:

Councilman Baig commented on the work being done throughout the borough and noted that all the contractors were doing a good job.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. DeMaio and upon roll call vote the reports of the Operations Manager, Attorney, Engineer and Council Liaison were accepted.

Vote:

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta, Longo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Decker noted that the Authority has hired a new security company.

Mr. Galletta inquired if there were any complaints regarding the hydrant flushing Mr. Wegele stated that the calls were minimal.

Mr. Wegele stated that he was involved with the demolition of houses located in the flood areas.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was some discussion regarding certain Receive and File items.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. DeMaio and upon roll call vote items 1 through 19 with the addition of No. 20 which is a letter dated April 20, 2012 from Jeffrey Kassover to Norfolk-Dedham Group in response to their letter dated April 17, 2012 regarding an insurance claim for damages suffered as a result of a broken pipe at a Durham Street residence were accepted.

Vote:

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta, Longo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo and upon roll call vote the meeting of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Vote:

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, DeMaio, Galletta Longo
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Prepared by: Kathleen Shortway, Office Manager

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence DeMaio, Secretary

