

A Regular Meeting of the Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority was held at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey on December 20, 2021.

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 February 17, 2021 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Monday, December 20, 2021. The meeting was 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: Kevin Carroll  
Neal Galletta  
Michael Longo  
Lloyd Kent  
John Wegele (Superintendent)  
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)  
Jennifer Polidori Council Liaison

ABSENT:  
Tim Troast

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting November 22, 2021 were accepted.

**Vote:**  
Ayes: Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent  
Nays: None  
Absent: Troast  
Abstain: None

Chairman Carroll noted that no one was present for the Public Portion of the meeting.

**HEARING:**

Mr. Kassover noted for the record the legal notice for the public hearing regarding the proposed changes of the water and sewer rates was published on November 27, 2021. A notice also went to the Borough Clerk of Pompton Lakes. Mr. Paul Cuva was sworn in, and the hearing began for the rate changes with a full verbatim taken by a hired stenographer. Mr. Kassover also read for the record the resolution for the water and sewer rate changes sewer rate change will go into effect January billing 2022 and water changes will go into effect April billing 2022.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the public hearing for the water and sewer rate changes was closed and the resolution was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

Chairman Carroll reported the Authority will be changing their dental plan that will include an increase in the monthly payment. They would like the plan to go into effect January 1, 2022. The new plan will reduce the Employee out of pocket dental expenses.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the new dental plan to go into effect January 1, 2022 was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

Chairman Carroll presented the annual renewal for the insurance with the JIF and Craig Josephsen, the Authority's risk management consultant, from David Hundertmark Insurance Agency. Chairman Carroll read for the record the resolution.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote approval of the renewal for annual insurance with JIF and Craig Josephsen, the Authority's consultant, was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for December	\$92,109.36
Additional Expenses for November	\$ 1,647.70
Hospitalization for December	\$25,319.06
Operating Payroll/Gross November	\$96,269.81

Social Security for November	\$3,865.15
Meter Deposit Refund for November	<u>\$135.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$219,346.08</b>

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote it was certified that the funds are available and budgeted to pay these expenses was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

Mr. Galletta noted the next CD that will mature will be in February 2022.

**WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele’s Wastewater Report and inquired on the history of each establishment’s results for the Grease and Oil program. There was some additional discussion regarding the Grease and Oil testing results.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call vote the Wastewater Report was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele’s Water Report and reported that water pumping for the month of November is about equal to last November’s water pumping. Mr. Kent also reported that the Twin Lakes Dam Rehabilitation project is officially completed with the exception of some paperwork and final payment to CMS construction.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the water report was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Wegele reported progress.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported he prepared the notices for the public hearing for the rate changes and the publication that was published on November 27, 2021. Mr. Kassover also present the resolution for the rate changes to be signed by Chairman Carroll and Secretary Mike Longo. Mr. Kassover stated he prepared a letter to the contractor (CMS Construction Inc.) for the Twin Lakes Dam Rehabilitation regarding some hazardous cleanup that needed to be complete before final payment will be sent. Mr. Wegele noted one of the Authority's managers will be meeting with CMS Construction at the end of the week to inspect the cleanup conditions. Mr. Kassover requested he will need to go into Closed Session.

**COUNCIL LIASON:**

Councilwomen Jennifer Polidori reported she will no longer be the Authority liaison. Mr. Baig will be returning for 2022.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the Superintendents, Attorney and Council Liaison reports were accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 through 3.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote items 1 through 3 were accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes            Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent  
Nays:            None  
Absent:          Troast

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo and upon roll call the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered Closed Session at 6:45pm.

**Vote:**

Ayes            Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent  
Nays:            None  
Absent:          Troast

RESOLUTION

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**CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT**

Whereas Section 7 of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and.

Whereas, on December 20, 2021 this body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the commissioners of the Borough Municipal Utilities Authority, county of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matter.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

**To discuss new contract discussions**

3. The commissioners shall release and disclose to the general public the action taken on this matter of the above-mentioned litigation when the reason for discussing and acting on the matter in closed session no longer exists, but no later than one month of the commissioners arriving at a final decision of the specific subject matter.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin P. Carroll, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Longo, Secretary

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered back into Open Session at 6:55pm.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote that Chairman Carroll and Secretary Mike Longo sign a proposed agreement with The Highlands Condominium Association regarding the maintenance of the sewage pumping station for January 1, 2022.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the Regular Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority was adjourned at 7:00pm.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary