

A Regular Meeting of the Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority was held via telephone conference call at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey on February 16, 2022.

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 11, 2021, gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held immediately following the Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. 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  
Tim Troast  
John Wegele (Superintendent)  
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)  
William Baig Council Liaison

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 19, 2022, were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

Chairman Carroll noted that the Mayor Michael Serra was present for the public portion of the meeting.

Chairman Carroll reported that the Commissioners were paid twice in the month of February due to a payroll error. Chairman Carroll also reported that Mr. Kassover received an email from Mr. Steve Mlenak the attorney for the Meridia project regarding an easement relocation. The owner of the property where the easement lies is looking for financial compensation. Mr. Kassover spoke with the Superintendent and Operations Manager and decided that the MUA could initiate condemnation action, but the developer would have to pay the condemnation award, or the alternative would be to re-position the building so that it would not cover the main.

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

**Vote:**

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

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for February	\$ 54,924.61
Additional Expenses for January	\$ 7,381.50
Hospitalization for February	\$ 25,319.06
Operating Payroll/Gross January	\$ 104,946.78
Social Security for January	\$ 6,148.62
Meter Deposit Refund for January	<u>\$ 392.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$199,112.57</b>

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, 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, Troast
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. Galletta noted all the commissioners received a copy of the new fiscal year, June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023 budget work sheets to review. Mr. Galletta stated an increase in several items as well as the IT system maintenance increasing significantly due to the JIF requirements. Mr. Kent inquired about the water and sewer radio and if that included the capital budget plan. Mr. Galletta stated it does not. Mr. Kent also inquired if the debt service payments include the Lower Twin Lakes Dam Rehabilitation Loan. Mrs. Read stated it does not, but the loan does have its own line item with an estimated amount since the Authority has not received a loan schedule at this time.

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported progress.

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and reported that on February 6, 2022, there was a 6-inch water main break located at Summit Avenue and in the area of Pompton

Avenue. Mr. Kent wanted to commend the laborers for the efforts in the bitter cold and on a Sunday to repair the break. Mayor Serra inquired if there was damage to anyone's home. Mr. Wegele noted residents on Pompton Avenue were experiencing water in their basements. Mr. Kent also reported that water pumping for January 2022 was up 17% from January 2021 this increase is most likely due to two water main breaks. Mr. Kent inquired about the water Allocation Renewal Application. The 10-year water Allocation Permit expires in June of 2022. Mr. Wegele stated the permit is issued by the NJDEP that allows the MUA to pump a certain amount of water out of the ground. The Authority is allowed to pump 40 million gallons a month; that number has exceeded but the numbers are a rolling average.

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

**Vote:**

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

**WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele's Wastewater Report and reported that not only did the Authority's men repair the water main break they also took care of a couple sewer clogs at the wastewater plant. Mr. Longo stated other Authority's pay for a service to come in and take care of any clogs. Mr. Longo will keep letting the commissioners know how valuable the Authority's team of men are and how they continue to save the MUA a significant amount of money. Mr. Longo inquired about the businesses and restaurants in town that were advised on the proper grease trap maintenance procedures. Mr. Wegele stated that everyone was very responsive to the advice.

**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, Troast
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Wegele reported that the NJDEP has proposed new rules and regulations regarding lead water services lines. Mr. Wegele stated that the Borough of Pompton has no known lead service lines to the knowledge of this Authority, nor have we ever had a detection of lead in the water at any residence or business. Mr. Wegele noted that we have however come across several lead goose necks in the system which have been replaced. The new proposed NJDEP rule may force the Authority to excavate and inspect all potable water service lines in our system. The

other more favorable proposed NJDEP rule option would be to sample all homes and businesses for lead detection. The sampling would still be a considerable cost to the Authority but certainly less costly than digging up each service. Mr. Wegele stated he will keep the Commissioners up to date on the NJDEP's decision.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that for the reorganization meeting he prepared the disclosure forms for all vendors that have been signed and received.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Superintendent and Attorney reports were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**COUCIL LIAISON:**

Mr. Baig reported progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Carroll noted he signed the representation letter for the 2021 Audit. Chairman Carroll still wants to review the corrective action plan with Mr. Cuva. Mr. Galletta inquired about Crew Engineering's progress on the Ringwood Avenue water main replacement project. Mr. Wegele stated that due to the weather (freezing temperatures) Crew Engineering has not been able to conduct the hydraulic study.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 through 2.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote items 1 through 2 were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered Closed Session at 6:40pm.

**Vote:**

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

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 February 16, 2022, this body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exit.

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 employee contract negotiations**

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 exits, 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. Longo and seconded by Chairman Carroll, and upon roll call vote the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered back into Open Session at 7:05pm.

**Vote:**

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

**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 :7:07pm.

**Vote:**

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary