

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 January 19, 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 17, 2021 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Wednesday, January 19, 2022. The meeting was held at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey via telephone conference call. 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. Kent, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting December 20, 2021 were accepted.

Vote:

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

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

Chairman Carroll reported that the Authority was required to have a payment plan available for all residents that are behind in their water and sewer utility bill. The office put together a plan for each resident giving them until April 1, 2022 to respond. Chairman Carroll stated approximately 340 letters were mailed out.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for January	\$89,209.22
Additional Expenses for December	\$2,981.42
Hospitalization for January	\$25,319.06
Operating Payroll/Gross December	\$116,502.50
Social Security for December	\$4,719.04
Meter Deposit Refund for December	<u>\$533.50</u>
TOTAL	\$239,264.74

CAPITAL:

Chemco systems L.P.	\$9,966.64
Cannella Roofing Inc.	\$19,850.00
CMS Construction	\$305,950.50
Alaimo Group	<u>\$33,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$368,767.14

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Chairman Carroll, 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 the Authority received the loan check from the State of New Jersey to pay for the repairs of the Lower Twin Lakes Dam.

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

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported progress and requested to have a closed session.

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and reported and inquired about a reference according to the report dated January 4, 2022 regarding new meter reading procedures. Mr. Wegele stated due to a constant absence of employees during the meter reading timeline

management has informed employees it will no longer be tolerated to take off when meter readings need to be completed. Mr. Wegele also stated he will also have additional employees trained so it is not only a few men. Chairman Carroll inquired how long it will take to train an employee on meter reading. Mr. Wegele stated it takes a full year most likely due to meter reading being performed 4 times a year. Mr. Kent also reported that water pumping for December of 2021 is the same as December 2020.

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, Troast
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele's Wastewater Report and reported that the Wastewater Report for the month of December once again proves the quality of the Authority's laborers. Mr. Longo stated most MUA's and DPW's call his place of employment (Rapid Pump) many times for the same types of repairs or maintenance that the Authority's employees perform in house. Mr. Longo also stated that the Highlands new contract with the Authority is another example of the Authority's employees bringing in more money to the Authority because of their quality of work. Mr. Longo requested for Mr. Wegele to please let the men know he recognizes their work ethic and capabilities.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Troast 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 State of New Jersey DEP has approved Elias Sweeney to sit for his W2 Water Distribution License, Billy Doty to sit for his S4 Wastewater treatment operator license, and Jermaine Scott's applications are in NJDEP review. Mr. Wegele also reported that employees Chuck Devore and Elias Sweeney picked up two lawn mowers that the DPW were discarding they rebuilt the engines, and they now work perfectly. Mr. Wegele stated they saved the Authority about \$20,000 by not buying 2 new lawn mowers.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that the contract between the Authority and The Highlands Association has been fully executed. Mr. Kassover also read for the record the resolution between The Highlands Association and the Authority stating that the Authority will perform daily inspections of the pumping station and shall inspect the pumps, valves, backflow prevention devices, electrical controls and the emergency generator located therein. Mr. Kassover also noted he sent a letter to the North Jersey Police Radio Association, Inc. requesting the first quarter 2022 tax payment. Mr. Kassover noted he attended a meeting with the Chairman and the office staff Mary Read and Justine Fernicola regarding the payment plan that was arranged for delinquent customers. Mr. Kassover stated if customer do not respond to the offered plan by March 15, 2022 the Authority can initiate water shut offs. Mr. Kassover also noted he received the completed transcript from the stenographer for December 20, 2021 rate hearing.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Superintendent and Attorney’s Reports were accepted.

Vote:

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

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mr. Baig reported that Lincoln Avenue and Ringwood Avenue will be paved by Spring 2022. There was some discussion regarding Ringwood Avenue’s water main replacement.

UPON MOTION duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call vote the Council Liaison’s Report was accepted.

Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Carroll reported that on January 7, 2022 at approximately 5:15pm a water main break was discovered. By 6:00pm the entire Authority’s repair crew was onsite and worked through the night into the early morning hours to repair the break on a 12-inch steel water main. Chairman Carroll also noted that Terryann Williams and Antonio Garcia were called in to perform lab testing to relieve the Saturday crew. Chairman Carroll stated the evening was extremely cold and in addition, the crew’s backhoe was hit by a car and thankfully no one was

hurt. Chairman Carroll also stated the crew did a great job on the water main break and they continue to save the Authority costs by not outsourcing.

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 6:50pm.

Vote:

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

RESOLUTION

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 January 19, 2022 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 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 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. 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 7:33pm.

Vote:

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

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Regular Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority was adjourned at :735pm.

Vote:

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary