

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 June 15, 2020.

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 June 9, 2020 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm on Monday, June 15, 2020. The meeting was held at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey via telephone/video 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 held on May 18, 2020 were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

Chairman Carroll noted for the record that no one was present for the public portion of the meeting.

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for June	\$ 71,710.16
Additional Expenses for May	\$ 28,958.92
Hospitalization for June	\$ 21,971.66
Operating Payroll/Gross May	\$ 83,844.87
Social Security for May	\$ 4,896.92
Meter Deposit Refund for May	<u>\$ 540.00</u>
TOTAL	\$211,922.53

**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 and the Finance Report was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

Mr. Galletta noted May 31, 2020 was the end of the fiscal year leaving overall expenses paid at 87.5%. Mr. Galletta stated there are still some bills coming in for the old fiscal year to be paid. The 87.5% gives room so when those bills get paid, we will not go over budget. Mr. Galletta gave an example of the Chemical expenses which the Authority is still waiting on a bill to come in dated for May 2020. Mr. Galletta noted some line item expenses did go over budget however, the Authority was aware of those going over for various reasons.

Chairman Carroll inquired if Covid19 had any impact on the budget or expenses. Mr. Wegele stated nothing has been affected.

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported that Mr. Wegele has requested approval to hire Kenneth Luciano (laborer position) with a start date of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and a 30-day probation period. Mr. Troast noted the Authority has budgeted for a new employee in the new fiscal year.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the approval to hire Kenneth Luciano with a start date of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and reported that the water pumping for May 2020, has exceeded water pumping from May 2019. Mr. Kent also noted water pumping totals year to date 2020 is higher than the totals for 2019 January through May. Mr. Kent also reported Mr. Wegele has completed the NJDEP required 2020 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Certification Form and Tier 3 Public Notification Certification Form. Mr. Kent noted the CCR direct URL was mailed to all customers on March 24, 2020 via water bill and published in all the local newspapers. Mr. Kent noted hard copies of the report are available at the Pompton Lakes Public Library, Municipal Building, and the Authority's Administrative Office. Mr. Kent stated the Water Quality Report is very informative for resident regarding our drinking water.

Mr. Kent also stated that the Authority has been testing the water for Dioxane and is now required to test the water at the wells for both PFOA's and PFOS's quarterly for one year. After the year is completed and depending on the results, the NJDEP will decide if future testing is required. Mr. Wegele stated that the cost for quarterly sampling and analysis is \$2,500.00. Mr. Galletta inquired about the water pressure issue at 920 Riverdale Boulevard. Mr. Wegele stated that M.U.A employees replaced the water service line from the water main to the curb box and in addition replaced the water meter. Although this improved the water pressure it is still not satisfactory, we feel that the service line from the curb box to the home is damaged in some manner (this is not the Authority's responsibility).

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Galletta, 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 inquired about a Wastewater Treatment alarm that Chuck Devore responded on Saturday May 30, 2020. Mr. Longo specifically asked about the poor condition (due to corrosion) of the wiring to the Sludge Thickener Pump controls. Mr. Longo would like to know if there is something that is being done to correct this problem with the electrical controls. Mr. Wegele stated the Authority has budgeted for these repairs and will have our electrician (Roberge Electric Co. Inc) come in to evaluate the work needed to be done.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, 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 progress.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that the bid package for Contract 03-20 East Pond Hole Sewer Main Replacement was received on June 3, 2020 and opened on June 5, 2020. The only bid received was from Montana Construction in the amount of \$369,111.00. Mr. Kassover stated he Mr. Wegele and Mike Cristaldi, P.E. of Alaimo Engineering attended the bid opening and determined that the bid was much higher than anticipated. Mr. Kassover noted Mike Cristaldi had contacted a bidder he expected to bid, and the bidder advised they are too busy and decided not to bid. Mr. Kassover stated with much discussion with the Chairman and Mr. Wegele the decision has been made to reject Montana Constructions bid. Mr. Kassover read for the record a resolution to reject the bid that will be signed by Chairman Carroll and Secretary Longo. Chairman Carroll stated the Authority will go out to bid again in November 2020.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the rejection of the bid from Montana Construction for the East Pond Hole Sewer Main Replacement was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Mr. Baig reported that Governor Murphy has allowed restaurants to have outdoor eating as of Monday June 25, 2020, after more than two months of a shutdown due to Covid19.

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

**Vote:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 through 4. Some discussion took place regarding #3 for the re-development of 63 Wanaque Avenue.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Kent and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote items 1 through 4 were accepted.

**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 6:41pm.

**Vote:**

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary