

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 November 16, 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 November 9, 2020 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm on Monday, November 16, 2020. 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. Troast, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2020 were accepted.

Vote:

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

Chairman Carroll reported that the State of New Jersey has advised all Municipalities not to charge interest on all water and sewer accounts as of October 2020. Chairman Carroll stated this will go into effect until March of 2021. Chairman Carroll also reported the laddering of the CD's has been completed. When each CD matures, Mrs. Read will roll the CD over to a 12-month CD.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for November	\$ 42,080.24
Additional Expenses for October	\$ 2,317.02
Hospitalization for November	\$ 23,727.90

Operating Payroll/Gross October	\$ 112,273.79
Social Security for October	\$ 4,317.71
Meter Deposit Refund for October	<u>\$ 128.50</u>
TOTAL	\$184,845.16

CAPITAL:

Alaimo Group	\$7,351.37
Alaimo Group	\$4,304.50
Alaimo Group	\$5,605.00
Alaimo Group	\$1,803.50
JEV Construction, LLC	<u>\$87,035.20</u>
TOTAL	\$106,099.57

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.

Mr. Kent inquired about the justification on Alaimo Group sending a bill regarding the Lower Twin Lakes Dam. Mr. Wegele stated he agrees the bill is excessive. However, Alaimo Group had some communication with the NJDEP Dam Safety and filed for Wetlands permits.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast presented a request for the annual Christmas bonus for all the Authority's full-time employees. Mr. Troast is in favor of the bonus.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the annual Christmas Bonus 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 progress. Mr. Kent did state that water pumping was slightly up this October 2020 from last October 2019.

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele’s Wastewater Report and reported progress.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Wegele reported progress.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that John Garcia Construction Co., Inc was the lowest bidder for Contract No. 03-20, East Pond Hole Sewer Main Replacement. Mr. Kassover also reported that Montana Construction Corp., Inc. was the second lowest bidder and Messercola Excavation, Inc. was the third. Mr. Kassover recommended passing the Resolution to award the bid to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. Mr. Kassover stated that Mr. Wegele and Mr. Cristaldi concurred in that recommendation. Mr. Kassover read the Resolution for the record. Mr. Kassover requested a closed session for re-development discussions.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote to pass the Resolution for the bid from John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. for Contract No. 03-20, East Pond Hole Sewer Main Replacement was accepted.

Vote:

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

COUCIL LIASON:

Council Baig reported the Colfax Avenue paving project was postponed due to the Construction Company’s COVID-19 outbreak. Also, the investigation for the additional Soojian property in the East Pond Hole has been completed and the project will move forward. Mr. Galletta inquired about the Town Square’s sub-division project. Mr. Baig stated the project has been approved and will start after the new year.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the Council Liaison report was accepted.

Vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 through 5.

Mr. Galletta inquired about correspondence #1 regarding a \$500.00 check received from the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) a credit from the Elected Officials Seminar. Mr. Galletta would like to know what seminar and who got the credit. Mrs. Read was informed by Craig Josephson that the credit is for two completed seminars by Mary Read and Lloyd Kent.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote items 1 through 5 were accepted.

Vote:

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

UPON MOTION duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta and upon roll call the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered Closed Session at 6:25pm.

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 November 16, 2020 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 the contract negotiations for Pompton Five and Meridia Capodaglia redevelopment project.

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. Troast, and upon roll call vote the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered back into Open Session at 6:30pm.

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 6:33pm.

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary