

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 22, 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 October 20, 2021 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Monday, November 22, 2021. 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)

ABSENT:  
Jennifer Polidori Council Liaison

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting October 18, 2021 were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

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

Chairman Carroll reported on his attendance at the League of Municipalities annual conference held in Atlantic City. Chairman Carroll stated he and Mr. Kent attended the MEL (Municipal Excess Liability) conference that will give the Authority a credit toward an insurance payment of \$250.00 for each attendee. Chairman Carroll stated he also attended 3 additional seminars one regarding personnel issues, applying for federal funds, and lighting for a park that includes public Wi-Fi. Chairman Carroll also recommends the Authority contacting local legislative officials to investigate possible funds for the Ringwood Avenue water main replacement project. Mr. Kent stated the infrastructure bill has fifty-five billion dollars of federal

money set aside for water and sewer projects for the country that is not just for lead issues. Chairman Carroll noted that dollar amount is for older water and sewer systems. Mr. Kent believes the Ringwood Avenue project would qualify for a federal grant or loan. Mr. Kent also noted that he attended a Cyber System Security seminar, and that the Authority has already upgraded our IT system which was approved by the MEL.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, 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 November	\$123,881.33
Additional Expenses for October	\$ 1,522.21
Hospitalization for November	\$ 25,319.06
Operating Payroll/Gross October	\$ 94,249.82
Social Security for October	\$ 3,740.01
Meter Deposit Refund for October	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$248,712.43</b>

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, 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 next CD that will be mature will be in February 2022

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast presented a request for the annual Christmas bonus for all the Authority’s full-time employees. Mr. Troast also noted Mr. Wegele renewed all of his licenses for the year.

**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 that water pumping for the month of October seems to be the same as last October. Mr. Kent noted he attended the League of Municipality with Chairman Carroll. Mr. Kent also reported about the memo Mr. Wegele gave to all the commissioners regarding the Twin Lakes Dam Inspection that will not be required this year due to the ongoing rehabilitation construction. Chairman Carroll inquired if the inspection will be every odd year, Mr. Wegele confirmed that is correct and the next inspection will be 2023.

**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 the Sludge Haul totals for October were double the cost due to the drive motor that failed on the WTP Sludge Drum Thickener Unit. Mr. Kent inquired if that made the sludge wetter and heavier. Mr. Wegele stated the motor failure would not allow the water to escape making the sludge wetter and heavier. Mr. Wegele also noted the Drum Thickener is now back in service.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, 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 he met with Chairman Carroll to discuss the replacement of the Wastewater treatment plant's thickening building roof. Mr. Wegele stated that during Tropical Storm Ida the metal flashing was torn off and caused a major leak. Mr. Wegele noted they decided to replace the entire roof due to the fact that the repair cost was near the entire replacement. At Mr. Wegele's request, Mr. Kassover drafted an emergency resolution to replace the roof at a cost of \$19,850.00. Mr. Wegele noted the replacement cost of the roof did exceed the bid threshold of \$17,500.00 therefore the Authority obtained three proposals as required and Cannella Roofing, Inc. provided the lowest bid price and will begin the work immediately. Mr. Wegele also reported that the Lower Twin Lakes Dam is nearly completed. Mr. Wegele also noted he performed a site inspection and found several issues that needed immediate attention by the contractor. Mr. Wegele stated he met with Mr. Kassover to formally address the issues in writing directly to CMC Construction Company. Mr. Galletta inquired about the Meridia Project bridge update. Mr. Wegele stated that although the Authority approved the bridge construction the Pompton Lakes Fire Department has not yet approved the bridge construction to our knowledge. There was some additional discussion regarding the bridge.

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

**Vote:**

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that he sent out the Sunshine Law notice to The Record, The Trends, and to the Borough Clerk that the November meeting was moved from Monday November 15, 2021, to Monday November 22, 2021. Mr. Kassover stated he met with Mr. Wegele regarding the emergency resolution for the wastewater thickener building new roof. Mr. Kassover noted the cost of replacing the roof did exceed the bid threshold however, in an emergency that will affect the public health, safety or welfare and cannot wait the lengthy process of public advertising the resolution is warranted. Mr. Kassover noted the Authority

obtained three proposals from reputable roofing firms. Mr. Kassover prepared and read for the record the emergency resolution. Mr. Kassover also reported that he sent an email and a letter to CMC Construction Company regarding the hazardous conditions left from the Twin Lakes Dam project. Mr. Kassover reported he will publish a notice and serve the municipal clerk with a notice of the hearing scheduled for December 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the revision of the Authority's water and sewer rates. Mr. Kassover stated during the hearing there will be testimony from Mr. Cuva explaining the purpose of raising the rates. Chairman Carrol stated these rate changes are to balance the water and sewer not for a revenue reason.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo and upon roll call vote the emergency resolution to replace the roof on the wastewater treatment plant thickener building was accepted and to publish the rate changes for water and sewer were approved and the hearing is set for December 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**Vote:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Galletta inquired about if any meters need to be pulled for the winter months due to constant meters freezing at the Borough's recreation fields. On September 20, 2021 a resolution went into effect between the Authority and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes that every November 22<sup>nd</sup> of each year the water will be turned off and on every April 15<sup>th</sup> the water will be turned on by the Pompton Lakes MUA. Mr. Wegele stated that Mr. Michael Riga from Carlough Field called on November 22<sup>nd</sup> asking to keep the water on, and Mr. Wegele had to refuse the request due to temperatures dropping down to 28 degrees that evening.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

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

**Vote:**

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

