

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 October 19, 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 October 12, 2020 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm on Monday, October 19, 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 September 21, 2020 were accepted.

Vote:

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

Chairman Carroll reported that Councilwoman, Maria Kent from the public has joined the phone conference. Councilwoman Kent wanted to thank John Wegele and Justine Fernicola for providing her with literature regarding Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment. Councilwoman Kent presented these books to the Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops when she was asked to be a guest speaker. The topic was regarding rivers and how to keep water clean. This topic will provide participation badges for the Girl Scouts and Brownies. Councilwoman Kent stated the activity books provided by the Authority were very helpful in educating the troops on drinking water and wastewater treatment. Councilwoman Kent spoke about a program called the river cleanup, where people would help clean the local river by collecting trash etc. This program would gain points toward Community Rating System (CRS) regarding flood insurance. Due to Covid-19 this year the river cleanup was cancelled and in place, to gain CRS points, there is a new program called "Take the Pledge". Participants will check off five pleas on helping to keep the rivers clean. Councilwoman Kent asked for each commissioner and employee to please take the pledge form, sign it, and return it back to her.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for October	\$ 90,801.27
Additional Expenses for September	\$ 1,420.34
Hospitalization for October	\$ 23,727.90
Operating Payroll/Gross September	\$ 87,098.01
Social Security for September	\$ 4,083.10
Meter Deposit Refund for September	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$207,130.62

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 why the budget vs actual report line item Miscellaneous Supplies and expenses is at %138.50. Chairman Carroll explained the Authority paid the Cell Tower/North Jersey Police Radio taxes for the 4th quarter. The Authority will be refunded back the tax payment by the Cell Tower and North Jersey Police Radio within the next week.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported progress.

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and reported that the Fall Hydrant Flushing program took place last month. Mr. Kent also inquired if there were any calls with complaints of discolored water. Mrs. Read advised there were only 3 calls regarding discolored water. Mr. Kent also reported that the September 2020 Safe Drinking Water Microbiological Analysis report was submitted to the NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water. Also submitted to the NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking water was the 3rd Quarter 2020 Disinfectant Residual and Water Diversion/Utilizations Reports. Mr. Kent thanked Mr. Wegele for completing all the reports and getting them out on time. Mr. Kent noted September's water pumping was down compared to September 2019 however, year to date water pumping is still up.

UPON MOTION duly made by 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 inquired about the Wastewater Treatment Plants Service Water Pumps of which both #1 and #2 pumps were not operational on October 12, 2020. Mr. Wegele stated the employees, Chuck Devore, and Elias Sweeney, were able to wire in a temporary submersible pump and recharge the service water system. Mr. Wegele would like to purchase another pump in the near future. Mr. Wegele noted he has budgeted for new pumps in the Capital account.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Wegele reported that he received an email from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that no one will be permitted to discontinue water service until March of 2021. Mr. Wegele stated said date will mark a full year that the MUA is following the Governor Murphy's order of not turning off any services. Mrs. Read stated the office is sending out delinquent notices to those who have fallen behind on their bill.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that on October 12, 2020 he had a legal notice published stating that the monthly meeting will be held via conference call. Mr. Kassover stated he sent a letter to the North Jersey Police Radio Association, Inc. requesting payment for the 4th quarter 2020 taxes. Mr. Kassover also had published a Notice to Bidders for the re-bid of Contract No. 03-20 on the East Pond Hole Sewer Main Replacement. Mr. Kassover stated the bid opening date and time will be on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 10:00am. Mr. Kassover also noted the Authority is still waiting for Pompton Five Associates building plumbing plans. Mr. Kassover stated the Authority will need to know if they will have a single meter or if each unit will have their own separate meter to complete the developer's agreement plan. Mr. Wegele stated he spoke to the developer and they should have the information to the Authority shortly. Mr. Kassover requested a closed session for additional re-development discussion.

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councilman Baig reported the Meridia Capadaglia Project is waiting for final approval by the planning board. Councilman Baig noted Colfax Avenue road resurfacing bid was accepted and work will begin shortly after some sidewalk repairs are completed. Mr. Wegele inquired to Councilman Baig about the Meridia Capadaglia project acquiring property in the East Pond Hole parking lot. Councilman Baig stated that Meridia Capadaglia is in negotiation for the purchase of a section of the East Pond Hole which will be part of the project.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Carroll and Mr. Galletta requested revisiting changing the Water and Sewer rates in February when the budget for 2021 is being presented. Mr. Kent inquired about an update on the Lower Twin Lakes Dam Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Wegele stated that the Authority is not required to apply for a lake lowering permit. Also, the project cannot be done during the winter months due to the curing of the concrete and from March until the end of July are DEP blackout periods. Mr. Wegele inquired if the Commissioners were able to review the proposal for Crew Engineering that was given to them last month. Mr. Wegele stated he would like to move forward using their services for the North Pumping station. All the commissioners agreed with using Crew Engineering.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Mr. Galletta inquired about correspondence #3 (reimbursement for a fire hydrant) and of the check was for the full amount or negotiated. Mr. Wegele stated the Authority was reimbursed for the full amount of the hydrant.

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 6:23pm.

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 October 19, 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 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 6:40pm.

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 6:42pm.

Vote:

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary