A Regular Meeting of the Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority was held at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey on April 18, 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 16, 2022 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Monday, April 18, 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 – arrived at 6:20pm

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 March 21, 2022, were accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Longo

Abstain: None

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

Chairman Carroll report that all the Commissioner will need to complete the 2022 Local Government Ethics Law Financial Disclosure Statement by April 30, 2022.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote Chairman Carroll’s report regarding the 2022 Ethics Disclosure was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Longo

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for April $135,523.88

Additional Expenses for March $159,023.09– includes annual PERS payment

Hospitalization for April $25,590.56

Operating Payroll/Gross March $117,418.76

Social Security for March $6,921.84

Meter Deposit Refund for March $135.00

TOTAL $444,613.13

**CAPITAL:**

Atlas Paving Contractor Inc. $17,850.00

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote it was certified that the funds are available and budgeted to pay these expenses and was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Longo

Mr. Kent inquired if the Atlas Paving expense was for the first paving from the water main break on January 8th, 2022 on Wanaque Avenue and Ringwood Avenue. The water main was leaking for an extended period of time that caused the soil under the road to erode thus causing the road at the intersection of Wanaque and Ringwood Avenue to collapse days later. Mr. Wegele noted that the bill was for both paving jobs.

Mr. Galletta also noted that the Authority is keeping a close eye on the budget ending on May 31, 2022 since material and additional costs have increased significantly. Mr. Galletta stated most line items will go over budget, but the overall spending looks good. there was some discussion regarding the budget.

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported that the Authority received an award/plaque from the JIF for going 10 years without any injuries on the job. Mr. Troast also reported the employee contract is ready to be signed and voted on. Mr. Troast stated Mr. Kassover reviewed the contract and cleaned up some of the wording.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Chairman Carroll, and upon roll call vote the Employee Contract for June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2025 will be signed and also accepted by the employee committee also acknowledgement of the JIF’s 10 year accident free plaque was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Longo

Mr. Kent noted for the record that the Authority has an accident-free record longer than 10 years.

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele’s Water Report and reported that the agreement and resolution with the Borough Hall regarding the water service to be turned on at Joe Grill and Carlough Field has requested a date change from April 15th and April 8th of each year to an earlier date. The Authority honored their request and turned on both water service on April 8, 2022. Mr. Kent would like to modify the agreement with the Borough Hall to have the water for Joe Grill and Carlough Field turned on April 1st of each year. Mr. Kent stated this will be weather approved at the time of turn on due to possible meter freezing if the water is turned on to early in the season. Mr. Kent stated that in addition to the modified agreement Lakeside Park has added a meter to their boat house and will need to be added to the agreement with a determined water turn off and turn on dates. Mr. Kent noted he met with Chuck DeVore and Chris Brown at Lakeside Park, and they decided to use a tee off the boat house to run a hose to both docks for cleaning. Mr. Kent also report about the Ground Water Guardian Project that he spoke about a couple of years ago. Mr. Kent would like to revisit the program this will include a $200.00 annual fee. Mr. Kent noted that he mentioned to the Environment Protection Committee that the Authority performs tours of the water and wastewater plant, and they would like to schedule a tour. Mr. Wegele stated he will take care of scheduling a tour with them. Mr. Kent also noted the on April 25th Spring Hydrant Flushing program will begin. Mr. Kent also stated that water pumping is the same as last March 2021.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta 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 progress.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll 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 on the Ringwood Avenue water main break that occurred in January this break flowed down Willard Street and undermined the road causing it cave in. Mr. Wegele noted the Authority tried to fill the road in with asphalt and that caused the road to sink even more. Mr. Wegele stated that on Wednesday April 20, 2022 they will be tear up the road, figure out where the road is sinking, filling it with QP (quarry processed stone.) The county has agreed to pave the road, the Authority just needs to prep the road. Mr. Kent inquired about an additional meter that will be added in for Carlough Field irrigation. The Authority will also need to pull the irrigation meter before freezing months and should he add that to the amended agreement with the Borough Hall. There was some additional discussion regarding the meters in the recreational fields.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Superintendent’s Report was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that he reviewed the employee contract and made some changes that he felt needed. Mr. Kassover also reported he will work with Commissioner Kent amending the Borough Hall agreement regarding changing the dates on the water turn on service for the recreational fields.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the Attorney’s report was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

**COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Mr. Baig reported that the South side Lincoln Avenue will be paved this week and the North side of Lincoln Avenue will be paved next year. Mr. Baig also reported that the new construction for the Meridia building is working with the planning board making some adjustments by taking out an elevator and making a glass walkway path between the two buildings. Mr. Baig also noted Telsa will be installing 12 charging stations in the shopping center. Mr. Galletta inquired about the Pond Hole Mr. Baig stated they are planning to remove part of the island and complete a final paving and then striped within a couple of weeks.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Longo, 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 2.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Longo, 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 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 6:46pm.

**Vote:** Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary