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 July 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, July 18, 2022. The meeting was held at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. 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

John Wegele (Superintendent)

Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)

Lloyd Kent

Tim Troast

ABSENT:

William Baig Council Liaison

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2022, were accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Kent, Troast

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

Chairman Carroll presented the 5-year Sludge Disposal contract with the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission. The contract will be signed by Chairman Carroll and Secretary Longo.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, upon roll call vote the 5-year Sludge Disposal contract with the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission was accepted.

Chairman Carroll and Mr. Kassover also presented 3 Resolutions to be adopted regarding the Technology Risk Management Standards in compliance with the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Funds (JIF).

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, upon roll call vote the 3 Tier Technology Risk Management Resolutions were adopted and signed by Chairman Carroll and Secretary Longo.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for July $89,345.97

Additional Expenses for June $7,949.63

Hospitalization for July $26,524.60

Operating Payroll/Gross June $122,750.96

Social Security for June $4,970.09

Meter Deposit Refund for June $0.00

TOTAL $251,541.25

**CAPITAL:**

Crew Engineers, Inc. $2,502.50

**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 and was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Kent inquired why the fuel/oil cost is at 47% within the first month of the fiscal year. Mr. Wegele stated the Authority needed to fill up the fuel oil tanks. Mr. Wegele is hoping they will only need to be filled once however he is not certain.

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported progress.

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele’s Water Report and reported that on August 11, 2022, the Environmental Protection Committee of Pompton Lakes will be visiting the Authority for a tour of the facility. Mr. Kent also report about the Groundwater Guardian program that provides support and encouragement to communities to begin groundwater awareness. Mr. Kent stated in order to get started the Authority will need to form a team of 4 individuals that will run from January 1 to December 1 of the next year. Mr. Kent noted the teams are to inspire others with idea and activities in protecting groundwater. Mr. Kent stated the Authority and the Borough have done their part in activities such as the River Clean up and providing residents with educational pamphlets regarding testing for clean water (Annual Water Quality Report). The Authority also provides tours for the schools or any other organization that would like a tour. Mr. Kent will find out when the Borough will start the Groundwater awareness and then the Authority will begin to put together a team.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Mr. Wegele reported that he will have more information at the next meeting regarding the new rules for Lead and Copper Service Line regulations. Mr. Wegele stated by 2031 inventory of all service lines must be inspected and replaced if a lead line is detected. Mr. Wegele also stated that the Authority and Crew Engineers are working on a plan for the inventory of inspection. The Authority is responsible to change the waterline from the water main to the home however, the Authority can charge the customer for the portion from the curb to the structure or the homeowner can sign a waiver and have a Licensed plumber complete the work in the home. Mr. Wegele stated the City of Newark, NJ received a grant for their Lead Service replacement. The grant also included the homeowner’s portion of their lead line being replaced. Mr. Wegele is very confident that Pompton Lakes Water Service Lines are not lead lines due to his experience.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Wastewater and Superintendent reports were accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that he reviewed tier 1, 2 and 3 resolutions for the Technology Risk Management for the Joint Insurance Fund’s (JIF). These resolutions have been signed by Chairman Carroll and Secretary Longo. Mr. Kassover also reported he is still waiting for the legal description and sketch of the relocation of the easement in the Pondhole for the Meridia project. Mr. Kassover noted he will continue to contact their attorney.

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

**Vote:**

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kent inquired about where Crew Engineers are with the Ringwood Avenue water main replacement. Mr. Wegele stated he stopped the study; he now has Crew Engineers looking at replacing the water main on Hemlock Avenue and installing a water main on Pompton Avenue since Pompton Avenue’s current service line runs through a residential property. Mr. Wegele noted Hemlock Avenue has to be replaced due to the DEP (Department of Environment Protection) requirements. Hemlock Avenue’s waterline is 4 inches, and it should be an 8 in line.

**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 6:40pm.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary