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 May 16, 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, May 16, 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: Neal Galletta

Michael Longo

Lloyd Kent

Tim Troast

John Wegele (Superintendent)

Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)

William Baig Council Liaison

ABSENT: Kevin Carroll

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2022, were accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

Abstain: None

Mr. Galletta noted that no one was present for the Public Portion of the meeting.

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for May $101,647.06

Additional Expenses for April $18,091.90– includes annual NJDEP W/S permit

Hospitalization for May $25,590.56

Operating Payroll/Gross April $117,418.76

Social Security for April $6,921.84

Meter Deposit Refund for April $0.00

TOTAL $249,705.54

**CAPITAL:**

DMK Services LLC $13,182.00

One2one Tech Solutions LLC $3,380.00

Tilcon New York Inc. $3,391.62

TOTAL $19,953.42

There was some discussion regarding the Tilcon payment that was for the removal of asphalt and QP to prepare for excavation at the intersection of Willard Street and Ringwood Ave. The county of Passaic will perform the final paving most likely in June of this year. Authority employees filled and tamped the areas of Willard and Ringwood Avenue with quarry process stone, they then layered the roadway with asphalt and rolled to temporarily level the roadway. The road had caved in from a previous watermain break on Ringwood Avenue. The Pompton Lakes Borough agreed to pay a 3rd of the cost in order to get the repairs completed promptly.

**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 was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

Mr. Galletta noted that on May 29, 2022, one of the Authority’s CD’s will be maturing Mrs. Read will move the CD into another 12- or 13-month CD.

Mr. Galletta read for the record a resolution to adopt the new budget for the fiscal year May 31, 2022, to June 1, 2023.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote to adopt the budget for the new fiscal year May 31, 2022, to June 1, 2023, was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported that employee, Jermaine Scott, has completed a program in Water Treatment Plant Operation, Volume 1 in April 2022.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Kent and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the personnel report was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele’s Water Report and reported that the water pumping for the month of April was a few percent higher than last April. Mr. Kent also inquired about the Authority’s insurance and why is it higher than what the Authority budgeted. Mrs. Read stated that the Authority’s JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) went up significantly without any notification of an increase.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the water report was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

**WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele’s Wastewater Report and reported that the Authority’s employees once again saved the MUA money by pulling clogged pumps at various lift stations. Mr. Longo noted that if we were to hire a company to do that work it would cost the Authority $250.00 an hour per man.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Kent and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Wastewater Report was accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Mr. Wegele reported that the Authority was awarded a certificate from the Environmental Protection Committee for helping with the river clean up. Mr. Galletta noted that the Environmental Committee will be scheduling a tour of the plant to see how the operations works. Mr. Galletta inquired about Meridia and where they are at with the redevelopment project. Mr. Kassover stated they still need a TWA (treatment works approval) and a watermain extension permit. After that they can apply for a building permit. Mr. Wegele noted he believed everything will be moving forward soon.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that one of the terms in the developer’s agreement with Meridia is to relocate the sewer main in the Pond Hole so the sewer main will run in between the two Meridia buildings. Mr. Kassover stated Meridia has drafted an easement agreement that he reviewed. Mr. Kassover is still waiting for the sketch of the easement that runs in the rear of 277 Wanaque Avenue. Mr. Kassover stated once he receives the sketch, he will then show the sketch to Mr. Wegele and Crew Engineering for review. Mr. Wegele stated the relocation of the sewer easement behind 277 Wanaque Avenue was settled with the owner and Meridia. Mr. Kassover also noted that the developer’s agreement also states they will reimburse for all engineering fees.

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

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

**COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Mr. Baig reported that the Island in the Pond Hole was removed and will be repaved soon.

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

**Vote:**

Ayes Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

**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 Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

**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 6:26pm.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Carroll

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary