

A Regular Meeting of the Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority was held at the Administration Building, 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

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 17, 2016 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday January 18, 2017. 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: George D. Decker  
Kevin P. Carroll  
Neal Galletta  
Michael Longo  
Lloyd Kent  
John Wegele (Operations Manager)  
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)  
Councilwoman Terri Reicher  
Councilman Christian Barranco (Council Liaison)

Mr. Decker noted that he was in receipt of a letter from the Mayor and Council appointing Lloyd Kent as a Commissioner of the Authority to fill the unexpired term of Lawrence DeMaio who resigned as of December 31, 2016. Mr. Kent's term will expire on January 31, 2018. Mr. Kassover administered the oath of office to Mr. Kent.

Mr. Decker also read into the record a resolution appointing Neal Galletta to another five-year term as a Commissioner of the Authority effective February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2022. Mr. Kassover administered the oath of office to Mr. Galletta.

Mr. Decker made a motion to appoint Commissioner Galletta as Secretary, Commissioner Longo as Assistant Secretary and Commissioner Kent as Assistant Treasurer.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo and upon roll call vote the motion was approved.

**Vote:**

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

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2016 were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

Chairman Decker noted for the record that no one was present for the public portion of the meeting.

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Carroll presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for January	158,737.06
Additional Expenses for December	1,163.38
Hospitalization for January	28,906.56
Operating Payroll/Gross December	109,829.74
Social Security for December	7,013.75
Meter Deposit Refund for December	<u>912.50</u>
	306,562.99

**CAPITAL:**

Alaimo Group	1,047.25
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Under finance Mr. Decker reported that the annual invoice for the Employer's portion of PERS is due April 1, 2017. The total due is \$118,635.00.

Mr. Decker also noted that he will be traveling in February but will have the Budget Worksheets prepared before he goes away.

Mr. Decker reported that he received emails regarding the possible refunding of the 2009 Bonds for interest savings which stated that the state is no longer offering the refunding due to changing market conditions. But just recently Mr. Decker received an email saying that market conditions have improved and debt services savings may be achievable. After that, Mr. Decker received an email stating that as a result of the savings the Authority would be sent a new debt service schedule with the revised pay back amounts.

Mr. Decker also noted he will be attending a seminar in Branchburg regarding the New Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program but noted that Authority has no immediate plans for any projects.

Mr. Kent noted that as result of his tour of the plant today the issue of disposal wipes and the impact they have on the system was discussed. Mr. Wegele stated that they continue to be a problem. Mr. Longo stated that this has been an ongoing problem for years for all Wastewater treatment facilities. Mr. Wegele stated they are looking into a Muffin Monster (channel grinder) to reduce the effects of wipes and rags in the system.

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

**Vote:**

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

## **PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Decker noted that six employees have qualified for the Authority's annual sick bonus.

Chuck DeVore  
Billy J. Doty  
Mary Scanlan  
John F. Wegele Sr.  
Elias Sweeney  
Terry Ann Williams

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo and upon roll call vote for the following six employees to receive the annual sick bonus was accepted.

### **Vote:**

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

## **SYSTEM AND FACILITIES:**

Mr. Kent reported progress.

## **WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and noted the month was quiet due to the holidays.

Mr. Galletta reported that the water consumption for the year of 2016 was slightly less than 2015.

Mr. Galletta and Mr. Decker noted that the Authority was not notified from the state of any water restrictions due to the dry conditions.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. Carroll and upon roll call vote the Water Operations Report was accepted

### **Vote:**

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

## **SEWER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Longo reported progress and normal maintenance. Mr. Longo asked Mr. Wegele about an emergency call due to a primary pump malfunction. Mr. Wegele stated that the pump problem was caused due to rags in the rotary lobes.

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

**Vote:**

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

**OPERATIONS MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Wegele reported progress.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that he sent out the necessary notices about the February meeting date change. Mr. Kassover also noted on a letter he sent to Ebury Street Capital LLC regarding a tax sale process that the Authority does not get involved with.

**COUNCILMAN LIAISON:**

Mr. Barranco noted he is pleased to see Lloyd Kent as the new Commissioner and looks forward to the future with the Authority as the new liaison.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta and upon roll call vote Reports for the Operations Manager, Attorney and Council Liaison and Attorney were accepted.

**Vote:**

Ayes	Decker, Carroll, Galletta, Longo. Kent
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Decker presented correspondence 1-6 for discussion.

Mr. Galletta inquired about on correspondence #1. Mr. Kassover explained the letter was from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding a summons for a resident on Lincoln Avenue possibly claiming water and sewer for a business expense.

Mr. Decker Added two additional correspondence.

7. The resolution from the Borough appointing Lloyd Kent to the position of commissioner of the Authority.

8. The resolution reappointing Commissioner Neal Galletta.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. Galletta and upon roll call vote items 1 through 8 were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Decker noted the Authority will need to get an Audit completed for the Tower. Mr. Decker reached out to Richard Fleisher in town and he recommended using Terry Wheeler. Mr. Decker will reach out to Terry Wheeler within the next 30 days.

**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 6:33pm.

**Vote:**

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by:

Neal Galletta, Vice Secretary

