

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 August 17, 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 August 9, 2020 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm on Monday, August 17, 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
John Wegele (Superintendent)
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)
William Baig Council Liaison

ABSENT:
Tim Troast

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 July 20, 2020 were accepted.

Vote:

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

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

Chairman Carroll stated he would like to recognize the Authority's employees for a job well done during Hurricane Isaias. Due to the hurricane the entire town lost power including the Authority. The Authority Treatment Plant, Wells and Sewage Pumping Stations run with emergency generators, but it is necessary for our employees to take shifts 24/7 to insure proper operations of all water and sewer systems.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the Chairman report was accepted.

Vote:

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

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for August	\$ 44,976.29
Additional Expenses for July	\$ 236,390.39
Hospitalization for August	\$ 23,727.90
Operating Payroll/Gross July	\$ 108,378.43
Social Security for July	\$ 6,390.00
Meter Deposit Refund for July	<u>\$ 263.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 420,126.51

CAPITAL:

North Jersey Pump Controls LLC	\$40,264.00
Frantella Construction LLC	<u>\$5,078.00</u>
TOTAL	\$45,342.00

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 the Finance Report was accepted.

Vote:

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

PERSONNEL:

In the absence of commissioner Troast, Chairman Carroll reported that new hire, Kyle Froehner, cleared his pre-employment physical and drug screening. Kyle is set to start Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the Personnel report was accepted.

Vote:

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

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and recognized the Authority's employees for an outstanding job during the hurricane. Mr. Kent also noted that Well #1 was shut down due to an electrical phase loss. Mr. Wegele stated the phase loss was somewhere on Riverdale Blvd, which JCPL restored by Saturday morning. Mr. Wegele also stated that the Authority has two emergency generators that could have powered the Well if needed. Well #2 and Well #3 were running with emergency generator power and were sufficient in meeting the Borough's potable water needs. Mr. Kent also stated that the Authority was extremely well prepared for the emergency and recognized all of Mr. Wegele's efforts. Mr. Kent also reported that on July 24, 2020 Mr. Wegele received an email from the owner of the Pompton Five Associates Urban Renewal Redevelopment Project. The email requested a possible water and sewer connection fee agreement. Mr. Kent stated they will discuss this proposed agreement further in closed session. Mr. Kent also stated water pumping this year exceeded last year's pumping.

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
Nays:	None
Absent:	Troast

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele's Wastewater Report and reported progress.

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

Vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Wegele reported progress.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that on August 12, 2020 he had a legal notice published stating the monthly meeting will be held via conference call.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Baig thanked Mr. Wegele and the M.U.A staff for a job well done during the hurricane.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the Superintendents, Attorney and Council Liaison reports were accepted.

Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Galletta would like to know where everyone stands with raising the water and sewer rates. Mr. Galletta stated the rate increase is based off the Authority's current budget and if the rates stay the same the budget will have to be adjusted. Chairman Carroll would like to revisit the rate change next month and will work with Mrs. Read and Paul Cuva to find out if the budget is based off a rate increase. Chairman Carroll also noted it is not the right time for rate increases.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 and 2.

Mr. Kent would like to thank Mr. Wegele for his Thank You note that was sent to all the commissioners.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote items 1 and 2 were accepted.

Vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kent presented the Pompton Lakes Towne Square Subdivision Project. Mr. Kent mentioned subdividing the space also means subdividing the water and sewer. The proposed project will consist of: Retail space, restaurant space, medical office space, and a self-storage that will build up two stories. Mr. Wegele drafted an email correspondence to the Engineering Consultants detailing the Authority's requirements for the project. Mr. Baig advised the project will be going to the Planning Board in September.

UPON MOTION duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo and upon roll call the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered Closed Session at 6:22 pm.

Vote:

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

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 August 17, 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 redevelopment water and sewer connection agreement plan. Agreements will be made public at a later date.

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 Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered back into Open Session at 7:04pm.

Vote:

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent

Nays: None

Absent: Troast

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 7:06pm.

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary