

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 July 19, 2021.

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, 2021, gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Monday, July 19, 2021. 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  
Lloyd Kent  
Tim Troast  
John Wegele (Superintendent)  
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)  
Jennifer Polidori Council Liaison

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting June 21, 2021, were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

Chairman Carroll noted that Mr. Randy Hinton was present for the public portion of the meeting. Mr. Hinton inquired whether the Authority was aware of a well being drilled at the construction site for the new car wash located at 105 Hamburg Turnpike, and whether that well will be metered. Mr. Wegele was aware of the well that was permitted by the NJDEP, and the well will have a meter. Mr. Hinton also wanted to know if residents can drill their own well on their property. Mr. Wegele stated residents are free to drill a well however, they will need to apply for a permit by the NJDEP and use their guidelines. Chairman Carroll stated to Mr. Hinton that he should come back to the September meeting as the Authority will be looking further into personal and industrial wells that are drilled.

Chairman Carroll also read for the record a Resolution awarding the bid for the Sludge Removal Contract to R-D Trucking, Inc. for a two-year term (August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2023).

The resolution will be signed by Chairman Carroll and Secretary, Michael Longo. Chairman Carroll noted there are some corrections in the resolution that will be amended by Mr. Kassover.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call vote to adopt the resolution to award the bid to R-D Trucking, Inc. for a two-year contract for Sludge Removal was accepted.

**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	\$ 277,905.05
Additional Expenses for June	\$ 1,184.39
Hospitalization for July	\$ 25,319.06
Operating Payroll/Gross June	\$ 94,915.70
Social Security for June	\$ 5,528.22
Meter Deposit Refund for June	<u>\$ 392.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$405,244.42</b>

**CAPITAL:**

Jeffrey M. Kassover	\$922.25
Spano and Son General Contracting	\$13,000.00
Alaimo Group	<u>\$3,071.25</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,982.50</b>

Mr. Galletta noted the cash flow report now has the list of CDs added by bank and maturity date. Chairman Carroll requested to add the rates to the list of CD's.

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

**Vote:**

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

## **PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported that the following Pompton lakes M.U.A employees are eligible and have applied to sit for the NJDEP Water & Wastewater Exams; Billy Doty for S4 Wastewater Treatment Operations, Elias Sweeney for the W2 Water System Operations, and Jermaine Scott for W1 Water System Operations and C1 Sanitary Sewer Collection Operations.

## **WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Wegele's Water Report and reported that on June 24, 2021, Lidl grocery store's water was turned on and in use. Mr. Kent noted that construction is still in progress with the new store. Mr. Kent inquired to Councilwoman Polidori about an opening date for Lidl grocery store to open. Councilwoman Polidori is unaware of an opening date and noted there was a hiring fair in the parking lot last weekend, so things are moving along for an anticipated opening date. Mr. Kent also reported that all phases to the Water Accountability Act has been completed. Mr. Kent congratulated Mr. Wegele on the completion. Mr. Kent noted that water pumping is continuing to go on the rise especially during the summer months due to people watering their lawns etc.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call vote the Personnel Report and the Water Report was accepted.

### **Vote:**

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

## **WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Wegele's monthly Wastewater Operations report and inquired when grease and oil sampling program will begin. Mr. Wegele stated the M.U.A is pushing the testing to September due to employee vacation schedules.

**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 that on Tuesday, July 14, 2021, we noticed a discrepancy in the well pumping sequence and a lower-than-normal level in the water storage tanks in the early morning. After some investigation we found that well#2 was responding when switched to hand run rather than auto run. Authority employees, Chuck DeVore, and Elias Sweeney checked the well controls, and the well drive motor had a direct short in the windings. A.C. Schultes Well Company was contacted and will be switching out the well drive motor with a loaner motor on Friday July 16, 2021. A.C. Schultes Well Company will give a quote for repairs vs a new motor.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that he will notify R-D Trucking, Inc. to inform them that their bid was awarded for the two-year Sludge Removal Contract. Mr. Kassover noted it was the same three bidders and the Sludge Removal pricing is the same as it was two years ago. Mr. Kassover also reported that the awarded bid for the Twin Lakes Dam Repair went to CMS Construction, LLC. Their bid came in less than half the amount expected would come in for the bids. Mr. Kassover noted that in the loan agreement for the Twin Lakes Dam Repair the awarded bid of the contract must be reviewed and approved by the Dam Safety Division of NJDEP. Mr. Kassover stated the Alaimo Group received the approval from the Dam Safety Division of NJDEP, so Mr. Kassover prepared the contract for the successful bidder CMS Construction. They have 10 days to sign the contract and produce a performance and maintenance bond along with a certificate of insurance. Mr. Kassover noted once the contractor and the engineer meet, they have 90 days to begin work. Chairman Carroll inquired if Alaimo Group has received the Wetlands permit. Mr. Kassover stated they have not received the permit, and he will send an email to Alaimo Group to follow up.

### **COUCIL LIAISON:**

Councilwomen Jennifer Polidori reported progress.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the Superintendent, Attorney and Council Liaison reports were accepted.

### **Vote:**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Galletta inquired when the State of New Jersey will allow the Authority to shut water off to residents for nonpayment. Mr. Wegele stated the grace period ends December 31, 2021. Mr. Wegele also stated the office staff will be notifying customers via hand delivered letters that their account is past due. The letter also included a link to the State of NJ website where they can go to apply for assistance to help pay their overdue bill balance.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 through 5.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote items 1 through 5 were accepted.

### **Vote:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Troast inquired to Mr. Wegele about whether he was aware of the road milling that started on Colfax Ave to begin paving. Mr. Wegele noted he is aware of the milling. Mr. Kent also inquired about all the marks outs in town since there are 57-mark outs for tree stump grinding. Mr. Hinton stated trees that die need to be removed. Sometimes the trees will be removed due to sidewalk issue lifting the sidewalk and blow out curbs. Also, most of the Ash trees in town have been removed due to the Emerald ash borer killing the ash trees. Treating the Ash trees with insecticides would take “10 years” and the Mayor and Council does not want to treat the trees. Mr. Wegele noted there was 278-mark outs in total for the month of June for many different reasons not only stump grinding for tree removal.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Regular Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority was adjourned at 6:51pm.

<b>Vote:</b>	Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary