

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 April 17, 2023.

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 15, 2023 gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Monday, April 17, 2023. 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 (Executive Director)  
Billy Doty (Superintendent)  
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)  
Erik DeLine 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 held on March 20, 2023, were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

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

Chairman Carroll gave a brief history on how at one time the DEP fined the Authority for falsifying reports required by the DEP. These reports were also signed off for approval by the then Chairman at the time. The DEP was looking to hold his position responsible including personal fines. Chairman Carroll noted at the time of the occurrence, the Authority had Public Officials' Liability Insurance not including individual insurance. The Authority then created a resolution stating if one of the elected officials were to be fine personally, the Authority would reimburse the cost. Chairman Carroll had the resolution updated for any judgements or fines against a member that is not covered by insurance would result in reimbursement by the Authority. Chairman Carroll read the resolution for the record.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call vote the updated resolution for reimbursement for any fines or judgements made against an elected official was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

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| Operating/Vouchers for April   | \$149,606.73                                |
| Additional Expenses for March  | \$197,702.31– includes annual PERS payment. |
| Hospitalization for April      | \$26,957.58                                 |
| Operating Payroll/Gross March  | \$118,240.42                                |
| Social Security for March      | \$6,921.84                                  |
| Meter Deposit Refund for March | <u>\$0.00</u>                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$497,463.79</b>                         |

**CAPITAL:**

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| CMS Construction Inc. | \$6,244.50 |
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**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 was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

Mr. Galletta presented the Budget that was approved by the State of New Jersey to be adopted.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote to adopt the budget for the new fiscal year of 2023/2024 was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported progress.

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Doty's Water Report and took notice that Mr. Doty reported that in one week there were 4 fire hydrants damaged by motor vehicles, and all have since been repaired. Mr. Kent stated that beginning Monday, April 24, 2023, the Authority will conduct its Spring Hydrant Flushing program. The hydrant flushing will be performed between the hours of 12:00 am and 6:00 am in order to cause the least inconvenience to customers. Mr. Kent also reported that he, Chairman Carroll, and Billy Doty attended a webinar on Friday March 31, 2023, regarding the WIIP (Water Infrastructure Investment Plan). Mr. Kent stated the webinar presented low and no interest state loan options for Drinking Water and Clean Water Infrastructure. Mr. Kent feels the Authority could be eligible for several projects, one being the replacement of the Hemlock Avenue 4-inch water main. Mr. Kent also noted that Pompton Avenue is in need of a water main installation. The homes on Pompton Avenue are fed through a series of interconnected water services off of Summit Avenue. Chairman Carroll stated the Authority is also considering applying for financial assistance to treat the Authority's 3 Wells for PFAS, PFOS and 1,4 Dioxane. Chairman Carroll also noted the Authority's previous engineer, Lee T. Purcell, was very active with the DEP and would advise the Authority on when fund would be available. Since Lee's retirement, the Authority does not currently have a contact liaison with the DEP. The WIIP program is offering assistance to help navigate applying for the loan program. Chairman Carroll noted he, Mr. Kent, Mr. Doty, and Mr. Wegele will be meeting with H2M, the Authority's current engineering company, to discuss moving forward with the WIIP loan program. Mr. Kent also stated the WIIP program is based on the priority of the projects as well as qualifying for the loans available. Mr. DeLine stated that Glen Ridge has 3 projects going on through the I Bank for water quality purposes so getting the applications in as soon as possible will give a better ranking for approval. Chairman Carroll and Mr. Kent also brought up the proposal from H2M engineering to perform a water quality survey for all 3 of the Authority's Wells. Mr. Kent suggested discussing the water quality survey at the upcoming meeting with H2M. Chairman Carroll also made a motion to spend the \$15,000 for the water quality testing survey that the Authority has budgeted. Mr. Troast inquired about what exactly the study is testing. Mr. Doty stated the study will consist of looking at PFAS, PFOS and Dioxane levels and techniques on how they can be treated. Mr. Galletta inquired about the water pumping of all 3 Wells having a higher pumping number for the month of March. Mr. Doty stated that it's been a warmer winter/spring so people may use more water in warmer weather.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the cost of the Water Quality Survey Study and the Water Report was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**WASTEWATER OPERATIONS**

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Wegele reported progress.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Doty reported progress.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that he prepared the Resolution that Chairman Carroll talked about in his report. Mr. Kassover stated that the Pompton Five and Meridia Capodagli projects have not had building permits issued. Mr. Kassover will stay ahead of the projects as it will trigger connection payments to the Authority. Mr. Wegele noted he will make a call to Carmelina Fusaro (Zoning Board of Adjustments Secretary) to try and find out any progress on the projects.

**COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Mr. DeLine reported that it's the time of year for all Local Government Officer's to file for the 2023 Financial Disclosure Statements. The Due date is April 30, 2023.

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

**Vote:**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Galletta inquired about the Conference room table delivery charge, and if Mrs. Read was able to get it waived or reduced. Mrs. Read advised she has not spoken to anyone about it yet. Mr. Kent was inquired about Mr. Doty's progress report. It states there is no movement on the 525 Wanaque Avenue Redevelopment project. Mr. Kent stated that there is a lot of construction going on at the building. Mr. Doty stated that Mr. Fortunato is waiting for a permit from the County to complete a sewer lateral on Wanaque Avenue, a county road, and there is no movement for the Authority.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on item 1.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote item 1 was accepted.

**Vote:**

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| 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 7:06pm.

**Vote:**

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary