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 15, 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, May 15, 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 April 17, 2023, were accepted.

#### Vote:

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

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

Chairman Carroll reported on several proposals from Mark Meneghin at H2M/ Crew Engineering. These proposals were the result of a meeting that was held with H2M, Chairman Carroll, Commission Kent, Mr. Wegele, and Mr. Doty. The meeting was to discuss upcoming projects for the Authority. Chairman Carroll advised on what the projects will entail 1. Well Treatment Evaluation (this was approved at the April 17, 2023, meeting), 2. Pompton Avenue and Hemlock Road Water Main Improvements, 3. Ringwood Avenue Hydraulic Evaluation, 4. Ringwood Avenue Water Main Improvements. Chairman Carroll wants these proposals to be able to apply with the State of New Jersey to possibly be approved with the I-Bank for a low interest rate or a grant.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo upon roll call vote the Chairmans report 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 May	\$62,182.40
Additional Expenses for April	\$6,005.12
Hospitalization for May	\$26,957.58
Operating Payroll/Gross April	\$93,904.40
Social Security for April	\$5,398.40
Meter Deposit Refund for April	\$135.00

TOTAL \$194,582.90

**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:

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 noted that the new hose spigot was installed at Lakeside Park and the recreation team is very pleased. This will give someone easier range to clean the docks without using a 250-foot hose. Mr. Kent inquired about Eli Sweeney who calibrated the chlorine detection units at each well house. He also cleaned the tablet chlorine wet well at each well house. Mr. Kent inquired how often these procedures are done. Mr. Doty

stated they are done monthly as needed. Mr. Kent also stated water pumping is up and Mr. Galletta noted the water pumping is extremely high and wondered if something could be wrong. Mr. Wegele stated that it could be high from multiple fires that took place in town. Mr. Wegele also stated that they are going to conduct another leak detection test and see what happens. Mr. Wegele noted the billed water and pumped water is way off, this is why the leak detection tests will be completed. Mr. Kent also reported on the meeting that was held with Mark Meningan and Alec Mittiga from H2M Engineering. They discussed the WIIP (Water Infrastructure Investment Plan) and how to proceed with the program. Mr. Kent stated that Alec Mittiga from H2M is very knowledgeable on how to proceed with the program and how each project is ranked by priority such as lead pipes and emerging contaminants such as PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane. Mr. Kent noted Pompton Lakes does not have lead pipe and the PFAS the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed regulations for six Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance are expected to change by the end of 2023. Mr. Kent stated that the priority at this point would be to replace the 4-in diameter water main on Hemlock Road with a new up to code 8 in-diameter water main. The new water main will connect to the existing 8-in-diameter water main on Hamburg Turnpike. Mr. Kent also stated that additionally, the Authority will need to install a new water main on Pompton Avenue from Summit Avenue to the end of the road and connect the homes in that area to the new water main. Currently, the Pompton Avenue homes are connected to the water main on Summit Avenue through neighboring properties. Mr. Kent would like to apply for this infrastructure through the WIIP and get ready to introduce the projects to the NJDEP. Councilman DeLine stated applying for the I-Bank is easy and does not take long to complete online. There was some additional discussion regarding applying for the I-Bank.

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

## Vote:

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. Mr. Troast inquired if Meridia submitted shop drawings for approval for the water and sewer work that needs to be completed. Mr. Doty stated H2M reviewed the plans and there are some deficiencies that need to be addressed before the plans can be approved.

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

Vote:

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None Absent: None

# **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that the Sludge Hauling contract is up for renewal July 31, 2023. Mr. Kassover had a notice to bidders published on May 9, 2023, for a bid opening date of Thursday June 15, 2023, at 10:00am located at the administration office 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes NJ. Mr. Kassover noted Mr. Doty prepared the specifications for the renewal contract term: August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2025. Mr. Kassover and Mr. Doty will be attending the bid opening and the satisfactory bid can be approved at the June 19, 2023, meeting. Mr. Kassover also reported that on April 23, 2023, a main pump from the South Sewerage Pump Station needed to be replaced because repair and reconstruction would not be possible. Mr. Kassover stated that the failure of the South Sewerage Pump Station would constitute a danger to public health and safety and to the environment. Mr. Kassover prepared an emergency resolution to replace the pump – Mr. Kassover read for the record the emergency resolution. Mr. Kassover also noted that Mr. Doty notified him regarding a property by Well House #3 where the property's driveway may be on the lot of the Well House that the Authority owns. Mr. Doty is concerned if the Authority needs to do any major work at the Well House regarding any heavy equipment that will need to be fenced in. Mr. Kassover ordered a Survey of the property to see where the boundaries are and if the driveway resides on the Authority's property, there will need to be a conversation with the homeowner.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Longo and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the emergency resolution to replace a main pump in the South Sewerage Pump Station was accepted.

Vote:

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None Absent: None

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

Vote:

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None Absent: None

## **COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Mr. DeLine reported that on Thursday May 18, 2023, Passaic County will be presenting to the redevelopment board a senior housing project in Pompton Lakes. Mr. DeLine is giving a heads up that someone will be contacting the Authority regarding this redevelopment. Mr. DeLine stated this project is preliminary to be 6,000 sq ft. 4 floors with 41 one - bedrooms with age restrictions. Mr. DeLine also stated Pompton Lakes residents will get first priority in the housing facility.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Kent and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call vote the Council Liaison's report was accepted.

Vote:

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None Absent: None

# **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote items 1 and 2 were accepted.

Vote:

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 7:00pm.

Vote:

Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Longo Kent, Troast

Nays: None Absent: None

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary