

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 December 27, 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 December 18, 2023, gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Wednesday, December 27, 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
Mike Longo - Late 6:48pm
Lloyd Kent
Tim Troast
John Wegele (Executive Director)
Billy Doty (Superintendent)
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)

ABSENT:
Erik DeLine Council Liaison

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 November 20, 2023, were accepted.

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

Chairman Carroll noted M.U.A. employee, Antonio Garcia, has attended the meeting.

Chairman Carroll reported that all commissioners received a draft copy of the new meeting dates for 2024 to review.

Chairman Carroll also presented the annual renewal for the Risk Management Consulting Agreement with David M. Hundertmark Agency, Inc. Chairman Carroll read the resolution for the record.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote that Chairman Carroll's report and the approval of the annual renewal agreement for Risk Management Consulting with David M. Hundertmark Agency was accepted.

Vote:

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

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for December	\$102,876.46
Additional Expenses for November	\$1,490.91
Hospitalization for December	\$23,530.86
Operating Payroll/Gross November	\$133,778.12
Social Security for November	\$6,391.52
Meter Deposit Refund for November	<u>\$135.00</u>
TOTAL	\$268,202.87

CAPITAL:

Commercial Furniture Resource Inc.	\$2,690.00
FSC Leak Detection	<u>\$9,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,290.00

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, 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, Kent, Troast
Nays:	None
Absent:	Longo

Mr. Galletta also report that a CD was moved to a 13-month with a rate of 5.1%

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported progress. Mr. Kent requested a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Doty’s Water Report and reported that water pumping for the month of November is down about 5% from last month and for the year pumping is up 6%.

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

Vote:

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

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

In the absence of Mike Longo Chairman Carroll submitted Mr. Doty’s Wastewater report.

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

Vote:

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Wegele reported progress.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Doty reported he submitted the upgrade of the North Pumping Station to the H2 Loan, and it has been ranked for approval. The next step will be to provide bonding and environmental paperwork. Mr. Doty feels confident that the loan will be approved. Chairman Carroll stated the Authority’s Bond Counsel and Auditor will be attending the January meeting to go over all necessary steps for funding. Mr. Kent inquired about H2M having the results on capacity study for the water and sewer. Mr. Doty stated they are still working on those results.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that he sent a letter to Meridia to replenish their escrow account. The Authority received a check for \$10,000 on December 8, 2023. Mr. Kassover also reported he sent the county two letters regarding the senior housing development (519 Ringwood Avenue) and has not heard anything back.

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

Vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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

Vote:

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

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered Closed Session at 6:28pm.

Vote:

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

RESOLUTION

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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 December 27, 2023, 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 personnel matters and pending litigations

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: _____

Mike Longo, Secretary

UPON MOTION duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered back into Open Session at 7:55pm.

Vote:

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

Chairman Carroll reported he would like to approve a \$25,000 engineering expenses for upcoming engineering services. Mr. Troast also reported he will allow Chuck DeVore to return back to work on light duty with the JIF giving their description of light duty and Chuck's Dr. signing off on it.

UPON MOTION duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote that the engineers (H2M) are approved for a \$25,000 payment and Chuck DeVore returning to work on light duty pending the JIF's light duty definition and doctor approval was accepted.

Vote:

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

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the Regular Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Vote:

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Mike Longo, Secretary