

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 January 17, 2024.

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 21, 2023, gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Wednesday, January 17, 2024. 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  
Lloyd Kent  
Tim Troast (left 6:30pm)  
Billy Doty (Superintendent)  
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)

ABSENT: John Wegele (Executive Director)  
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 December 27, 2023, were accepted.

**Vote:**

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

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

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for January	\$111,166.33
Additional Expenses for December	\$3,189.66
Hospitalization for January	\$29,479.71
Operating Payroll/Gross December	\$100,529.28
Social Security for December	\$4,735.22
Meter Deposit Refund for December	<u>\$270.00</u>
TOTAL	\$249,370.20

**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, Longo, Kent, Troast
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

**PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Troast reported on an employee that is currently on workers' compensation and is requesting be transferred to light duty with the approval of the employee's doctor. Mr. Troast suggests bringing the employee back to light duty for a 40-day (8-week) period that can be extended if needed. Mr. Kassover stated that after the 40-days the employees will resume to regular duties. All commissioners have agreed to wait for the result from the employee's doctor. Mr. Troast feels the employee should start using 30 % of their sick time (1 ½ days weekly) since the Authority is paying 100% of the employee salary instead of 70% that the workers' compensation is providing. Chairman Carroll stated the Authority may need to hire someone due to the extended absence of a valued employee. Mr. Doty feels this employee's guidance under light duty will allow the existing staff to complete pending projects. The commissioners spoke about the contract's sick day buy out upon retirement.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote to adopt the transitional duty policy (to be added to the Authority's personnel policy) was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**WATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Doty's Water Report and reported that on 1/7/24 M.U.A employees Chris Brown and David Toledo checked Winding Hills Condo for a possible water main break that was confirmed. A private contractor was hired for repairs by the Condo Association. They also found a private fire hydrant main broken. Mr. Kent noted that water pumping was up for the entire year of 2023. Mr. Kent also reported that at the last meeting they talked about the PFAS resin, the cost to get rid of it, and alternatives. PFAS resin cannot be used for drinking water, but it can be used to treat wastewater. Mr. Kent stated that maybe the resin water can be used on the plant, to avoid paying to have it removed, but he is not sure that is possible. Mr. Kent also stated they spoke about possibly diluting Well #3 with Wanaque or Passaic Valley to reduce the level of PFAS. That would also be a costly method so treating Well #3 is the best alternative.

**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, Longo, Kent, Troast
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

**WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:**

Mr. Longo submitted Mr. Doty's wastewater report and reported progress.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Doty reported that Merida Capodagli will be installing water mains next week for the new construction. Mr. Doty stated he also let Mark Meneghin (engineer) know about their progress. Mr. Doty also stated two employees have qualified for the sick bonus, David Toledo Sr., and David Toledo Jr. Mr. Galletta inquired about what towns have completed the PFAS removal. Mr. Doty stated Oakland is in the process now. Mr. Kent inquired if Mr. Doty can add the status of each H2 Loan projects on his monthly projects report. Mr. Doty explained that each project is ranked and the more information you provide the lower the ranking, and the lower the rating the better for the status of the loan and grants.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the Superintendent's report was accepted.

**Vote:**

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kassover reported that he sent out the request for the reimbursement of the taxes from the North Jersey Police Radio (NJPR). The Authority has already received the reimbursement. Mr. Kassover noted that he sent out the sunshine law notices for the change of the time of the meeting for January. Mr. Kassover also sent out the disclosure forms to all the professionals to be signed and sent back to him. Mr. Kassover noted that Mike Longo will be reappointed for a 5-year term, he does not need to be sworn in.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Galletta inquired about what the status is about getting running water in the dog park. Mr. Kent stated Open Space still needs to vote if they will pay for the expense.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 through 3.

**UPON MOTION** duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote items 1 through 3 were accepted.

**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 6:55pm.

**Vote:**

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Mike Longo, Secretary