

Regular Meeting of the Members of the Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority was held at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey on August 19, 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, 2024, gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm Monday, August 19, 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
Tim Troast
Mike Longo
Lloyd Kent
Elias Sweeney (Assistant Superintendent)
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)
Erik DeLine (Council Liaison)

ABSENT:
John Pietrowski (Superintendent)

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Longo, and upon roll call vote the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2024, 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 REPORT:

Chairman Carroll reported that the auditor has completed new calculations regarding an increase of the water and sewer connection fees. Chairman Carroll summarized the amounts water fees will be \$1,644.00 per service unit from \$1,403 per unit - sewer fees will be \$7,025.00 per service unit from \$6,635.00 per unit. Chairman Carroll has introduced the new amounts and would like to have a public hearing in September to complete the increase.

UPON MOTION duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote to adopt the new calculated connection fees for a public hearing in September was approved.

Vote:

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

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for August	\$140,990.06
Additional Expenses for July	\$3,783.80
Hospitalization for August	\$34,175.77
Operating Payroll/Gross July	\$60,779.55
Social Security for July	\$5,328.60
Meter Deposit Refund for July	<u>\$792.50</u>
TOTAL	\$245,850.28

CAPITAL:

H2M Architect and Engineers	\$2,860.00
H2M Architect and Engineers	<u>\$1,420.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,280.00

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

Mr. Galletta stated that one of the Authority's CD's will be maturing on September 1, 2024, and will be deposited into the Cash Management Fund account.

Mr. Galletta also noted that they moved some of the items in the Capital Budget as the auditor did not include a new pick-up truck on the water portion of the Capital Budget. Mr. Galletta noted that the pick-up truck will not be purchased, however a Ford Explorer will be purchased for the new Superintendent.

Mr. Kent inquired why the Engineering line item is at 91.7% already. Chairman Carroll stated that the Authority is spending much more in engineering fees as the Authority has approved more projects. Mr. Kent inquired what happens if it goes over 200%. Chairman Carroll stated the budget may need to be amended.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported progress.

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent reported that they had a discussion regarding possibly renting the house at 279 Ramapo Street in workshop. Mr. Kent will continue to work on the numbers, including pros and cons with renting. Mr. Kent inquired about water shut offs and how many people are on the shut off list and does this include a whole quarter that was not paid in full. Mrs. Read stated that is correct if the Authority does not hear from a homeowner after multiple notices attempting to get a payment the water will be turned off. Mr. Kent reported on the water pumping for the month of July is up 22% from last July also year to date is the same.

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

Vote:

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

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Longo reported progress.

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

Vote:

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

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Sweeney went over the Superintendents report and first stated that they have been in touch with Trojan regarding the Ultraviolet Disinfection System replacement. This system removes E. coli from the wastewater that eventually gets disbursed into the Ramapo River. Mr. Sweeney stated they have some parts that will be returned and given an adjusted bill. They still have some additional work to do and will return on September 5th, 2024 to complete the replacement job. Mr. Sweeney stated that they have been collecting data and giving it to H2M

to work on the review and design of the Aeration System upgrade and the Treatment Plant evaluation. They are still working on getting more information from the laboratory. They have ordered the Post Aeration Blower/Mixer and are expecting delivery by early December. Mr. Sweeney stated they received a quote that has been approved to install the RBC Lift pump installation should be within the next 2-3 weeks. Mr. Longo inquired who was installing the pump. Mr. Sweeney stated PSI (Pumping Service Incorporated) and noted that they are still waiting for Pompton Village's approval to replace their generator and transfer switch. Mr. Sweeney is waiting for a second quote after he received one quote because two quotes are needed to make a final decision. Mr. Sweeney noted that Albany Pump Station has 2 failed insulation valves and 2 failing check valves. Along with 1 failing rotating assembly impeller, and 1 leaking volute. Mr. Sweeney spoke with Smith and Loveless and are awaiting quotes. Mr. Sweeney stated they are continuing the hydrant painting program. Mr. Sweeney also reported that they have been in contact with Meridia. They have requested two 6-inch meters that have been ordered, one for domestic and one for fire protection. Mr. Galletta inquired if the Authority has heard from the John Soojan regarding the new redevelopment. Mr. Sweeney stated that he has not heard from him but will find out if Mr. Pietrowski has heard anything. Mr. Kent also inquired about the ranking numbers regarding the loan projects the lower the number the better the rank why is Ringwood Ave water main replacement ranked at 481 and North Pumping station ranked at 508 – Mr. Kent feels the North Pumping station should be of more importance. Mr. DeLine stated that they are ranked by water and sewer separately.

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

Vote:

Ayes: Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that he prepared the letter to One2One, the former I.T. person to be terminated. Mr. Kassover also reported that he had some communication regarding the PFAS class action lawsuit regarding some temporary payment that the Authority does not qualify for. Mr. Kassover stated that there has been no new information regarding an employee not specified.

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

Vote:

Ayes: Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mr. DeLine reported progress.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Chairman Carroll, and upon roll call vote that the council Liaison report was accepted.

Vote:

Ayes: Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion for 3 items.

UPON MOTION duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote 3 item 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 6:55pm.

Vote:

Ayes: Carroll, Galletta, Longo, Kent, Troast

Nays: None

Absent: None

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Longo, Secretary