

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 16, 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, December 16, 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
Lloyd Kent
Tim Troast
John Pietrowski (Superintendent)
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)

ABSENT:
Mike Longo
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 November 18, 2024, were accepted.

Vote:

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

Mr. Galletta stated that in the November minutes the Council Liaison's report regarding milling and paving of Lakeside Avenue won't begin until 2026. Mrs. Read looked into the date and construction will begin in the fall of 2025 or the beginning of 2026; these dates are correct.

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

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Carroll reported that the Authority will be sending a letter to the Mayor and Council to replace commissioner, Mike Longo, and to reappoint commissioner, Tim Troast.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call vote to send a letter to the Mayor and Council to replace Mr. Longo and reappoint Mr. Troast 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	\$55,180.37
Additional Expenses for November	\$3,363.45
Hospital Expenses for December	\$26,574.80
Operating Payroll/Gross November	\$90,269.73
Social Security for November	\$3,190.81
Meter Deposit Refund for November	<u>\$136.00</u>
TOTAL	\$178,715.16

CAPITAL:

H2M Associates, Inc	\$2,719.50
H2M Associates, Inc	\$2,634.94
H2M Associates, Inc	\$5,720.00
North Jersey Pump & Controls, LLC	<u>\$31,820.00</u>
TOTAL	\$42,894.44

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, Kent, Troast
Nays:	None
Absent:	Longo

Mr. Galletta stated that the budget is 50% in the year and the numbers look good.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported progress.

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Pietrowski’s Water Report and reported progress. Mr. Kent stated that water pumping is up 7% from last November and year to date 2% behind from last year.

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

Vote:

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

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

In Mr. Longo’s absence, Mr. Pietrowski reported that the grease and oil result letters have been delivered to all businesses and the M.U.A. is awaiting payments or responses. Mr. Pietrowski also reported that the South Station Jockey Pump was installed and started on December 11, 2024. Unfortunately, the discharge line had been stagnant for two years and is clogged and will be cleared out early Wednesday morning. Mr. Pietrowski stated that post air blowers/mixer were installed and started up on December 11, 2024. There was also a low-pressure blower installed in the sand filters on December 12, 2024. Mr. Galletta inquired about the grease and oil report because he would like to see the results. Mr. Pietrowski stated that he would provide that information to all the commissioners. There was some additional discussion regarding the grease and oil reporting.

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

Vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Pietrowski reported that the treatment plant is going into the Winter Permit, and everything is running well. Mr. Pietrowski stated that they have been sewer jetting in certain areas of town to try and alleviate the sewer smell odor complaints. Mr. Pietrowski stated he

thinks it is working since he has not heard about any complaints in recent weeks. Mr. Pietrowski noted he received the final report for the WWTP evaluation study. The Aeration study is still underway. Mr. Pietrowski also reported that the projects Well #3 and North pumping station are coming along and are still in design. Mr. Galletta inquired about why there are no updates to Mr. Pietrowski's project reports. Mr. Galletta stated that Meridia has been continuously working on construction. Mr. Pietrowski stated they are continuing their project and there is no need to update him unless it regards water and sewer information.

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

Vote:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that the title for the senior housing closed on November 26, 2024. Mr. Kassover advised the attorney for the developer in order to keep the connection fees at the current rate they will date the agreement effective November 27, 2024. The agreement will need to be signed by Chairman, Kevin Carroll, and Assistant Secretary, Tim Troast. Mr. Kassover will send a signed agreement to the developer. Mr. Kassover will request a copy of the recorded deed and will record the developer's agreement. Mr. Kassover inquired if the Authority has received a retainer payment. Mrs. Read informed Mr. Kassover that they have not received any retainer payment. Mr. Kassover stated once the developer receives the Certificate of Occupancy, they will need to pay the connection fees in full. Mr. Kassover also reported that he had the recently purchased property, 279 Ramapo Street, removed from the tax roll.

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

Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Galletta inquired about the Wastewater Treatment Plant Evaluation Study report. Mr. Pietrowski stated that H2M indicated several major points in the summary. Their recommendation is to start by putting the jockey pump at South Pumping Station back online. The distribution box is not operating correctly, and will need to be evaluated along with the

aeration system that is not producing enough air. The Rotation Biological Contractors are not operating as designed. Mr. Pietrowski stated that they will be fixing these issues in piece-by-piece steps. Mr. Galletta inquired if the recommendations by H2M to complete each issue is in priority order as the summary and what are the costs of these recommendations. Mr. Pietrowski stated yes, they will be following the summary, and he had a meeting with H2M regarding the evaluation. Mr. Pietrowski also stated that the jockey pump at south station has already been installed along with the post aeration unit, so those expenses are already accounted for.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

There was some discussion regarding item 1: replacement of Dawes Highway bridge.

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

Vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kent noted he is still working on getting a project manager for 279 Ramapo Street. He is making progress.

UPON MOTION duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the Regular Meeting of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority was adjourned at 6:34pm.

Vote:

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Tim Troast, Assistant Secretary