

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 12, 2025.

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 19, 2025, gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm on Monday March 17, 2025. 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
Erik DeLine
John Pietrowski (Superintendent)
Jeffrey M. Kassover (Attorney)
Randy Hinton 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 April 21, 2025, were accepted.

Vote:

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

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

CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Carroll reported progress.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for May	\$66,129.78
Additional Expenses for April	\$6,669.05
Hospitalization for May	\$29,484.46
Operating Payroll/Gross April	\$82,008.41
Social Security for April	\$4,678.89
Meter Deposit Refund for April	<u>\$103.13</u>
	\$189,073.72

CAPITAL:

H2M Associates Inc.	\$22,205.20
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Neal Systems, Inc.	\$20,864.00
Core & Main	\$23,022.27
Campbell	<u>\$5,903.00</u>
	\$93,272.87

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, DeLine
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

Mr. Galletta noted that the end of the fiscal year is at the end of May and the budget figures look good.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported progress.

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Pietrowski's Water System Report and reported that American Darling Fire Hydrants were delivered and will be installed in the coming weeks. Mr. Kent also stated that the valve turning program is continuing and that hydrant flushing for Spring 2025 is complete. Mr. Kent requested that Mr. Pietrowski report on the school's lead and copper sampling that took place on May 2, 2025. Mr. Kent reported on water pumping numbers for April. The April numbers are accurate the past 3 months are not accurate due to the SCADA systems having totalizer issues. Mr. Pietrowski noted that over the weekend he was notified about a leaking valve on Stiles Court. Tuesday morning employees will be working on replacing the valve entirely. Mr. Pietrowski also noted that the website is updated with the new CCR (Consumer Confident Report).

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon a roll call vote the Water Systems Report was accepted.

Vote:

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

There was some additional discussion regarding water pumping numbers.

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. DeLine submitted Mr. Pietrowski's Wastewater report and reported that the Sand Filters Building repairs are completed. The new Bray actuators have been installed. The treatment plant generator automatic transfer switch was ordered and waiting for delivery. The thickener building overflow pumps were ordered and waiting for delivery. The new sewer push camera was delivered, and training was completed. The Pompton Village generator quote was given to the association. Mr. Pietrowski stated that the approval just came in from the board to move forward with the purchase, however they would like to get a second quote. The association will purchase the generator directly from the vendor and the Authority will oversee the work. The Highlands association has the quote to install a grinder at their wastewater lift station. Mr. Pietrowski noted that the grinder is a big purchase for the Highlands as they do not have a grinder at this time and they have a lot of rag problems. Mr. DeLine also reported that the manholes for Dawes Highway have been delivered. Four units will be replaced, and two will be on standby. Mr. DeLine inquired about Hug a Mug Coffeehouse and Ceramic studio that is required to get a grease trap and still has not installed one. Mr. Pietrowski stated the Authority has repeatedly requested for them to install a grease trap with no response. Mr. Pietrowski sent a certified letter giving them 60 days to comply installing a grease trap. Mr. Pietrowski will go to the store mid-May to speak with them again if he does not hear back sooner.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon a roll call vote the Wastewater Report was accepted.

Vote:

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Mr. Pietrowski reported about the lead sampling in the schools. The Authority completed 85 samples and 11 of those samples were retests. There were a couple results at the high school and several at Lincoln School, that were above the action level (15 ppb). These samples came from sinks that are in the classrooms and drinking water fountains. The samples are taken from a "first draw" sample, meaning that the water that is tested has sat in the localized pipes for a period greater than 12 hours before a sample is taken. Therefore, they are not testing the lead levels present in the water supply, but the potential lead that may leach out from local pipes. The

water supply is generally above 8 pH (basic) and is not considered to be corrosive so there is far less potential for metals to leach out. Mr. Kent inquired why not test filtered water. Mr. DeLine stated the problem would be that you could remove a filter and never change the filter. Mr. Pietrowski stated that the test comes from sitting water in the pipe so that water would have already gone through the filter, also they are testing for the pipes not the water. Mr. Pietrowski noted that the Authority is also required to test at random 30 homes every 3 years for lead. The Authority helped assist with the school's testing, this was not required for the Authority. Mr. Pietrowski also reported on the water and sewer project status report. On 5/2/25 H2M conducted a pressure test on a hydrant local to Well 3. On 4/25/25 Mr. Pietrowski met with H2M and PSE&G to discuss the location of the gas service meter at the North Pumping station upgrade project.

UPON MOTION: duly made Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon a roll call vote the Superintendent's Report was accepted.

Vote:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported progress.

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

Vote:

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

COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Hinton reported on the Dawes Highway project that was pushed to June 2025.

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

Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kent has the realtor agreement ready and the rental agreement ready for 279 Ramapo Street now that the Authority is moving forward with renting the property. Mr. Hinton inquired about Mark Outs and what the Authority's thoughts are about anyone that does not order a mark out to perform any type of digging. Mr. Pietrowski stated that if someone does not order a mark out and hits a water, sewer or gas line that individual will be responsible for paying for the damage to be repaired.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. DeLine and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon a roll call vote item 1 was accepted.

Vote:

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

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered Closed Session at 6:44pm.

Vote:

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

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 May 12, 2025, 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 contract negotiations.

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: _____

Tim Troast, Secretary

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Kent and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered back into the Open Session at 8:15pm.

Vote:

Ayes	Carroll, Galletta, Kent, Troast, DeLine
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 8:45pm.

Vote: Ayes Carroll, Galletta, Kent, Troast, DeLine
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Tim Troast, Secretary