

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 28, 2026.

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 Wednesday, January 28, 2026. 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)

ABSENT:
Scott Santers 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 December 15, 2025, were accepted.

Vote:

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

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

CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Carroll presented the annual renewal for the Risk Management Consulting Agreement with David M. Hundertmark Agency, Inc. Chairman Carroll will sign the annual agreement. Chairman Carroll presented a Master Services Agreement for the water tanks rehabilitation with a maintenance service as long as the Authority desires. Chairman Carroll also presented an updated proposal from H2M for Well 3 PFAS Treatment.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Galletta, and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon a roll call vote to approve the agreements presented and signed by Chairman Carroll was accepted.

Vote:

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

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

Vote:

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

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for January	\$497,485.47
Additional Expenses for December	\$2,364.06
Health Benefits for January	\$23,994.04
Operating Payroll/Gross December	\$89,557.33
Social Security for December	\$4,967.89
Meter Deposit Refund for December	<u>\$398.50</u>
Totals	\$618,767.29

CAPITAL:

Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc.	\$28,810.40
Pete's Concrete & Masonry	\$4,250.00
H2M Associates, Inc.	\$3,088.80
Rio Supply, Inc.	<u>\$3,385.00</u>
Totals	\$39,534.20

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. Troast, and upon roll call vote it was certified that the funds were available and budgeted to pay these expenses and were accepted.

Vote:

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

Mr. Galletta reported on the draft of the 2026/2027 budget that all commissioners received in their packets for review. Mr. Galletta inquired if there were any questions. No questions were presented.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Mr. DeLine, and upon roll call vote for the drafted number to be sent to Mr. Cuva, CPA, to review was accepted.

Vote:

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

Mr. Pietrowski stated that on the Capital portion of the budget there is a line for Water Meter Replacement Program due to most of the residential and commercial meters reaching the end of their life span of about 20 years. Mr. Pietrowski noted that every quarter this past year about 50 meters have needed replacement. Mr. Kent inquired about the changes in detail for the Capital Budget compared to the past year's formatting. Chairman Carroll stated that this was the request of Mr. Cuva because keeping it summarized will help to avoid changing the budget. Mr. Pietrowski stated that there is some detailing to the formatting to determine the project.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported progress.

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

Vote:

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

WATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. Kent submitted Mr. Pietrowski's Water report and reported on coordination's with Vega and PCS to set up controls for the water tank rehabilitation. Mr. Kent noted that the leak detection has been completed in September/October 2025 and there were two small hydrant leaks that have been repaired. There was another leak detected at Carlough Field after the meter, the Borough was notified. There was also one residential leaking water service that the homeowner is aware of. Mr. Kent also reported on water pumping for the month of December with a 14% increase from last December.

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

WASTEWATER OPERATIONS:

Mr. DeLine submitted Mr. Pietrowski's Wastewater report and reported that the replacement of the RBC was installed and tested. The startup with the manufacturer is set for March, however they are trying to get it sooner. Mr. Pietrowski stated the new date is February 10, 2026. Mr. DeLine stated that blower #2 motor failed and Longo Electric is completing the repair and reinstalling the motor when they are done. Mr. DeLine also reported that sludge totals for December are up from last December and last month. Mr. Pietrowski stated that they are still dealing with a bacteria issue that will bring sludge hauling totals up.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Chairman Carroll, and seconded by Mr. Troast, 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 that he has been in contact with the NJDEP open communication regarding administrative consent order for permits and overages exceeding in the past couple years. Mr. Pietrowski stated that they began their annual required safety training for all employees and all training should be wrapped up by February. Mr. Pietrowski noted that employee Jack Hughes has accepted a position at the Montville DPW and his last day is January 30, 2026. There is an open operator position posted, and applications are being received with a couple positive candidates. Mr. Pietrowski also reported that H2M has filed a 30-day extension for the North Sewage Pumping Station flood area permit application which was approved by the NJDEP. Mr. Pietrowski noted that SCE (Suburban Consulting Engineers) conducted survey work at the South Pump Station. Mr. Pietrowski also noted that on January 5, 2026, Meridia completed storm sewer connection on Lenox Avenue. Mr. Pietrowski stated that the renewal of the Water Allocation Permit was received and reviewed. Classification and permit amount is correct. There was some discussion regarding a couple of projects with no updates for an extended period of time.

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

Chairman Carroll stated he forgot to mention in his report that before Governor Murphy left, he signed a legislation that Municipal Authorities are no longer permitted to bill the town for hydrant standby fees. Chairman Carroll stated the Authority will no longer bill the town for hydrants. Chairman Carroll inquired to Mr. Pietrowski when he thinks Meridia will be up and

running for capacity reasons. Mr. Pietrowski stated he believes maybe Fall 2026 and that may just be the back half of the building.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that he sent a letter to the newspaper and the Borough Hall to change the original meeting date from January 21, 2026, to January 26, 2026. An additional letter was sent to change the meeting date to Wednesday, January 28, 2026, due to inclement weather. Mr. Kassover stated that he sent a letter to a property owner who felt that he was not responsible for his tenant not paying the water bill. Mr. Kassover stated in the letter the bill follows the property and the Authority has never made such adjustments. Mr. Pietrowski stated that the property owner received the letter and had paid the bill in full. Mr. Kassover will send out the Business Entity Disclosure Certifications who wish to be considered for appointment at the Reorganization Meeting on February 23, 2026. Mr. Kassover also stated that he reviewed the contract for the water tank rehabilitation, suggesting the Authority be named on the certificate of insurance. Mr. Kassover noted that 60 Wanaque Avenue has agreed on terms of the developer’s agreement regarding the easement. Mr. Kassover will finalize the agreement and send it to the developer’s attorney.

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

Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Carroll stated that he is unable to make the February 18, 2026, meeting and requested to change it to February 23, 2026.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon a roll call vote the new meeting date of February 23, 2026, and the municipality fire hydrants bill adjustment were accepted.

Vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on items 1 through 4.

Mr. Kent inquired about correspondence #4 regarding the results of the Lower Twin Lakes Dam inspection. Mr. Pietrowski stated that the inspection was satisfactory.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon a roll call vote items 1 through 4 were accepted.

Vote:

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

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 6:40pm.

Vote:

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Tim Troast, Secretary