

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 April 20, 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 25, 2026, gave notice that the Regular Meeting of the Authority would be held at 6:00pm on Monday April 20, 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)
 Scott Santers 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 March 16, 2026, 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 reported progress.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Galletta presented the following bills for approval:

Operating/Vouchers for April	\$226,683.62
Additional Expenses for March	\$4,612.65
Hospitalization for April	\$20,305.96
Operating Payroll/Gross March	\$87,779.41
Social Security for March	\$5,186.72
Meter Deposit Refund for March	<u>\$160.00</u>
TOTAL	\$344,728.36

CAPITAL:

H2M Associates Inc.	\$30,286.80
Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc.	\$15,158.75
Neal Systems Inc.	\$31,325.52
PCS Pump and Process	\$95,537.30
RIO Supply, Inc.	\$4,002.02
Treasure State of NJ Service Fund	\$8,605.19
Treasure State of NJ Service Fund	<u>\$1,258.40</u>
TOTAL	\$186,173.98

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Galletta and seconded by Chairman Carroll, 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. Kent has a couple of inquiries regarding the budget for the end of the fiscal year.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Troast reported on an employee increase requested by Mr. Pietrowski to give employee, Jermaine Scott, a 10% increase with \$1,500 stipend for the licenses he earned. Mr. Troast stated that Mr. Scott has taken on more responsibilities and in doing so has shown exceptional performance. This increase will go into effect immediately. Mr. Scott's new title will be Water and Sewer System Repairer.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. DeLine, and upon roll call vote to give Jermaine Scott an increase and title change with the appropriate stipends applied was accepted.

Vote:

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

Mr. Troast also reported that Mr. Pietrowski also requested two additional employees, Mr. David Toledo Sr. and Antonio Garcia, to receive an increase of 0.50 per hour. Mr. Troast stated that he is okay with this increase.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Chairman Carroll, and upon roll call vote to give Mr. David Toledo Sr. and Antonio Garcia an increase of 0.50 per hour was accepted.

Vote:

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

Mr. Troast stated that Mr. Pietrowski would like to start summer hours this year by the employees leaving early on Fridays through the summer months starting May 18, 2026, and ending September 4, 2026. The commissioner's suggestion is for Mr. Pietrowski to figure out how to make up for the hours during the week to leave early on Fridays.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, 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 System Report and reported that meter reading was completed in early April determining that 70+ meters will need to be replaced. The Authority took delivery of 72 new meters. The expected failure rate of the meters each quarter will continue due to the meters being 20+ years old. Mr. Kent also reported on the water main break on Monday, April 13, 2026, on Ringwood Avenue at the corner of Broad Street. The main is very deep but Montana Construction completed the repair. They are monitoring a second water main break in the same area. A leak detection company was brought in to pinpoint the location. Mr. Kent inquired about the progress of the second main break repair. Mr. Pietrowski stated that he is still waiting and because of the depth of the break it makes it harder to determine the area. Mr. Kent inquired how they determined there was a leak in the system. Mr. Pietrowski stated that they tested the water and there was chlorine residual in the test, so they know it is not ground water. Mr. Kent stated that the tap at Willow for the new sprinkler system was completed on April 13, 2026, and the meter was installed on April 16, 2026. Mr. Kent noted that the tap for 409 Lakeside Avenue, a new home, was completed on April 14, 2026, and the meter was not yet installed. Chairman Carroll inquired how many meters can be installed in a day. Mr. Pietrowski stated it depends on how many people respond to the notice and manpower. Mr. DeLine stated that Glenn Ridge has analog meters and these meters will continue to function and accurately measure water consumption even if the battery dies. These meters avoid doing estimated readings when there is no reading from a digital meter that is no longer working. Chairman Carroll would like Mr. Pietrowski to look into the pricing of analog meters.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. DeLine, 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 Grease and Oil results are in, and all the letters will be delivered to the businesses showing the results of the test. Mr. DeLine also reported that Albany Avenue Pump Station upgrade did not go according to plan, as the manufacturer had sent incorrect parts. They will reevaluate and reschedule the upgrade. Mr. DeLine stated that sludge removal for March has increased 37,000 gallons from February and increased 30,000 gallons from last March.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Kent 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 is still awaiting a response regarding permit and ACO (Administrative Consent Order) from the NJDEP. Mr. Pietrowski stated that since the New RBC was installed the Ammonia levels have been reduced from 12 ppm to 0.78 ppm. Mr. Pietrowski noted that the PACL pads were completed, they are just waiting for them to dry, and the tanks will be delivered on Thursday, April 22, 2026. Mr. Pietrowski also reported on the I-BANK projects. There was a meeting at the plant with Suburban Consulting Engineers and Architects to discuss plans for the staircase, lab floor repair, lab layout, woman's locker room layout, downstairs locker room layout, aeration piping, grit chamber and RBC aeration layout, among other items. There was an additional meeting with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) and Dongo to discuss grit and screening at South Station. SCE will be putting together TWA and BWSE permit applications to be submitted to NJDEP. Mr. Pietrowski stated that Ringwood Avenue Senior Housing is ready to go with water and sewer connections, but there is no date set yet. Meridia's domestic water service has been turned on. Mr. Pietrowski is still waiting for a call back from Meridia regarding as-built drawings for water and sewer facilities installed. Mr. Kent inquired if the current North Sewerage Pumping Station will be able to handle the new capacity with the connections of Meridia and Ringwood Ave Senior housing. Mr. Pietrowski stated that Senior Housing will have very low flow, even with 60 units, so the Pump Station will be able to handle the capacity.

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

Vote:

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Mr. Kassover reported that he published professional appointments for 2026 in Record/Herald newspaper. Mr. Kassover stated he sent the developer’s agreement and the easement agreement for 60 Wanaque Avenue out to be recorded with the County Clerk. Mr. Kassover stated once the recorded documents come back, he will give the Authority the original and make copies to be sent to the developer’s attorney. Mr. Kassover also stated he sent a letter to the North Jersey Police Radio for reimbursement for the second quarter 2026 taxes. Mr. Kassover requested a closed session.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Mr. Troast and seconded by Mr. Galletta, 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. Santers reported that there have been no odor complaints currently. Mr. Santers inquired if that is because of the Ammonia levels being reduced. Mr. Pietrowski stated that it is possible and the plant is running very well. Mr. Pietrowski also stated that the subsided odor could be a result from the rain.

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

Vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Carroll presented correspondence for discussion on item 1 through 6.

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon a roll call vote the item 1 through 6 was accepted.

Vote:

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

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Galletta, and upon roll call the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered Closed Session at 7:00pm.

Vote:

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

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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 April 20, 2026, 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 litigation settlement.

3. The commissioners shall release and disclose to the general public the action taken on this matter of the above-mentioned 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 arrival at a final decision of the specific subject matter.

Approved: _____

Kevin P. Carroll, Chairman

Attest: _____

Tim Troast, Secretary

UPON MOTION: duly made by Chairman Carroll and seconded by Mr. Kent, and upon roll call vote the members of the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority entered back into Open Session at 7:17pm.

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 7:18pm.

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

Prepared by: Mary Read

Respectfully submitted by

Tim Troast, Secretary