

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The following are the Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes that was held in the Council Meeting room of the Municipal Building, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey and was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Michael Serra opened the Meeting and led participants in saluting the flag.

Mayor Serra, at this time, asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Barbara Padula, a longtime employee of the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

Mayor Serra then read the Open Public Meeting Law Statement of Compliance.

A Roll Call indicated the following members were present: Mayor Michael Serra, Council President Terri Reicher, Councilmen William Baig, Erik DeLine, Frank Jaconetta, Ekamon Venin and Councilwoman Jennifer Polidori.

Also present were Borough Attorney, Joseph Ragno, Borough Administrator, Kevin Boyle and Borough Clerk, Elizabeth Brandsness.

MAYOR PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES:

Mayor Serra offered condolences to the Padula family and spoke of Barbara's longtime commitment to the Borough and residents while serving as Deputy Clerk. Mayor Serra stated Barbara will be sorely missed within the community.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

RESOLUTION 19-75

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$622,387.33 FOR THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES FOR THE YEAR 2019

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Baig to introduce the B.I.D. Budget in the amount of \$622,387.33 for the year 2019.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Reicher, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes, Councilman Baig, Yes, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilman Jaconetta Yes, Councilwoman Polidori Yes.

Clerk to Read Notice:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION FOR THE FOREGOING SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 25 LENOX AVENUE, POMPTON LAKES, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, a Special Improvement District has been duly constituted in the Borough of Pompton Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Special Improvement District has forwarded a budget to the Municipal Council for adoption; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES THAT:

The annexed statements of Revenues and Appropriations totaling \$622,387.33 shall constitute the year 2019 Budget for the Special Improvement District of the Borough of Pompton Lakes in the County of Passaic, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes does hereby approve the annexed statements of Revenues and Appropriations for Introduction as the Special Improvement District budget for calendar year 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Polidori to open the Meeting for Public Comments. All voted in favor of the motion.

GREGORY COCKEFAIR, Albert Street

Mr. Cockefair acknowledged the Governing Body for their accomplishments throughout the years and expressed his affection for the town of Pompton Lakes. Mr. Cockefair conveyed his desire to meet with Mayor Serra and Councilman Venin. Mr. Cockefair thanked Mayor and Council for their service to the community. Mayor Serra thanked Mr. Cockefair for his comments.

NANCY MARSHALL, Hamburg Turnpike

Ms. Marshall questioned the timeframe of the construction that would take place on a home being demolished at 9 Hamburg Turnpike. Mayor Serra replied that it would be up to the builder and stated the project is going through the permit stages and described the permit process. Mayor Serra suggested Ms. Marshall speak with the building department officials to obtain the contact information for the attorney for the project. Mayor Serra recommended she ask the attorney to provide updates regarding the demolition. Ms. Marshall then commented on her concerns with flooding after the Riverdale project is completed. Mayor Serra replied that the project on Hamburg Turnpike would not change the landscape since they are building within the same footprint and explained how runoff is addressed through the planning and permit process. Mayor Serra advised Ms. Marshall to attend Riverdale Borough meetings for more information on the Riverdale project.

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilwoman Reicher to close the Meeting for public comments. Councilwoman Reicher asked for an amendment to the Minutes regarding Privilege of the Floor. All voted in favor of the motion.

MINUTES:

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion.

BILL LISTS:

Current Fund	\$2,360,739.83
Capital Fund	\$ 10,356.00
Recreation Trust	\$ 58.50
Unemployment	\$ -0-
Dog Trust Account	\$ 1,159.80
Other Trust Account	\$ 4,832.75
Clerk's Account	\$ -0-
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman Venin to approve the Bill Lists. All voted in favor of the motion.

PETITIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Council Members Required Resolutions 19-74 To Be Pulled from The Consent Agenda for Separate Action)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes does desire to remove Resolution 19-74 for individual action from that Agenda,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

1. Resolution 19-74 Amending 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Offered By Lincoln Financial Advisors, #92-PD-Lincoln 121316
2. Resolution 19-76 Approving Various Promotions Within The Pompton Lakes Department Of Public Works And Construction Department Effective March 4, 2019
3. Resolution 19-77 Authorizing Refund Of Tax Overpayment Block 6700 Lot 15.01

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman DeLine to approve the Consent Agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION 19-76

WHEREAS, Michael Gavin, Ray Grimes, Liri Zekirovski and Brinda Kostro have been recommended for promotion by their respective department heads; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the requests and recommends the Mayor and Council approve the following as provided by the contract:

Michael Gavin	Laborer 1 to Laborer 2	\$2,000.00
Ray Grimes	Laborer 1 to Laborer 2	\$2,000.00
Liri Zekirovski	Driver to Truck Driver Heavy	\$2,000.00
Brinda Kostro	Keyboarding Clerk 1 to Keyboarding Clerk 2	\$2,000.00

RESOLUTION 19-77

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayments as shown below, and

WHEREAS, the overpayments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayments, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayments as listed below:

Reason:	1. Duplicate Payment	5. Payment made in error
	2. Appeal State	6. NJ Saver Rebate
	3. Vet Allowed	7. 100% disabled Vet Exemption
	4. Senior Allowed	8. Exempt Status
		9. Homestead Rebate Credit on Borough Property

<u>BLOCK /LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		<u>REASON</u>
6700/15.0/1	ESPAROLINI, J & LAURIE M 355 POMPTON AVE POMPTON LAKES NJ 07442	\$ 261.90	2019 Q2	1

SEPARATE ACTION RESOLUTIONS:**RESOLUTION 19-74**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes (hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”) by resolution previously adopted a Deferred Compensation plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”) for the purpose of making available to eligible employees the accrual of tax benefits under a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, the 2005 final regulations issued under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, final Treasury Regulation §1.457-4, the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act 2008, the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 and the Small Business Act of 2010 amended sections of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”) and the rules and/or regulations issued thereunder affecting Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans (cumulatively referred to as the “Acts and Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires its Plan to conform with the changes in the Code and Treasury regulations brought about by the Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to adopt a restated Plan that conforms with the changes in the Code and Treasury regulations resulting from the Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, such revised Plan shall supersede the previously adopted Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Employer hereby adopts a revised Plan 92-PD-Lincoln-121316.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lincoln Retirement Services, LLC (hereinafter referred to as “Lincoln”) has agreed to continue to be the provider of the Deferred Compensation Program for employees and elected officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lincoln will continue to provide, for the benefit of the participants the Multi-Fund Variable Annuity contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of Lincoln in the selection of a provider pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:37 – 5.7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is authorized to execute an Administrative Services Agreement with Lincoln (94-SA-Lincoln-110217) and such other agreements as are necessary to implement the Deferred Compensation Program. It is implicitly understood that there is to be no cost or contribution by the Employer to the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is authorized to serve as the “Administrator” of the plan, represent the Employer, and execute individual deferred compensation agreements with each said employee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Employer that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Borough administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services at P.O. Box 803, Trenton, NJ 08625-0803.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve Resolution 19-74.

Councilwoman Reicher requested an explanation be provided for Resolution 19-74. Mr. Boyle provided an explanation and stated the Borough offers a few deferred compensation plans. Mr. Boyle stated Lincoln Retirement Services has agreed to continue to be a provider for the Deferred Compensation Program for employees and elected officials. Mr. Boyle stated Lincoln Retirement Services has changed some requirements to the plan so therefore this Resolution provides for those changes. Mr. Boyle stated the plan offers employees an opportunity to invest funds and added that the Lincoln and Valic plans are basically comparable.

All voted in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES—FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:

(Ordinance will be presented for second reading and final adoption on, March 27, 2019)

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

ORDINANCE 19-11

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman DeLine to approve Ordinance No. 19-11 for Introduction.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Reicher, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes, Councilman Baig, Yes, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilman Jaconetta Yes, Councilwoman Polidori Yes.

2019 Municipal Budget

Mayor Serra commented on the proposed Municipal Budget and stated no services were lost with holding to a minimum raise in taxes. Mayor Serra thanked Mr. Boyle and the Governing Body for their hard work in establishing this Budget. Mayor Serra offered the tax percentage breakdown between County, School and Municipality and informed the residents an increase on the average assessed home value would be \$27.00 or 1.17 percent. Mayor Serra stated he believes this is a responsible budget considering there has not been an increase in state aid for the past ten years and taking into consideration employee pensions, retirement and health care costs continue to rise each year.

Councilman Venin stated the 2019 budget has been impacted by the loss of ratables due to tax appeals and the vacancy of the A&P property. The 2019 budget fully funds all Borough operations and addresses the needs of all departments while funding a healthy Capital Budget as well. Councilman Venin gives credit to Department Heads for their resourcefulness and creative way of thinking. This budget continues to keep the municipal tax increase less than \$100.00 on the average assessed home.

Councilman Venin added this year's budget is below the tax levy and appropriations caps which are required by state law. The overall debt ratio continues to be solid and the cash surplus healthy. This Capital Budget provides funding for needed improvements to the First Aid Squad Building, equipment for the Police Department, the DPW and the Fire Department. Councilman Venin then listed other projects to be implemented which will include ADA curb ramps.

Councilman Venin stated for the first time, \$200,000.00 has been added for various road paving projects. The Borough will fund approximately 1.5 million dollars which will be offset by grants and other funding. Councilman Venin stated the budget process begins every September with the involvement of many individuals.

Mayor Serra restated each year funds would be set aside for road paving and the restoration program will address those roadways that are in need of maintenance and paving. Mayor Serra again stated this is a responsible budget providing much needed services for residents.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2019; and

Be It Further Resolved that said budget be published in the Suburban Trends in the issue of March 3, 2019

The Governing Body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2019:

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2019	2018
1. Surplus	985,000.00	961,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,037,919.88	2,027,171.64
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	473,000.00	380,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	10,178,670.20	10,199,777.50
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	406,865.36	390,529.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Sup of Mun. Budget	10,585,535.56	10,590,306.50
Total General Revenues	14,081,455.44	13,958,478.14

Summary of Appropriations	2019 Budget	Final 2018 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	5,074,647.00	5,246,075.00
Other Expenses	5,950,141.94	5,726,503.64
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	1,267,744.50	1,188,588.50
3. Capital Improvements	180,000.00	170,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	848,922.00	877,311.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	760,000.00	750,000.00
Total General Appropriations	14,081,455.44	13,958,478.14
Total Number of Employees	83	83

Balance of Outstanding Debt		
	General	Water Utility
Interest Budgeted	133,922.00	
Principal Budgeted	715,000.00	
Outstanding Balance	8,226,686.77	

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman Venin to introduce the 2019 Municipal Budget of the Borough of Pompton Lakes

Roll Call: Councilwoman Reicher, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes, Councilman Baig, Yes, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilman Jaconetta, Yes, Councilwoman Polidori, Yes.

Clerk to Read Notice:

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, on February 27, 2019. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on March 27, 2019 at 7:30PM at Which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2019 may be Presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

ORDINANCE 19-12 (Pulled)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §2-56 A 1 OPEN SPACE, PARK LAND AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

(These ordinances have been advertised and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board)

ORDINANCE 19-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARTS OF §5-23 TOWERS AND TOWING

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-08. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to comment on Ordinance. 19-08.

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilman Venin to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-08. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Polidori to approve Ordinance 19-08 for Final Adoption.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Reicher, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes, Councilman Baig, Yes, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilman Jaconetta, Yes, Councilwoman Polidori, Yes.

ORDINANCE 19-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 190 RELATING TO THE HAMBURG REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-08. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to comment on Ordinance. 19-08.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-08. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman DeLine to approve Ordinance 19-08 for Final Adoption.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Reicher, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes, Councilman Baig, Yes, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilman Jaconetta, Yes, Councilwoman Polidori, Yes.

ORDINANCE 19-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-20 THROUGH 5-20.12 – SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-10. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to comment on Ordinance. 19-10.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman DeLine to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-10. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Serra reminded residents they may fill out a “no solicitation” form if they do not want solicitors on their property. Mayor Serra explained that solicitors, who are protected by the Federal Government, are allowed to solicit homes until 9:00pm. Mayor Serra informed residents that solicitors are provided with a “no solicitation” list and if they solicit at any of these homes and it is reported to the Police, there are fines and penalties that can be imposed. Mayor Serra encouraged residents to sign up on the no solicitors list to deter solicitors.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Baig to approve Ordinance 19-10 for Final Adoption.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Reicher, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes, Councilman Baig, Yes, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilman Jaconetta, Yes, Councilwoman Polidori, Yes.

MAYOR SERRA

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman Jaconetta to appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

- **Mary Curran**, Member (unexpired term to 12/31/21)
- **Maureen Bernstock**, Member (unexpired term to 12/31/22)
- **Adam Kent**, Alternate #1 (unexpired term to 12/31/19)
- **David Rowan**, Alternate #2 (unexpired term to 12/31/20)

Mayor Serra stated Frank Russo, Chairman of the Zoning Board, has decided to step down. Mayor Serra thanked Mr. Russo for the many years of volunteer service he has given to the Borough. Mayor Serra went on to thank all volunteer board members for their service. Mayor Serra also thanked Ms. McNamara, as the new Chairperson and Mr. Hunt, as the Vice-Chairman for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- offered his condolences to the Padula family for their loss and added Barbara will be missed
- commented on the several budget meetings he attended and gave a percentage breakdown for the Borough, County and School taxes. Mayor Serra stated he anticipates redevelopment will help stabilize the tax base.
- the Borough has become a Stigma-Free community and noted that the Borough received a grant to help with training programs for first responders. Mayor Serra stated the Stigma Free Initiative program is an effort to assist with eradicating the stigma associated with mental illness and thanked everyone who attended the meeting.
- anticipated the Summit Avenue project will be completed by the end of next week
- the Salvation Army has been demolished and the developers are in the process of applying for permits. Mayor Serra stated the new construction is anticipated to begin in the next few months, weather permitting. Mayor Serra then commented on the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program which is a thirty-year agreement with the developers and a twelve percent tax rate per year.
- CTO day will be held on March 25, 2019 and offered information on what the day entails and stated students provide a mock council meeting and commented on their initiative.

COUNCILWOMAN REICHER:

Councilwoman Reicher reported on the following.

- also commented on Change of Town Officers (CTO) Day and stated the students meet with Council Members before the Council Meeting on March 13, 2019 and then a mock meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2019.
- also extended her condolences to the Padula family and stated Barbara will be missed. Councilwoman Reicher stated the family has made suggestions to donate to St. Jude's Research Hospital or to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in memory of Barbara.
- asked for an update of the Summit Avenue project to which Mr. Boyle replied there was none
- the Plumlaw project was discussed at the Redevelopment Agency meeting with regard to modifications
- commented on the project located at the borders of Pompton Lakes and Riverdale along with the project located at the borders of Pompton Lakes and Wanaque. Councilwoman Reicher stated she was hopeful the surrounding towns could learn from each other as redevelopment continues.
- the Red Carpet Neighbors is a program in the formative stages being introduced by the BID and is designed as an updated version of the Welcome Wagon. Councilwoman Reicher stated new residents will be provided with a packet that will include information for local businesses, the Borough and Civic organizations.
- commented on the successful "Soles 4 Souls" project, collecting gently used shoes to help men, women and children in need of shoes
- commended Councilman Venin on his introduction of the Municipal Budget this evening

Mayor Serra will be meeting with the Chairman of the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholder's to mainly discuss deterioration of County roads.

COUNCILWOMAN POLIDORI:

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- offered her condolences to the Padula family
- thanked everyone who donated to the Woman's Club "Soles 4 Souls" program and stated anyone interested may attend a meeting on March, 7, 2019 at 7:00pm
- attended the Open Space and Planning Board meetings
- Kevin Carroll is the new Chairman of the MUA, Michael Longo-Personnel Commissioner, Neal Galletta - Finance Commissioner, Lloyd Kent- Water Commissioner and George Decker-Waste Water Commissioner.
- commented on programs offered by the Recreation Commission, including yoga, the Walking Club, Get Fit, softball and indoor field hockey clinics.
- the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 14, 2019 at 3:00pm at Hershfield Park with a rain date of April 20, 2019
- Coffee with Council will be moved to evenings, to help accommodate more residents, on March 11, 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Starbucks
- attended the Polar Plunge and her team raised approximately \$5,000.00

Mayor Serra added the Easter Egg Hunt participants will meet at the tennis courts in Hershfield Park and will be divided into age groups. Mayor Serra stated the rain date would be posted on the Borough website or Facebook.

COUNCILMAN VENIN:

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- also offered his condolences to the Padula family
- the Historic Commission is seeking new members for a Class A (a background in historic architecture or engineering) an Alternate Member and a Full Member. The

Historic Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center 7:00pm.

- attended the successful PLRYO dinner
- volunteered on Maintenance Day. Councilman DeLine stated the Red Trail foot bridge was reset due to it being lifted up by the large amount of rain and carried over to another location.
- wished his seven-year-old Happy Birthday
- his wife Lauren has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest New Jersey

COUNCILMAN BAIG:

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- offered his condolences to the Padula family and to the Weckback family and stated both were longtime residents and employees of the Borough
- the BID submitted its budget for approval by the Mayor and Council, commented on the successful BID Bucks sale and discussion of additional holiday decorations for Lakeside and Colfax Avenues as well as Ringwood/Wanaque Avenues.
- reiterated the BID is planning to update the Welcome Wagon packet by offering discount coupons and advertisements for the businesses in town
- the BID has started a committee to revise their grant manual
- the Pompton Lakes Rotary and the Pompton Reformed Church are sponsoring a Yankee Baseball trip on May 5, 2019

COUNCILMAN DELINE:

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- offered condolences to the Padula family and reflected on how Barbara always had a smile for everyone. Councilman DeLine commented on Liz Brandsness and Barbara beginning their employment with the Borough on the same day.
- the Storm Water Management Committee is sponsoring a rain garden workshop on March 16, 2019 at 12:00pm. This workshop will help to provide technical guidance in developing a rain garden.
- February 17, 2019 was the first winter trail maintenance event that included twenty volunteers. The next event will be held on March 2, 2019 at 2:00pm
- reminded residents to remove vehicles from the roadway during snow events. Councilman DeLine stated aside from plowing the road, emergency response vehicles need a clear path to homes.
- recognized Steve Grayberg, former Flood Advisory Board Chairman, for his service to the community as he is moving out of town. Councilman DeLine praised Mr. Grayberg's commitment to assist and mentor when the incoming chairperson, Lauren Venin, was initiated into this position. Mr. Grayberg brought recognition to the lakes and bodies of water with the photo contest he originated. Bernadette Arancibia will now fill this void when Mr. Grayberg leaves. Councilman DeLine thanked Mr. Grayberg for his loyalty and dedication to the Borough.

Mayor Serra reminded the community it was Mr. Grayberg that brought to his attention the negative and derogatory information posted on Wikipedia regarding Pompton Lakes. Mayor Serra stated Mr. Grayberg took the time to investigate how to prevent false information from being posted to Wikipedia and proceeded to have the postings removed. Mayor Serra stated it is residents like Mr. Grayberg who have made a difference in this town.

COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- offered sympathies to the Padula family on their loss and complimented Ms. Brandsness for her beautiful eulogy. Councilman Jaconetta thanked the Pompton Lakes Police Department and several other Police Departments for their participation in funeral procession.
- also offered condolences to the Weckback family and thanked the VFW and the Pompton Lakes Police Department for their Honor Guard service
- congratulated members of the DPW on their promotions
- attended the successful Pompton Lakes Fine Arts night and thanked the Board of Education for sponsoring the event
- the Board of Health is sponsoring a SMAC blood screening Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8-10am in Council Chambers. The cost is \$25.00 for registration and appointments are recommended.

Mayor Serra reminded residents that information, events and schedules are updated and posted daily to the Borough Facebook and Twitter pages.

JOSEPH RAGNO, Borough Attorney

Mr. Ragno had no report.

KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- Rutgers - Flood Plain Restoration Plan – Phase 1
- Police Department - January '19 Monthly Report
- Ramapo River Floodway Analysis -SWM Consulting. Flood map appeals have been denied twice. Mr. Boyle stated the Borough will continue to dispute FEMA's claim.
- Tax Assessor - Annual Tax Appeals List & Various Other Reports
- Pompton Lake Prevention Coalition - 2017/2018 Evaluation Report
- 2019 Budget - Introduction 2/27/19
- 2019 Capital Budget - Introduction 3/13/19

Mayor Serra informed the community the Prevention Coalition meeting will be held on February 28, 2019 at 7:00pm. Mayor Serra encouraged residents who are interested in learning how to reduce underage drinking and drug abuse attend the meeting.

Mr. Boyle stated the Borough is adhering to the new flood maps which is the new standard. Mayor Serra then commented on the homes not previously in the flood plain that are now considered in the flood way due to the new FEMA maps. Mayor Serra explained how this can have a monetarily effect on residents that must pursue permits through the DEP. Mayor Serra then commented on a joint initiative with the DEP to allow the Borough's Construction Department to review and approve minor improvements to properties located within the floodplain and floodway.

TABLED ITEMS: None

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Polidori o open the Meeting for Public Comments. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to make a public comment.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Jaconetta to close the Meeting for Public Comments. All voted in favor of the motion.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Serra commented on an email he received from a Senior Production Manager of a television show called Information Matrix. Mayor Serra stated the Borough has been recognized as “a community on the rise” and the production company has an interest in conducting an interview for an upcoming program. Mayor Serra stated he is uncertain as to whether he will follow up on this request, however he felt it was inspiring that our small town is being considered for this film.

Mary Beth Morton will be sponsoring a cancer benefit again this year to be held on March 9, 2019 at the Elks Lodge at 7:00pm and tickets are \$50.00 per person. Mayor Serra added that Ms. Morton has raised approximately \$600,000.00 over the past twenty years for this benefit.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman Jaconetta to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:45PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED BY:

**ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**MICHAEL SERRA
MAYOR**

February 27, 2019