

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The following are the Minutes of the March 13 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 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, Kelly Miller, Borough Administrator, Kevin Boyle and Borough Clerk, Elizabeth Brandsness.

MAYOR PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES:

Presentation - Girl Scouts/Paulette Brauch

Mayor Serra acknowledged Girl Scout Week and presented a plaque to Paulette Brauch in recognition for her many years of service and leadership within the Girl Scout organization.

Presentation – Willow Fields Improvement Project

Borough Administrator Kevin Boyle addressed Resolution 19-78 “Authorizing the Submission of Application for Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Willow Field Improvement Project”.

Mr. Boyle stated the baseball and softball organizations have approached the Governing Body and expressed the need for improvements and relocations of the fields. Mr. Boyle stated the Willow Field project has been discussed through a number of local organizations, Open Space Committee and has had input from the community.

Mr. Boyle stated the Grant Application is being applied for Improvements and Relocation with construction cost of \$332,000.00 in which the county will be asked to fund \$250,000.00, and after a new referendum the Borough will fund \$82,000.00, from the Open Space Trust Fund. Mr. Boyle noted future improvements will consist of a playground and a walkway surrounding the entire complex.

Mr. Boyle stated there will be various permits needed involving the DEP, EPA and the County and the Borough has notified residents within 200 feet of the project. Mr. Boyle concluded the Borough will not take any additional properties and the next step would be to open the project up for the public hearing, and proceed forward with a resolution.

Mayor Serra stated the Council has been asked to make improvements to Willow Field and is in agreement with the request. Mayor Serra stated the Borough will work on the funding of the project through Grants, County Open Space and Borough Open Space trust funds. Mayor Serra stated these improvements will benefit the entire community by addressing baseball and softball fields as well as improving traffic flow. Mayor Serra stated this project will provide additional activities by adding a tot lot playground area and walkway surrounding the complex.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR RESOLUTION 19-78 “Authorizing the Submission of Application for Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Willow Field Improvement Project”:

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

RANDY HINTON – Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton stated as a member serving on the Open Space Committee he would like an explanation of the language used in the announcement placed in the newspaper regarding the Willow Field application.

Mr. Boyle provided an explanation stating the Resolution is on the Agenda for tonight's meeting and if there is an abundance of public concern the resolution may not be passed.

Mr. Hinton expressed his concern that the project will be in the flood way and not the floodplain and questioned the reasoning behind this decision to improve the Willow Field land.

Mayor Serra stated the trees that are there now are not accommodating in aiding to alleviate flooding and will be replaced with trees that have a healthier water absorption rate.

Councilman DeLine stated the replacement of trees is under the advice of the engineer.

Mr. Boyle stated the choice to improve Willow Field was the most logical decision due to the fact the availability of land is limited to issues related to development of ball fields.

Mayor Serra stated the Engineer advised the Borough the trees currently there are not helping during a flood event and by replacing these trees with a different type of tree will result in the increase in absorption of water and significantly slow down water flow during flood occurrences.

Mr. Hinton acknowledged the planting of 75 new trees and a reconstruction of the area would help the situation during a flood event.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Jaconetta to close the Meeting for public comments for Resolution 19-78. All voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

GREGORY COCKEFAIR, Albert Street

Mr. Cockefair commented on his experience as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Mr. Cockefair again expressed his fondness for the town of Pompton Lakes.

RICHIE LOMBARDO, Schuyler Avenue

Mr. Lombardo questioned whether the town planned to change the zoning within the DuPont site along with the relocation of the DPW and the Recycling Center to the DuPont site. Mayor Serra responded and stated the current zoning in question is outdated and modifications to the zoning are being considered. Mayor Serra stated the existing DPW garage building is in need of repairs and the garage is located in a flood area. Mayor Serra noted the DuPont area would offer additional space but only a small percentage of the area land is usable and the remainder of the land on the site would be preserved and not developed. Mr. Lombardo expressed his opposition with relocating the DPW facilities and health concerns for the employees within the DPW. Mayor Serra assured Mr. Lombardo prior to any decision for a use for the land the lead agencies, the EPA and the DEP would need to address and mitigate the contamination on the site and residential housing would not be permitted on the site.

HELEN MARTENS, White Way

Ms. Martens commented on the rezoning of DuPont Property and relocation of the DPW and Recycling Center to the DuPont site and stated such a move would create additional noise and

pollution to the area. Ms. Martens went on to say the area has chemical seepage emerging from underground and opposes industry in the area and should remain open space.

Mayor Serra replied and disputed Ms. Marten's remarks regarding chemical seepage as incorrect and misleading to the public. Mayor Serra stated the DEP and the EPA have indicated there is no seepage running off the property. Ms. Martens voiced her concerns with the clean-up process to which Mayor Serra advised Ms. Martens to speak with the EPA.

Ms. Martens stated many of the roadways in the Borough are in poor condition and in need of maintenance. Mayor Serra stated within the Budget, funds were allocated for roadways deemed in need of maintenance and repairs. Mayor Serra further stated a meeting has been scheduled with the Chairman for the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholder and he would address the deteriorating County roadways along with ownership of roadways. Mayor Serra stated Lakeside Avenue Bridge the Jefferson Avenue Bridge are scheduled to be repaved.

Ms. Martens questioned the number of units and the parking arrangements for the apartment complex that is under construction at the corner of Colfax Avenue. Mayor Serra replied and stated the building will consist of fifty-two apartment units and parking has been addressed during the planning process. Mayor Serra stated as redevelopment projects progress and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) programs are agreed upon the Borough would then generate additional funds in an effort to stabilize taxes.

MICHELLE BELFIORE, Cedar Street

Ms. Belfiore commented on her profession as a local realtor and on the construction of the apartment building on Colfax Avenue and stated she has done extensive research and determined there is a need for housing. Ms. Belfiore believes the Borough needs to move forward with the redevelopment of the downtown area and provide options for housing and local commerce that would entice new residents and businesses. Mayor Serra agreed with Ms. Belfiore and stated the intent with moving redevelopment along is to make Pompton Lakes a thriving community while attracting new businesses along with keeping its charm.

SANDRO MANCINI, Durham Street

Mr. Mancini also commented on the rezoning for the DuPont property and questioned the tax revenue generated from the property. Mayor Serra provided an explanation for the tax assessment and revenue collected for the DuPont site. Mr. Mancini also was opposed to relocating the DPW to the DuPont site and voiced his concerns with health issues for the employees. Mayor Serra once again provided response and stated the present DPW building is in need of renovations and the repairs would be costly. Mayor Serra also stated shared services and redevelopment within the community would help with advancing the Borough and offsetting taxes.

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton commented on County and Borough roadways and stated the roadway near Ms. Marten's home, in need of repair, is a Borough road. Mayor Serra stated he would have Councilman Jaconetta contact the DPW to repair the potholes. Mayor Serra stated he would speak with the Freeholders regarding the maintenance and plowing of roads that are being split between the County and the Borough.

Mr. Hinton requested an explanation for the assessment and collection for taxes on the A&P property; Mayor Serra replied the property does not have a PILOT program. Mayor Serra stated the owner for the A&P complex successfully appealed the taxes for the property. Mr. Boyle stated the appeal amount was significant and impacted the tax points.

Mr. Hinton inquired on the engineer hired to evaluate the roads within the Borough. Mr. Boyle responded and stated the Borough Engineer has inspected roadways in the south end of the Borough and the inspection for the north end is forthcoming.

AL EVANGELISTA, Ringwood Court

Mr. Evangelista provided some clarification as to determining ownership for roadways and stated County roads connect with other County roads and State roads. Mr. Evangelista suggested the County maintain the entire length of Colfax Avenue and the Borough maintain County roads that do not have much wear and tear or depreciation.

Councilman Baig also remarked on the ownership for roadways and stated past agreements offered by the County for Cannonball Road did not move forward.

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

MINUTES:

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion.

BILL LISTS:

Current Fund	\$ 424,198.18
Capital Fund	\$ 8,481.63
Recreation Trust	\$ -0-
Unemployment	\$ -0-
Dog Trust Account	\$ 150.00
Other Trust Account	\$ 5,867.50
Clerk's Account	\$ -0-
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-

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

PETITIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Council Members Required Resolution 19-78 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 19-78 for individual action from that Agenda,

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

1. Resolution 19-78 Authorizing The Submission Of Application For Passaic County Open Space And Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Willow Field Improvement Project
2. Resolution 19-79 Authorizing A Contract For The Acquisition Of Goods Or Services Pursuant To NJSA 19:44A-20.4 And/Or NJSA 19:44A-20.5 And Pursuant To NJSA 40A:11-4.1(h) With Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.

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

RESOLUTION 19-79

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the procurement of goods or services for the Borough of Pompton Lakes from Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Pompton Lakes desires to enter into contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 and/or NJSA 19:44A-20.5 and NJSA 40A:11-4.1(h); and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be February 27, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in compliance with law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 27th day of February, 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough is authorized to engage Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. for the purpose of providing for Police Department labor related matters.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.

Said Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. shall be engaged pursuant to contract to be entered by and between Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. and the Borough and for such periods of time as permitted by law and for such compensation as agreed.

This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered by members of recognized professions.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Suburban Trends by the Borough Clerk as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage and a true copy of same shall be available for inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

A copy of the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Certification of Value shall be filed with this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

SEPARATE ACTION RESOLUTIONS: None

RESOLUTION 19-78

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes are desirous of submitting an application for funding through the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund the Willow Fields Improvement Project.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Shared Services Act, such funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the Borough of Pompton Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council obtained public comment of the proposed application at meetings held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes do hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council certify the resolution for the application to be presented to the Passaic County Department of Planning.

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilman Venin to approve Resolution 19-78.

Councilman DeLine thanked Mr. Boyle for the presentation, along with the engineers and the Open Space Committee for all their efforts with this project as discussions on this project has been ongoing for over a year. Councilman DeLine requested the support of the Governing Body to approve the application for funding the improvements in Willow Field. Councilman Jaconetta agreed the project should be supported and move forward.

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

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES—FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:

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

ORDINANCE 19-12

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$600,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman DeLine to approve Ordinance No. 19-12 for Introduction.

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

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

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)

Mr. Boyle explained that Ordinance 19-11 is a procedural Ordinance to help with long term finances. Mr. Boyle stated the cap is 2 percent however this Ordinance will allow a 3.5 percent cap. Mr. Boyle added the cap bank is approximately one-half of a million dollars.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman Jaconetta to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-11. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to comment on Ordinance. 19-11.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Venin to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 19-11. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve Ordinance 19-11 for Final Adoption.

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

MAYOR SERRA

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- attended the cancer benefit sponsored by Ms. Morton and commended her success in raising funds
- the Emergency Awareness Seminar will be held on March 20, 2019 at 10:00am and 7:00pm and encouraged residents to attend
- CTO students attended the 7:00 meeting this evening to meet with their counterparts
- the Easter Egg hunt will be held on the tennis courts on April 14, 2019, the rain date is scheduled for April 20, 2019 beginning at 3:00pm
- the Elks Lodge is sponsoring a pasta dinner on March 23, 2019 from 6:00pm to 11:30pm featuring singer Tom Scala
- performed several weddings
- attended a Cub Scout Bridging Ceremony
- attended a benefit for Mallory's Army, a charitable organization that addresses bullying

COUNCILWOMAN REICHER:

Councilwoman Reicher reported on the following.

- attended a Redevelopment Planning session with several consultants and planners to discuss the progression of Redevelopment within the Borough.
- at the PRIDE meeting, Solitude Lake Management, offered a presentation regarding maintenance of the lake
- next year is the 125th Anniversary of the Borough and Valerie Call, Business Improvement District associate is planning some recognition events and requested some input from local committee and groups
- the Cardinal Café will be closing on March 28, 2019 and will move to their new café on Wanaque Avenue
- commented on an article regarding local cemeteries that appeared in the League of Municipalities magazine and shared the information with the Governing Body
- commented on the Jewish holiday Purim and presented the Governing Body and audience with a pastry called, Hamantaschen

Councilwoman Reicher requested one Closed Session on negotiations.

Mayor Serra informed the community that Passaic County has awarded a grant to Pompton Reformed Church to fund assistance for repairs for gravesites located in the cemetery.

COUNCILMAN VENIN:

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- also commented on the 125th Anniversary of Pompton Lakes and stated the Historic Commission has also been discussing ideas for the event
- congratulated and thanked Ms. Brauch for her leadership within the Girl Scout organization
- commented on obtaining AED defibrillators for the sports fields. Councilwoman Reicher stated Chilton Hospital has expressed an interest in providing defibrillators for local communities. Councilman Baig urged the need for coaches to be trained prior to acquiring defibrillators. Mr. Boyle also cautioned some concerns with liability and stated a program should be formulated prior to obtaining the defibrillators.
- the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a book sale on May 10 and 11, 2019 and they will be accepting donations on April 1 through April 30, 2019

COUNCILMAN BAIG:

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- the Prevention Coalition Coordinator, Ashley Lucyk, provided a presentation on vaping to High School students
- Prevention Coalition member Donna Andelora, shared her past experience with mental health and addiction with Congresswoman Sherrill and was invited by the Congresswoman to attend the Presidential State of the Union Address as her guest.
- the Prevention Coalition is in the process of planning two presentations; the first on marijuana, April 11, 2019 and the second, underage drinking, on May 16, 2019
- Luke Calamita was named a Merit Scholarship finalist
- Jim Cerrulo, Borough Auditor, presented the 2017-18 district audit report for the Board of Education and the report determined three minor corrections for the Board
- Dr. Przybylinski, High School Principal, Mr. Stephen Tarsitano and Mr. Michael Reardon, High School Teachers provided the results for a curriculum study and the use of google classroom in an effort to prepare students for careers and higher education.
- commented on the PLR First Aid Squad report for the month of February
- the Chamber of Commerce welcomes two new members; Bob the Tech Guy and Pompton Cardinal Cleaning
- free pancake breakfast at the Pompton Reformed Church on March 23, 2019 from 9am-12pm
- the Chamber of Commerce was thanked by St. Mary's Church for the donations made to the food pantry
- Ms. DiChristina, from Glo House Kids, commented on her business and a rewards program
- Michael Carelli is providing updates on the Chamber of Commerce website

Mayor Serra commented on Coalition Member, Donna Andelora's invitation by Congresswoman Sherrill to attend the State of the Union Address as her guest. Mayor Serra remarked that Ms. Andelora's, who lost a son to opioid addiction, made it her mission to educate and help families struggling with this addiction. Mayor Serra stated that he was impressed that Ms. Andelora was chosen on a national level to represent the community.

Mayor Serra attended the Fire Department's Ceremony and commented on Al Backus, member of the Pompton Lakes Volunteer Fire Department for sixty years, and one of the oldest active firemen in in the State.

COUNCILMAN DELINE:

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- during the Flood Advisory Board meeting the members discussed the Flood Plain Restoration Plan prepared by Rutgers University. The Board members agreed some revisions should be considered and forward the comments to Rutgers for approval.
- the Rain Garden Workshop will be held on March 16, 2019 at 12:00pm at the Civic Center. Councilman DeLine explained the functions for a rain garden and the positive impact it has on river levels.
- the first "family hike" will take place at 2:00pm on April 13, 2019 at Mount Hope Historical Park. Councilman DeLine stated the hike is geared towards families with young children.
- attended the Board of Education meeting and commented on the humanities discussion and the different pressures Generation Z and Millennials are confronted with. Councilman DeLine stated the new generation has different priorities than previous generations such as little interest in driving.
- commented on the economic aspect and importance of redevelopment. Councilman DeLine stated the vision of the Governing Body is for a thriving economic redevelopment area that supports local retail and businesses.

Mayor Serra stated prior to the Board of Education meeting there was a preview of the lighting at Lakeside Middle School Field. Mayor Serra advised residents the schedule for the field and when not in use there would be no lighting.

COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- also congratulated Paulette Brauch for her participation with the Girl Scouts
- the Board of Health is moving forward with the Stigma-Free Incentive program
- the Health Inspector provided random inspections with minimal complaints
- commented on the total volunteer hours for the Shade Tree Commission
- during the April 24, 2019 Council Meeting the Borough will celebrate Arbor Day with school children who will present their written essays
- the Shade Tree Commission wanted to thank the DPW for their assistance in the clean-up of a large fallen limb located on Schuyler Avenue. Councilman Jaconetta added that the tree will be placed on the removal list.
- attended “Coffee with the Council”
- the CTO mock Council Meeting will take place on March 25, 2019 at 7:00pm

Mayor Serra stated that first responders will be attending training for the Stigma Free Initiative program.

COUNCILWOMAN POLIDORI:

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- thanked Paulette Brauch for her service to the Girl Scout organization and congratulated her on the recognition this evening. Councilwoman Polidori said she appreciated her receiving this honor during Women’s History Month.
- also attended “Coffee with the Council” and reminded the community that the time has been changed to evening hours to accommodate more residents. The next “Coffee with the Council” will be held on April 8, 2019 from 5pm to 7pm at Starbucks.
- commented on Recreation Commission programs, including the Get Fit and Yoga clinics. All programs can be found on the Pompton Lakes Recreation Facebook page. Ms. Murphy, Recreation Director, is seeking volunteer positions; a director for the Pompton Lake family meet up, a volley ball instructor, volunteers for Pompton Day and an instructor for the tennis program. Applications for camp counselors are available at Borough Hall.
- Jennifer Kane had extended the “Souls 4 Soles” program through the first week of March and the final count for shoes collected was 1,142 pairs. Councilwoman Polidori thanked everyone for their participation.
- the Women’s Club will meet next Wednesday for the International Outreach Group and information can be found on the Pompton Lakes Women’s Club Facebook page
- thanked Ms. Morton for her hard work in sponsoring the cancer benefit dinner
- as a member Habitat for Humanity she commented on the current project building four units for veterans and seniors

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman Venin to approve request for Lakeside Middle School to close a portion of Lakeside Avenue (Lakeside Avenue from Van Avenue to Mandeville Street) for the 8th Grade Awards Ceremony scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019 (rain date Tuesday, June 18, 2019) from 6:15pm to 8:30pm and to make Van Avenue between Lakeside Avenue and Lenox Avenue a one-way street from 6:00-8:30pm (notify Police/Fire/First Aid). All voted in favor of the motion.

KELLY MILLER, Borough Attorney

Ms. Miller had no report.

KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- Spring 2019 Tree Planting - RFQ's Due 3/22/19
- JIF/MEL Excess Liability Offer - \$10,000,000 for \$2,245
- Millennium Strategies - February '19 Monthly Report
- Pond Hole Improvements - Final Concept Plan discussion of parking layout
- FEMA - Rejected '18 River Debris Removal
- Hamway vs. Borough BOA - POLP Policy to Cover Claims
- 2019 Distracted Driving Grant through the State - App Submitted
- Highlands O/S Grant - Under Review/App Due 4/30/19
- Electrical System Facility Bid - Due 4/12/19
- Passaic County Open Space Grant - App Due 3/15/19
- Northern Region ESC - IT Monthly Report Feb '19
- Montclair Ave Improvements Bid - Due 4/5/19 DOT project
- met with DOT – Railroad Crossing at Schuyler Avenue and a complete closure of the roadway beginning in early May for approximately five days
- the drainage system was installed at Summit Avenue and the road may be open shortly. Chief Agosto will notify Mr. Boyle.

Councilman Baig said he notified the First Aid Squad regarding the application for the Electrical System grant.

TABLED ITEMS: None

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton commented on the 6:30pm Special Meeting this evening and questioned the purpose of the meeting. Mayor Serra replied the meeting was for a presentation for a proposed mini park and a committee was organized to further explore the concept for a mini park.

Mr. Hinton stated Saddle River recently participated in a program to reduce the number of white tail deer that was approved by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Saddle River Governing Body.

AL EVANGELISTA, Emergency Management

Mr. Evangelista thanked the Mayor and Council for their service to the community and helping to keep the town safe. Mr. Evangelista said he is satisfied that the rivers have not overflowed their banks and believes it is due to the hard work of the Flood Advisory Board and the Shade Tree Commission, who he commended for their efforts in maintaining the trees in the Borough. Mr. Evangelista then noted that there were no power outages during the previous severe wind and rain storm.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: None

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION:

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman Jaconetta to adjourn into Closed Session at 9:11pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to NJSA 10:4-13 and 10: 4-12 that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes hold Closed Session on negotiations with an outside vendor. It is expected that the discussions undertaken in Closed Session on this date can be made public at the time official action is taken by the Mayor and Council to release same.

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman Jaconetta to open the Meeting at 9:20pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Serra stated negotiations with an outside vendor was discussed in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilman Venin to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:21PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

ATTEST: _____ **APPROVED BY:**

ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

MICHAEL SERRA
MAYOR

March 13, 2019