

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The following are the Minutes of the March 23, 2022 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 read the Open Public Meeting Law Statement of Compliance.

A Roll Call indicated the following members were present: Mayor Michael Serra, Council President Jennifer Polidori, Councilmen William Baig, Erik DeLine and Ekamon Venin, and Councilwoman Maria Kent. Councilman Bobby Cruz was excused.

Also present were Borough Attorney, Mark J. Semeraro, Borough Administrator, Kevin Boyle and Borough Clerk, Elizabeth Brandsness.

MAYOR PRESENTATION AND UPDATES:

RESOLUTION 22-126

APPOINTMENT OF PAULA COZZARELLI TO THE POSITION OF BOROUGH AMINISTRATOR START DATE MAY 9, 2022

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes have determined that there is a need to appoint a Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes finds and determines that Paula Cozzarelli meets and exceeds all qualification requirements for appointment to said position; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the governing body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes has determined that Paula Cozzarelli is qualified to serve as the Borough Administrator of the Borough of Pompton Lakes and will be able to perform the duties of Borough Administrator as delineated in Borough Code section 2-163.3; and

WHEREAS, Paula Cozzarelli's full-time position of Borough Administrator shall be for a one (1) year term beginning on May 9, 2022 and set to expire on December 31, 2022, at the subject to all applicable laws and reappointment in in accordance with the law at the 2023 reorganization meeting, at the annual salary of \$140,000.00, which shall be prorated accordingly for 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes that Paula Cozzarelli is hereby appointed Borough Administrator, beginning on May 9, 2022, for remaining portion of a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2022, subject to all applicable laws and subject to reappointment in accordance with the law, at the 2023 reorganization meeting , at the annual salary of \$140,000.00 which shall be prorated accordingly for calendar year 2022, in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment set forth in law and benefits schedule contained in her offer of employment letter and the Borough Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an offer letter governing the terms and conditions of Paula Cozzarelli's employment as aforesaid.

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman Baig to approve the appointment of Paula Cozzarelli to the position of Borough Administrator start date May 9, 2022.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Polidori, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes Councilman Baig, Yes Councilman Cruz, Excused, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilwoman Kent, Yes.

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilwoman Kent to open the Meeting for public comments. All voted in favor of the motion.

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton commented on plantings that were donated for *Katie Cole Park* and questioned if a letter had been sent acknowledging the donation. Councilwoman Kent responded and stated she would provide the information to Ms. Brandsness.

Mr. Hinton requested update on the Willow Field project. Mr. Boyle stated he would respond in his report.

Mr. Hinton commented on the adding of eggs; volunteers to address areas of concern. Questioned whether unused police vests or equipment could be donated to Ukraine; Councilman Baig to follow up. Received salary and wage resolution and noted increase in salaries for committee and commission secretaries. Mr. Hinton questioned whether there has been a determination for tax percentage for Board of Education.

ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN BERGEN, Denville

Assemblyman Brian Bergen introduced himself and commented on the recent redistricting in New Jersey. Assemblyman Bergen stated he would be representing Pompton Lakes and offered his support and assistance. Mayor Serra thanked him for stopping tonight and stated he looked forward to working with him.

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

MINUTES:

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Baig to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2022. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Baig to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2022. All voted in favor of the motion.

BILL LISTS: None

Current Fund	\$ 3,939,946.02
Capital Fund	\$ 62,070.34
Recreation Trust	\$ 183.00
Unemployment	\$ -0-
Dog Trust Account	\$ 229.80
Other Trust Account	\$ 5,159.49
Clerk's Account	\$ 300.00
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-

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

PETITIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

(No Council Members Required Any Resolutions 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 not desire to remove any Resolutions for individual action from that Agenda, and

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

1. Resolution 22-116 Authorizing Refund Of Tax Over Payment Block 9519 Lot 9
2. Resolution 22-117 Authorizing The Approval Of Pay Estimate #4 (Final) To Your Way Construction In Connection With The Colfax Avenue Improvements Project In The Amount Of \$7,874.58
3. Resolution 22-118 Award Of A Bid For Fire Department Equipment To Northeast Communications, Inc. Under State Contract A83898 In The Amount Of \$3,048.00
4. Resolution 22-119 Award Of A Bid For Fire Department Equipment To New Jersey Fire Equipment Company Under State Contract #20-Fleet-01124 In The Amount Of \$1,094.40
5. Resolution 22-120 Accepting The Resignation Of John Heinrich From The Pompton Lakes Department Of Public Works
6. Resolution 22-121 Appointment Of Kristin Wood To The Position Of Keyboarding Clerk 1/TACO With The Construction Department
7. Resolution 22-122 Award Of A Bid For Equipment For Bark Park To MRC Recreation Under ESCNJ 20/21-6 Co-Op Contract #65MCESCCPS In The Amount Of \$14,679.82
8. Resolution 22-123 Award Of A Bid For Emergency Traffic Light Repairs To Jen Electric, Inc. In The Amount Of \$513.00 Under Morris County Co-Op Contract #37
9. Resolution 22-124 Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk To Execute The First Amendment To Local Programming And Marketing Agent And Second Amendment To Assist Purchasing Agent With FST II Broadcasting Corporation For The Operation Of WGHT AM/FM
10. Resolution 22-125 Authorizing The Approval Of Pay Estimate #1 To A.B. Designs in connection with the Pompton Lakes Library Improvements In The Amount Of \$54,880.00

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

RESOLUTION 22-116

Pursuant to the facts as stated therein, I respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution:

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

BLOCK /LOT	NAME	AMOUNT		REASON
9519/9	Payable to:	\$4,139.62	4Q2021	1
	Corelogics Central	\$2,069.81	1Q2022	1
	Returns			
	For: Gray Joan			
	1329 Lincoln Ave			
	Pompton Lakes,			
	NJ 07442			
	Resolution Total	\$6,209.43		

RESOLUTION 22-117

WHEREAS, Your Way Construction was awarded the contract for the Colfax Avenue Improvements Project in the amount of \$402,281.11; and

WHEREAS, pay estimate #4 (Final) has been approved by Ferriero Engineering in the amount of \$7,874.58 retainer held to date; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available in Capital Budget Account #C-04-55-854-902

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves pay estimate #4 (Final) for Your Way Construction in the amount of \$7,874.58.

RESOLUTION 22-118

WHEREAS, the Borough Fire Department requested much needed equipment in the 2021 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Communications, Inc. has provided a quote under a New Jersey State Contract attached here to; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified funds for this equipment has been included in Capital Account #C-04-55-835-905.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes in the County of Passaic, that a bid be awarded to Northeast Communications, Inc. for Fire Department Equipment in the amount of \$3,048.00 under State Contract A83898.

RESOLUTION 22-119

WHEREAS, the Borough Fire Department requested much needed equipment in the 2021 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Fire Equipment Company has provided a quote under a New Jersey State Contract attached here to; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified funds for this equipment has been included in Capital Account #C-04-55-835-905.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes in the County of Passaic, that a bid be awarded to New Jersey Fire Equipment Company for Fire Department Equipment in the amount of \$1,094.40 under State Contract 20-FLEET-01124.

RESOLUTION 22-120

WHEREAS, John Heinrich notified the DPW Superintendent that he would be resigning from his position of Laborer #1 effective March 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, his formal letter dated March 4, 2022 is on file with the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that it hereby accepts this letter of resignation and thanks John for his service to the Borough and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

RESOLUTION 22-121

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy within the Construction Department the position of Keyboarding Clerk 1/TACO was advertised; and

WHEREAS, several candidates were interviewed by the Construction Official and Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Kristin Wood was chosen for the full-time position of Keyboarding Clerk 1/TACO at a starting salary of \$39,734.00 inclusive of stipends; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Sal Poli, Construction Official to confirm said recommended appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that Kristin Wood be hereby appointed to the full-time position of Keyboarding Clerk 1/TACO.

RESOLUTION 22-122

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes seeks to upgrade the Bark Park; and

WHEREAS, MRC Recreation was awarded the contract for such equipment under ESCNJ 20/21-6 co-op contract #65MCECCPS; and

WHEREAS, the treasurer has certified funds are available for said purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that a bid be awarded to MRC Recreation for equipment for Bark Park under ESCNJ 20/21-6 co-op contract #65MCECCPS in the amount of \$14,679.82.

RESOLUTION 22-123

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the Pompton Lakes Police Department requested service on the traffic lights at Wanaque and Ringwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Jen Electric, Inc. responded to make the necessary repairs; and

WHEREAS, the treasurer has certified funds are available in the current budget for said repairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that a bid be awarded to Jen Electric, Inc. for emergency traffic light repairs under Morris County co-op contract #37 in the amount of \$513.00.

RESOLUTION 22-124

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes entered into a Local Marketing Agreement and Asset Purchase Agreement with FST II Broadcasting Corporation on March 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of FST II Broadcasting Corporation to purchase WGHT AM/FM as outlined in the agreements during the 2022 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, amendments have been made to both agreements as it relates to the future sale of the station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute both amended agreements as recommended by David O'Neal, Esq. who represents the buyer in the matter and negotiated the same.

RESOLUTION 22-125

WHEREAS, A.B. Designs was awarded the contract for the Pompton Lakes Library Improvements in the amount of \$180,000; and

WHEREAS, pay estimate #1 has been approved by James P. Cutillo & Associates in the amount of \$54,880 for work completed to date; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available in Capital Budget account # C-04-55-855-904.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that it hereby approves pay estimate #1 for A.B. Designs in the amount of \$54,880.00

SEPARATE ACTION RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:

(Ordinances will be presented for second reading and final adoption on April 13, 2022)

ORDINANCE 22-10

ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 16-08, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Serra thanked the committee volunteers for their past assistance and stated for now the Technology and Innovation Committee is dissolved.

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilwoman Kent to approve Ordinance No. 22-10 for Introduction.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Polidori, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes Councilman Baig, Yes Councilman Cruz, Excused, Councilman DeLine, Yes. Councilwoman Kent, Yes.

ORDINANCE 22-11

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$995,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$890,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES 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. 22-11 for Introduction.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Polidori, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes Councilman Baig, Yes Councilman Cruz, Excused, Councilman DeLine, Yes. Councilwoman Kent, Yes.

Mr. Boyle commented on the Bond Ordinance and noted this Ordinance is a typical Bond Ordinance with appropriations under 1 million dollars. Mr. Boyle stated there are two major components to this Ordinance; new garbage truck at \$265,000, Pond Hole improvements at \$200,000 as well as river work at \$50,000 and Storm water River Work at \$50,000.

ORDINANCE 22-12

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$90,000.00 THEREFOR FROM MONEYS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilwoman Kent to approve Ordinance No. 22-12 for Introduction.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Polidori, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes Councilman Baig, Yes Councilman Cruz, Excused, Councilman DeLine, Yes. Councilwoman Kent, Yes.

Mr. Boyle stated the Ordinance provides for Capital Improvements within various departments and the Borough will not incur any debt. The appropriated \$90,000.00 will go towards improvements/equipment for the First Aid Squad, remediation of the A-1 Auto Body property, and other small projects.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

(This Ordinance has been advertised and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board)

ORDINANCE 22-08

ORDINANCE REVISING ORDINANCE 00-08, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A MUTUAL EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE 525 GROUP AND THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES, CLARIFYING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUTUAL EASEMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE TO CLARIFY THE MUTUAL EASEMENT BETWEEN THE 525 GROUP AND BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 525 WANAQUE AVENUE, BEARING LOT 10 AND 11 OF BLOCK 7400 ON THE BOROUGH'S OFFICIAL TAX MAP

Mr. Semeraro stated the Ordinance allows for the designation of parking spaces within the easement and the parameters within the joint parking lot do not change.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 22-08. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to make a comment.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman DeLine to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 22-08. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilwoman Polidori to approve Ordinance No. 22-08 for Final Adoption.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Polidori, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes Councilman Baig, Yes Councilman Cruz, Excused, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilwoman Kent, Yes.

ORDINANCE 22-09

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

Councilman DeLine stated Ordinance 22-09 allows and authorizes by Ordinance to increase the Budget to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman Baig to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 22-09. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to make a comment.

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman Venin to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 22-09. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to approve Ordinance No. 22-09 for Final Adoption.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Polidori, Yes, Councilman Venin, Yes Councilman Baig, Yes Councilman Cruz, Excused, Councilman DeLine, Yes, Councilwoman Kent, Yes.

MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA:

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- announced there would be a Vietnam Memorial Service scheduled for March 29, 2022 at 11:00am. Mayor Serra encouraged the public to attend the service.
- attended meetings for Planning and Zoning Boards
- to register a child for Summer Camp contact Karen Murphy or visit the Borough website for additional information. The Recreation Commission is in search of an Assistant Camp Director and Camp Counselors.
- thanked the VFW for allowing Recreation/Teen Center use of their building for a sponsored dance event. Mayor Serra stated the dance was well attended.
- attended a meeting with the parking consultant for the Pond Hole and signage, meter changes, and parking restrictions were discussed
- the Redevelopment project on Wanaque Avenue has completed demolition and a special Redevelopment Meeting is planned for March 28, 2022 to finalize the project. Mayor Serra provided a preliminary timeline for the project and stated the project is expected to take approximately one to one and a half years to complete.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POLIDORI:

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- thanked Ms. Cozzarelli for meeting with the Governing Body this evening and stated she is looking forward to working with her
- thanked Mr. Boyle for his service to the community. Councilwoman Polidori also thanked Mr. Boyle for his involvement in the *Bark Park* Resolution
- during the Open Space Meeting the Committee discussed the concept of Pacifico-Gallo Park and the play areas with the park. Councilwoman Polidori stated the inclusive equipment in play areas would make the park available for all levels of abilities.
- commented on the dance the Lakeside Middle School PTA sponsored and stated the children enjoyed the event. Councilwoman Polidori remarked many school activities have resumed and noted the importance of maintaining traditions.
- thanked the Recreation Committee for sponsoring an event she and her son attended
- looking forward to working with her counterpart for CTO Day

Mayor Serra commented on the Change of Town Officers (CTO) and stated students are provided the opportunity to assume the responsibilities for a day as Mayor and Council and hold a Mock Council Meeting. Mayor Serra stated in the past, the students were enthusiastic and made useful suggestions.

COUNCILMAN BAIG:

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) received a letter from Chemours regarding ground water classification. Mr. Wegele, MUA Superintendent, responded and advised Chemours the MUA has no plans to use the ground water listed on the map.
- the MUA received a letter from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the review of the Twin Lakes dam rehabilitation and stated the Agency approved the dam rehabilitation
- the water main break on Riveredge Drive has been repaired by the MUA
- the MUA lab manager completed the California State University program *Maintenance Of Waste Water Collection Systems*
- the Business Redevelopment Commission approved ten Tesla charging stations for the Lidl shopping center

Mayor Serra stated the charging stations available in the shopping center are not for Tesla vehicles. An additional twelve Tesla charging stations will be installed next to the four previously mounted; Tesla vehicles only.

COUNCILMAN CRUZ:

Councilman Cruz was excused.

COUNCILMAN DELINE:

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- thanked Ms. Cozzarelli for attending the Council Meeting this evening and for meeting with the Governing Body. Councilman DeLine also remarked on the hiring of Ms. Cozzarelli and stated she is a perfect fit for the Borough and looks forward to working with her.
- commented on CTO Day and is pleased the event will take place this year
- thanked Mr. Hinton and the Shade Tree Commission for their report. Anyone interested in having a town tree pruned, removed or planted should contact the Shade Tree Commission at shadetree@pomptonlakes-nj.gov
- the Shade Tree Commission completed their annual report for 2021 and the report was forwarded to the State. The Borough has been approved for Tree City USA consecutively for 14 years.
- the Arbor Day event is scheduled for April 27, 2022 Council Meeting

Mayor Serra questioned whether the planting of trees donated by Columbia Bank would be coordinated with the Shade Tree Commission. Councilman DeLine stated the trees near the south end trails should be replaced and the Shade Tree Commission would oversee the plantings.

- work on the Library expansion has resumed. The spring session *Story Time* registration began on March 14, 2022. For additional information contact the Library.
- the Library Board of Trustees discussed a program several area libraries have implemented. *Fine free library* which foregoes late fees on book returns. The Board of Trustees to review and consider the program.
- the Trails Maintenance Committee provided trails maintenance over the weekend and the next trail maintenance will take place on May 7, 2022 at 10:00am

COUNCILWOMAN KENT:

Councilwoman Kent reported on the following.

- the Department of Public Works will begin Spring clean-up for the North end of Town on April 7, 2022 and the South side of Town will begin on April 8, 2022
- the Department of Public Works will begin to address potholes as well as repairs to playground equipment

Mayor Serra stated fines would be issued to those residents who leave their trash cans out days prior to trash pickup.

- attended the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Awareness Seminar on March 16, 2022. Councilwoman Kent commended Mr. Evangelista for the Emergency Preparedness presentation he provided and urged residents to view the meeting on the Borough website or PLTV 77.
- thanked Councilwoman Polidori and Mr. Boyle for their hard work in acquiring the new playground equipment for Pacifico Gallo Park
- commented on the Teen Center dance held at the VFW and stated the children were grateful for the dance. Councilwoman Kent thanked the Recreation Commission for sponsoring the event. Special thanks to Joe Vagnotti for his DJ talents.
- the River Clean-up will be held on May 1, 2022. Volunteers under 18 years of age are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.
- the Borough is awaiting certification approval from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) before planting begins on Haroldson Place for the Habitat Restoration project.
- attended a zoom meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss bonding and purchases
- attended a zoom meeting sponsored by the NJDEP with regard to the hazardous algae bloom. She then commented on possible funding for lake treatment with a grant that will be offered in the near future
- welcomed Ms. Cozzarelli to the Borough as the new Administrator and stated she looks forward to working with her

- commented on Councilwoman Polidori's podcast celebrating *Women in Government* and thanked her for her statements
- looking forward to meeting with her counterpart for CTO Day
- advised Mr. Hinton she would make sure a thank you letter is sent to the donor of plantings for the *Katie Cole Park*. Councilwoman Kent thanked Mr. Hinton for overseeing the removal of trees at the train station and stated the Borough owns a small piece of this property and nothing will be able to be planted in this area.

Mayor Serra also commented on the presentation provided by Mr. Evangelista and stated the Emergency Awareness seminar was very informative and urged residents to view it on the Borough website.

COUNCILMAN VENIN:

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- congratulated Ms. Cozzarelli on her appointment as Administrator and looks forward to working with her
- commented on Trails Maintenance this past weekend and thanked Mr. Hoffman and employees from Colombia Bank for volunteering
- advised Mr. Boyle he had been notified by residents the bridge at 122 Hamburg Turnpike was deteriorating. Mr. Boyle advised Council the bridge is a County bridge. Councilman Venin stated he would provide Mr. Boyle with photos.
- looking forward to working with the CTO counterparts
- the Pompton Reformed Church is sponsoring a free community dinner beginning on March 24, 2022 at 5:00pm

Mayor Serra stated the County has been repairing the footbridges located at West Lenox Avenue and at Hershfield Park.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

MARK J. SEMERARO, Borough Attorney

Mr. Semeraro reported on the following.

- welcomed Ms. Cozzarelli to the Borough
- commented on the State mandates and limitations for charging stations to assure they are located appropriately. Mr. Semeraro further advised all new parking areas would be subject to the new mandates for charging stations.

KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- PD Monthly Report - February 2022
- PC Open Space Grant Application - Amended Request
- Pacifico Gallo Park - New Playground Equipment \$124,987.00 upgrades will continue for Borough Parks- the next would be Hershfield Park. The Governing Body would need to approve the use of Open Space funds to pay for park improvements. Mayor Serra took a poll and all agreed to use the Open Space funds for the parks.
- 2023 Bond Sale - June 1, 2022 - \$7,110,000.00
- Capital Projects – Update
- Pond Hole project is moving along- final paving and striping will be completed sometime at the end of May
- Phase 1 on Lincoln Ave – week of April 4, 2022 – concrete work and drainage –then paving end of April to the beginning of May
- Library contractor- continuing bathroom project – completed by June
- as part of the Capital Ordinance – inlets project –part of the storm water system- \$40,000.00
- Willow Field - in DEP review- after receiving permit – out to bid

- Howard Street project – part of the Capital Improvement budget
- PSE&G - pipe replacement- waiting for response

Mayor Serra stated as of this time, no schedule has been provided by PSE&G as to when they will begin to excavate the streets to replace the lines. Mr. Boyle stated as of now, the only street scheduled to have lines replaced is Glen Court.

Mayor Serra questioned if the depression on Ringwood Avenue and Hamburg Turnpike is scheduled to be repaired. Mr. Boyle stated he believed the County would be paving the area from curb to curb.

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton informed the Governing Body the tree service hired by Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L) will be removing trees from certain power lines in the Borough. The tree service will not be removing the wood or provide stump grinding.

Mr. Hinton commented - trout season begins and the regulations when working in rivers, 2% limit for increase in Borough Committee and Commission secretaries; Mayor Serra responded the increase is not subject to this limitation.

Mr. Hinton requested additional information for improvements to the First Aid Squad. Mr. Boyle replied and stated communication equipment will be purchased for the First Aid Squad. Mr. Hinton stated the Department of Public Works (DPW) Garage is in need of repairs. Mayor Serra explained the long term plan is to move the DPW Garage to the Chemours/DuPont property after the property has been mitigated. Mayor Serra stated the DPW Garage is currently located in a flood zone and at this time, there are no plans to reconstruct a garage at the current location.

Mr. Hinton stated the three trees located at the library would be removed after the Cherry Tree blossoms fall; recommended planting the Salem Oak. Mayor Serra replied residents would also like flowering trees.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilwoman Polidori announced an upcoming panel discussion and stated Dr. Amoroso, School Superintendent, Pompton Lakes School Counselors, Passaic County professionals from family services, crisis management and youth counselors would participate in the event. The discussion would offer support for members of the community who are experiencing difficulty or are struggling post COVID. The event is scheduled for April 11, 2022 at the High School at 7:00pm. All adults are welcome to attend.

Mayor Serra announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 2, rain date April 3, 2022 at 2:00pm on the tennis courts.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman DeLine to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:54 PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**MICHAEL SERRA
MAYOR**

Dated: March 23, 2022