

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The following are the Minutes of the April 10, 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 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:**

#### **Presentation – Prevention Coalition / HAWC**

Mayor Serra began the presentation and provided some background for the Pompton Lakes High School Health and Wellness Coalition (HAWC) Club. Mayor Serra stated students who are members of the club promote the prevention for alcohol and substance abuse and their goal is to warn other students of the risks and consequences with underage drinking and drug-use.

Mayor Serra introduced the Pompton Lakes High School HAWC Advisor, Gineen Ricciardelli and requested she provide some additional comments for the Club. Ms. Ricciardelli stated the mission for the club is for high school students to sponsor prevention programs that educate and warn students of the dangers with alcohol and drug use. Ms. Ricciardelli commented on some of the projects and activities the club has engaged with and stated next year the HAWC Club plans on becoming more actively involved in the Stigma-Free Initiative.

Marya Neme, a high school student and a member of the HAWC Club, commented on the upcoming Passaic County Teen Leadership Conference and stated the event is sponsored by the Municipal Alliance for Prevention of Substance Abuse. Marya offered some insight into the Conference along with the Leadership Summit contest and stated HAWC Club members will submit a video that have prepared. Marya stated the objective of their video is to reduce alcohol and drug use along with mental health awareness; the Mayor and Council and the public viewed the 90 second video.

Mayor Serra stated the Borough received substantial grant funding for the Prevention Coalition and cautioned the public that no town/community is immune to drug and alcohol abuse.

#### **Proclamation / (Woman's Club) April Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month**

Mayor Serra invited Councilwomen Reicher and Polidori who are members of the Pompton Lakes Woman's Club along with club members from the audience to come forward and join him during the presentation. Both Councilwomen Reicher and Polidori read the Proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Pompton Lakes and April 5, as CASA Child Advocacy Day 2019.

Mayor Serra praised the Woman's Club and thanked them for everything they do for the community.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**HELENE ZABLOCKI, Butler Street**  
**LISA RIGGIOLA, Ryerson Road, Lincoln Park**  
**ED MEAKEM, Howard Street**  
**GEORGE POPOV, Colfax Avenue**  
**PETER CHAZOTTE, Woodlawn Avenue**  
**ANDREW KRINSLEY, Laurel Avenue**  
**RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue**  
**HELEN MARTENS, Whiteway**  
**MICHAEL KEOUGH, Ramapo Avenue**  
**JENNIFER SCHNAIDT, Orchard Street**  
**MRS. SCHNAIDT, Orchard Street**  
**KETA CURTIS, Ramapo Avenue**

The above-mentioned members of the public commented on the recent press conference held in Totowa that was arranged by the Attorney General and the Environmental Protection Agency. The press conference was coordinated in an effort to discuss further action for the contamination by DuPont/Chemours and the filing of a law suit by the State of NJ.

During the open session the above-mentioned members of the public expressed their dismay and strong opposition with Ordinance 19-13 “An Ordinance Amending, Deleting And Adding Certain Provisions Of The Borough Land Use Code Dealing With Zoning Changes For The DuPont (Chemours) Tract (Block 100 / Lots 3,6.01and 7)” that is on the Agenda for Introduction. The above-mentioned members of the public stated their concerns with the re-zoning of the tract of land and the impact that the ordinance may have on the lawsuit filed by the Attorney General.

The above-mentioned members of the public voiced opposition with changing from a residential zone to an industrial zone and believed by changing the zone the mitigation process would be less stringent and would not be cleaned to the same standards as residential. The above-mentioned members of the public also questioned the specific location of the area to be re-zoned and the permitted use for the land.

The above-mentioned members of the public expressed their frustration on how long the mitigation process has taken and the inactivity throughout the remediation process. The above-mentioned members of the public also commented on illnesses they believe are related to the contamination and the years of anguish they have endured. The above-mentioned members of the Public urged the Governing Body to seek an independent company to do a study as well as the hiring of an Environmental Attorney to further explore possible solutions for the contamination.

Mayor Serra responded and addressed the above-mentioned members of the public. Mayor Serra began by expressing his empathy for the suffering and frustration the issue has caused within the community. Mayor Serra went on to say the DuPont/Chemours contamination and mitigation process impacts not only the plume area, it impacts the entire town.

Mayor Serra commented on the scheduled press conference and stated he was not informed of the meeting and only became aware of the meeting after the Borough Administrator, Kevin Boyle was notified. Mayor Serra stated he reached out to the Department Of Environmental Protection and no further information regarding the press conference was provided, so therefore, he believed it would be in the best interest for the Borough to request the meeting be held in another location. Mayor Serra stated he, nor any member of the Governing Body, were extended an invitation for the press conference, although a select group from the public were in attendance. Mayor Serra expressed his disappointment and frustration with the planning and lack of information by the Attorney General and the Department of Environmental Protection officials regarding the press conference. Mayor Serra stated notification should have been extended to State and Town officials advising of the press conference.

Mayor Serra stated the State filed a lawsuit in an effort to seek natural resource damages under the NJ Spill Act. Mayor Serra noted the Act provides money to restore natural resources that have

been contaminated by a polluter. Mayor Serra commented on the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Funding and stated the funding is disbursed throughout the State of NJ. Mayor Serra stated the Borough adopted a Resolution for funding collected from DuPont/Chemours to be earmarked and disbursed in Pompton Lakes toward projects that restore and benefit our community.

Mayor Serra addressed the health issues and concerns expressed by the above-mentioned members of the public regarding the contamination by DuPont/Chemours. Mayor Serra stated he understood the concerns for health issues and offered some reassurance that a scientific study was done on health issues. The study compared Pompton Lakes to six surrounding communities and the data collected indicated Pompton Lakes fell within the normal range while some other communities showed higher levels compared to Pompton Lakes.

Mayor Serra stated the intent for Ordinance 19-13 is to comply with the Borough Master Plan. Mayor Serra explained the change proposed within the Ordinance provides a suitable use for the property once the land is mitigated. Mayor Serra assured the above-mentioned members of the public the intentions of the Governing Body was to re-zone the DuPont/Chemours tract to conform the use and not to impede on the standards for the cleanup. Mayor Serra stated the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Protection are the lead agencies that oversee and mandate the process for the remediation of the property.

Mayor Serra provided some input regarding ownership and zoning for the DuPont tract. Mayor Serra stated the property is owned by DuPont/Chemours and is currently zoned for residential usage and the proposed zone would be considered industrial usage. Councilman DeLine also provided insight as to how the property is zoned and gave an extensive explanation of how zones are designated. Councilman DeLine explained the different uses within each designation and stated the re-zoning of this area would be Hybrid Industrial and provided the usage.

Mayor Serra once again expressed his dismay by the lack of communication regarding the press conference and his frustration with being unable to represent his community and residents during the briefing. Mayor Serra pledged to continue to advocate for the entire community in regards to seeking the highest level of remediation for the contamination to the lead agencies, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Protection Agency who oversee the clean-up. Mayor Serra assured the above-mentioned members of the public the Governing Body agrees the property should be cleaned to the highest standards and that he will be meeting with the Attorney General and the Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner to further discuss the process and actions for the remediation process.

#### **ELMER EARL, Bartholf Avenue**

Mr. Earl commented with some concerns for the legalization of marijuana and questioned whether the Governing Body has taken a position for the legalization of marijuana. Mayor Serra responded and explained as of this time the Governing Body has not taken a position and no action will be taken until the State formally legalizes marijuana. Mayor Serra stated he personally opposes the sale of marijuana in the Borough.

#### **GREGORY & RUSSELL COCKEFAIR, Albert Street**

Mr. Gregory Cockefair thanked the Governing Body for all they have done for the community. Mr. Russell Cockefair commented on artwork and programs he and his brother have been involved with.

#### **RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue**

Mr. Hinton commented on Council Meetings for viewing on PLTV Channel 77 and stated the March 27, 2019 Council Meeting has not been included with the programming. Mr. Hinton questioned who maintains PLTV Channel 77 as presentations during meetings do not display on the screens when viewing the meetings through PLTV Channel 77.

Mayor Serra responded and stated he is working with Councilman Venin to address the issue for viewing presentation on PLTV Channel 77.

**BEN HORNER, Mountainside Avenue**

Mr. Horner questioned who owns a section of the roadway between DuPont Place and the entrance to the Highlands. Mr. Horner stated he was concerned because the roadway is never plowed or maintained. Mayor Serra stated he would have Mr. Boyle research who the owner is for this roadway.

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve the Special Budget Workshop Meeting of March 27, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilman DeLine voted present.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilman DeLine voted present.

**BILL LISTS:**

Current Fund	\$ 421,724.73
Capital Fund	\$ 1,058.00
Recreation Trust	\$ -0-
Unemployment	\$ -0-
Dog Trust Account	\$ -0-
Other Trust Account	\$ 1,051.25
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 19-96 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 19-96 for individual action from that Agenda,

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

1. Resolution 19-92 Authorizing A Contract For The Acquisition Of Goods Or Services Pursuant To NJSA 19:44A-20.4 And/Or NJSA 19:44A-20.5 With Melick-Tully & Associates, P.C.
2. Resolution 19-93 Authorizing A Contract For The Acquisition Of Goods Or Services Pursuant To NJSA 19:44A-20.4 And/Or NJSA 19:44A-20.5 With Mitchell Humphrey & Co.

3. Resolution 19-94 Authorizing Amended Work Hours For Administrative Office At Borough Hall
4. Resolution 19-95 Authorizing A Contract For The Acquisition Of Goods Or Services Pursuant To NJSA 19:44A-20.4 And/Or NJSA 19:44A-20.5 With Millennium Strategies, LLC
5. Resolution 19-96 Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk To Access, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement With Chemours Company, FC, LLC In Connection With The Installation Of Ground Water Monitoring Wells Points

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

### **RESOLUTION 19-92**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the procurement of goods or services for the Borough of Pompton Lakes from Melick-Tully & Associates, 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 Melick-Tully & Associates, P.C., pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 and/or NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified that the value of the contract will not exceed \$8,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract will be from April 10, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Melick-Tully & Associates, P.C. has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in compliance with law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby engage Melick-Tully & Associates, P.C. to perform a geophysical survey and subsurface investigation at 1524 Riveredge Drive (Block 9517 Lot 9), 11 Walnut Avenue (Block 10300 Lot 1), 2 Willow Avenue (Block 11300 Lot 17) in connection with the DEP project close out.

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute said proposal.

Said Melick-Tully & Associates, P.C. shall be engaged pursuant to contract to be entered by and between Melick-Tully & Associates, 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.

### **RESOLUTION 19-93**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the procurement of goods or services for the Borough of Pompton Lakes from Mitchell Humphrey & Co.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available in the 2018 Capital Budget for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Pompton Lakes desires to enter into contract with Mitchell Humphrey & Co., pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 and/or NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified that the value of the contract will not exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract will be from May 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitchell Humphrey & Co. has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in compliance with law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby engage Mitchell Humphrey & Co. to provide products and support for Building, Construction and Zoning Modules.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute said proposal.

Said Mitchell Humphrey & Co. shall be engaged pursuant to contract to be entered by and between Mitchell Humphrey & Co. 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.

#### **RESOLUTION 19-94**

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to provide residents the opportunity to conduct Borough business during summer hours, the Mayor and Council have approved an amended work schedule for Borough Hall staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has recommended Borough Hall be opened in accordance with the following schedule; and

Monday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 4:30pm
Thursday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 1:00 pm (no lunch hour for employees)

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has suggested this schedule commence on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 and run through Friday, August 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed work schedule has been presented to the Pompton Lakes Borough Employees Association (PLBEA);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes the proposed amended work schedule shall commence on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 and run through Friday, August 30, 2019 (Memorial Day to Labor Day). The office hours for all administrative departments will be as follows:

Monday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 1:00 pm (no lunch hour for employees)

### **RESOLUTION 19-95**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the procurement of goods or services for the Borough of Pompton Lakes from Millennium Strategies, LLC; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Pompton Lakes desires to enter into contract with Millennium Strategies, LLC pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 and/or NJSA 19:44A-20.5; 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 from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Millennium Strategies, LLC has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in compliance with law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough of Pompton Lakes is authorized to engage Millennium Strategies, LLC for the purpose of providing grant consultant services.

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with Millennium Strategies, LLC.

Said Millennium Strategies, LLC shall be engaged pursuant to contract to be entered by and between Millennium Strategies, LLC 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:****RESOLUTION 19-96**

**WHEREAS**, the N.J.D.E.P. has required Chemours to install two additional ground water monitoring wells; and

**WHEREAS**, Chemours has filed and received approval for a road opening permit by Paul Ferriero, Borough Engineer based on information submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, Chemours has provided the necessary insurance documents and has provided an Access, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for the benefit of the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

**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 the Access, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with Chemours Company, FC, LLC.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve Resolution 19-96.

## Discussion

Mr. Boyle stated the DEP requires Chemours to replace two monitoring wells in the Broadway area as the two wells were damaged during road repairs and construction.

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

**ORDINANCES:****INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES—FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:**

*(Ordinance will be presented for second reading and final adoption on April 24, 2019)*

**ORDINANCE 19-14**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND OCEAN LAKE REALTY, LLC FOR THE POMPTON LAKES TEEN CENTER**

Mr. Ragno stated the Ordinance provides for a three year lease with Ocean Lake Realty, LLC for the Pompton Lakes Teen Center.

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilwoman Reicher to approve Ordinance No. 19-14 for Introduction.

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

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION:**

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

**ORDINANCE 19-13 (To Be Carried)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, DELETING AND ADDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BOROUGH LAND USE CODE DEALING WITH ZONING CHANGES FOR THE DUPONT (CHEMOURS) TRACT (BLOCK 100 LOTS 3, 6.01 AND 7)**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Polidori to carry Ordinance No.19-13. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **MAYOR SERRA**

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- the Recreation Egg Hunt will be held on April 14, 2019 at 3:00pm at the tennis courts in Hershfield Park
- attended the Grand Opening for a real estate agency moving into the Borough
- participated in the Little League Parade and Ceremony
- attended the Stigma Free Initiative meeting; training will begin for first responders within the next few weeks. The goal is for individuals to identify mental health issues and to get proper support for those suffering.
- the Prevention Coalition is sponsoring a seminar to assist parents with talking to their children with regards to the use of marijuana and alcohol. Mayor Serra urged parents to attend programs sponsored by the Prevention Coalition.

### **COUNCILWOMAN REICHER:**

Councilwoman Reicher reported on the following.

- commented on the powerful video presentation by the HAWC Club. Councilwoman Reicher wished the HAWC Club well with their video entry into the Leadership Summit competition.
- recognized the Woman's Club for their service to the community
- acknowledged the radio station is broadcasting once again and congratulated the members of the new WGHT radio station
- the Ice Cream Station and Wendy's has provided ice cream coupons as an incentive to encourage children to wear helmets while riding their bikes. Councilwoman Reicher suggested in addition to police officers, crossing guards be permitted to distribute coupons to children wearing helmets. Councilwoman Reicher said she would contact Chief Agosto for his guidance.
- PRIDE is purchasing kayaks as prizes for the photo contest
- a photo with a brief description for the Borough Library was included in the League of Municipalities monthly magazine; Library recognized as an outstanding building.

Mayor Serra stated Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill toured Pompton Lakes in an effort to better understand our rivers, survey the operation of the flood gates and past flooding events. Mayor Serra thanked the Congresswoman for taking the time from her busy schedule to familiarize herself with Pompton Lakes. Mayor Serra stated Congresswoman Sherrill was receptive to the idea to have FEMA provide grants to fund and assist communities with stream and river maintenance.

Mayor Serra reported he recently met with Passaic County Freeholder, John Bartlett and stated they discussed the repaving of County roads entering the Borough of Pompton Lakes. Mayor Serra stated he advised Freeholder Bartlett of his dissatisfaction with the partial paving of the Lakeside Avenue Bridge. Mayor Serra stated Freeholder Barrett agreed to further address the matter.

Mayor Serra announced the Borough has been designated as Tree City USA for the 11th year. Mayor Serra thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their hard work.

### **COUNCILMAN DELINE:**

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- offered his condolences to Flood Advisory Corresponding Secretary, Pat Lenoy and family, for the loss of her husband, Charlie

- also met with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill and spoke about the need to reform the National Flood Insurance Program
- commented on the placement of the “Community Garden” along the Morris Canal Greenway and the concerns with the planned area from NJ Parks and Forestry. Mr. Boyle suggested locating the “Community Garden” near the First Aid Squad. The next meeting for the Community Garden Committee will be held on May 6, 2019 and those interested in becoming a member are welcome to attend the meeting.
- announced Mr. Shadiack, Lincoln School Principal and Nancy Sarnelli, High School math teacher, will be retiring at the end of the year. The Board of Education recognized the “Teachers of the Year.”
- John Yao will be replacing Tim Troast who will be vacating his position as a Board of Education Member.
- the “family hike” sponsored by the Trails Committee will be held on April 13, 2019 at 2:00pm at the Mount Hope Historical Park in Rockaway Township

### **COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:**

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- attended the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting for the real estate agency, Alexander Anderson located at 200 Wanaque Avenue
- participated in the Little League Parade and Ceremony
- the Shade Tree Commission secured it’s 11<sup>th</sup> Tree City USA designation. The Shade Tree Commission has provided approximately fifty volunteer service hours for the month of March. Fifty trees, including several at Veteran’s Park will be removed.
- there are fifteen trees scheduled to be planted, along with the one hundred trees the Borough received from the CSIP grant
- children from the elementary schools will be presenting their Arbor Day essays at the next Council Meeting

Mayor Serra announced that anyone interested in becoming a Shade Tree Commission member should contact him, Councilman Jaconetta or any shade tree member.

### **COUNCILWOMAN POLIDORI:**

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- thanked the members of the Prevention Coalition and HAWC for the presentation this evening
- commented on the increase in membership for the Woman’s Club and praised the members for their service. Councilwoman Polidori stated she is proud to be a member of the club and encouraged others to attend a meeting.
- participated in the Little League Parade and Ceremony
- attended Coffee with Council on April 8, 2019 along with other Councilmembers and Senator Corrado.
- also attended the Grand Opening of the Alexander Anderson Real Estate Agency
- advised residents to view the Recreation Commission Facebook page and website for activities and programs being offered
- the MUA will conduct the spring hydrant flushing program beginning April 22, 2019 from 12:00am-6:00am and reminded residents they may have a temporary drop in water pressure and experience discoloration of water.
- commented on the Prevention Coalition meeting on April 11, 2019 at the Library and encouraged parents to attend
- the website for the Pompton Lakes Education Foundation provides insight into events and schedules. The address is as follows – [pomptonlakesef.org](http://pomptonlakesef.org). Councilwoman Polidori acknowledged Ms. Gelok for the work she does for the foundation.
- commented on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade “marble maze” held at Lenox School and stated she was impressed by the program

Mayor Serra congratulated Gladys and Manny for reopening the Cardinal Café at a new location. Mayor Serra announced that the radio station is back on the air.

#### **COUNCILMAN VENIN:**

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- he and Councilman DeLine attended the Lakeside Boys and Girls Club after school program to discuss their public service, Coffee with a Council, and Cookies with a Council with elementary school children.
- the one thousand daffodils planted last year are starting to bloom along the Morris Canal Greenway

#### **COUNCILMAN BAIG:**

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- participated in the Little League Parade and Ceremony
- attended Coffee with Council
- commented on the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale First Aid Squad and the Fire Department reports for the month of March, 2019
- the drug prevention video was reviewed at the Prevention Coalition meeting on March 28, 2019 and will be submitted at the Leadership Summit on May 17, 2019
- the Prevention Coalition will be providing two upcoming presentations on April 11, 2019 at the High School Library and May 30, 2019 at Borough Hall
- the Pompton Lakes Prevention Coalition in conjunction with the youth coalition from Pompton Lakes High School, Health and Wellness Coalition (HAWC) will participate in a “Sticker Shock” campaign along with the Pompton Lakes Police Department. “Sticker Shock” is an underage drinking campaign that raises community awareness about the penalties of providing alcohol to minors through messages on bulk packages of alcohol.
- the Board of Education approved the contract with the teacher’s union for years 2018-2021
- a report on Instructional Technology was presented to the Board of Education. Councilman Baig stated each school has an Instructional Technology coach and the coaches are responsible for developing programs to help teachers infuse technology into the academic curriculum.
- commented on the Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA) State Leadership Conference; first place winners for Partnership with Business, first place winners for the Social Media Campaign and second place winners for Community Service.
- the Board of Education honored “Teachers of the Year” at the April 9, 2019 meeting

#### **JOSEPH RAGNO, Borough Attorney**

Mr. Ragno had no report.

#### **KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator**

- 2019 Click It or Ticket - application submitted for overtime for Police of the operation
- Highlands Plan Conformance - Public Hearing Dates & Plan
- MUA Hydrant Flushing - Starting 4/22/19
- Distracted Driver Grant - Application Denied
- Millennium Strategies - March Monthly Report
- Northern Region Educational Services Comm. - March Monthly Report
- 2020 P.C. Road Program - Road Submission by 4/15/19

- N.J. Historic Trust/Capital Grants - Under Review
- MCM JIF - Safety Incentive Award for 2018
- 2019 Elected Officials Seminar - May 1, 2019 Online Completion
- P.C. Tax Administrator's Letter - 2019 Prelim. Equalization Table
- P.C. CDBG Grant Renewal - Participation Response of 7/6/18

Councilwoman Reicher requested Mr. Boyle provide the status of the Summit Avenue project. Mr. Boyle replied and stated the project should be completed by the end of the week. Councilwoman Reicher questioned why there were several emergency boats on the lake. Mr. Boyle stated it was possibly drill night for the Fire Department.

**TABLED ITEMS: None**

**MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**HELÉNE ZABLOCKI, Butler Street**

Ms. Zablocki questioned whether the Borough uses the Record as the official town newspaper. Mayor Serra replied the Star Ledger and the Suburban Trends are the official newspapers.

**ED MEAKEM, Howard Street**

Mr. Meakem suggested prior to re-zoning the proposed area named in the Ordinance the Governing Body take into consideration the area once flooded during Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Serra explained the process for a change in land use and stated prior to changing the use of the property Borough officials will review the plan and provide their recommendation for the property designated to be re-zoned.

Mr. Meakem voiced his concerns regarding Howard Street stating there are curbing and potholes that need to be addressed. Mr. Meakem informed the Governing Body that his tax card indicates curbing however there is only curbing along the island and not along the street. Mr. Meakem informed the Governing Body there is no storm drain in the area of 61 Howard Street and therefore flooding occurs and he would like this to be addressed.

Mayor Serra informed Mr. Meakem his understanding is the DPW addressed the potholes using quarry process and agrees this needs to be addressed.

Mr. Meakem stated the DuPont Bridge continues to deteriorate and expressed his concerns for the safety of the bridge. Mr. Meakem stated heavy trucks travel across the bridge and requested weight limit signage be posted in a location visible to truck drivers prior to attempting to cross over the bridge.

Mayor Serra informed Mr. Meakem the Borough Engineer will do an inspection and evaluate the structure for the bridge.

**LISA RIGGIOLA, Ryerson Road, Lincoln Park**

Ms. Riggiola stated the curbing on Colfax Avenue between Lake Avenue and White Way is broken and crumbling and in need of maintenance. Mayor Serra informed Ms. Riggiola that two-thirds of the road will be repaved within the next few months and the remaining will be completed next year.

Ms. Riggiola read the Governing Body a brief statement expressing her concerns regarding the re-zoning and requested Council wait until the cleanup is completed before taking action on Ordinance 19-13 to re-zone the DuPont/Chemours property.

Ms. Riggiola commented her concerns for the debris field that is located in the south end of town. Mayor Serra stated the DEP has been notified of the debris field as it is located on their property and are responsible to remove it. Mayor Serra stated he would once again follow-up with the DEP.

Mayor Serra responded and stated the objective for the re-zoning of the DuPont/Chemours property is to adapt and conform to the Borough Master Plan.

**PETER CHAZOTTE, Woodlawn Avenue**

Mr. Chazotte questioned the process for adopting Ordinance 19-13; Mayor Serra replied the Ordinance would be a Second Reading and proper notification would be provided to the public.

**RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue**

Mr. Hinton questioned the adoption process for Ordinance 19-13. Mayor Serra stated any significant change to an ordinance would require a First Reading.

Mr. Hinton commented on the adding of the eggs and reported thirty-two eggs have been added. Mr. Hinton noted the process has been successful in controlling the number of geese in the Borough.

Mr. Hinton commented on the shade tree report and the number of trees to be planted and removed.

Mr. Hinton reported the Borough as well as surrounding communities have not experienced any destruction by the emerald ash boar. Mr. Hinton commented on the daffodils blooming along the Morris Canal Greenway and noted that daffodils and hyacinths will not be bothered by deer.

Mr. Hinton questioned whether the trees planted along the Greenway were insured as many have not survived. Councilman DeLine replied there is a replacement policy and the plantings will be replaced.

**MILLIE TORSIELLO, Midland Avenue**

Ms. Torsiello commented on a baby deer found on her property.

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:**

Mayor Serra commended the present Governing Body for their hard work, service and diligence to the community.

Councilman DeLine responded to comments made during the meeting. Councilman DeLine stated the Governing Body assesses the needs of the community prior to moving forward with a decision. Councilman DeLine also noted at times Council may not always agree on an issue and they consider their options and proceed accordingly. Councilman DeLine stated Council are elected officials charged with making decision that best serve the community.

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilman Jaconetta to Adjourn the Meeting at 10:02PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY:**

**ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**MICHAEL SERRA  
MAYOR**

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