

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The following are the Minutes of the September 25, 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 Deputy Borough Clerk, Kathy Troast.

MAYOR PRESENTATION: None

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

HELENE ZABLOCKI, Butler Street

Ms. Zablocki announced the Candidates Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters would be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Pompton Lakes High School. Ms. Zablocki provided the Governing Body with "A Citizen's Guide to Government" reference pamphlet.

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton, Shade Tree Commissioner, attended a conference warning the public of harm to trees by insects such as the emerald ash borer and the spotted lantern fly. Mr. Hinton commented on the excessive cost to treat the ash trees; Borough trees affected would be removed.

Mr. Hinton thanked Mayor Serra for attending the conference regarding deer and bear population disrupting the community.

Mr. Hinton commented on Resolution 19-184 Authorizing Approval of Estimate No. 6 In Connection with The Morris Canal Greenway Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail with Paving Materials and Contracting, LLC and requested clarification. Mayor Serra stated he would have this Resolution pulled for Separate Action.

Mayor Serra attended the Shade Tree Conference and would recommend the DPW attend the Conference next year. Mayor Serra stated the information provided during the Conference was extensive and beneficial for the community.

GREGORY COCKEFAIR, Albert Street

Mr. Cockefair commented on his participation in a play and assured Mayor Serra he would forward information regarding the time and date.

MARIA KENT, Glen Court

Ms. Kent invited the Governing Body to the Clean Community Program Annual River Clean Up sponsored by the Environmental Committee held on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at Hershfield Park at 11:00am. Ms. Kent stated the event is open to the community and noted the High School Environmental Club would also be attending.

RESIDENT, Broad Street

A Broad Street resident questioned if Mayor Serra had any information regarding the opening of a cement plant at the Tilcon location and voiced his concerns for the truck traffic on Broad Street. Mayor Serra replied and stated there are no plans for a cement plant at this time and that he has been assured Broad Street would not be used for truck traffic. The Broad Street Resident then inquired if the Borough provides Senior Tax Freeze programs. Mayor Serra responded and stated the Borough does not provide such a program however, the State does provide a senior tax freeze program. Mr. Boyle added the Tax Assessor would be able to provide more information.

Mayor Serra stated fifteen roads within the Borough including Broad Street will be resurfaced and proper emergency notifications along with letters prior to the construction will be sent to affected areas detailing the timeline. Mayor Serra stated the resurfacing should take approximately one week to complete weather permitting.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilwoman Polidori to close the Meeting for public comments. All voted in favor

MINUTES:

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Baig to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2019. All voted in favor of the motion.

BILL LISTS:

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilwoman Polidori to approve the following Bill Lists.

Current Fund	\$ 663,200.50
Capital Fund	\$ 407,511.03
Recreation Trust	\$ 367.88
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-
Clerk Trust	\$ -0-
Other Trust	\$ 6,686.93
Unemployment Trust	\$ -0-
Dog Trust	\$ 63.60
PLMAC #2	\$ -0-

All voted in favor of the motion.

PETITIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Council Members Required Resolution 19-184 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 19-184 for individual action from that Agenda

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

1. Resolution 19-180 Appointment Of Steven Hood To The Position Of Laborer 1 With The Department Of Public Works
2. Resolution 19-181 Authorizing Prevention Links, Inc. To Provide Professional Consulting Services Necessary To Support The Pompton Lakes Prevention Coalition From October 1, 2019 Through September 30, 2020
3. Resolution 19-182 Authorization For The Mayor And Clerk To Execute The FY 2020 Pompton Lakes Municipal Alliance Contract
4. Resolution 19-183 Award A Contract For The Marketing Of Aluminum Cans From The Borough’s Recycling Center To Rockaway For A One Year Period Effective October 1, 2019

5. Resolution 19-184 Authorizing Approval Of Estimate No. 6 In Connection With The Morris Canal Greenway Pedestrian And Bicycle Trail With Paving Materials And Contracting, LLC
6. Resolution 19-185 Authorizing The Adjustment To The Hourly Rate For Code Enforcement Inspectors On Retail Properties Along The Route 23 Corridor In The Borough Of Riverdale
7. Resolution 19-186 Resolution Amending Certain Towing Fees As Established By Resolution #19-62
8. Resolution 19-187 Appointing Part Time Telecommunication Officer For Employment In Pompton Lakes Police Department
9. Resolution 19-188 Authorizing Refund Of Other Lien Block 3500 Lot 15

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

RESOLUTION 19-180

WHEREAS, due to a number of vacancies within the Department of Public Works the position of Laborer 1 was advertised; and

WHEREAS, several candidates were interviewed by the Superintendent of Public Works and Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Steven Hood was chosen for the full-time position of Laborer 1 at a starting salary of \$28,734.00; and

WHEREAS, Steven Hood also possesses a Commercial Driver's License and therefore will receive differential when utilized as a truck driver as provided for in the current contract; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Daniel O'Rourke, Superintendent of Public Works 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 Steven Hood be hereby appointed to the full-time position of Laborer 1 with a CDL differential effective September 30, 2019.

RESOLUTION 19-181

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes Mayor and Council recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes Mayor and Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desires to utilize the services of Prevention Links, Inc. to support Pompton Lakes Prevention Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available for this purpose through the 2019-2020 Passaic County Municipal Alliance Grant, Federal DFC Grant and a cash match provided for in the 2019-2020 Budget and subsequent grant and Budget Allocations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES as follows:

1. An agreement with Prevention Links, Inc to provide consulting services in support of the Pompton Lakes Prevention Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$27,500.00 is approved and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

2. Said agreement was made without competitive bidding as a “Professional Services Contract” under the appropriate provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a).

3. The Municipal Clerk shall publish a copy of this Resolution in an official newspaper of the Borough of Pompton Lakes which notice shall provide that the Contract and Resolution are available for inspection in the office of the Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION 19-182

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic.

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 recognizes the following:

1. The Borough of Pompton Lakes Council has submitted a strategic plan for the Pompton Lakes Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) in the amount of:

DEDR	\$22,440.00
Cash Match	\$ 5,610.00
In-Kind	\$16,830.00

2. The Borough of Pompton Lakes Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

3. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the FY 2020 Pompton Lakes Municipal Alliance Contract.

RESOLUTION 19-183

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended the Borough examine other vendors for the marketing of aluminum cans from the Borough Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, the Borough solicited a request for proposals from area recycling vendors found on the approved list published by the N.J.D.E.P.; and

WHEREAS, Rockaway Recycling provided a proposal that included pickup, dump and return of our container with a rebate of \$0.40/lb or current market rate all fees included; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works and Borough Administrator that a contract be awarded to Rockaway Recycling for the acceptance and marketing of aluminum cans for the Borough Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, Rockaway Recycling has provided the necessary business registration certificate and affirmative action documentation as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that it hereby awards a one year contract to Rockaway Recycling for the acceptance and marketing of aluminum cans commencing October 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said contract.

RESOLUTION 19-185

WHEREAS, the Borough of Riverdale has approved a number of applications for improvements to Retail Properties along the Route 23 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, these applications were not included in the negotiations of the shared services contract for Construction Code Services; and

WHEREAS, this unforeseen additional work has impacted our current staff of part-time inspectors; and

WHEREAS, based upon the size and scope of current and future projects within the Route 23 Corridor in the Borough of Riverdale the hourly rate to provide inspections for all disciplines will be \$40.00 per hour which will be offset by the additional payment by the Borough of Riverdale per contract; and

WHEREAS, those positions are Construction Official, Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Fire Sub-Code Inspector.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes the \$40.00 per hour rate for Code Enforcement Inspectors on retail property along the Route 23 Corridor in the Borough of Riverdale.

RESOLUTION 19-186

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 following changes to the towing fees of the Borough are hereby adopted.

RECOVERY/WINCHING (In Addition to Towing – per truck including driver)

LIGHT/MEDIUM DUTY 10,001 – 16,000 lbs.	\$350.00 PER HOUR
HOUR	CHARGED IN ½
\$175.00	INCREMENTS OF
	PER ½ HOUR

LABOR – ALL LABOR MIN OF 1 HOUR

RECOVERY SUPERVISOR AND/OR LEVEL	\$225.00 PER HOUR
III RECOVERY SPECIALIST	*Charges limited to 1 per Incident

**NOTES: * AFTER THE FIRST HOUR, ALL HOURLY BILLABLE RATES WILL BE CHARGED IN HALF HOUR INCREMENTS.
CHARGES FOR ALL TRUCKS/RECOVERY EQUIPMENT ARE INCLUSINVE OF THE OPERATOR. YOU MAY NOT SEPARATELY CHARGE

FOR AN OPERATOR THAT DRIVES/OPERATES THE TRUCK/RECOVERY EQUIPMENT.

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

RESOLUTION 19-187

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint and employ a part time Telecommunication Officer in the Pompton Lakes Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Moises Agosto has recommended to the Borough Administrator the appointment of Eric Graham.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes that Eric Graham shall be and is hereby appointed to the position of part time Telecommunication Officer for the Borough of Pompton Lakes Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the hourly rate for the position of Telecommunication Officer shall be the hourly rate established for part-time public safety dispatcher in the PLBEA contract.

SEPARATE ACTION RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 19-184

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton lakes awarded the bid for the Morris Canal Greenway Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail to Paving Materials and Contracting, LLC on November 9, 2017 in the amount of \$263,290.50; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of H2M Associates and the Borough Administrator to approve estimate #6 in the amount of \$10,737.50 thereby closing out the project.

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 of estimate #6 in the amount of \$10,737.50.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Reicher to approve Resolution 19-184.

Discussion:

Mr. Boyle stated this is the final payment for the Greenway Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail project in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00. All voted in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:
(These ordinances have been advertised and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board)

ORDINANCE 19-22

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 2800, LOT 11 AND ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES WITH 9 HAMBURG URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, ET. SEQ.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Baig to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 19-22. All voted in favor of the motion.

PETER CHAZOTTE, Woodlawn Avenue

Mr. Chazotte questioned the duration of the contract to which Mayor Serra replied it is a thirty-year contract. Mr. Chazotte also questioned what the existing taxes are and what the future taxes would be on the property. Mr. Ragno replied that the finance agreement is available upon request for review in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Chazotte also questioned if the contract contains a clause regarding extra expenditures for schools. Mayor Serra replied and stated due to the fact the schools are made whole from the beginning through the Municipality and not through contractor payments the contract does not contain that particular clause.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Polidori to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 19-22.

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman Venin to approve Ordinance No. 19-22 for Final Adoption.

Mayor Serra added this is one of the smaller PILOTs that is moving forward located on the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale border.

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

MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA:

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- the High School is seeking to place learning disabled children over the age of eighteen into non-paying work positions near the school. Mayor Serra stated the work is a way to help the children obtain learning experiences in the workplace and any businesses in the Borough that are interested may contact the school.
- commented on the increasing deer population and how difficult the situation is to resolve within our small rural community and commented on the casualties they may produce such as automobile accidents. Mayor Serra stated he is hopeful that discussions have begun regarding the overabundance of deer in the entire county and he would support and encourage any programs within Passaic County to manage and address the growing deer population.
- commented on the successful Pompton Day and funds received will help to sponsor many recreation programs. Mayor Serra thanked the Recreation Committee, Pompton Day volunteers and residents who support the event including the DPW, CERT, the First Aid Squad and the Police and Fire Departments.
- attended the Zoning Board and Recycling meetings
- attended the Library Board meeting and commented on future changes that will help to improve the facility. Mayor Serra noted the historical significance the Library has in connection to the community.
- residents should be mindful of the new recycling modifications that are now developing. An employee will monitor recyclables brought in to the Recycling Center to assure all items are in conformance with the new recycling guidelines.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REICHER:

Councilwoman Reicher reported on the following.

- plastic bags are no longer accepted in the Recycling Center however there are several Trex boxes placed in various areas within Borough Hall and the community where the plastic bags can be discarded. Councilwoman Reicher expressed the importance of educating the public on recycling procedures and modifications that occur. Councilwoman Reicher stated education begins with the children and stated the Scouts and the PTA's could be an invaluable resource in getting the message out in regards to the Recycling program. Councilwoman Reicher expressed the importance of up to date literature available to the public as part of the educational campaign.

- thanked Ms. Zablocki for the “A Citizen’s Guide to Government” pamphlets and commented on the new vote by mail laws recently passed and hoped it would be adequately covered in the pamphlet.
- commented on a potential grant opportunity
- commented on upcoming events such as the annual Rotary Steaks and Chops, Fire Prevention Week, and the Chamber of Commerce Car Show
- commented on the misinformation realtors in the greater Northern New Jersey area have received regarding DuPont/Chemours contamination. Councilwoman Reicher, Mayor Serra and the EPA will meet with realtors from Passaic County on September 26, 2019 to share information.
- commented on the positive excitement generated from the Lakeside Commons Project that is quickly moving forward and also commented on the misinformation the community is receiving. Councilwoman Reicher suggested that the public convey any inquiries to Michael Fabrizio, Redevelopment Director to insure they receive accurate information concerning the project.
- commented on her concerns of the poor lighting at Babcock Place. Mayor Serra stated JCP&L has been notified and the Police Department has provided a survey of light poles that are out of order. Mayor Serra stated he would follow up with this matter.
- commented on the Jewish High Holidays and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year

Mayor Serra informed the public he and the Mayor of Wayne will be meeting with Congresswoman Sherrill next Friday to discuss the operation of the floodgates at the dam in Pompton Lakes.

COUNCILMAN BAIG:

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- the BID is seeking vendor prices for adjusting the street lights in the downtown area
- the replacement and trimming of trees in the Business District has been completed
- the “Unlock the Loot” contest was very successful
- the BID approved the purchase of fall decorations
- the Planning Board approved a Resolution designating the property occupied by Passaic County DPW that is in need of redevelopment. The County is planning to redevelop the property for veteran and senior housing.
- the Planning Board also approved a Resolution designating the block from Lenox Avenue to Babcock Place as a property in need of redevelopment

COUNCILMAN DELINE:

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- an Ordinance will be introduced next month regulating vape businesses and vapor devices. Mr. Ragno originally drafted a set fee of \$400.00 for the renewal of a vape license however, the Health Department suggests it remain at \$500.00 the same as the initial license fee. Mayor Serra asked that it remain at \$500.00 and stated the Board of Education is also addressing vaping issues in the schools.
- the Borough is working with Trans Options to raise safety awareness along Wanaque Avenue for drivers and pedestrians. A survey can be found on Facebook and the Borough website “Pompton Lakes Street Smart Pedestrian Survey.” An educational campaign will collect data to help determine how knowledgeable people are regarding pedestrian and driver rights and responsibilities.
- the Open Space Sub-Committee has outlined an improvement list for the Lakeside Avenue area. The Committee has recommended to the Governing Body to employ the Borough Engineer to develop a concept plan cost estimate for the improvements and then pursue Passaic County Open Space Grants.
- acknowledged the Pompton Lakes Police Department for their response to a 911 call involving teens. The incident started as a response to a 911 call and after being investigated ended up to be a friendly basketball challenge with the Police and teens.

COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- commented on Police Officers engaging with students on the soccer field. Councilman Jaconetta referred to this type of interaction as “Community Policing”.
- wanted to thank Police Dispatcher, Stephanie Phillippe and the Police Department for their assistance with training and establishing proper protocol using 911 calls at the Wanaque Reservoir
- thanked Mayor Serra for providing information regarding the updated recycling regulations

Mayor Serra stated anyone interested in signing up for the “no solicitor” list could do so in person at Borough Hall or sign up on the Borough website. Mayor Serra informed residents solicitors are provided with a “no solicitation” list and are not permitted to solicit these homes listed and if they do solicit at any of these homes and it is reported to the Police, there are fines and penalties that can be imposed. Mayor Serra reminded residents not to hesitate contacting the Police Department. Mayor Serra stated unfortunately the solicitors are protected under State law.

COUNCILMAN POLIDORI:

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- commented on “Back to School Night”
- the Elks Lodge will be sponsoring the annual “Soccer Shoot” on October 26, 2019 at Joe Grill Field
- the MUA fall hydrant flushing has been completed
- commented on Recreation programs including Get Fit, Yoga, Men’s Basketball, Walking Club, etc.
- Pompton Reformed Church is sponsoring a Fall Festival on October 19, 2019
- the Girl Scout Fall Festival will be held on October 20, 2019 along with the Halloween Hunt that evening
- Coffee with the Council will be held on October 7, and November 4, 2019

COUNCILMAN VENIN:

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- commented on his participation in the 9/11 Promise Run Team UPS
- the Historic Commission is continuing to plan for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Borough

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilwoman Reicher to approve July 25, 2020 as the 125th Anniversary Celebration date. All voted in favor of the motion.

- he and Councilwoman Polidori participated in PLRYO Corn Hole Tournament
- the Borough has received a grant from Citi Green for 3,000 daffodil bulbs that are tentatively scheduled to be planted on November 2, 2019

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

JOSEPH RAGNO, Borough Attorney

Mr. Ragno had no report.

KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- Pre-Con Minutes - Co-op Roadway Resurfacing
- Pre-Con Minutes - CDBG Curb Ramp Project
- N.J. Library Construction Bond - Grant Outline
- 2020 Budget-Requests Due 10/22/19
- Lt. Cichon - Appointed Captain by CSC 8/29/19
- Letter from MUA - Fall Hydrant Flushing 9/23

- 2020 Census - State & Local Tool Kit

Mayor Serra reminded residents that the United States Census workers who solicit do not have to abide by the “no solicitation” list.

Mayor Serra commented on the Borough’s paving program that will provide a list of roads rated from worst to best and a schedule of which roads will be paved. Mayor Serra reminded the public that there are County roads in the Borough that are the responsibility of the County, which include Colfax Avenue, Lakeside Avenue and Dawes Highway.

TABLED ITEMS: None

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

MICHAEL KEOUGH, Ramapo Avenue

Mr. Keough commented on the misinformation circulating regarding the Lakeside Commons apartment building and questioned the number of parking spaces available for the tenants. Mayor Serra responded there are fifty-two on site spaces, twelve in the Pond Hole and eight located on Lakeside Avenue. Mr. Keough questioned if he would be able to attend the realtors meeting in Passaic County as a member of the Realtors Association. Mayor Serra replied if he is in the Realtors system it is very likely he may be able to attend.

Mr. Keough stated he has been trying to recharge his fire extinguisher without success. Mr. Evangelista, OEM Coordinator, explained that the Fire Department has been advising the public it is more practical to replace it rather than recharging the extinguisher. Mr. Keough then commented on the Senior Tax Freeze and offered information regarding eligibility.

KEETE CURTIS, Ramapo Avenue

Ms. Curtis also commented on the source of misinformation regarding the Lakeside Commons apartment building. Ms. Curtis commented on her concerns for the cleanup of DuPont and stated she would like to see a thirty- year master plan regarding the property. Councilwoman Reicher responded and stated the EPA is present at Borough Hall every Thursday and the DEP are available once a month. Councilwoman Reicher stated the intent is for the community to speak to the representatives about their concerns.

Ms. Curtis requested that the Borough be proactive in the remediation process of the DuPont/Chemours property.

Mayor Serra informed Ms. Curtis the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) are the lead agencies responsible for the remediation process. Mayor Serra encouraged Ms. Curtis as well as the public to voice their concerns directly to the EPA and the NJDEP. Mayor Serra stated any questions can be addressed in a private setting and public concerns would have a greater impact.

GREGORY COCKEFAIR, Albert Street

Mr. Cockefair urged residents to visit the EPA and the DEP on Thursdays at Borough Hall.

RICHARD BRUMMEL, Wanaque Avenue

Mr. Brummel questioned if the Borough has considered hiring their own expert who would be solely responsible to Pompton Lakes regarding the DuPont/Chemours remediation. Mr. Brummel also questioned if the Borough is prepared to legally challenge the State agencies concerning this matter.

Mayor Serra informed Mr. Brummel the Borough had hired an environmental attorney however, through this action no results were accomplished. Mayor Serra reiterated that the EPA and the NJDEP are the experts in the remediation. Mr. Brummel expressed his concerns and stated the

Borough should not depend on the government agencies entirely. After further discussion, Mayor Serra replied that both agencies rely on the science of the remediation and that they are the trusted officials.

AL EVANGELISTA, Ringwood Avenue

Mr. Evangelista announced the Fire Prevention Open House will be held on October 7, 2019 which is also National Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Evangelista stated unfortunately this conflicts with the Rotary Steak and Chops event. Mr. Evangelista informed the public that adults and children are welcome.

Mr. Evangelista, speaking as OEM Coordinator, commented on the operation of the Pompton Lake Dam and stated the Dam is now properly calibrated and working optimally. Mr. Evangelista noted the flood gates are functioning successfully, which has left Pompton Lakes’ risk of flooding at a minimum. Mr. Evangelista acknowledged the Flood Advisory Board for surveilling the river levels and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Serra acknowledged the Borough, on many occasions, has been criticized for the flooding occurrences in downstream areas and area Mayors have asked to meet with Congresswoman Sherrill as well as the Army Corps of Engineers. Mayor Serra stated he also would like to be present at this meeting and extended an invitation to Mr. Evangelista, OEM Coordinator and Mr. Boyle, Borough Administrator.

Mr. Evangelista described the recent flooding in the area as flash flooding, which is not considered typical flooding. He would like to clarify this to the Army Corps of Engineers when they meet.

Mr. Evangelista offered suggestions for public recycling containers and would like residents to be educated on the recycling regulations. Mr. Evangelista remarked that JCP&L must be held accountable for any unlit streetlights. Mr. Evangelista also commented on the replacement of the light bulbs in the downtown area. Mayor Serra informed Mr. Evangelista the dimmed lights are being inspected this week.

Mr. Evangelista requested the Lakeside Commons Project not be referenced to as the “Salvation Army Complex” and be referenced as it actually is; “The Lakeside Commons” and that Mr. Fabrizio, Executive Director of Redevelopment, provide more information about the building.

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

Mayor Serra announced that a mobile New Jersey Motor Vehicle Department would be present at the DeLazier Memorial Field in Bloomingdale on September 28, 2019 from 12:00noon to 3:00pm for all motor vehicle services.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: None

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST: _____ **APPROVED:** _____
ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC **MICHAEL SERRA**
MUNICIPAL CLERK **MAYOR**

Dated: September 25, 2019