

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The following are the Minutes of the March 9, 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, Bobby Cruz, Erik DeLine and Ekamon Venin, and Councilwoman Maria Kent.

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

MAYOR PRESENTATION AND UPDATES: None

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET 2022

Resolution 22-113

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,000.00 FOR THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES FOR THE YEAR 2022

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman Venin to introduce the Special Improvement District Budget in the amount of \$285,000.00 for the year 2022.

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

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

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

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

The annexed statements of Revenues and Appropriations totaling \$285,000.00 shall constitute the year 2022 Budget for the Special Improvement District of the Borough of Pompton Lakes in the County of Passaic, New Jersey.

Clerk Read Notice:

Notice is hereby given Special Improvement District Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic on March 9, 2022 and advertised in the Suburban Trends.

A Public Hearing And Final Adoption For The Foregoing Special Improvement District Budget Will Be Held On Wednesday, April 13, 2022 At 7:30 P.M. In The Municipal Council Chambers, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of the Borough Clerk at the Municipal Building, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, Phone #973-835-0143 ext. 238 during the hours of 9:00A.M. to 4:30 P.M. or on the Borough's website – pomptonlakes-nj.gov.

Discussion

Mayor Serra explained Special Improvement Budget is funded by a special imposed tax for business/commercial owners in the Downtown District and stated homeowners are not subject to this tax.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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)

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Baig to Approve Ordinance No. 22-09 for Introduction.

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

2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Kent to introduce the 2022 Municipal Budget of the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

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

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2022; and

Be It Further Resolved that said budget be published in the Suburban Trends in the issue of March 13, 2022, and

The Governing Body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2022:

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2022	2021
1. Surplus	1,750,000.00	1,600,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,233,060.80	2,424,933.60
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	317,069.12	430,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	10,383,998.00	10,295,375.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	452,513.00	426,030.00
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Mun. Bud	10,836,511.00	14,621,405.00
Total General Revenues	15,136,640.92	19,076,338.60

Summary of Appropriations	2022 Budget	Final 2021 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	5,683,276.00	5,375,512.00
Other Expenses	6,263,863.92	6,654,725.60
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	1,321,381.00	1,337,086.00
3. Capital Improvements	180,000.00	180,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	898,120.00	849,015.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	790,000.00	780,000.00
Total General Appropriations	15,136,640.92	15,176,338.60
Total Number of Employees	83	83

Balance of Outstanding Debt		
	General	Water Utility
Interest Budgeted	113,120.00	
Principal Budgeted	785,000.00	
Outstanding Balance	10,542,900.00	

Clerk Read Notice:

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic on March 9, 2022 and advertised in the Suburban Trends.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on April 13, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2022 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of the Borough Clerk at the Municipal Building, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, Phone #973-835-0143 ext. 238 during the hours of 9:00A.M. to 4:30 P.M. or on the Borough's website – pomptonlakes-nj.gov.

Discussion

Mayor Serra stated he attended a Budget Meeting with the Finance Committee to review and discuss the proposed Municipal Budget. Mayor Serra stated the Municipal Budget would be Introduced tonight and further discussions would take place during the Council Meeting the Municipal Budget is scheduled for Adoption.

Councilman DeLine commented on the 2022 Municipal Budget and thanked Mr. Boyle and Council Members for their hard work in planning the 2022 Operations Budget. Councilman DeLine stated the 2021 Budget represented another year of reduction of net taxable values and made administration planning for the following year 2022 budget difficult. Councilman DeLine commented on the challenges faced when balancing the budget; additional increase in cost of pensions, health care and negotiated salaries. Councilman DeLine stated regardless of these challenges the Borough was able to maintain services to our residents and businesses. Councilman DeLine commented on the increase in tax and stated the result came in just under one (1) tax point, which is equivalent to \$27.90 per average assessed home in Pompton Lakes. Councilman DeLine stated he believes the Budget reflects a responsible administration, maintains Borough Operations and results in an accountable Budget that is mindful of our community.

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 alluded to the fact that he misspoke at a previous meeting and offered his apologies.

Mr. Hinton requested clarification regarding the use of the lake. Mayor Serra responded and stated that the Borough plans to install signage at the lake warning the public that *Activities On the Lake Are at Your Own Risk* as well as purchasing rescue tubing.

Mr. Hinton questioned whether there was an issue with PILOT payments that were due by Lakeside Commons Apartments. Mayor Serra responded and stated the firm hired by Lakeside Commons to audit the financials miscalculated the payments. Mayor Serra assured Mr. Hinton the issue has been resolved as a new company was hired by Lakeside Commons and the PILOT payments are current.

Mr. Hinton commented on the reconstruction of Cannonball Bridge and requested an update. Mayor Serra replied and stated the County agreed to assume ownership and replace Cannonball Bridge along with replacing the two footbridges located at West Lenox Avenue and Hershfield Park. Mayor Serra noted the Borough would be responsible for maintenance of the footbridges and the County would be responsible for Cannonball Bridge. Mayor Serra recommended the structure for the footbridge have large spans to go across the length of the footbridge without footings to help keep water flow moving through the rivers; County Engineer to follow up.

Mr. Boyle provided additional input and stated the Borough would be responsible for all costs associated with the design of Cannonball Bridge. Mayor Serra stated in the past identifiable

markers as to ownership were not posted on Cannonball Bridge and the bridge has been in need of repair.

Mr. Hinton inquired as to who would be responsible for the removal of snow on walkways on Dawes Highway and Riveredge Drive at *Katie Cole Park*. Mayor Serra stated the Borough would be responsible for the removal of snow. Councilwoman Kent also provided a response regarding the removal of snow at *Katie Cole Park* and stated walkways are not a priority during snow events. The Department of Public Works will remove snow from roadways and will address walkways within the 24-hour Ordinance requirements.

Mr. Hinton commented on a broken tree limb located near Lincoln School and crosswalk lines that need to be repainted. Mayor Serra stated the crosswalk lines would be painted when the weather warms.

DAVE ROWAN, Romain Avenue

Mr. Rowan stated some concerns with deer wandering in the streets especially on Ramapo Avenue. Mr. Rowan suggested signage be posted alerting of deer in the area. Mayor Serra stated he would not be in favor of posting signs but would refer to Council for their recommendations. Mr. Rowan further stated concerns with speeding on Ramapo to which Mayor Serra stated he would address this with the Police Department. Mr. Rowan commended the police for enforcing the speed limit on Colfax Avenue.

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

MINUTES:

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Polidori to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2022. All voted in favor of the motion.

BILL LISTS: None

Current Fund	\$
Capital Fund	\$
Recreation Trust	\$
Unemployment	\$
Dog Trust Account	\$
Other Trust Account	\$
Clerk’s Account	\$
Open Space Trust	\$

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 22-110 Accepting The Resignation Of Nexhip Sabani From The Pompton Lakes Police Department
2. Resolution 22-111 Authorizing Retainer Agreement For Cable Television Consulting Services With Francis X. Sheehan III In An Amount Not To Exceed \$4,000.00
3. Resolution 22-112 Authorizing The Cancellation Of General Capital Ordinances
4. Resolution 22-114 Extending Grace Period For Bid Bills

5. Resolution 22-115 Appointment Of Tricia Davis To The Position Of Police Records Clerk Assistant

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

RESOLUTION 22-110

WHEREAS, Nexhip Sabani notified Chief Clark that he would be resigning from his position of Police Dispatcher effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, his formal letter dated February 15, 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 Nexhip Sabani for his service to the Borough and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

RESOLUTION 22-111

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes requires cable television station management services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has contracted in the past with Tracey Lawrence of Graphic Detail, Inc. for the provision of cable television station management services and due to unforeseen circumstances the Borough Administrator recommends a contract with Francis X. Sheehan III for 2022; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose shall be provided in the 2022 Temporary Budget and in the 2022 Borough Budget, when finally adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute retainer agreement with Francis X. Sheehan III for the provision of cable television station management services, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00

RESOLUTION 22-112

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances on certain Ordinance appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #17-09 Various Capital Improvements with a remaining balance of \$99,014.88 be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Ordinance #17-09 Various Capital Improvements is hereby cancelled and the balance adjusted accordingly.

RESOLUTION 22-113

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

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

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

The annexed statements of Revenues and Appropriations totaling \$285,000.00 shall constitute the year 2022 Budget for the Special Improvement District of the Borough of Pompton Lakes in the County of Passaic, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes does hereby approve the annexed statements of Revenues and Appropriations for Introduction as the Special Improvement District budget for calendar year 2022.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION FOR THE FOREGOING SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 25 LENOX AVENUE, POMPTON LAKES, NEW JERSEY.

RESOLUTION 22-114

WHEREAS, the 2022 Business Improvement District Budget will be approved on April 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector requires time to prepare and mail tax bills; and

WHEREAS, State law requires the grace period to extend at least 25 days after the bills are postmarked.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the grace period for the April 1, 2022 BID Tax be extended to May 16, 2022.

RESOLUTION 22-115

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy within Police Records the position of Clerk Assistant was advertised; and

WHEREAS, several candidates were interviewed by Police Administration; and

WHEREAS, Tricia Davis was chosen for the part-time position of Police Records Clerk Assistant for \$16.89 per hour as noted in the current Pompton Lakes Borough Employee Association contract; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Police Chief Derek Clark 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 Tricia Davis be hereby appointed to the part-time position approximately 25 hours per week as the Police Records Clerk Assistant effective March 14, 2022, 2022 for \$16.89 per hour.

SEPARATE ACTION RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:
(Ordinance will be presented for second reading and final adoption on March 23, 2022)

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

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Baig to approve Ordinance No. 22-08 for Introduction.

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

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

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

ORDINANCE 22-07

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES AND REGULATING ROAD OPENING PERMITS (§ 13-2 and § 13-3)

Mayor Serra provided an explanation and stated Ordinance No. 22-07 amends Road Opening Permit fees to a more reasonable and affordable amount. The Ordinance will change the custodian of permits from the Municipal Clerk to the Construction Code Official.

Motion moved by Councilman Venin, second by Councilwoman Kent to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 22-07. 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 Cruz to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 22-07. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilwoman Kent to approve Ordinance No. 22-07 for Final Adoption.

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

MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA:

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- announced the Emergency Awareness Seminar will be held on March 16, 2022 at Borough Hall. Mayor Serra urged residents to attend the seminar especially new homeowners. The public will have access to the seminar on the website and PLTV 77.
- CTO Day is scheduled for April 13, 2022 at 6:45pm. The Governing Body will meet with counterparts on March 23, 2022 at 6:45pm.
- the Borough will be featured in a national magazine entitled *Business View*. The magazine will showcase Pompton Lakes as a reemerging town. The company will make contact with the Borough next week to conduct interviews. More information to follow.
- a Ceremony for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War will be held at Memorial Park on March 29, 2022 at 11:00am
- attended several meetings for the budget, personnel and bond council
- met with a potential developer to survey properties in the Borough
- the goal for Council is to keep taxes low without losing services. The Borough may see a \$24.00 increase in taxes on the average home which does not include the County and School portion.

Mayor Serra requested two Closed Sessions – one for Personnel and one for Attorney Client privilege.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT POLIDORI:

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- attended the Pompton Lakes Education Foundation (PLEF) meeting and thanked Ms. Gelok for her dedication and hard work
- commented on retirement letters from Ms. Kostro and Mr. Boyle and thanked both for their years of service
- requested clarification regarding the construction of the Cannonball Bridge and the fees associated with the project. Mr. Boyle provided a response and stated the Borough would be responsible for the design of the bridge and the County would pay for the construction

of the bridge. The County would also be responsible for reconstructing the two footbridges but the Borough would provide maintenance.

- the PTA and the Recreation Commission are sponsoring two events for the Middle School students. Councilwoman Polidori stated she is pleased several activities for students have resumed.

COUNCILMAN VENIN:

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- commented on International Woman's Day and stated he sees more diversity and gender equality in the work force

COUNCILMAN BAIG:

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- provided the Fire, Police and First Aid Squad reports for the month of February, 2022

COUNCILMAN CRUZ:

Councilman Cruz reported on the following.

Motion moved by Councilman Cruz, second by Councilwoman Polidori to approve request for Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Little League (PLRLL) to conduct the annual parade that leaves the Pompton Lakes High School parking lot and marches through the business district to the Joe Grill Little League complex near the south end of town for Opening Ceremonies scheduled for Saturday April 9, 2022 starting at 12pm. During the parade, the Police Department will temporarily close the route; portions of this route include county roads. (notify Police/Fire/First All in voted in favor of the motion.

- commented on the Lakeside Middle School students *Teen Night* to be held at the VFW on March 21, 2022 from 7-9pm for 6-8 grades. Councilman Cruz stated students are looking forward to the event.
- soccer programs begin on March 26, 2022 through May 21, 2022
- school prom dress collection - lightly used prom dresses can be donated and students may select dresses beginning on April 2, 2022
- the Borough will host a Cultural festival – celebrating diversity – more details to follow

COUNCILWOMAN KENT:

Councilwoman Kent reported on the following.

- property damage from snowplows should be reported to the Department of Public Works (DPW). Residents should also report potholes to the DPW.
- line striping for roadways will begin once weather permits - school areas will be a priority
- commented on the Habitat Restoration Work Plan provided by the Flood Advisory Board. Lauren Venin and Steve Florham coordinated a professional map for the repairing rights program to restore the habitats with 2,000 assorted plants. Volunteers will be needed to help with the plantings on May 1, 2022. At the end of April, a plan is in place for the removal of invasive species. Councilwoman Kent thanked Mr. Boyle for his assistance with attaining certification from the Borough Engineer for submission to the Department of Environmental Protection.
- New Jersey enacted the Cottage Law allowing home bakers to sell their products. Bakers must be certified and pay a fee to the State. Councilwoman Kent advised the public to use caution when buying products as there are no food inspection requirements by the State.
- attended a Budget Meeting/Presentation Municipal Budget via zoom and thanked the Finance Committee and Mr. Boyle

Mayor Serra provided an update for the number of COVID cases in the Borough and stated no new cases have been reported. Mayor Serra thanked the residents for taking the necessary precautions and adhering to COVID protocols.

COUNCILMAN DELINE:

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- commented on the Habitat Restoration Project and stated it will take place on April 23, 2022 at 10:00am and on April 24, 2022 at 2:00pm. The volunteers will be removing invasive species and on April 30 and May 1 at 10:00am the volunteers will be planting the riparian buffers.
- commented on Budget meetings he attended and thanked the Budget Committee and Borough Administrator
- participated in the interview process for an incoming Borough Administrator
- attended a Personnel Committee meeting that included the Police Chief regarding change in legislation
- Library book circulation and video borrowing is trending upward
- a long time employee of the Library will be retiring in the near future. All accumulated benefits will follow Borough policy.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

MARK J. SEMERARO, Borough Attorney

Mr. Semeraro commented on an Ordinance and stated three Ordinances will need to be drafted and he is awaiting further information from the developer's Engineer as to specific measurements and determination of signage placement. Mr. Semeraro stated he expects to obtain this information in a timely manner and anticipates the Ordinances will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- commented on Clerihew Lane and the ongoing issue as to ownership of property. Mr. Boyle stated the Borough does not have any ownership on Clerihew Lane and stated each of the properties on Clerihew Lane owns a piece of the land. It would be up to the owners to pay for a survey if they decide to move forward to address their issues.
- Passaic County to supply hand sanitizer and will be distributed to the Library, Schools, Municipal Departments and handouts on Pompton Day
- the Department of Environmental Protection filed a settlement letter regarding an encroachment to the river
- PSE&G and the Borough Engineer will be removing underground pipes in the Borough. Areas included in the project are Glen Court, Hamburg Turnpike and Ringwood Avenue in the proximity to the Pompton Reformed Church.

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Councilwoman Polidori stated she has arranged to pick up saplings for 3rd grade students. Councilwoman Polidori questioned whether a Salam Oak sapling could be ordered for the Borough. Mr. Hinton provided some background and stated acorns from a Salem Oak tree that was removed were saved and saplings will be distributed to communities throughout New Jersey.

Mr. Hinton stated the roadway at the end of Willard Street is sinking. Mayor Serra stated he has notified the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) and requested they inspect the area.

Mr. Hinton stated no trees posed an issue during the last storm. Mr. Hinton questioned notification for the Willow Field Project; Councilwoman Kent stated notice was provided by the Borough Engineer. Mr. Hinton requested employee salaries; Municipal Clerk to provide Salary Resolution. Mr. Hinton contacted North Jersey Railroad Supervisor, Tom Sheret

regarding tree removal on Cannonball Road; trees have been removed. Mr. Hinton questioned access for island located in Pompton Lake; Mayor Serra to follow up with Chief of Police.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilwoman Kent stated the project by PSE&G would require gas be shut off for approximately four hours; time and day of project was forthcoming. Ms. Brandsness to direct inquires to PSE&G.

Councilwoman Kent suggested Mayor Serra give the *Business View* company a tour of the rivers and trails. Mayor Serra responded and stated the company will visit and interview the Borough through zoom.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION:

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilwoman Polidori to adjourn into Closed Session at 8:40pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

Motion moved by Councilwoman Polidori, second by Councilman DeLine to open the Meeting at 9:16pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Serra stated Attorney Client Privilege and Personnel of a new employee and were discussed in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:17 PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**MICHAEL SERRA
MAYOR**

Dated: March 9, 2022