

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The following are the Minutes of the March 14, 2018 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, Councilmen William Baig, Christian Barranco, Erik DeLine, Frank Jaconetta and Ekamon Venin. Council President Terri Reicher was excused from the meeting.

Also present were Borough Attorney Joseph Ragno, Borough Administrator Kevin Boyle and Borough Clerk Elizabeth Brandsness.

### **MAYOR PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES:**

#### **MAYOR UPDATES:**

Mayor Serra commented on the recent Nor'easter storm and provided an update on the damage and power outages the Borough experienced. Mayor Serra thanked all those who responded during the snow event; first responders, DPW, and volunteers. Mayor Serra cautioned residents to only call 911 if it is an emergency and all other non-emergency calls accordingly. Mayor Serra stated he was in contact with JCP&L during the storm event.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

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

Mr. Hinton, Shade Tree member, acknowledged the DPW for their efforts during the recent storm with snow removal and clean-up of debris from fallen trees within the parks. Mr. Hinton also thanked Mr. Evangelista, Mr. Auteri and JCP&L for their assistance during the storm.

#### **ANNE TACINELLI, Lambert Street**

Ms. Tacinelli, Shade Tree Chairperson, commented on the number of hours Mr. Hinton provides for the Borough as a member of the Shade Tree Commission and requested a stipend as compensation. Mayor Serra agreed Mr. Hinton does much work for the town and stated other committees and commissions also offer service and assistance for the town. Mayor Serra advised Ms. Tacinelli that the Borough cannot compensate one person or group and not another and he will further discuss the matter with the Governing Body.

#### **GREGORY COCKEFAIR, Albert Street**

Mr. Cockefair commented on the initiative of the high school students and their involvement with CTO Day. Mayor Serra agreed with Mr. Cockefair and added these students are the future.

#### **HELENE ZABLOCKI, Butler Street**

Ms. Zablocki commented on the Budget and questioned if some items in the Summary of Appropriations in the Budget are fixed costs and if any item is discretionary. Mr. Boyle replied the items are not all fixed costs and additional information would be provided during the public hearing for the Budget. Mayor Serra stated the Budget Introduction was held this evening and the public hearing is scheduled for next month.

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to approve the Special Budget Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Barranco was excused.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Barranco was excused.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Barranco was excused.

**BILL LISTS:**

Current Fund	\$ 2,725,166.57
Capital Fund	\$ 3,808.43
Recreation Trust	\$ -0-
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-
Clerk Trust	\$ -0-
Other Trust	\$ 2,218.00
Unemployment Trust	\$ -0-
Dog Trust	\$ -0-
PLMAC #2	\$ -0-

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

**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,

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

1. Resolution 18-80 Resolution To Employ Part Time Crossing Guard
2. Resolution 18-81 Appointment Of Francis McMahon To The Position Of Laborer 1 With The Department Of Public Works
3. Resolution 18-82 Authorizing The Borough Of Pompton Lakes To Enter Into A Cooperative Pricing Agreement With The Educational Services Commission Of New Jersey
4. Resolution 18-83 Authorizing The Borough Of Pompton Lakes To Enter Into A Cooperative Pricing Agreement With The Hunderton County Educational Services Commission
5. Resolution 18-84 Authorizing The Borough Of Pompton Lakes To Enter Into A Cooperative Pricing Agreement With The County Of Bergen

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-80**

**WHEREAS**, the Business Administrator was advised by the Chief of Police that the Police Department is in need of part-time crossing guards; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has provided his recommendations for the position of part-time crossing guard; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended candidate has been interviewed, has undergone and passed a criminal background check and shall be medically screened and cleared by Chilton Occupational.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes that:

1. The following listed individual is employed as part-time crossing guard within the Pompton Lakes Police Department:

Ms. Carol A. Smith – Pompton Lakes

2. Compensation to be paid to all part-time crossing guards shall be in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and Communications Workers of America AFL-CIO;

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-81**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Francis McMahon was chosen for the full-time position of Laborer I at a starting salary of \$28,170.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis McMahon also possesses a Commercial Drivers License and therefore will receive a 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, Acting Interim 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 Francis McMahon be hereby appointed to the full-time position of Laborer I with a CDL differential.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-82**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, herein after referred to as the "Lead agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2018 the governing body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, has duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

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

- 1) The Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Pompton Lakes.
- 2) Pursuant to provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead agency.

- 3) The Lead agency shall be responsible for complying with provision of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A 11-1 et. seq.) and all other provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-83**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hurderton County Educational Services Commission, herein after referred to as the “Lead agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

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3. The Lead agency shall be responsible for complying with provision of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A 11-1 et. seq.) and all other provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-84**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen, herein after referred to as the “Lead agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2018 the governing body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, has duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

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- 3) The Lead agency shall be responsible for complying with provision of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A 11-1 et. seq.) and all other provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR SEPARATE ACTION: None**

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:**

*(Ordinance will be presented for second reading and final adoption on March 28, 2018)*

***INTRODUCTION OF THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET***

**ORDINANCE 18-09**

**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. 18-09 for Introduction

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

**BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2018; and

Be It Further Resolved that said budget be published in the Suburban Trends in the issue of March 18, 2018

The Governing Body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2018:

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2018	2017
<b>1. Surplus</b>	<b>961,000.00</b>	<b>850,000.00</b>
<b>2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	<b>2,027,171.64</b>	<b>2,022,552.40</b>
<b>3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>380,000.00</b>	<b>405,000.00</b>
<b>4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes</b>	<b>10,199,777.50</b>	<b>9,878,854.48</b>
<b>b) Addition to Local District School Tax</b>		
<b>c) Minimum Library Tax</b>	<b>390,529.00</b>	<b>373,529.00</b>
<b>Total Amt. to be Raised by Taxes for Sup of Mun. Bud</b>	<b>10,590,306.50</b>	<b>10,252,383.48</b>
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>13,958,478.14</b>	<b>13,529,935.88</b>

  

Summary of Appropriations	2018 Budget	Final 2017 Budget
<b>1. Operating Expenses: Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>5,198,575.00</b>	<b>4,948,166.00</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>5,774,003.64</b>	<b>5,649,398.40</b>
<b>2. Deferred Charges &amp; Other Appropriations</b>	<b>1,188,588.50</b>	<b>1,162,818.48</b>
<b>3. Capital Improvements</b>	<b>170,000.00</b>	<b>170,000.00</b>
<b>4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)</b>	<b>877,311.00</b>	<b>859,553.00</b>
<b>5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes</b>	<b>750,000.00</b>	<b>740,000.00</b>
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>13,958,478.14</b>	<b>13,529,935.88</b>
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>

Motion moved by Councilman Barranco, second by Councilman Baig to introduce the 2018 Municipal Budget of the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

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

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 14, 2018. A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 11, 2018 at 7:30PM at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be Presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION: None**  
*(These Ordinances have been advertised and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board)*

**MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA:**

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- commented on recent news articles that appeared in the Bergen Record regarding DuPont/Chemours contamination. Mayor Serra stated his disappointment with the content of the articles and the negative manner in which the town was portrayed.
- the committee for the 2018 Holiday Stroll have begun to plan the event and those interested in becoming involved with the planning should contact him or Borough Hall
- performed several weddings the last few weeks
- attended Budget Meetings and stated one concern during the discussion was to maintain and provide services for residents. Mayor Serra stated the importance of Redevelopment within the town is to offset costs and stabilize taxes.

**COUNCILWOMAN REICHER:**

Councilwoman Reicher was excused.

**COUNCILMAN VENIN:**

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- acknowledged the many volunteers of the community especially during the recent snowstorm
- commented on damage by the recent storm and the need to address and remove the fallen trees near the rivers
- assisted with the “drug take-back” plan and urged residents to take advantage of this program by using the drop box located in the Police Department. Councilman Venin advised the community to dispose of unused/expired medications accordingly.

Mayor Serra thanked Tilcon for their help and assistance with the removal of snow in the downtown area. Mayor Serra also thanked the MUA for their assistance with snow removal during the recent storm event.

Mayor Serra reminded the public of the Emergency Awareness Seminar scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 in Borough Hall.

**COUNCILMAN BAIG:**

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- commented on the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale First Aid Squad and the Fire Department reports for the month of February, 2018
- thanked the town volunteers for their help and assistance during the snowstorm
- provided information for the Emergency Awareness Seminar scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Dr. Przybylinski and the Art Department staff presented a curriculum report titled “Innovations in the Arts” and an increased student interest for the program. Councilman Baig stated the main goal of the program has been to increase technology in the arts.
- the Chamber of Commerce donated funds to St. Mary’s Food Pantry and to the Police Unity Tour
- the High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club notified the Chamber of Commerce regarding their anticipated involvement in various programs

**COUNCILMAN BARRANCO:**

Councilman Barranco stated the Elks have made the following request:

Motion moved by Councilman Barranco, second by Councilman Venin to approve Resolution 18-85.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-85****APPROVING BPOE #1895 ELKS CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AUGUST 29, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the BPOE #1895 Elks Carnival was given final approval by the Borough Council at the March 14, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

**WHEREAS**, the dates listed for the carnival are 8/29/18 to 9/2/18 - Borough Chapter 5-17.5H states carnivals shall only be conducted during the months of June, July & August.

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department are to be contacted for traffic meeting regarding traffic flow prior to the start of the carnival.

- requested the DPW clear Veterans Memorial Park of fallen branches and replace a sign so that it is prepared for the Memorial Day Services
- thanked all first responders for their assistance during the snowstorm

Mayor Serra reported the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a program titled “One Book, One Town” scheduled for April 1, 2018. Mayor Serra stated additional information is available on the Library website.

Mayor Serra reported Change of Town Officers (CTO) Day is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2018 and residents are invited to attend the meeting in the evening.

**COUNCILMAN DELINE:**

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- thanked the first responders for their response during the snowstorm
- the VFW has some new leadership and during the meeting the veterans shared their interest with participating in community activities aside from Pompton Day and Memorial Day
- commented on the process to obtain Sustainable New Jersey status and reported he met with Erin Blake to discuss the program and certification. Councilman DeLine stated the Borough has already pursued many of the necessary qualifications for obtaining the certification.
- the Board of Education will recognize “Teachers of the Year” on April 7, 2018
- the Lake Management Plan, the children’s art contest, Ordinance regarding boats on the lake, and quality of life on the lake was discussed at the Lake Restoration meeting
- thanked Councilman Venin for his participation in the “drug take-back” program and the importance of this resource

Mayor Serra commented on the frustration by residents with the lack of notification during the power outages and reminded residents to register to receive text messages regarding emergencies and/or follow Facebook to receive information. Mayor Serra said he had hoped JCP&L would have communicated better with residents regarding the time power outages would be recovered.

Mayor Serra announced that the Easter Egg Hunt would be held on March 25, 2018 at 2:00pm for children under the age of ten. Rain date is March 31, 2018 at 2:00pm.

**COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:**

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- noted that he would be unavailable from April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 13, 2018
- on March 26, 2018 at 7:00pm the Change of Town Officers is scheduled for a mock Council Meeting and it would be posted on the website and Channel 77; the community is invited to attend.
- also thanked all first responders and other volunteers for their assistance during the snowstorm

- the DPW has scheduled a Borough wide paper pick-up for Wednesday, March 21, 2018
- branches in the right of way will be picked up by the DPW
- during the Board of Health meeting, Ordinance 18-01 was adopted. Councilman Jaconetta reported the Ordinance involves amending certain provisions of the Board of Health Code and has been forwarded to the Construction Official.
- commented on status of Pompton Lakes becoming a “Stigma Free” town and stated it is still in its initial stages and is moving forward

Mayor Serra commented on PLTV77 and stated meetings that were not televised during the update of station equipment would now be displayed for viewing.

Mayor Serra commented on the adoption of Ordinance 18-01 by the Board of Health and stated any dining areas that has already established outdoor dining areas would be grandfathered into the Ordinance. Mayor Serra stated the Board of Health does not want to make the decision regarding barricades surrounding the outdoor dining areas and suggested the Construction Officer determine the regulations.

**JOSEPH RAGNO, Borough Attorney**

Mr. Ragno had no report.

**KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator**

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- Northern Region Educational Services Comm. -Feb '18 Monthly Report
- Millennium Strategies-Feb '18 Monthly Report
- Passaic County Tax Board -2018 Preliminary Equalization Table
- Pompton Drug Take Back -March 11, 10am – 1:00pm
- 2018 Capital Budget - Proposed Ordinance

Councilman Jaconetta commented on the proposed plan for the County to move from their present location and consolidate equipment into one location. Councilman Jaconetta inquired whether the Borough could possibly use the location for Borough equipment. Mayor Serra stated he would make the suggestion however his understanding is the County has plans to use the location for Veteran housing.

**TABLED ITEMS: 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.

**ANNE TACINELLI, Lambert Street**

Ms. Tacinelli questioned whose responsibility it is for shoveling the sidewalks between the stores and the street on Wanaque Avenue. Mayor Serra said in the future the Borough would coordinate efforts in removing the snow from the sidewalks and street.

Ms. Tacinelli urged residents to register for emergency notifications. Mayor Serra stated the information could be found on the Borough website.

Ms. Tacinelli questioned if the town is still pursuing additional recycling pick-up in the business district.

Councilman DeLine responded and stated this is an ongoing discussion and process. Mayor Serra requested the matter be referred to the Business Improvement District.

**HELÉNE ZABLOCKI, Butler Street**

Ms. Zablocki announced the Friends of the Library is organizing a Holiday House Tour that has been scheduled for the afternoon of the Holiday Stroll. Ms. Zablocki questioned how to attend a BID meeting to discuss their plan; Mayor Serra provided the time and location of BID meetings.



Ms. Zablocki commented on the need for additional meeting space for seniors, scouts, and various organizations. Mayor Serra replied and stated redevelopment plans include additional meeting space for use by the community.

Ms. Zablocki said she would like to exhibit the books and props she brought with her for the One Book, One Town program. Mayor Serra stated she could present her display at the end of the Meeting.

**MILLIE TORSIELLO, Midland Avenue**

Ms. Torsiello commented on veteran housing and stated the County announced their plans during a meeting. Mayor Serra responded and stated the project is a combined effort between the County and the Housing Authority and thought it was a good use for the property.

Ms. Torsiello questioned why the county did not plow Wanaque Avenue as in the past. Mayor Serra replied that the county for whatever reason had not taken responsibility with plowing County roadways during this past snowstorm so the Borough took the initiative to clear the roadways of snow.

**AL EVANGELISTA, OEM Coordinator**

Mr. Evangelista commented on the snowstorm, a Nor'easter, that caused destruction and severe damage to trees within the Borough.

Mr. Evangelista advised when registering for notifications (emergency and non-emergency) residents must register for both on the Borough website. The registration for emergency notification and non-emergency (local town news/schedules) are separate actions and both icons can be found on the Borough website. Mr. Evangelista said he found residents were having difficulty and were confused when registering for alert notifications.

Councilman DeLine stated he would review the matter and make the proper modifications to the website to provide clarification for residents wishing to register for emergency and non-emergency notifications.

**RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue**

Mr. Hinton stated Downes Tree Service remarked on the severity of the snowstorm and compared the storm to the last hurricane. Mr. Hinton commented on the maintenance of trees and the need for a bucket truck especially after the recent snowstorm. Councilman Barranco advised everyone to stay clear of fallen electrical wires and to contact the proper authorities.

Mr. Hinton questioned the status of the Community Garden and stated plantings should take place within the next few weeks. Mr. Hinton stated there is a growing interest in a garden by many residents. Councilman DeLine replied the project may take longer than expected as it requires additional planning prior to the plantings.

Mr. Hinton commented on the expansion of the Morris Canal walkway.

Mr. Hinton requested clarification with regard to Resolution 18-83. Mr. Boyle stated Resolutions 18-82, 18-83 and 18-84 are all Cooperative Purposing Organizations. Mr. Boyle stated this allows the Borough to purchase items on a cooperative pricing and a non-bid basis.

Mr. Hinton requested an explanation for Ordinance 18-09. Mr. Boyle informed Mr. Hinton that the Borough provides a cap bank every year. Mr. Boyle stated Ordinance 18-09 allows the cap to increase from 2.00% to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations which is subject to certain exceptions. Mr. Boyle stated this is a financial tool that is recommended by the auditor.

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

Mayor Serra stated the Planning Board is recommending two properties be listed in the Redevelopment Zone; 7-9 Hamburg Turnpike and the former County Garage. Mayor Serra requested the support of the Governing Body; all were in favor of the recommendation to present properties to the Planning Board for consideration of being included with the Redevelopment Zone.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Councilman DeLine stated during the storm the community supported one another and thanked residents for their hospitality during the event. Councilman DeLine commented on his frustration with JCP&L and stated the company fell short in their preparation, response and communication during the storm event.

Mayor Serra stated his experience with JCP&L was somewhat mixed as the company provided information but did not deliver the promised services within their timeframe.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilman Venin to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:12 PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC**  
**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MICHAEL SERRA**  
**MAYOR**

**March 14, 2018**