

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The following are the Minutes of the April 25, 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, Council President Terri Reicher, Councilmen William Baig, Christian Barranco, Erik DeLine, Frank Jaconetta and Ekamon Venin.

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

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

#### **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Serra began the presentation and read a Proclamation declaring April 25, 2018 as a celebration of Arbor Day in the Borough of Pompton Lakes. Mayor Serra urged all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Mayor Serra commented on the Arbor Day Essay contest sponsored by the Shade Tree Commission and invited Ann Tacinelli, Chair of the Shade Tree Commission to speak on behalf of the Commission. Ms. Tacinelli explained how the contest was conducted and thanked the Commissioners, the Governing Body, Administrator, Arborist and the DPW for all their efforts. Ms. Tacinelli then commented on the Borough receiving its ten-year award in becoming "Tree City USA".

Ms. Tacinelli announced that the Pompton Lakes Shade Tree Commission (PLSTC) became the recipient of a \$30,000.00 grant from the State and will also receive additional funding from the Borough. Ms. Tacinelli stated the funding would help to supply trees in the right of way, parks and open spaces.

Mayor Serra read the Proclamation recognizing April 25, 2018 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Pompton Lakes and urged all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Mayor Serra proceeded to thank the fifth grade students from Lincoln, Lenox and St. Mary Schools who participated in the essay contest and presented them with certificates. Mayor Serra announced the winners and requested they come forward and read their essays: Calvin Egbert of Lincoln School and Holli Maniscalco of St. Mary's School. Anne Parraga of Lenox School was not present however was announced as an essay winner.

Mayor Serra congratulated the winners and thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their continued hard work and support for the Borough.

### **SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET**

Second Reading And Final Adoption Of The 2018 Special Improvement District Budget

Clerk to read Special Improvement District (S.I.D.) Budget by Title for Second Reading and Final Adoption:

#### **AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$607,859.85 FOR THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES FOR THE YEAR 2018**

Motion moved by Councilman Barranco, second by Councilwoman Reicher to open the Meeting for public comments on the 2018 Special Improvement District (S.I.D.) Budget. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to make a public comment.

Mayor Serra invited Mr. Walker, BID Representative, to come forward and explain the goals of the Business Improvement District (BID). Mr. Walker stated the intention of the BID is to help the businesses in many ways including marketing, promotions, redevelopment and improvement of the store frontage. Mr. Walker expanded on a variety of promotions and events that are forthcoming. Mayor Serra stated many of the improvements in the Business District have been provided by the BID and that the BID is a tax on the commercial property owners that the Board manages and makes the decisions of how funds are spent.

Councilman Jaconetta stated trash receptacles have been damaged during the winter and questioned if the BID intends to have them replaced. Mr. Walker stated some may be substituted. Mr. Walker commended the hiring of the new DPW Superintendent and stated he has been very satisfied with his performance.

**JOSEPH INTINTOLA, Walnut Street**

Mr. Intintola questioned the printing costs of the BID Bucks and also wanted an explanation of what the miscellaneous expenses entailed. Mr. Walker explained the BID Bucks are subsidized by the BID and the miscellaneous expenses help to fund certain items such as plantings within the Business District. Mr. Intintola questioned the hiring of outside contractors and commented on their performance and suggested utilizing the DPW employees. Mayor Serra informed Mr. Intintola that the DPW has been hired by the BID to water the plants in the business district before their regular business hours.

Mr. Intintola also mentioned his concern with private citizens utilizing the trash receptacles in the business district. Mayor Serra agreed with Mr. Intintola and stated the BID is seeking to address the situation.

Councilman Venin confirmed the date for the Paint and Plant will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Library.

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

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilwoman Reicher to approve the 2018 Special Improvement District (S.I.D.) Budget for Second Reading And Final Adoption.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**MILLIE TORSIELLO, Midland Avenue**

Ms. Torsiello voiced her concerns regarding a sink hole located on her neighbor's property that may impact her property. Mayor Serra offered Ms. Torsiello guidance and suggested she notify the Health Department and/or the Building Department for it to be addressed. Mr. Boyle recommended Ms. Torsiello contact the current owners of the property, by certified mail, and have them assess the circumstances. Ms. Torsiello commented on the incorrect recycling dates in the Borough calendar and questioned how residents are being informed. Mayor Serra stated there was an error in the calendar but residents have been informed through several media announcements. Mayor Serra added that the calendar is accurate moving forward.

**RUTH PAEZ, Schuyler Avenue**

Ms. Paez voiced her concerns regarding a dead tree on a neighbor's property that may impact her property. Mayor Serra advised her to also send a certified letter to the property owner. Ms. Paez questioned if the Lakeside Avenue Bridge is structurally sound. Mayor Serra informed Ms. Paez that the county bridge has been investigated by engineers and added that it is safe. Mayor Serra stated the

Borough has contacted the county but advised residents to send letters or attend Freeholder meetings to relay their concerns.

**ROB WALKER, Elks Lodge**

Mr. Walker announced that the Elks Lodge will be hosting a Pasta Night on Friday April 27, 2018 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and that all proceeds will benefit the Pompton Lakes Elks High School Scholarship Fund. He also announced the Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 13, 2018.

**JOE INTINTOLA, Walnut Street**

Mr. Intintola commented on the issue of unsafe dead trees and questioned if there was an Ordinance regarding their removal from private property. Mayor Serra stated the attorney will research the information. Mr. Intintola then offered suggestions for trash collection in the business district. Mayor Serra offered an explanation and stated his recommendations would deter customers from the businesses on Wanaque Avenue that open very early.

Mr. Intintola voiced his concerns regarding a damaged street light at the pocket park at DuPont Place and Walnut Street. Mayor Serra ask Mr. Boyle to look into the situation. Mr. Intintola then questioned if the sink hole located on Cannonball Road could be repaired. Mayor Serra informed Mr. Intintola that it was a MUA project and it should be reported to the MUA.

Mr. Intintola maintained that the DuPont Place Bridge is owned by the Borough. Mayor Serra clarified that the Borough does not have any official paperwork declaring the town possesses the bridge. Mayor Serra stated the Borough and the County have been in discussions regarding the ownership of the Bridge and added the County has not yet responded. Mayor Serra stated at this time the Borough would not take responsibility of the Bridge until further investigation. Mr. Ragno then offered information he received from a title company that affirms ownership of the Bridge is uncertain. Mayor Serra stated until ownership is determined there is no resolution.

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Reicher to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion.

**BILL LISTS:**

Current Fund	\$ 3,549,991.43
Capital Fund	\$ 6,162.00
Recreation Trust	\$ 966.52
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-
Clerk Trust	\$ -0-
Other Trust	\$ 608.25
Unemployment Trust	\$ -0-
Dog Trust	\$ 147.00
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. Councilman DeLine voted present.

**PETITIONS: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*(Council Members Required Resolutions 18-99 and 18-103 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 Resolutions 18-99 and 18-103 for individual action from that Agenda,

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

1. Resolution 18-99 Authorizing And Directing The Planning Board To Investigate Certain Properties For Inclusion In The Borough Redevelopment Plan
2. Resolution 18-100 Resolution To Employ Part Time/Full Time Crossing Guards
3. Resolution 18-101 Authorizing Refund Of Other Lien Block 4300 Lot 21
4. Resolution 18-102 Authorizing Refund Of Tax Overpayment Block 3000 Lot 33
5. Resolution 18-103 Authorizing And Directing The Planning Board To Investigate Certain Properties For Inclusion In The Borough Redevelopment Plan (Block 6300 Lot 7)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-100**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the recommended candidates have been interviewed, have 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 individuals are employed as part-time crossing guards within the Pompton Lakes Police Department:

Mrs. Marilyn Lane – Pompton Lakes  
 Mr. Stephen Rigoll – Pompton Lakes

2. The following part-time crossing guard has been appointed to full-time status to fill a vacancy as a crossing guard within the Pompton Lakes Police Department:

Mr. Joseph Hart – Pompton Lakes

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-101**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes has reported receiving the amounts shown below for the redemption of the respective liens, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay the indicated amount to the holder of the lien certificates as hereinafter shown below:

	<b><u>LC#</u></b>	<b><u>DOS</u></b>	<b><u>B/L</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Pay to the Lien Holder</u></b>
DI SANTO, PAUL R & SANDRA 60 WHITE WAY POMPTON LAKES, NJ 07442	15-00014	4/9/15	4300 / 21 60 WHITE WAY	\$ 14,273.31	MTAG AS CUST ATCF11 NJ, LLC P.O. BOX 54292 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70154
			Premium	\$37,000.00	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,273.31</b>	

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-102**

**WHEREAS**, there appears on the tax records overpayments as shown below, and

**WHEREAS**, the overpayments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund of such overpayments, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue checks refunding such overpayments as listed below:

<b>Reason:</b>		
	1. Duplicate Payment	5. Payment made in error
	2. Appeal State	6. NJ Saver Rebate
	3. Vet Allowed	7. 100% disabled Vet Exemption
	4. Senior Allowed	8. Exempt Status
		9. Homestead Rebate Credit on Borough Property

<b><u>BLOCK</u></b> <b><u>/LOT</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>		<b><u>REASON</u></b>
3000 / 33	ATCF II NJ, LLC as Lienholder on Meyer, Sally 322 Wanaque Ave Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442	\$ 1,793.17	2015 YEP on Lien	5
	<b>Resolution Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,793.17</b>		

**SEPARATE ACTION RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-99**

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section III of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey establishes that the clearance, planning, development or redevelopment of certain areas of New Jersey shall be a public purpose and, further, that municipal, public or private corporations may be authorized by law to undertake such development and redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has adopted a comprehensive set of redevelopment laws, the centerpiece of which is the Local Redevelopment and Housing Laws (NJSA 40A:12A-1 *et seq*), allowing for the substantial improvement to, and turnaround of, underutilized, unused, fragmented, deteriorated and generally blighted properties through the careful design, writing and implementation of redevelopment plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey Development and Redevelopment Plan encourages smart growth principles to be observed and applied in the State, specifically in those areas either previously developed or designated for development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has heretofore adopted a Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Pompton Lakes which, among the purposes of the redevelopment plan, is the planning, zoning, acquisition, clearance, reconstruction, rehabilitation and redevelopment of which local areas to promote the public health, safety, morals and welfare and to stimulate the proper growth of Downtown Pompton Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary objectives of the Borough redevelopment effort is to improve the quality of life of Borough residents and improve the economic foundation of the Borough so that long term property tax stability is achieved for all Borough taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the aforesaid purposes, the Borough Council desires to refine the redevelopment area so as to achieve the aforesaid objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that within this general area there exists property (land), buildings and other improvements which, by reason of faulty arrangement of design, deleterious land use, obsolescence or obsolete layout or other factors, have remained stagnant, unproductive, underutilized and undervalued and may be detrimental to the safety, health, morals or welfare of the Borough as specifically recommended to be studied by the Planning Board.

**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, pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-1 *et seq*, the Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the property in the proposed redevelopment area, as further defined in this Resolution and as depicted of the official map of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, is a redevelopment area in accordance with the criteria set forth at NJSA 40A:12A-5; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing respecting the proposed redevelopment area, being specifically 519 Ringwood Avenue (aka Block 2600 Lot 2), 60 Wanaque Avenue (aka Block 2400 Lot 1), 10 Ivy Street (aka Block 2300 Lot 1), 20 Ivy Street (aka Block 2300 Lot 7) and Locust Street (aka Block 2300 Lot 10), and said public hearing shall be conducted after public notice is given in accordance with NJSA 40A:12-6 and, after completing the hearing and deliberation, the Planning Board shall submit a recommendation to the Mayor and Council whether the delineated area, or any part thereof, be or not be determined to be a redevelopment area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in the event the proposed areas are designated as redevelopment areas, the Borough shall be authorized to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area other than the power of eminent domain to accomplish the goals of redevelopment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-103**

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section III of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey establishes that the clearance, planning, development or redevelopment of certain areas of New Jersey shall be a public purpose and, further, that municipal, public or private corporations may be authorized by law to undertake such development and redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has adopted a comprehensive set of redevelopment laws, the centerpiece of which is the Local Redevelopment and Housing Laws (NJSA 40A:12A-1 *et seq*), allowing for the substantial improvement to, and turnaround of, underutilized, unused, fragmented, deteriorated and generally blighted properties through the careful design, writing and implementation of redevelopment plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey Development and Redevelopment Plan encourages smart growth principles to be observed and applied in the State, specifically in those areas either previously developed or designated for development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has heretofore adopted a Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Pompton Lakes which, among the purposes of the redevelopment plan, is the planning, zoning, acquisition, clearance, reconstruction, rehabilitation and redevelopment of which local areas to promote the public health, safety, morals and welfare and to stimulate the proper growth of Downtown Pompton Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary objectives of the Borough redevelopment effort is to improve the quality of life of Borough residents and improve the economic foundation of the Borough so that long term property tax stability is achieved for all Borough taxpayers; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing respecting the proposed redevelopment area, being specifically 11 Lenox Avenue (aka Block 6300 Lot 7), and said public hearing shall be conducted after public notice is given in accordance with NJSA 40A:12-6 and, after completing the hearing and deliberation, the Planning Board shall submit a recommendation to the Mayor and Council whether the delineated area, or any part thereof, be or not be determined to be a redevelopment area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in the event the proposed areas are designated as redevelopment areas, the Borough shall be authorized to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area other than the power of eminent domain to accomplish the goals of redevelopment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

Councilwoman Reicher asked for clarification regarding Resolutions 18-99 and 18-103. Mayor Serra said a decision should be made if these two properties should be included in the Redevelopment Zone. Mayor Serra commented on the benefits to the town if this transpires and stated it would then become the decision of the Planning Board and the Governing Body. Councilwoman Reicher stressed the Planning Board review the properties for inclusion in the redevelopment plan. Mr. Ragno stated the Planning Board would review the properties to determine if they qualify.

Motion moved by Councilman Barranco, second by Councilman Jaconetta to approve Resolutions 18-99 and 18-103. All voted in favor of the motion.

#### **MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA:**

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- the DPW Supervisor is adjusting to his new position and is confident he will establish new suggestions and ideas
- brush pick up will begin in two weeks and thanked residents for understanding the error in recycling dates in the Borough calendar
- met with a potential buyer for the former A&P location
- the EPA provided a presentation regarding the lake reconstruction. Mayor Serra said many suggestions came from residents which will be reported to EPA management and DuPont/Chemours.
- Erin Brady, Prevention Coalition Coordinator, has left her position and the Borough will be accepting applications for a new coordinator shortly. The HAWC Club will be participating in the “sticker shock” campaign on April 28, 2018 which helps to educate the public about selling and serving alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Mayor Serra commended the liquor stores in town for agreeing to be a part of the campaign.
- thanked Erin Brady for the hard work she provided and wished her well in her new position
- participated in the Pompton Lakes Riverdale Little League (PLRLL) Parade
- commented on preliminary talks with the County regarding the establishment of a senior housing complex at the Ringwood Avenue garage property. Mayor Serra said his intent

would be for Pompton Lakes resident's acceptance first. Mayor Serra stated the Borough welcomes the project.

**COUNCILWOMAN REICHER:**

Councilwoman Reicher reported on the following.

- questioned if the HAWC students received any notification regarding the video they created for the competition they entered
- participated in the PLRLL Parade and commended the children's good behavior
- commented on the well-attended BID meeting and congratulated Mr. Walker and the BID for their success
- also commented on the EPA presentation and voiced her concerns regarding the material that would be used for paths, the width of the paths and drainage around the lake. Councilwoman Reicher then commented on choosing plantings that would help deter deer destruction. Councilwoman Reicher stated when the lake clean-up is completed it would be helpful if the plantings are ecologically friendly.
- acknowledged Administrative Assistant's Day

Mayor Serra thanked the office staff for managing calls regarding the "recycling" error in the town calendar.

Mayor Serra requested one Closed Session on personnel.

**COUNCILMAN DELINE:**

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- thanked the Shade Tree Commission for organizing the Arbor Day event this evening and congratulated the three winners of the essay contest
- on April 28<sup>th</sup> the Open Space Committee had discussions regarding referendum revisions to the Open Space Trust Fund to provide more flexibility while still protective of the intent. Mayor Serra stated he would like the Administrator and the Borough Attorney to review the content.
- commented on the Borough website training and stated a second session will be scheduled in May
- participated in the PLRLL Parade
- participated in Earth Hikes sponsored by the Trail Maintenance Committee
- work on the Morris Canal Greenway has resumed
- a rain barrel workshop will be held on April 28, 2018 at Hershfield Park which is sponsored by the Storm Water Management Committee

Mayor Serra reminded residents that important town updates could be found on the Borough website.

**COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:**

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- also commented on the Arbor Day event this evening and congratulated the recipients of the essay contest and also congratulated the Shade Tree Commission for the ten-year award in becoming "Tree City USA."
- also attended the EPA presentation and commented on the tree planting five year program
- participated in the PLRLL Parade and noted Mayor Serra and Mayor Carelli of Riverdale, both threw out the first pitch

Mayor Serra announced that the Riverdale and Pompton Lakes Board of Education signed a twelve-year contract qualifying Riverdale High School students to attend Pompton Lakes High School.

Mayor Serra commented on the EPA's five year planting project and expressed the importance of proper monitoring. He went on to give an example of how water bags were never removed from the bottom of trees that were planted in the Lake Inez area twenty years ago and described the detrimental effects.

**COUNCILMAN VENIN:**

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- also congratulated the Shade Tree Commission in receiving the grant and for the ten-year award in becoming “Tree City USA.” Councilman Venin also congratulated the three recipients of the Arbor Day essay contest.
- thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their hard work throughout the year
- the Historic Commission will be sponsoring a walking tour of Pompton Lakes
- reminded residents that the Borough’s 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is in 2020 and requested ideas for the celebration
- the Historic Commission is seeking to form a Historic Society
- the Prevention Coalition will offer a presentation on April 26, 2018. The Prevention Coalition meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 274 Wanaque Avenue
- the Prevention Coalition is sponsoring “Hidden in Plain Sight” a program, that will provide tips on recognizing drug use in teens, on May 2, 2018 from 7-9pm in Council Chambers
- participated in the PLRLL Parade
- wished Erin Brady good luck in the future

Mayor Serra stated programs like “Hidden in Plain Sight” offer proactive solutions for parents dealing with adolescent drug problems. Mayor Serra urged parents to attend this program.

**COUNCILMAN BAIG:**

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- also thanked the Shade Tree Commission for all the work they provide the community throughout the year
- commented on the EPA informational session
- also thanked Erin Brady and wished her good luck
- commented on the Police Department report for the month of March, 2018
- signage has been approved by the Planning Board for the entrance to the Pompton Lakes Town Square and a Resolution granting site plan approval for the new Cardinal Café

**COUNCILMAN BARRANCO:**

Councilman Barranco reported on the following.

- also thanked Erin Brady for her service to the community
- congratulated the efforts of the Shade Tree Commission
- participated in the PLRLL Parade and also commended the children’s good behavior
- commented on the MUA’s hydrant flushing and the adoption of the state approved budget
- sewerage sludge amounts are at the lowest level
- attended the Library meeting on April 16 2018
- an Eagle Scout project has been identified and completed
- the Library’s firewall has been inspected and all computers have been backed up
- Ms. McCabe, Friends of the Library member, provided a report of activities they will sponsor and the next meeting will be held on May 2, 2018
- the Recreation meeting has been postponed until next month

Mayor Serra was honored to speak at the Lenox School 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Anniversary. Mayor Serra revealed that a former student who graduated in 1943 also attended the celebration.

Councilman Jaconetta reported that the North Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness for Water and Waste Water have two pending bills in the Senate. Councilman Jaconetta commented on the two bills and stated one is a notice to boil water (notices to be sent to the Mayor and Municipal Clerk) and the second bill it is an authorization for local governments and utilities to impose additional connection fees and would require new credits in reductions for these fees.

Mayor Serra announced that the Wanaque Reservoir is at one hundred percent capacity and credited the Flood groups for the Ramapo River holding its banks.

**JOSEPH RAGNO, Borough Attorney**

Mr. Ragno requested one Closed Session regarding negotiations.

**KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator**

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- EPA Pompton Lakes -Update #75 & #76
- Chemours -1<sup>st</sup> Quarter '18 Program Report
- PD -March Monthly Report
- FEMA Firefighters Grant -Application Denied
- MCMJIF - Safety Directors Report
- Letter from Burgis Assoc.-COAH/Pompton Lakes
- County Tax Board -2018 Final Equalization Table
- Redevelopment -Draft Resolution Compliance Process
- 2018 DOT Municipal Aid-Approval Montclair Ave Agreement \$220,000.00
- Passaic County Spotlight -April 2018
- Erin Brady-Letter of Resignation Effective 4/27/18
- Corrine Harlos -Letter of Resignation Effective 4/13/18
- Peter Posimato -Letter of Resignation Effective 4/17/18

Mr. Ragno reported that there are five days remaining for residents to file tax appeals and stated there has been fewer appeals than in prior years.

**TABLED ITEMS: None**

**MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**JOE INTINTOLA, Walnut Street**

Mr. Intintola questioned the POD ordinance and gave some examples of what he believed to be violations and suggested that the town inspectors drive through town and look for these violations. Mayor Serra explained that the inspectors work part time and it is very difficult for them to ride the neighborhood looking for these types of violations. Mayor Serra emphasized that residents should alert the authorities if they suspect someone is in violation. Mr. Intintola suggested that if the Police see a POD they should take note of it and check with the Building Department to question if it is in violation.

Mr. Intintola suggested that the town come up with an Ordinance regarding Solar Panels and provided his reasoning and suggestions.

Mr. Intintola went on to comment on a MUA manhole cover located at the recycling center and suggested a platform be put over top of it for safety purposes. Also Mr. Intintola pointed out that there is a sign posted over the garbage area that reads no Styrofoam, however the town allows Styrofoam to be recycled. Mr. Intintola asked that the sign be changed to provide clarification.

Mr. Intintola informed the Mayor and Council that on Barbara Drive there are trees and branches that are snapped and hanging over town property and questioned if the DPW could clean it up. Mayor Serra explained that if the town had equipment such as a bucket truck this could be executed.

**RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue**

Mr. Hinton commented on the purchase of a bucket truck for shade tree usage. Mr. Hinton said the EPA session was very informative. Mr. Epps, Chemours Project Manager, told Mr. Hinton that Chemours would be responsible for watering the plantings at the lake. Mr. Hinton thanked Councilwoman Reicher for her reference to the deer population that may cause destruction to the new plantings. Mr. Hinton also referenced the Lake Inez area and agreed the bags around the trees are an issue. Mr. Hinton attended the PLRLL Ceremony. Mr. Hinton voiced his concerns for not being able to view the back screen in the Council Chambers on PLTV 77. Councilman Venin remarked he would contact the vendor.

Mr. Hinton also commented on the DuPont Place Bridge. Mayor Serra reiterated that the County would not take responsibility for the maintenance of the bridge. Mr. Hinton also questioned if the bridge is structurally sound. Mayor Serra replied that the Borough would contact the engineer and then hopefully determine who maintains ownership.

Mr. Hinton questioned the usage of the DPW garage. Mayor Serra explained that the garage is not intended for employee use and that there are two new trailers that the DPW employees should be using. Mr. Hinton inquired about a new OEM building and questioned its use. Mayor Serra explained it would be used for OEM equipment, additional items and possibly DPW equipment if space allows. Mayor Serra also added that there may be availability for DPW equipment to be stored at the radio station. Mr. Hinton asked if there was any movement on a new DPW garage. Mayor Serra informed Mr. Hinton the town is involved in negotiations with some groups, however he could not talk about it at this point in time. Mr. Hinton thanked the Mayor, Council, Administrator and Municipal Clerk for all the support they have given to the Shade Tree Committee.

Councilwoman Reicher commented on a fundraiser sponsored by the PLRLL and urged residents to help support the association.

Councilman Baig commended the coaches, maintenance crew and the DPW for the support they have given to PLRLL.

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

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Councilwoman Reicher commented on the well-attended ribbon cutting ceremony for TV Land Café and welcomed them to the Borough.

Councilman DeLine commented on Mr. Intintola's suggestion of a solar panel Ordinance and stated he did not feel there is a need to restrict the installation of solar panels. Councilman DeLine added that unless there is an Ordinance that would address public safety by utilizing solar panels, he sees no purpose for a restricted use Ordinance.

Mayor Serra stated he will meet with the Jersey Central Power & Light Representative to discuss any issues or concerns residents may have with regard to the past storm. Mayor Serra said any concerns may be emailed to him.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Jaconetta to adjourn into Closed Session at 9:25pm. 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 on negotiations and personnel. 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 Councilman, second by Councilman to open the Meeting at 9:50pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Serra stated negotiations and personnel were discussed in Closed Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion moved by Councilman Barranco, second by Councilman Jaconetta to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:52 PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

**April 25, 2018**