

MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The following are the Minutes of the May 23, 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, Councilman Jaconetta and Ekamon Venin.

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

MAYOR PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES:

Mayor Serra once again expressed his disappointment and frustration with recent news articles that have appeared in the newspapers regarding the DuPont contamination. Mayor Serra stated the local reporters continually portray negative information along with old information and lack reporting the positive progression the mitigation project has attained. Mayor Serra stated Federal, State and Local agencies who manage the mitigation and clean-up process for the contamination provide a different scenario as to the project's progress. Mayor Serra stated three agencies have reported the mitigation process is progressing and moving forward. Mayor Serra stated the agencies are the professionals who oversee the process and residents should contact them with any questions or concerns.

Councilman Barranco commented on the recent newspaper article and suggested the Borough provide a press release to insure the community understands the correct facts and information. Mayor Serra stated the EPA and the DEP release accurate information however the newspaper reporters have declined to interview the agencies.

Councilwoman Reicher questioned if the Borough could refute the misleading news articles. Councilwoman Reicher admonished the reporters for how they are presenting Pompton Lakes to the North Jersey community. Mayor Serra stated he personally refuses to be interviewed by the reporters because of their lack of interpreting the truth.

Councilman Baig commented on old news about the DuPont contamination that has been recirculated and believes the goal of the reporters is to make Pompton Lakes a Superfund site.

Mayor Serra stated he understands it is uneasy to be a homeowner in this area and noted that the DEP Commissioner urged residents to have a vapor mitigation system installed if they have not done so already.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton commented on the DuPont news articles and suggested the Mayor continue to address the false fabrications with the reporters. Mr. Hinton commented on salaries for employees and stated in the past the website provided a page for Transparency in Government and questioned whether the page would be reestablished. Mayor Serra responded the law no longer requires the information be published on the website and the information is available by filing an Open Public Request Act (OPRA) form.

Mr. Hinton commented on the recent wind storm and reported damage to a tree on library property and stated that it will be removed before the Library Concert series begins. Mayor Serra expressed his appreciation to the Shade Tree Commission for their time and attentiveness they provide to the Borough.

Mayor Serra questioned if the cherry blossom at the library could be pruned by the DPW after it has bloomed.

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 Venin, second by Councilman Barranco to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilman DeLine voted present.

BILL LISTS

Current Fund	\$ 788,405.61
Capital Fund	\$ 126,989.12
Recreation Trust	\$ 359.40
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-
Clerk Trust	\$ -0-
Other Trust	\$ 2,109.50
Unemployment Trust	\$ -0-
Dog Trust	\$ 37.20
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:

(Council Members Required Resolution 18-116 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 18-116 for individual action from that Agenda,

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

1. Resolution 18-115 Approving Participation With The State Of New Jersey Department Of Law And Public Safety FY 16 National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) Implementation Assistance Program: Phase II-Support For States
2. Resolution 18-116 Authorizing A Contract For The Acquisition Of Goods Or Services Pursuant To NJSA 19:44A-20.4 And/Or 19:44A-20.5 With Mitchell Humphrey & Co.
3. Resolution 18-117 Authorizing A Contract For The Acquisition Of Goods Or Services Pursuant To NJSA 19:44A-20.4 And/Or NJSA 19:44A-20.5 With Media Services Group, Inc.
4. Resolution 18-118 Authorizing Refund Of Tax Overpayment Block 6300 Lot 1
5. Resolution 18-119 Authorizing And Directing The Planning Board To Investigate 9 Hamburg Turnpike AKA Block 2800 Lot 11 As An Area In Need Of Redevelopment

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-115

WHEREAS, the Pompton Lakes applied and been awarded \$31,120.00 through the State of New Jersey FY 16 National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) Implementation Assistance Program: Phase II – Support for State Programs to purchase equipment and software through sole source vendors to our RMS to collect and report UCR data in mandated NIBRS format, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes has reviewed the sub-grant award NCSX-2016-019 and the accompanying grant agreement documentation, and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Pompton Lakes for the purpose described in the application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes that as a matter of public policy the Borough of Pompton Lakes accepts sub-grant NCSX-2016-019 in the amount of \$31,120.00 for the purchase of equipment and software through sole source vendors to our RMS to collect and report UCR data in mandated NIBRS format.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-117

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the procurement of goods or services for the Borough of Pompton Lakes from Media Services Group, Inc. to provide an appraisal of WGHT-AM

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

WHEREAS, Pompton Lakes desires to enter into contract with Media Services Group, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 and/or NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that the value of the contract will not exceed \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be from May 23, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Media Services Group, Inc. has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in compliance with law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 23rd day of May, 2018 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby engage Media Services Group, Inc. to provide an appraisal of WGHT-AM
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute said proposal.

Said Media Services Group, Inc. shall be engaged pursuant to contract to be entered by and between Media Services Group, Inc. and the Borough and for such periods of time as permitted by law and for such compensation as agreed.

This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered by members of recognized professions.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Suburban Trends by the Borough Clerk as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage and a true copy of same shall be available for inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

A copy of the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Certification of Value shall be filed with this Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-118

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:

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

BLOCK/ LOT	NAME	AMOUNT		REASON
6300/1	Pompton Smith Properties, LLC 713 Cinnamon Ln Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	\$ 6,294.00	2011/Q4	2
		\$ 3,848.40	2012/Q4	2
		\$ 1,633.00	2013/Q4	2
	Resolution Total	\$ 11,775.40		

RESOLUTION NO. 18-119

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 are 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 9 Hamburg Turnpike aka Block 2800 Lot 11, 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SEPARATE ACTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-116

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be from May 23, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 23rd day of May, 2018 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

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

Said Mitchell Humphrey & Co. shall be engaged pursuant to contract to be entered by and between Mitchell Humphrey & Co. and the Borough and for such periods of time as permitted by law and for such compensation as agreed.

This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because these services are rendered by members of recognized professions.

A copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Suburban Trends by the Borough Clerk as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage and a true copy of same shall be available for inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

A copy of the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and the Certification of Value shall be filed with this Resolution.

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

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Venin to approve Resolution 18-116.

Councilman DeLine requested an explanation regarding products and support for Building, Construction and Zoning Modules and what it entailed.

Mr. Boyle stated the technology support for the Building, Construction and Zoning Department is antiquated and the resolution provides for new technology software and support. Mr. Boyle stated the new software will allow for the departments to apply various applications to streamline procedures within the system.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Baig to approve Resolution 18-116. All voted in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION: None

(Ordinance will be presented for second reading and final adoption on)

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION:

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

ORDINANCE 18-10

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$279,600 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE BOROUGH

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Venin to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 18-10. All voted in favor of the motion.

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton requested an explanation concerning the various improvements. Mr. Boyle offered information regarding the use of these funds and stated they will include OEM equipment, library equipment, upgrade to the Liberty computer system for PLTV among other improvements.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 18-10.

Motion moved by Councilman Barranco, second by Councilman Baig to approve Ordinance 18-10.

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

ORDINANCE 18-11

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,300,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,023,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

Motion moved by Councilman Baig, second by Councilwoman Reicher to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 18-11. All voted in favor of the motion.

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton requested an explanation regarding the appropriation of \$1,300,000.00 and the authorization of \$1,023,000.00 bonds. Mr. Boyle explained that the total debt service is going to be less than what is appropriated due to funding and the grant. Mr. Hinton also questioned what the various improvements entailed. Mr. Boyle identified a listing of improvements that will be carried out throughout the Borough.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Jaconetta to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance 18-11.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman DeLine to approve Ordinance 18-11.

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

MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA:

Mayor Serra reported on the following.

- the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 27, 2018 at the Veterans Memorial Park at Jefferson and Lakeside Avenues and will begin at 11:30AM. Mayor Serra thanked Bob McGrady and staff for the arrangements.
- he, Mr. Boyle, Councilman Baig and Mr. Ragno met with the new radio station staff to work out the logistics
- performed several weddings
- attended the Brownie/Girl Scout meeting
- toured the Tilcon Quarry with Assemblyman Rooney and anticipates the relocation of the quarry to be Bloomingdale
- attended the BID & Redevelopment meetings
- attended the Recreation Commission meeting and added the Summer Camp program is accepting applications and urged parents to register their children as soon as possible
- Pompton Day will be held on September 2, 2018 and anyone wishing to volunteer may contact himself or Karen Murphy
- the Zoning Board approved the sale of the Jewish Temple. The building will now be used as a Mosque for Muslim religious services

COUNCILWOMAN REICHER:

Councilwoman Reicher reported on the following.

- several members of Council attended the Ribbon Cutting for Nicky G's Pizza
- commented on the purchase of a bucket truck and the huge expense of its operation
- the Borough is sponsoring a "Shred It" service on June 2, 2018 rain or shine and added the BID is offering incentives regarding their "Sticker" program. "Shred It" is scheduled to begin at 9:00am and advised residents to attend early; the BID is discussing if the service hours could be extended.
- commented on several applications submitted at the Redevelopment meeting; a high end car dealership and a showroom for specialty windows and doors.
- the lake cleanup has been completed but the lake project is still ongoing
- wished everyone a safe holiday

COUNCILMAN VENIN:

Discussion:

1. Ordinance for Open Space Referendum
2. Ordinance Amending the Downtown Pompton Lakes Redevelopment Plan (Block 7000/Lot 4, 317 Wanaque Avenue)

Councilman Venin referred the Ordinance for Open Space Referendum to Councilman DeLine and Mr. Ragno for discussion. Councilman DeLine stated the Open Space Trust Fund allows for two permitted uses under this referendum; the acquisition of open space and maintenance and improvement of land acquired by using the Open Space Trust Fund. Councilman DeLine then commented on specific open space areas within the town that allows for the Open Space Trust Fund to be expended and other areas that prohibit the expenditure of Open Space Trust Funds. Councilman DeLine stated the Ordinance allows for a referendum to be placed on the November ballot and pending passage, it would permit for the necessary flexibility of use of the fund while protecting the original intent of the disbursement of the funds.

Mr. Ragno stated the Borough form of government normally does not allow for a binding referendum and this is an exception to the rule and a binding referendum is required to modify the existing Open

Space Trust Fund. Mr. Ragno stated the public must vote positive and approve the referendum prior to amending the current Open Space Trust Fund.

Mayor Serra commented on the recent revaluation and restructuring of taxes and stated the Open Space Fund would realize additional funding. Mayor Serra stated the referendum allows the Borough the opportunity to address projects that were excluded in the past and expend the funds. Mayor Serra also noted many of the same residents and voices who were involved with developing the initial ordinance were involved with the current referendum process.

Councilman Venin stated the Ordinance as it stands is more restrictive compared to other towns.

Councilwoman Reicher further questioned if there were any projects forthcoming once the referendum to the Open Space Trust Fund is approved. Councilman DeLine replied and stated conceptual plans have been developed for projects if the Open Space referendum is passed; fields, walking trails, Lakeside Park, lake trails and habitat restoration. Councilman DeLine stated changes to the Open Space Fund would eliminate the use of Capital Funds for projects and allow the use of Open Space Funds.

Mayor Serra informed the community that Open Space meetings are open to the public on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Councilman Venin requested Mr. Ragno provide input for the Ordinance Amending the Downtown Pompton Lakes Redevelopment Plan (Block 7000/Lot 4, 317 Wanaque Avenue). Mr. Ragno stated the Redevelopment Zoning Code could only be amended by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Ragno stated the Redevelopment Agency reviewed the application for MSC and has recommended to the Mayor and Council the Zoning Ordinance be amended to provide zoning regulations more viable for the project set forth within the application.

Councilwoman Reicher commented on the application for MSC Expeditions, Inc. and stated the project is also known as Motor Envy.

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- National Trails Day will be held on June 2, 2018
- commented on the successful Historical Walking Tour
- commented on the "Paint and Plant" project held at the Library
- thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their hard work and dedication to the community
- commented on the Lincoln School Talent Show and thanked Lois Riga and staff for their assistance
- attended the Annual Addiction Conference in Atlantic City

Councilwoman Reicher stated the signs posted on properties throughout the community are to remind adults not to serve alcohol to minors.

Mayor Serra reminded the community that the Prevention Coalition meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00pm in the office located at 274 Wanaque Avenue. Mayor Serra stated the Coalition is seeking a Coordinator and anyone interested may contact the Borough Administrator.

COUNCILMAN BAIG:

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- commented on the Police Department report for the month of April
- attended the Planning Board meeting and commented on a Resolution to approve signage for the Pompton Town Square, a hearing on the recommendation to designate 11 Lenox Avenue as an area for redevelopment and a conceptual presentation made by Councilwoman Reicher to render 306 Wanaque Avenue a retail showroom.
- met with the new radio station staff to discuss operations
- several properties in need of redevelopment were discussed at the Community Partnership meeting. President John Soojian is seeking to correct drainage and paving in the Pond Hole parking lot.
- the BID has ordered flower pots, flowers and flags for the downtown area and they are seeking to update the BID website and coordinating it with the Borough website

- the BID “Sticker Contest” will be held on June 2, 2018 and the BID Bucks sale will be held on June 16, 2018 at the BID office at 274 Wanaque Avenue

COUNCILMAN BARRANCO:

Councilman Barranco reported on the following;

Motion moved by Councilman Barranco, second by Councilman Baig to approve the request of the Pompton Lakes Recreation Department to close Lakeside Avenue from Romain to Elks and Perrin Avenue on Sunday, September 2, 2018 from 8:00am to 11:00pm (Rain date Monday, September 3, 2018) for Pompton Day (Police, Fire and First Aid to be notified) County to be notified for County Roadways. All voted in favor of the motion.

- commented on the exceptional annual water quality report from the MUA
- commented on the anticipated Memorial Day Parade sponsored by John Hand Tri-County VFW Post

COUNCILMAN DELINE:

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- the Borough will be submitting an application for certification as a Sustainable New Jersey Community. Councilman DeLine commented on the criteria needed to obtain points to become Sustainable Jersey.
- the Flood Advisory Board (FAB) received free support from an engineering company to fly drones over the Borough rivers. Councilman DeLine said the process saved much time and effort for the FAB. The information will be shared with the committee and then presented to the Governing Body.
- the Trails Maintenance Committee has announced that some trails in certain areas have been under water but are in good condition and should be ready for National Trails Day on June 2, 2018 at 10:00am. The Committee will be preparing a new trail in Hershfield Park north of the baseball field that will be formalized. Councilman DeLine added that a trails kiosk has been ordered and will be installed.
- also attended the Ribbon Cutting for Nicky G’s Pizza, the Paint & Plant event and the Historic Commission Tour. Councilman DeLine thanked Commission Members for their help in guiding the tour and providing much information. The Historic Commission website page provides a link for the Pompton Lakes Historic Guide.

Mayor Serra questioned if any bats have surfaced in the bat houses along the trails. Councilman DeLine replied that it would take a year or so until the migratory patterns discover a bat box in the area.

Councilwoman Reicher announced that a Green Infrastructure meeting would take place in Pompton Lakes on June 11, 2018 at 6:30pm and questioned if this might help with obtaining Sustainable Jersey points. Councilman DeLine replied that it may be possible.

COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- commented on the criteria for brush pick up
- the Pompton Lakes Police Department is sponsoring “Coffee with a Cop” on June 2, 2018 at Starbucks from 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Assemblyman Kevin Rooney’s new office will be located at 1211 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ
- commented on discussions regarding the donation of WGHT to the Borough and stated he is pleased with the outcome

Mayor Serra reminded residents that the Property Maintenance Inspector may issue a summons if lawns are not maintained.

JOSEPH RAGNO, Borough Attorney

Mr. Ragno had no report.

KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- Letter From Alan J. DeVries - Resignation Effective 5/4/18
- Educational Services Comm. Of NJ - EZ/QC Program
- Local Finance Notice -SALT Law. The IRS' position is that they will not recognize charitable foundations.
- Northern Region Ed. Services Comm. -April 2018 Monthly Report
- Passaic County Spotlight -May 2018
- Letter From FCC-Award of FM Translator
- Memo From Passaic County-2018 Revised Final Equalization Letter
- Pompton Lakes Dredging - EPA Community Update #79, #80, #81
- Morris Canal Greenway Project - 90% Complete – weather problems halted the completion
- Grant Avenue Improvements -Design Near Completion

Mayor Serra commented on the worn out crosswalks located on Wanaque Avenue and asked for it to be revisited. Mayor Serra asked Mr. Boyle to contact the County to request paving on the Wayne side of the Lakeside Avenue Bridge.

TABLED ITEMS: None

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton stated at first he was hesitant with the acceptance of the radio station donation and at this time is pleased the Mayor and Council accepted. Mr. Hinton commented on shade tree communities that own bucket trucks and once again appealed to the Mayor and Council for the purchase of a bucket truck. Mr. Hinton stated he was disappointed only one contractor bid for tree and branch removal service.

Mr. Hinton commented on the Open Space Tax and questioned if the tax could be lowered. Mayor Serra explained in order to make any changes to the Open Space Tax a referendum is required. Mr. Ragno confirmed a referendum would be required to amend the Open Space Tax.

Mr. Hinton referenced the essay contest sponsored by the Shade Tree Commission and stated the student who won the contest from Lenox School wrote about a specific tree in her essay. Mr. Hinton informed the council that unfortunately the tree referenced in the student's essay fell a few weeks after the contest.

Mr. Hinton requested the status for a tenant for the former A&P Supermarket location. Mayor Serra stated the Borough is in discussions and a decision will hopefully be made within the next few months.

Mr. Hinton then referenced the tick population and advised residents to be cautious when outdoors, especially in the south end of the Borough.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Serra announced the Peter Kamper Softball Memorial Tournament will be held on June 9, 2018 at 10:00pm and all proceeds will be donated.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilman Barranco to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:07 PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

ATTEST: _____
ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

APPROVED BY: _____
MICHAEL SERRA
MAYOR

May 23, 2018