

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The following are the Minutes of the September 12, 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 requested a moment of silence in recognition of the 17th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

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, Councilwoman Jennifer Polidori, Councilmen William Baig, 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:

RESOLUTION 18-169

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS TO THE POMPTON LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes Police Department is in need of officers to fill a number of vacancies in the ranks; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission advertised and tested for the position of Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Pompton Lakes Police Department has undertaken background investigations, physical and psychological evaluations of potential candidates to fill these vacancies; and

WHEREAS, based upon that information and a formal interview it is the recommendation of the Chief of Police, Borough Administrator and Investigating Committee that the following candidates be appointed to the position of Police Officer under the Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission and the current collective bargaining agreement between the P.B.A. and the Borough of Pompton Lakes:

Connor Otto
Corey Flynn
Edlis Zaku

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that it hereby confirms the appointment of the above named individuals to the position of Police Officer with the Pompton Lakes Police Department effective September 12, 2018.

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilwoman Reicher to approve Resolution 18-169.

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

Oath of Office- New Police Officers

Mayor Serra invited the new recruits, Connor Otto, Corey Flynn and Edlis Zaku to come forward with their families and administered the Oath of Office to each candidate. Mayor and Council congratulated the newly appointed Police Officers and wished them success.

Mayor Serra commented on the Community Rating System (CRS) program the Borough presently participates with and read a statement prior to the approval of Resolution 18-168.

“This evening the Council will be voting on Resolution 18-168, this resolution is required as part of the CRS process. Currently the Borough is finalizing the activities that are mandated within the Audit Cycle. The Borough currently holds a Class five status which entitles residents up to a 25% discount on their flood insurance as well as ensuring the prevention and reduction of flood losses within the community. As we move forward the objective is to continue to maintain our Class five status while seeking to achieve a Class four status.”

Mayor Serra acknowledged the efforts of those involved with the program and stated if the Borough were to achieve a Class four status, the Borough would be one of the only communities east of the Mississippi with this designation. Mayor Serra urged residents who have flood insurance to review their flood insurance policy to ensure they are receiving a discount of up to twenty-five percent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton requested an update on achieving a class four status within the CRS plan. Councilman DeLine explained the procedure and how the Borough achieves points for every action it takes involving activities needed to be completed for the program. Councilman DeLine went on to explain the Borough has been informed by Nick Agnoli, who is the CRS Consultant, that Rutgers is now in the process of developing a Natural Resource Restoration Plan which may be able to be incorporated into the Borough's CRS program. Elizabeth Brandsness, CRS Coordinator, commented that the County's current Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be updated prior to consideration of achieving a class four status. The County Hazard Mitigation Plan is a five-year plan and preparation has begun to revise the current plan.

Mr. Hinton requested an explanation regarding Resolution 18-170, 18-171 and 18-173 and questioned the estimated starting date for 18-173.

Mr. Boyle explained Resolution 18-170 provides wood turtle construction monitoring services in the rivers, Resolution 18-171 is funding of the Morris Canal Greenway Project to the Passaic County Open Space Committee and Resolution 18-173 is the approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Borough of Pompton Lakes Colfax Avenue Roadway Project. It was indicated that the trees at this property would not be removed for another two years.

MILLIE TORSIELLO, Midland Avenue

Ms. Torsiello questioned whether parking would be permitted in St. Mary's lot for the general public after October 1st, 2018. Mayor Serra replied and stated he was advised the parking lot would be open for Church business only. Ms. Torsiello questioned whether the Borough has an Ordinance regulating designated handicap parking for residents who reside in the community. Mayor Serra referred Ms. Torsiello to the Police Department for a response.

Ms. Torsiello voiced her concerns regarding speeding on Midland Avenue and requested “no speeding” signage be installed in the area. Mayor Serra advised Ms. Torsiello to contact the Police Department for the installation of signage. Councilman Baig will further discuss speeding issues with Chief Agosto.

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

MINUTES:

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilman DeLine to approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2018. Councilwoman Reicher excused.

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilman DeLine to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2018. All voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Reicher excused.

BILL LISTS

Current Fund	\$ 2,544,403.23
Capital Fund	\$ 11,422.99
Recreation Trust	\$ 8,623.90
Unemployment	\$ -0-
Dog Trust Account	\$ 30.00
Other Trust Account	\$ 4,833.95
Clerk's Account	\$ -0-
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-

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

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 18-168 Authorizing The Approval And Submission Of The Program For Public Information Document To FEMA As Required For The Community Rating System (CRS) Program
2. Resolution 18-170 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 Ecolsciences, Inc.
3. Resolution 18-171 Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk To Execute The 2018 Open Space & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Agreement For The Morris Canal Greenway Project
4. Resolution 18-172 Appointment Of Daniel P. O'Rourke To The Position Of Superintendent Of Public Works Effective September 5, 2018
5. Resolution 18-173 Approval To Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Borough of Pompton Colfax Avenue Roadway Project
6. Resolution 18-174 Authorizing Refund Of Tax Overpayment Block 6703 Lot 8.1505
7. Resolution 18-175 Authorizing Refund Of Tax Overpayment Block 3900 Lot 20
8. Resolution 18-176 Authorizing Refund of Other Lien Block 3700 Lot 21
9. Resolution 18-177 A Resolution Approving The Assignment Of A Financial Agreement For The Property Located At Block 6200, Lot 1

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-168

WHEREAS, to ease the financial and flooding impacts to the residents, the Borough began a rigorous floodplain management program in 2010 that was recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Community Rating System (CRS) for its progressive floodplain planning, maintenance and public outreach.

WHEREAS, the Borough holds one of the few Class 5 CRS ratings in the northeastern United States affording Borough residents benefit from improved floodplain management and over \$300,000 in flood insurance premium savings based on a 25-percent flood insurance premium discount.

WHEREAS, in 2013, FEMA introduced a new approach to coordinate public information activities and develop activities that reflect what recent research by FEMA has found to lead to more effective outreach programs and the Program for Public Information (PPI) is the part of this approach.

WHEREAS, for CRS credit, the PPI had to be developed according to a seven-step planning and public involvement process. The PPI can increase credit by 40% and, with stakeholder involvement, 65%. The community's PPI must be developed by a committee of people from both inside and outside the local government.

WHEREAS, CRS Coordinator, Elizabeth Brandsness, PPI Committee, and Agnoli Engineering, LLC, CRS consultant convened on April 26, 2018 to update PPI CRS document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Program for Public Information has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey and hereby approved for final submission to FEMA.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-170

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the procurement of goods or services for the Borough of Pompton Lakes from EcolSciences, Inc.; and

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

WHEREAS, Pompton Lakes desires to enter into contract with EcolSciences, 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 \$12,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be from September 12, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, EcolSciences, Inc. has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in compliance with law.

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

1. The Borough of Pompton Lakes is authorized to engage EcolSciences, Inc. for the purpose of providing wood turtle construction monitoring services.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with EcolSciences, Inc.

Said EcolSciences, Inc. shall be engaged pursuant to contract to be entered by and between EcolSciences, Inc. and the Borough 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. 18-171

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pompton Lakes applied for the funding of the Morris Canal Greenway Project to the Passaic County Open Space Committee; and

WHEREAS, a presentation was made before the committee to support the applications request for funding; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2018, the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee awarded the Borough some \$34,400.00 in support of the application and overall project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of NJ that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the 2018 Open Space & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Agreement for the Morris Canal Greenway Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-172

WHEREAS, the Borough has formally received a letter of retirement from Benjamin Steltzer, Superintendent of Public Works effective September 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, effective September 5, 2018, Daniel P. O’Rourke will assume the position of Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, his annual compensation will increase from \$95,000 to \$100,000 based upon his appointing Resolution #18-45 dated February 12, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, State of NJ that it hereby appoints Daniel P. O’Rourke to the position of Superintendent of Public Works effective September 5, 2018 at an annual salary of \$100,000 under the terms and conditions outlined in Resolution #18-45.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-173

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Pompton Lakes formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019 – Colfax Avenue Road Improvements- 00052 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Pompton Lakes and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor’s signature and Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-174

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:	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

BLOCK /LOT	NAME	AMOUNT		REASON
6703/8.1505	Residential Commercial Title Agency 986 McBride Ave Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2619 For: Dillon John & Samantha 155 Vista Terrace	\$ 2,262.31	2018 Q4	1
	Resolution Total	\$ 2,262.31		

RESOLUTION NO. 18-175

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:	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

BLOCK /LOT	NAME	AMOUNT		REASON
3900/20	WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE 1 HOME CAMPUS MAC F2302-04D DES MOINES, IA 50328	\$ 3,236.42	2018 Q3	1

	For: BEIDEMAN, FRANCIS & ANN 31 HARDING AVE			
	Resolution Total	\$ 3,236.42		

RESOLUTION NO. 18-176

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:

	<u>LC#</u>	<u>DOS</u>	<u>B/L</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pay to the Lien Holder</u>
GEYER JR, PAUL & MABEL 755 COLFAX AVE POMPTON LAKES, NJ	15-00013	4/09/2015	3700 / 21 755 COLFAX AVE	\$49,506.68	TWR AS CST EBURY FUND 1NJ LLC PO BOX 37695 BALTIMORE, MD 21297-3695
			Premium	\$15,000.00	
			TOTAL	\$64,506.68	

RESOLUTION NO. 18-177

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.*, as amended and supplemented, provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Pompton Lakes Redevelopment Agency (“**PLRA**”) has been designated by the Borough of Pompton Lakes (the “**Borough**”) as the redevelopment entity to implement the Borough’s redevelopment plans; and

WHEREAS, Lakeside Commons Realty Urban Renewal, LLC (“**Lakeside**”) is the owner of property located at 43 Lakeside Avenue, Pompton Lakes, and designated as Block 6200, Lot 1 on the Borough Tax Map (“**Property**”); and

WHEREAS, Lakeside was designated by the PLRA as the Redeveloper of the Property pursuant to a certain Redevelopment Agreement dated October 21, 2017, by and between Lakeside and the PLRA (the “**Redevelopment Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the PLRA, the Borough Council (the “**Council**”) approved Lakeside’s application for a tax exemption and payment in lieu of taxes by way of Ordinance 18-7 dated February 7, 2018, which resulted in the execution of a Financial Agreement by and between Lakeside and the Borough (the “**Financial Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, Lakeside has entered into a contract to sell its interest in the Property, including its interests in the Redevelopment Agreement and the Financial Agreement, to Colfax Holdings Urban Renewal, LLC (“**Colfax**”); and

WHEREAS, the PLRA heard and considered the testimony of Colfax’s principals on August 16, 2018, and reviewed Colfax’s submission which included evidence of Colfax’ experience as a developer of residential projects in New Jersey and documentation regarding its financial wherewithal to construct and complete the proposed development on the Property; and

WHEREAS, based upon the presentation by Lakeside and Colfax, the PLRA approved the transfer and, on August 21, 2018, entered into a “Consent to Transfer and Amendment of the Redevelopment Agreement Between Pompton Lakes Redevelopment Agency and Lakeside Commons Realty Urban Renewal, LLC”; and

WHEREAS, the PLRA further recommends that the Council approve the assignment of the Financial Agreement from Lakeside to Colfax; and

WHEREAS, the Council having considered the recommendation of the PLRA, being satisfied with the presentation made by Colfax that it is a Qualified Developer pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement, and being satisfied that Colfax meets the requirements of *N.J.S.A. 40A:20-10(a)* and Article 8.1 of the Financial Agreement in that (1) Colfax does not own any other project subject to a long term tax exemption in the Borough; (2) Colfax was formed as an urban renewal entity and is eligible to operate under the Long Term Tax Exemption Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:20A-1, et seq.*, (3) Lakeside is not in default of the Financial Agreement; (4) Colfax agrees to fully assume Lakeside’s obligations under the Financial Agreement; and (5) Colfax abides by all terms and conditions of the Financial Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is on this 12th day of September 2018, hereby resolved by the Borough Council as follows:

1. The Borough Council finds and determines that Colfax meets the criteria of a qualified transferee as that term is defined in *N.J.S.A. 40A:20-10(a)* and Article 8.1 of the Financial Agreement.
2. The Consent to Transfer and Amendment of the Financial Agreement (the “**Amendment**”) attached hereto as Exhibit A is approved and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to executed such Amendment.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution and the fully executed Amendment shall be provided by the Clerk to the Assessor immediately upon execution.
4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon lawful adoption.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SEPARATE ACTION: None

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:

(Ordinance will be presented for second reading and final adoption on September 26, 2018)

Mr. Ragno stated Ordinance 18-19 would be withdrawn and removed from the Agenda; no action to be taken.

ORDINANCE #18-19 (WITHDRAWN NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN POMPTON LAKES, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-01 (AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED) BY ADDING CERTAIN PROPERTIES (BLOCK 2800 LOT 11) TO THE DOWNTOWN POMPTON LAKES REDEVELOPMENT (9 HAMBURG TURNPIKE)

ORDINANCE #18-20

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC EASEMENT CONSISTING OF PARKING SPACES AND PUBLIC SIDEWALK ALONG LAKESIDE AVENUE AND COLFAX AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJSA 40A:12-5

Mr. Ragno stated the purpose of this Ordinance is to accept an easement from one of the redevelopment sites which is part of the requirements of the Planning Board and the Redevelopment Agency for this project.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Reicher, second by Councilman Baig to approve Ordinance No. 18-20 for Introduction.

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

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 the 9-11 Service held on Monday, September 11, 2018 and stated he appreciated those in attendance. Mayor Serra thanked the many organizations who participated in the event and acknowledged the number of children who attended. Mayor Serra thanked the office staff for their help in organizing the event.
- commented on the successful Pompton Day and thanked the Recreation Commission along with volunteers for their assistance. Mayor Serra added all funds raised for the event go directly to recreation activities and programs.
- attended the Grand Opening held at the Walmart in Riverdale
- performed several weddings
- attended the Board of Education Teacher's Back to School Breakfast

COUNCILWOMAN REICHER:

Councilwoman Reicher reported on the following.

- congratulated newly appointed Police Officers and welcomed them as members of the Borough of Pompton Lakes Police Department
- commented on the 9-11 Ceremony and reminded everyone of the magnitude of the horrific event and how the world changed forever
- commented on the successful Pompton Day and thanked Ms. Murphy and committee for their hard work
- preparations for the annual PRIDE contest have begun
- "Paws in the Park" will be held on October 6, 2018 at Goffle Brook Park in Hawthorne and encouraged residents to attend
- stated Rosh Hashanah marks the start of the Holiday Season and includes a number of festive traditions

COUNCILWOMAN POLIDORI

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- also congratulated the newly appointed Police Officers and wished them well
- scheduled to tour the MUA facility next week
- will attend the Library Board meeting next week
- commented on community spirit in Pompton Lakes and unity presented at the 9-11 Memorial service
- attended Pompton Day and stated the event was successful and thanked all those involved with the event
- the Elks Lodge sponsored their first Carnival in conjunction with Pompton Day
- congratulated the winners of the Pompton Day raffles
- announced fitness programs and a basketball league for men being offered through the Recreation Commission beginning in September

Mayor Serra also commented on the Elks Lodge Carnival and anticipates it becoming an added attraction to Pompton Day.

COUNCILMAN VENIN:

Councilman Venin reported on the following.

- congratulated the newly appointed Police Officers and wished them success in the Academy
- attended Pompton Day and stated the event was well attended and preparations have begun for Pompton Day 2019. Councilman Venin stated anyone interested in participating with the planning for Pompton Day 2019 should contact Mayor Serra or Councilwoman Polidori
- attended the PLRYO pep rally
- attended the Teacher's Welcome Back Breakfast. Councilmen Venin stated Dr. Amoroso, Superintendent, spoke about changes made to the standardized assessment test. Councilman Venin acknowledged programs within the school system and praised the academics the Borough offers for students.
- commented on the moving 911 Memorial Ceremony
- attended the trails maintenance and thanked the volunteers who participated
- an account review was provided by the vendor for the Tech Committee and a few modifications would be forthcoming
- the Borough received a grant from City Green Big Dig and will be planting 1,000 daffodil bulbs. A presentation to receive the grant will occur in early October and the Trails Maintenance Sub-Committee will coordinate the planting of the bulbs.
- cross-walks were completed on Ringwood and Wanaque Avenues and the West Lenox cross-walk will soon be addressed

Mayor Serra stated the DEP Commissioner, Catherine McCabe, scheduled a meeting with Council Members, State Elected Officials along with a few local residents. Mayor Serra stated during the meeting an update for the DuPont/Chemours cleanup was provided by DEP representatives. Mayor Serra stated Commissioner McCabe toured Rotary Park and was impressed with the end results of the cleanup to the area. Mayor Serra advised residents the DEP stated moving forward they would provide better communication for residents.

COUNCILMAN BAIG:

Councilman Baig reported on the following.

- congratulated the newly appointed Police Officers and wished them well in the Police Academy
- commented on the 911 Memorial Ceremony
- commented on the successful Pompton Day
- attended the Teacher's Welcome Back Breakfast
- commented on the Pompton Lakes Riverdale First Aid Squad report for the month of August
- Ashley Luyck, Prevention Coalition Coordinator, is hoping to enroll members by offering information about the Coalition at the PLRYO snack stand on September 7, 2018. The Coalition also will be distributing information on drug prevention at the high school football game in conjunction with "Knock Out Opioid Abuse" Day.
- the Board of Education approved a professional service company to install lighting at the Lakeside School turf field
- the Board of Education approved district goals for the 2018-19 school year
- the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Bid Bucks" sale on October 13, 2018 at the Wanaque Avenue Office
- the Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring the Car Show on October 14, 2018
- the final Library Concert will be held on September 26, 2018

Mayor Serra reminded the public that the turf field at Lakeside Middle School is a Board of Education project and any questions or concerns should be directed to the Board of Education. Mayor Serra stated that he supports the project and no tax dollars come from the Borough for the installation.

COUNCILMAN DELINE:

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- commented on the 911 Memorial Ceremony and acknowledged Paolo Miyashiro for his rendition of the Stars Spangled Banner. Councilman DeLine stated that it is encouraging that children are learning about this fateful day and how important it is to remember.
- thanked all the participants and volunteers involved in Pompton Day
- another Rain Garden Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2018 at 10:00am in the Civic Center. Councilman DeLine then explained the advantages of establishing a rain garden.
- a flood awareness and preparation information handout will be provided at the elementary schools during the “Back to School” nights
- also commented on the positive meeting with the DEP and the need for them to become more involved with communicating information to the residents. Councilman DeLine expressed the need for assurances for property owners that may be affected by the hydraulic well flushing pilot.
- congratulated the newly appointed Police Officers
- attended the Teacher’s Welcome Back Breakfast
- beginning October 1, 2018 the Police Department will post a School Resource Police Officer (SRO) in the high school and the middle school
- attended the PLRYO Pep Rally
- thanked the Friends of the Library for organizing the One Book, One Town event
- the Lake Restoration Committee announced that treatments by Solitude has greatly improved the lake conditions. The Lake Restoration Committee is also sponsoring a writing contest for St. Mary’s, Lincoln and Lenox schools and noted this will become part of the curriculum.
- the PLRSA season has begun and asked motorists to be diligent when children are crossing the road

Mayor Serra commented on the recent power outages and stated residents should not burden the Police Department with calls for updates during outages.

Mayor Serra stated after talks with the Police Chief, the Borough has decided to provide a full time Police Officer in Lakeside Middle School and the High School.

COUNCILMAN JACONETTA:

Councilman Jaconetta reported on the following.

- congratulated the newly appointed Police Officers
- thanked Chief Agosto for moving forward with the appointment of a School Resource Officer in the schools
- commented on the 911 Memorial Ceremony and thanked Ms. Brandsness for her support
- thanked Karen Murphy and the Recreation Commission for their participation and help with Pompton Day
- the Board of Health will be voting on the Borough becoming a “stigma free” community and then it will be brought to the Governing Body by November or December of 2018 for passage.
- the Board of Health must be notified whenever there is more than a two-hour power outage. Councilman Jaconetta stated the Police Department will notify Ms. Orapello, Health Officer, with the report.
- wanted to publicly thank Governor Murphy for sending the DEP to the Borough to discuss the DuPont Chemours project

JOSEPH RAGNO, Borough Attorney

Mr. Ragno had no report.

KEVIN BOYLE, Borough Administrator

Mr. Boyle reported on the following.

- Pompton Lakes/N.J. Urban & Community Forestry Program - Approved
- Letter from Passaic County-Open Space Grant/MC Greenway \$34,400
- MEL Safety Bulletin -Public Employee & Distracted Driving
- N.J.D.E.P. Fact Sheet -Chemours PL Worksite
- P.C. Notice to Builders-Repair of Lakeside Ave Bridge & Culvert over Acid Brook
- Summit Avenue Retaining Wall Project-Bid's Due 9/12/18 and will be awarded in October
- PD -Monthly Report July 2018
- EPA/Pompton Lake Dredging-Community Update #93 #94
- Service Line Warranty-Program Launch Material
- Big Dig Grant-Letter of Interest
- Grant Avenue Resurfacing -Bid Due 9/26/18
- Ben Steltzer-Retirement Letter
- DFC Grant Award - 9/30/18-9/29/19 \$125,000
- N.J. Highlands Council-Leadership Change
- Letter from NJ Dept. of Health-Hep. B Reimbursement Lottery
- Millennium Strategies-August Monthly Report
- Pompton Lakes MUA-Fall Hydrant Flushing Begins 9/24/18

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.

MILLIE TORSIELLO, Midland Avenue

Ms. Torsiello requested some additional information for the Prevention Coalition. Mr. Boyle replied that the Governing Body appoints a committee in January of each year and stated the Coordinator is Ashley Lucyk. Ms. Torsiello expressed her desire to be appointed on the committee. Mayor Serra stated there is a specific criteria for appointments and he would keep her in mind if there is a vacancy. Mayor Serra said the Coalition meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Wanaque Avenue office and encouraged Ms. Torsiello to stop at the office and meet with Ms. Lucyk.

RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue

Mr. Hinton offered the Mayor and Council compliments on various Town Events that have taken place. Mr. Hinton questioned the upcoming "Knock Out Opioid Abuse" date. Councilman Baig responded the date is October 6th.

Mr. Hinton inquired if the DEP meeting that took place in the chambers would be shown on channel 77 and if there are any minutes available from the meeting. Mayor Serra explained the meeting was not a Town meeting but a meeting requested by the DEP Commissioner. Mayor Serra further commented that the Commissioner requested it to be a closed meeting and only certain guests had been invited. Mayor Serra directed Mr. Hinton to contact Commissioner McCabe's office to request additional information.

Mr. Hinton commented on the Eagle Scout Project and informed the Governing Board that Downes Tree Service will be donating all the plantings for the project.

Mr. Hinton explained the steps the Shade Tree Commission must take before a tree can be taken down and added that it is a timely process. Mr. Hinton stated Downes Tree Service has a heavy schedule and the trimming of trees are not taken care of in a timely manner. Mayor Serra informed Mr. Hinton an alternate source for tree trimming can be discussed.

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:

Mayor Serra commented on creating a Pompton Page for Facebook to publicize town events and assigning additional staff to post the information.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion moved by Councilman Jaconetta, second by Councilman Venin to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:55PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

September 12, 2018