

## **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The following are the Minutes of the June 28, 2023 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.

In absence of Mayor Serra, Council President, Jennifer Polidori began the meeting. Council President Polidori read a short prayer and led participants in saluting the flag. She then read the Open Public Meeting Law Statement of Compliance.

A Roll Call indicated the following members were present: Council President Jennifer Polidori, Councilmen, Erik DeLine, Ekamon Venin and Councilwoman Maria Kent. Mayor Michael Serra and Councilmen William Baig was excused and Bobby Cruz was absent from the meeting.

Also present were Borough Attorney, Mark Semeraro, Borough Administrator, Paula Cozzarelli and Borough Clerk, Elizabeth Brandsness.

### **MAYOR PRESENTATION AND UPDATES:**

**Presentation: None**

### **MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

#### **DENNIS KIHMBERG, Mountainside Drive**

Mr. Kihlberg commented on a social media posting and stated the posting indicated there is a structure located on private property and a portion of the structure was built on Borough owned property. Mr. Kihlberg questioned whether action was taken to rectify the matter.

Councilwoman Polidori referenced the structure in question and stated the structure is on Whitney Avenue and the Building Inspector issued a notice of violation.

#### **GEORGE POPOV, Colfax Avenue**

Mr. Popov requested an update regarding the repair of a pipe located at 1102 Colfax Avenue. Ms. Cozzarelli responded and stated a title search is required to identify the easement. Mr. Popov expressed his frustration with the process to correct the drainage of water on his property. Ms. Cozzarelli stated she was unable to provide a timeline as to how long it would take to have a title search.

Mr. Semeraro commented on the difficulty in finding a company to do a Title Search and stated the Attorney would become involved once the Title Search is completed to determine what is recorded.

Councilwoman Polidori stated Ms. Cozzarelli has served as the Borough Administrator for the past year and has assessed the ongoing issue. Councilwoman Polidori assured Mr. Popov the appropriate steps have been taken by Ms. Cozzarelli towards a plan to mitigate the issue.

#### **PAUL BOWLBY, Romain Avenue**

Mr. Bowlby commented on mail he received stating new legislation by the Governor for car vehicle registration and questioned whether the mailing was legitimate.

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

Mr. Hinton commented on Resolution 23-147 *Awarding Engineering Services to Schwanewede Hals & Vince For Hershfield Park Improvements; Resurfacing of Howard and Maple Streets and Babbit Place and ADA Curb Ramp Reconstruction; Resurfacing of Hershfield Street and Ackerman Place* and requested additional information as to the ADA curb ramp.

Ms. Cozzarelli stated the ADA (American Disabilities Act) is required as part of the project.

**MICHAEL SIMONE, West Lenox Avenue**

Mr. Simone commented on the Borough Town Calendar and stated it is a valuable resource for the residents and thanked the staff.

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Kent to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2023. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Kent to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2023. All voted in favor of the motion.

**BILL LISTS:**

**RESOLUTION 23-145**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,546,166.59**

Motion moved by Councilwoman Kent, second by Councilman Venin to approve the Bills List. All voted in favor of the motion.

Current Fund	\$ 3,518,055.18
Capital Fund	\$ 11,977.65
Recreation Trust	\$ 3,593.37
Unemployment	\$ 193.44
Dog Trust Account	\$ 183.60
Other Trust Account	\$ 12,013.35
Clerk’s Account	\$ -0-
Open Space Trust	\$ -0-
Affordable Housing	\$ 150.00

**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 from that Agenda, and

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

1. Resolution 23-143 Resolution Authorizing Refund Of Outside Lien Block 100 Lot 8.0149
2. Resolution 23-144 Resolution Authorizing Refund Of Outside Lien Block 100 Lot 8.0154
3. Resolution 23-146 Accepting The Resignation Of Matthew J. Brandt (Part-time Dispatcher) From The Pompton Lakes Police Department
4. Resolution 23-147 Resolution Awarding Engineering Services To Schwanewede Hals & Vince For Hershfield Park Improvements; Resurfacing Of Howard And Maple Streets

And Babbit Place And Ada Curb Ramp Reconstruction; Resurfacing Of Hershfield Street And Ackerman Place

5. Resolution 23-148 Resolution Awarding Engineering Services To GPI For Lincoln Avenue Phase 2 Improvements
6. Resolution 23-149 Capital Budget Amendment For The Year 2023

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

**RESOLUTION 23-143**

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 lien, 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>B/L &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>TSC #</u>	<u>DOS</u>	<u>LIEN HOLDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
100/8.0149 221 Ringwood Ave – G5	21-00002	10/27/21	Dennis Moeller	\$972.40
			<b>PREMIUM</b>	0.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	\$972.40

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) has certified that sufficient uncommitted funds in the amount of \$972.40 are available in the 2023 Borough of Pompton Lakes Budget for the purposes set forth herein in line item 3-01-55-002-602.

**RESOLUTION 23-144**

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 lien, 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>B/L &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>TSC #</u>	<u>DOS</u>	<u>LIEN HOLDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
100/8.0154 221 Ringwood Ave – G10	21-00003	10/27/21	Dennis Moeller	\$1,265.26
			<b>PREMIUM</b>	0.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,265.26

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) has certified that sufficient uncommitted funds in the amount of \$1,265.26 are available in the 2023 Borough of Pompton Lakes Budget for the purposes set forth herein in line item 3-01-55-002-602.

**RESOLUTION 23-146**

**WHEREAS**, Matthew J. Brandt, notified the Chief of Police that he would be resigning from his position of Part-Time Dispatcher effective June 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, his formal letter dated June 15, 2023 is on file with the Borough.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that it hereby accepts this letter of resignation and thanks Matthew for his service to the Borough and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

**RESOLUTION 23-147**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Pompton Lakes has a need to acquire professional engineering services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2004, c.19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of these services may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has recommended an award be given to Schwanewede Hals and Vince for listed engineering services for various capital projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Schwanewede Hals & Vince has submitted lump sum proposals for engineering services requested for the following capital projects; and

- 1) Hershfield Park Improvements: \$24,900.00.00
- 2) Resurfacing of Howard and Maple Streets and Babbit Place and ADA curb ramp reconstruction: \$21,900.00
- 3) Resurfacing of Hershfield street and Ackerman Place: \$19,900.00

**WHEREAS**, Schwanewede Hals & Vince to submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which Certification provides that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to candidate committees, joint candidates committees or political party committees representing the elected officials of the Borough in the one year period preceding the award of the Contract, and that the Contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract that would bar the award of this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, Schwanewede Hals & Vince to submit a Political Contribution Disclosure Form as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, no later than 10 days prior to entering into the contract, disclosing all reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) made over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the Form provided by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer of the Borough of Pompton Lakes of the has certified in writing that funds are available in the 2023 budget, line items 3-01-20-100-158; 3-01-26-310-130 and 3-01-44-905-101.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Borough Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes authorizes the Borough Administrator to enter into a contract with Schwanewede Hals & Vince for the following projects and respective lump sum amounts per proposal dated June 12, 2023; and
  1. Hershfield Park Improvements: \$24,900.00.00
  2. Resurfacing of Howard and Maple Streets and Babbit Place and ADA curb ramp reconstruction: \$21,900.00
  3. Resurfacing of Hershfield street and Ackerman Place: \$19,900.00

2. Schwanewede Hals & Vince to submit a Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form which shall be placed on file with this Resolution; and
3. That this contract be awarded through a non-fair and open process and without a competitive bid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and as professional services, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and
4. A notice of this award will be printed in the official newspaper of the Borough of Pompton Lakes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and
5. Certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Schwanewede Hals & Vince, Attn: Joe Vince, PE, LS, PP. CME 111 Littleton Road, Suite 200, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

### **RESOLUTION 23-148**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Pompton Lakes has a need to acquire professional engineering services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2004, c.19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of these services may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has recommended award be given to GPI for a lump sum of \$66,450.00; and

**WHEREAS**, GPI to submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which Certification provides that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to candidate committees, joint candidates committees or political party committees representing the elected officials of the Borough in the one year period preceding the award of the Contract, and that the Contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract that would bar the award of this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, GPI to submit a Political Contribution Disclosure Form as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, no later than 10 days prior to entering into the contract, disclosing all reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) made over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the Form provided by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer of the Borough of Pompton Lakes of the has certified in writing that funds are available in the 2023 budget in the following line items:

3-01-20-100-158; 3-01-26-310-130; 3-01-44-905-101.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Borough Council of the Borough of Pompton Lakes authorizes the Borough Administrator to enter into a contract with GPI for the Lincoln Avenue Phase 2 Improvements at a lump sum of \$66,450.00 per proposal dated June 13, 2023;
2. GPI to submit a Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure Form which shall be placed on file with this Resolution
3. That this contract be awarded through a non-fair and open process and without a competitive bid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and as professional services, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and
4. A notice of this award will be printed in the official newspaper of the Borough of Pompton Lakes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
5. Certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to GPI, Attn: Andrew Cangiano, PE, CME, 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2A, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

**RESOLUTION 23-149**

Resolution 23-149

**CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Whereas, the local capital budget for the year 2023 was adopted on the 24th day of June, 2023: and,

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said adopted capital budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, County of Passaic, that the following amendments(s) to the adopted capital budget of the 2023 Budget be made:

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(Insert Last Names)	(DeLine	(	(
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**CAPITAL BUDGET (CURRENT YEAR ACTION)**

From										
1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	5d	5e	6	
Project	Project Number	Estimated Total Cost	Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	2023 Budget Appropriation	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Grants in Aid and other funds	Debt Authorized	To Be Funded in Future Years	
Hershfield Park Improvements	GC-2	440,003			22,000		128,000	290,003		
Various Street & Curb Projects	GC-3	3,365,365			58,268		482,432	624,665	2,200,000	
Various DPW Equipment	GC-4	1,595,000			7,000			133,000	1,455,000	
Storm Water Improvements	GC-5	250,000							250,000	
<b>Total All Projects</b>		<b>7,657,840</b>		<b>357,472</b>	<b>87,268</b>		<b>610,432</b>	<b>1,047,668</b>	<b>5,555,000</b>	

**6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2023-2028**  
Anticipated Project Schedule and Funding Requirement

1	2	3	4	5						
				Budget Year 2023	Budget Year 2024	Budget Year 2025	Budget Year 2026	Budget Year 2027	Budget Year 2028	
Project	Project Number	Estimated Total Cost	Estimated Completion Time	Funding Amounts Per Year						
Hershfield Park Improvements	GC-2	440,003	1 Year	440,003						
Various Street & Curb Projects	GC-3	3,365,365	6 Years	1,165,365	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Various DPW Equipment	GC-4	1,595,000	6 Years	140,000	30,000	215,000	300,000	320,000	320,000	320,000
Storm Water Improvements	GC-5	250,000	6 Years		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total All Projects</b>		<b>7,657,840</b>		<b>2,102,840</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>

**6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2023-2028**  
Anticipated Project Schedule and Funding Requirement

1	2	3	4	5						
				Budget Year 2023	Budget Year 2024	Budget Year 2025	Budget Year 2026	Budget Year 2027	Budget Year 2028	
Project	Project Number	Estimated Total Cost	Estimated Completion Time	Funding Amounts Per Year						
Improvement to Municipal Owned Facilities	GC-2	787,400	1 Year	787,400						
Various Street & Curb Projects	GC-3	3,395,494	6 Years	1,195,494	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Various DPW Equipment	GC-4	1,735,000	6 Years	280,000	30,000	215,000	300,000	320,000	320,000	320,000
Storm Water Improvements	GC-5	350,000	6 Years	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total All Projects</b>		<b>8,275,366</b>		<b>2,720,366</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>	<b>1,170,000</b>

**6 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2023-2028**  
SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1	2	3	4	5	6	BONDS AND NOTES				
						General	Liquidating	Assessment		
Project	Estimated Total Cost	Current Year 2023	Future Years	Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Grants in Aid and Other Funds				
Improvement to Municipal Owned Facilities	787,400			30,352		150,000		607,048		
Various Street & Curb Projects	3,395,494			142,133		520,700		2,732,661		
Various DPW Equipment	1,735,000			86,083				1,648,917		
Storm Water Improvements	350,000			17,261				332,739		
<b>Total All Projects</b>		<b>8,275,366</b>	<b>357,472</b>	<b>358,329</b>		<b>670,700</b>		<b>6,888,865</b>		

Be It Further Resolved that one certified copy of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the capital budget section adopted by the governing body on the 28th day of June, 2023.

**SEPARATE ACTION RESOLUTIONS: None**

**ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION:**

*(Ordinance will be presented for second reading and final adoption on July 19, 2023)*

**ORDINANCE 23-27****AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE SENIOR HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to approve Ordinance No. 23-27 for Introduction.

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

**ORDINANCE 23-28****AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,362,894 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,611,615 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 Venin, second by Councilwoman Kent to approve Ordinance No. 23-28 for Introduction.

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

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION:**

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

**ORDINANCE 23-25****AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 18, "FIRE PREVENTION" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilwoman Kent to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 23-25. All voted in favor of the motion.

No one from the public wished to comment on Ordinance No. 23-25

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 23-25. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to approve Ordinance No. 23-25 for Final Adoption.

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

**ORDINANCE 23-26 (Tabled)****AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 10 "ANIMAL CONTROL" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES**

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to open the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 23-26. All voted in favor of the motion.

**RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue**

Mr. Hinton stated his objections to restricting the sale of dogs and cats if the store is regulated and the animals are treated humanely.

Councilwoman Polidori stated she has given much thought to this Ordinance and she believes the movement comes from activists to stop the mistreatment of animals through puppy mills.

Councilwoman Polidori stated she agrees a business owner should have the authority to determine whether to sell a product as long as the product is legally obtained. Councilwoman Polidori stated that State level laws are not as restrictive as the Borough's law and she is not inclined to move forward with the Ordinance.

**JEFF KINON, Ringwood Avenue**

Mr. Kinon requested additional information as to the amendments within Ordinance 23-26. Mr. Semeraro responded and stated the sections that are bold and underlined are the proposed changes to the Ordinance.

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to close the Meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 23-26. All voted in favor of the motion.

Councilwoman Kent requested Ordinance No. 23-26 be tabled to allow for discussion at the July Council Meeting. Councilman DeLine agreed to table the Ordinance if discussion is required to provide additional information prior to adoption. Mr. Semeraro responded and stated there have been changes to State Legislation and he will further research and provide some input on the matter.

Motion moved by Councilwoman Kent, second by Councilman DeLine to table Ordinance No. 23-26 until the July 19, 2023.

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

**MAYOR MICHAEL SERRA:**

Mayor Serra was excused.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT POLIDORI:**

Councilwoman Polidori reported on the following.

- congratulated the students who are moving up and graduating in Pompton Lakes Schools
- announced the retirement of Dr. Przybylinski and wished him well
- participated in an event for the Rotary and stated a portion of the proceeds were allocated to the VFW
- wished the Historic Commission Happy Birthday and thanked them for their service
- commented on the PRIDE event and thanked all the volunteers who planned the community event
- reminded the community that Council Meetings will take place once monthly for July and August – July 19, 2023 and August 16, 2023
- wished everyone a happy and safe July 4th

**COUNCILWOMAN KENT:**

Councilwoman Kent reported on the following.

- thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their hard work in getting the playgrounds ready for the summer; repairs, gazebo work, landscaping etc.
- attended the first PRIDE festival event and stated the event was well attended
- the Environmental Protection Committee (EPC) has voiced concerns with litter throughout the Borough, especially in open space parks and the downtown areas. Councilwoman Kent stated there are cigarette butts littering the sidewalks, streets and drain grates. The EPC has requested the Governing Body post *No Smoking* signage in open spaces and parks to make citizens aware that smoking is prohibited. Additional efforts should be made to address litter in the downtown parking area. Councilman DeLine responded there are several *NO SMOKING* signs posted in some parks. Mr. Semeraro suggested all types of smoking be added to the Ordinance including marijuana and vaping devices.



- commented on the various Recreation Commission activities including *Dine to Donate* events. All activities can be found on the Borough website.
- the summer camp program concludes at the end of July. Middle School Camp begins July 10; registration signups are available
- Senior Picnic is scheduled to be held on July 22, 2023 at 12:00pm in the Elks Lodge
- vendors are still welcome to sign up for Pompton Day
- thanked the office staff for the town calendar. Anyone not receiving a calendar by July 9, 2023 should contact Borough Hall.
- commented on a minor mishap involving boating incident on Pompton Lake and stated the Police assisted the family and brought them ashore with the new rescue boat. Police boat will be docked in the lake on the weekends.

**COUNCILMAN VENIN:**

Councilman Venin had no report.

**COUNCILMAN BAIG:**

Councilman Baig was excused.

**COUNCILMAN CRUZ:**

Councilman Cruz was excused.

**COUNCILMAN DELINE:**

Councilman DeLine reported on the following.

- the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) completed sixty-six sanitary sewer main and sewer lateral mark outs as well as an emergency mark out
- application to the Zoning Board for a property on Willow Avenue is ongoing
- attended the first PRIDE Day. Councilman DeLine stated his daughter performed “Crazy Little Thing Called Love” during the event. Congratulated the participants and to the volunteers for hosting the event.
- the June 24, 2023 Summer Trails maintenance was cancelled. The next maintenance day will be held on July 9, 2023 at 9:00am. Meeting location will be at the end of Lincoln Avenue.
- wished Councilman Baig a belated Happy Birthday

**PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:**

**MARK SEMERARO, Borough Attorney**

Mr. Semeraro had no report.

**PAULA COZZARELLI, Borough Administrator**

Ms. Cozzarelli reported on the following.

- Verizon installed a conduit under Wanaque Avenue and stated Colfax Avenue will be closed for a half day on July 6, 2023. Businesses will be notified.
- thanked Councilman DeLine for his assistance in securing a \$15,000.00 grant to fund the Spotted Lantern Fly program. A licensed pesticide professional must administer the program in order to qualify for funds.
- during the Historic Commission meeting an application for federal funding was discussed. A survey of existing historic properties and survey of existing properties to ensure the commission meets the criteria in the Borough Code.

**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.

**MICHAEL SIMONE, Lenox Avenue**

Mr. Simone questioned if there was an update regarding the Dawes Highway Bridge, specifically whether Wayne Township was contacted. Mr. Simone offered suggestions to address smoking in the downtown area and stated a message alerting smoking is prohibited in areas be posted to the scrolling message boards.

Ms. Cozzarelli responded and stated Ms. Brandsness to follow up and provide a Memo and Resolution requesting support from Wayne Township and the County Administrator. Councilman DeLine suggested to follow up with an email/phone call to the County Administrator.

**DENNIS KIHMBERG, Mountainside Drive**

Mr. Kihlberg questioned if there are operational fire boxes located in the Borough. Councilwoman Polidori replied and stated that she would look into it.

**RYAN GOSIKER, Carr Street**

Mr. Gosiker commented on *No Smoking* signs and stated the Prevention Coalition would be able to offer Federal State Grant Funds to help defray the cost. Mr. Gosiker stated as long as the signage includes marijuana, vapes and tobacco.

**RANDY HINTON, Montclair Avenue**

Mr. Hinton thanked Councilman DeLine for his assistance in securing the grant for the Spotted Lantern Fly. Ms. Cozzarelli added the Department of Public Works Superintendent, Mr. O'Rourke was involved with the process and submitted the Grant.

Mr. Hinton questioned if there was any update on Clerihew Lane. Ms. Cozzarelli replied and stated there are no new updates at this time.

Mr. Hinton commented on the recent storms and stated he believed no trees or branches came down in the Borough. Ms. Cozzarelli replied and stated that there was one town tree on Wanaque Avenue that had fallen. Mr. Hinton stated the tree removal list has been completed and acknowledged Ms. Davis in the Finance Department for corrections for over charges on the invoice Downes Tree Service submitted.

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Councilman DeLine commented on Ordinance 14-08 *Amending 136-22 of the Borough Code Adding Sections – Banning Smoking on Certain Publicly Owned or Operated Property in the Borough of Pompton Lakes*, stated the Ordinance is comprehensive, and identified the locations for the smoke free signs. Councilman DeLine stated new signage could be placed in more visible locations and no changes/amendments need to be made the Ordinance. Councilman DeLine stated signage should be updated and funds from the Prevention Coalition should offset the costs.

Councilwoman Kent commented on the Spotted Lantern Fly and stated she is grateful the Borough has secured a Grant for the pesticide treatment. Councilwoman Kent thanked Mr. Hinton and the Shade Tree Commission for their assistance in maintaining trees in the Borough.

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

Motion moved by Councilman DeLine, second by Councilman Venin to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:36PM. All voted in favor of the motion.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**ELIZABETH BRANDSNESS, RMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

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**MICHAEL SERRA  
MAYOR**

Dated: June 28, 2023