

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2019**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Jack Nosti, Arthur Miklosey, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker and Paul DeNicola. Also present were Chris Connors, attorney; Alan Dittenhofer, engineer; Brian Waldron, auditor; Deborah Kramer, office manager and Edward A. Woolf, executive director. Nick Juliano, Lacey MUA/Township Committee Liaison also attended the meeting.

**“SUNSHINE
LAW”
STATEMENT**

Mr. Knoeller read the following statement.

Notice of this meeting was adequately provided pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Such Notice was posted at both the Lacey Township Municipal Building and at the Office of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, Forked River, New Jersey.

Such Notice was forwarded to the following newspapers:

- a. Asbury Park Press
- b. Atlantic City Press

Such Notice was also forwarded to the Lacey Township Clerk for posting and filing.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of September 4, 2019 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2019. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Abstain; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Proposed 2020 Sewer and Water Budget - Mr. Woolf stated the Finance Committee discussed and reviewed the 2020 sewer and water budgets in detail. He prepared and submitted the proposed budgets for the Commissioners review. A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the 2020 water and sewer budgets. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending August 31, 2019 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending August 31, 2019 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,596,528.31 with earnings of \$17,113.73. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$5,165,385.82, with earnings of \$9,725.34. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$26,839.07. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$176,034.07.

Mr. Knoeller stated the Authority's financial advisor, Northern Advisory, provided him with an update on the Authority's investments. This year alone they made the Authority an income of \$310,000.00, which is being reinvested. They are doing an excellent job.

Resolution 2019-43 – Cooperative Pricing System Agreement – Educational Services Commission of New Jersey – On recommendation by the executive director a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Miklosey to adopt *Resolution 2019-43, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of Cooperative Pricing System Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto- Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

New Administration Building – Mr. Dittenhofer stated construction of the administration building is complete. A CO was issued by the Township, however, punch list items still remain with the contractor for final Ocean County Soils approval.

Sanitary Sewer Clean and Televis – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a Notice to Proceed was issued on September 12th. Work is tentatively scheduled to start early October.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ultra Equipment – Mr. Connors stated his office has reviewed correspondence concerning the water and sewer application.

Exelon/Holtec Corp. – Mr. Connors stated his office has not received any correspondence from representatives of Holtec in response to their prior letter.

Tank No. 1 Repainting – Mr. Connors stated his office prepared a Resolution rejecting all bids.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended August 31, 2019 – Mr. Waldron reported water and sewer revenues had a favorable variance for the month and year to date. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month and year to date. Sewer user charges had a favorable variance for the month, but unfavorable variance on water.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. & Mrs. Baldwin, Kanoche Dr. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to leak under house. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to grant a credit adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$360.28 (66,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Denise Loutas, Wainwright St. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to water leak in crawl space. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant a credit adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$341.50 (54,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Knoeller stated a meeting was held with the Mayor and administrator of Waretown to discuss the possibility of selling them water. They were informed the Authority is looking for a 20-year long-term agreement, with them purchasing at least 100 million gallons of water. They were also advised if they did not have the funds, they could pay back the water to the Authority in a timely manner such as a 15 or 20 year note. They stated they would speak with their representatives. Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dittenhofer to speak with Mr. Dasti about an escalation clause in the Agreement regarding cost of living increases.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

PUBLIC BUSINESS/ COMMENT

There was no public business/comment.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, the members of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority carefully examined all vouchers presented for payment of claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority that:

1. Said vouchers in the sum of \$257,012.89 be and the same are hereby approved to be paid.
2. Said vouchers are listed on the attached computer check register.

A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary