

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2020. The meeting 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 Brian Waldron (via teleconference), auditor; Christopher Dasti, attorney; Alan Dittenhofer, engineer; Deborah Kramer, office manager; Edward A. Woolf, executive director; Nick Juliano, Lacey MUA/Township Committee Liaison.

**“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 May 6, 2020 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2020. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending April 30, 2020 – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending April 30, 2020 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$11,322,634.02, with earnings of \$19,110.00. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,425,717.06, with earnings of \$5,480.87. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$24,590.00. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$111,398.31.

Resolution 2020-34 – Award of Contract – Repainting of Tank No. 1 – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2020-34, Resolution of the Lacey*

Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding Repainting of Tank No. 1 Contract to Guimar General Contracting in the amount of \$968,100.00. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2020-33 – Salary Increase – Non-Union, Non-Contract Employees – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2020-33, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Establishing Salary Increases for Non-Union, Non-Contract Employees of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2020-36 – Merit Increase – Mary D’Angelo – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2020-36, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Merit Increase for Mary D’Angelo.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2020-37 – Promotion – Derek Verge – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2020-37, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Derek Verge to the Position of Water Distribution Foreman.* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Resolution 2020-35 – Preliminary Approvals – Ronald & Susan Gafgen – On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2020-35, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, granting Preliminary Sewer and Water Approval, Laurel Boulevard Minor Subdivision, Ronald & Susan Gafgen, Block 840, Lots 34 & 35.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Mr. Dittenhofer recommended payment #2 in the amount of \$61,947.48 be approved. Descaling of the pipe is approximately half complete. Lining is scheduled to begin in June.

Repainting of Tank No. 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer stated bids were received on May 27th. His office has not worked with the low bidder, Guimar General Contracting, however, references were checked and his office finds them acceptable to award the contract.

Column Investigation Well #7 – Mr. Dittenhofer stated A.C. Schultes has completed the column removal and pump removal. The next recommendation is to perform an inspection of the pipe.

Route 9 Watermain Extension - Mr. Dittenhofer stated permits have been submitted to all regulatory agencies for the watermain extension.

Solar Feasibility Analysis – Mr. Dittenhofer stated his office prepared and issued a Solar Feasibility Report for the LMUA administration building. The report outlines the projected return on investment of 13 years based on the current solar rebate system. Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dittenhofer to research the feasibility of the Authority not financing and paying for it outright and what the return on the investment would be.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

LMUA Teamsters Local 97 Collective Bargaining Agreement – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Authority and the Union.

Toms River LMUA Shared Services Agreement – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed the Shared Services Agreement between the Authority and Toms River MUA.

LMUA Route 9 Water Main Extension – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed the NJDEP Water Extension Application which prepared in conjunction with the Authority's engineer.

Mr. Knoeller recommended going out to bid for this project before the permits are finalized. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale authorizing R&V to advertise and receive bids for the Route 9 water main extension project. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Holtec Extension of Water and Sewer System – Mr. Dasti stated his office researched the connection regulations and requirements for the existing user to tie into the Authority's water and sewer infrastructure. His office will prepare correspondence to Holtec advising them they must connect their existing service to the Authority's infrastructure.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report - Mr. Waldron stated a meeting was held with the Finance Committee to review the 2019 audit. Overall he stated it was a positive report with no recommendations. Once final figures are received from the State, the Authority can approve the 2019 audit. Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Waldron to research and make a recommendation to the Board regarding a rate study.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. & Mrs. Sciarrotta, Island View Drive – Requesting relief of utility bill due to leaky expansion tank. 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 an adjustment in the amount of \$751.08 (124,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dasti to provide the Board with a legal opinion regarding commercial customers receiving the same relief/abatement on their utility bill as residential customers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Woolf reported the OCUA has determined there will be no increase in its schedule of rates and charges for the 2021 fiscal year.

Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dasti to review the lease Agreement between the Authority and the Board of Education. He explained the Authority does not charge rent to the Board of Education, since they permitted the LMUA to install a communication antenna on their storage tank. They are now requesting the LMUA pay for their air conditioning unit that has stopped working. Mr. Knoeller stated he does not think the LMUA should be liable to have this unit fixed.

**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 \$1,026,262.43 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. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-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

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