

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Arthur Miklosey, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker and Paul DeNicola. Also present were Christopher Dasti, 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 & Reorganization Meeting of February 5, 2020** - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular & Reorganization Meeting of February 5, 2020. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR’S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending January 30, 2020** – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending January 30, 2020 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,878,752.41, with earnings of \$20,678.05. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,977,311.22, with earnings of \$6,120.27. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$26,798.32. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$26,798.32.

**Resolution 2020-11 – Appoint Conflict Attorney** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Miklosey to adopt *Resolution 2020-11, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority,*

*County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Jerry J. Dasti, esq. as Authority Conflict Attorney.* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2020-27 – Award Contract – Well 7 Pump Column Assembly Investigation** – Mr. Knoeller stated since A.C Shultes was the original contractor who installed the pump column assembly, he would like to be certain there were no defects or manufacturing deficiencies with the product. If the inspection shows there was a deficiency in his workmanship, the Authority should be entitled to be credited. Mr. Dittenhofer stated his office will look at the original equipment that was supplied to see what, if any, guarantees would still be in effect after the maintenance period. Additionally, his office will be doing the inspections. On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Miklosey to adopt *Resolution 2020-27, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding Bid for the Well 7 Pump Column Assembly Investigation to A.C. Schultes, Inc. in the amount of \$135,888.00.* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed. The passing of this Resolution is contingent upon inspection and confirmation on whether parts need to be replaced and who is responsible for deficiencies, if any.

**Resolution 2020-28 – Purchase of Electricity Supply Services** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2020-28, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website.* Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Resolution 2020-29 – Final Water Approval – Earie Way Watermain Extension -** Mr. Dittenhofer reported his office received the applications and plans for final water approval for Earie Way Watermain Extension. The applicant is proposing to construct a 240 LF water main extension within the right-of-way of Earie Way. The applicant proposes to install one ¾” polyethylene water service to service a future dwelling along the route of the main extension. On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution No. 2020-29, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Final Water Approval, Earie Way Water Main Extension, Leann Enterprises, LLC., Block 1223, Lots 9-13.* Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a preconstruction meeting was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> with an anticipated start date at the end of March.

**Repainting of Tank No. 1** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated the LMUA has issued authorization to bid for interior and exterior painting of Tank No. 1. His office will bid the project in the spring for fall construction.

**Column Investigation Well #7** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a bid opening was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. His office recommends awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, A.C. Schultes, Inc. in the amount of \$135,888.00.

**Route 9 Watermain Extension** - Mr. Dittenhofer stated his office is preparing plans and specifications for the Route 9 watermain extension.

**Waretown** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> with representatives from Waretown.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**North American Pipeline** – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed the contract and documentation for North American Pipeline Services. His office approved the form and content of the Agreement.

**Well 7 Pump Column Assembly Investigation** – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed two (2) bids that were received for the project.

**Sea Breeze at Lacey – Phase 2** – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed the Maintenance Bonds for water and sewer and finds the bonds acceptable.

#### **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended January 31, 2020** – Mr. Waldron reported water and sewer revenues had an unfavorable variance for the month. Sewer expenses had an unfavorable variance for the month, but favorable on water. Sewer and water user charges had an unfavorable variance for the month and year to date.

Mr. Waldron stated his office will be performing the audit within the next two weeks. An area of focus will be to determine a better way to approach the analysis that is presently being used to compare the monthly records to the actual budget.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Madeline Coppola, Clearview Street** – Requesting relief for high usage due to a ruptured expansion tank. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$306.36 (66,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Jonathan Hernandez, Chestnut Drive** – Requesting payment plan to pay outstanding utility bill. A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to grant a payment plan to pay outstanding utility bill. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dittenhofer to provide the Board with a feasibility study for solar panels for the administration building.

**Safety Award** - Mr. Woolf stated the Authority received a three-year no loss time accident award. He thanked Darren Coraggio for doing an outstanding job with the Safety Program.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS/  
COMMENT**

**Regina Discenza, Sunset Drive** - Mrs. Discenza stated it would be a good idea for the Administration building to install solar panels.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances;

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of this closed session concerns personnel matters.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated matters will be made public once these matters have been resolved.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. DeNicola and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Separate minutes were kept on the above closed session.

**REOPEN  
MEETING**

**OTHER  
BUSINESS**

**Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement** – A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to approve Teamsters Local No. 97 contract. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**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 \$1,296,768.79 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. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy  
Executive Secretary