

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Arthur Miklosey (via teleconference), Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker and Paul DeNicola. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Christopher Dasti, attorney; Pam Hilla, engineer; Deborah Kramer, office manager; Edward A. Woolf, executive director; Nick Juliano, Lacey Township 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 September 2, 2020** - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2020. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Abstain; Knoeller-Abstain. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR’S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending August 31, 2020** – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$11,609,561.22, with earnings of \$16,108.60. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,861,377.89, with earnings of \$4,586.32. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$20,694.92. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$193,046.91.

**Resolution 2020-45 – Award Project – Route 9 Watermain Extension Rebid** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2020-45, Resolution of the Lacey*

*Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding Bid for Route 9 Watermain Extension Rebid Project to Montana Construction Corp, in the amount of \$306,200.00. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.*

**Resolution 2020-46 – Adopt Procedures for Remote Public Meetings during Declared Emergency** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2020-46, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Adopting Procedures for Remote Public Meetings held during a Declared Emergency.* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes; Motion passed.

**Proposed 2021 Sewer and Water Budget** - Mr. Woolf stated the Finance Committee discussed and reviewed the 2021 sewer and water budgets in detail. He prepared and submitted the proposed budgets for the Commissioners review. A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the 2021 water and sewer budgets. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Miklosey asked about the status of implementing the radio read project. Mr. Woolf stated the project will begin in 2021.

Mr. Knoeller stated since the Authority will be spending \$306,000.00 of the \$650,000 that was allocated for the water main extension project, he recommends the Authority purchase as much materials as possible out of that money to be stockpiled. He asked the engineer to make up a material list for this project.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Solar Panel Evaluation** – Ms. Hilla reported a revised solar evaluation report including the records storage building was submitted to the Authority for review. Mr. Knoeller asked the engineer to begin the process of preparing specifications to go out to bid for this project.

**Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation** – Ms. Hilla reported the manhole rehabilitation is complete.

**Repainting of Tank No. 1** – Ms. Hilla reported contractor has mobilized, the tank is offline and construction is ongoing.

**Column Investigation Well #7** – Ms. Hilla reported A.C. Schultes has completed the column removal and pump removal. Water quality test pump and additional water quality testing has been performed.

**Route 9 Watermain Extension** – Ms. Hilla reported the bid opening was held September 23<sup>rd</sup> for the directional drill portion of the main extension. Their office issued

a recommendation of award to low bidder Montana Construction in the amount of \$306,200.00.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**LMUA Route 9 Water Main Extension** – Mr. Dasti reported his office prepared a Resolution to award the bid to lowest bidder.

**Holtec – Connection to Water and Sewer Infrastructure** – Mr. Dasti reported his office sent correspondence to the adjoining property owners of the Holtec site advising they have to connect to the Authority's water and sewer system as a result of recent development applications and also the current Route 9 water main extension project.

**Toll Brothers, Inc.** - Mr. Dasti reported his office sent correspondence to the representative of Toll Brothers demanding they reimburse the Authority for the new replacement water meter as well as payment for the water services.

**ENJ Enterprises/Earie Way Subdivision** - Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the performance bond posted by the developer with regard to this project. His office found same to be acceptable as to form and content.

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended August 31, 2020** – 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 and water user charges had a favorable variance for the month, but unfavorable year-to-date.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Raymond Kramer, Pensacola Drive** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to toilet leak. Since the basis of the leak was due to a toilet issue, a waiver of the charges could not be supported. A payment plan will be offered to customer. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to offer customer a payment plan to pay outstanding bill. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Mr. & Mrs. Hoag, Taurus Court** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to pipe leak in crawl space. 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 \$181.26 (43,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Francis Cuccio, Fairview Lane** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to supply line to sprinkler leak. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$348.35 (50,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Thomas Darmody, Lakeside Drive** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to ruptured garden hose. 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 \$1,263.30 (166,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Nicole Baccanini, Bullard Avenue** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to toilet leak. Since the basis of the leak was due to a toilet issue, a waiver of the charges could not be supported. A payment plan will be offered to customer. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Miklosey to offer customer a payment plan to pay outstanding bill. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Harry Fearon, Lake Avenue** – Requesting relief of utility bill due watering lawn without irrigation meter. Since the customer is a new resident, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant a one-time relief in the amount of \$146.98 (39,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**John Krause, Sunrise Blvd.** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to pipe leak under dock. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Baker to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$1,194.55 (164,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Edward Allegar, Shady Brook Lane** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to expansion tank leak in crawl space. 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 \$1,589.20 (219,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Christian Hintz, Chestnut Street** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to leaky pipe to dock. 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 \$271.90 (48,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Diane Bellavia, Arlington Lane** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to leaky pipe to dock. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Baker to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$225.00 (43,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed

**OLD  
BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**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 \$458,214.40 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; Baker-Yes; Miklosey-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