

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Michael Masciale, Vice Chairman. Other members present were Jack Nosti, Arthur Miklosey, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker and Paul DeNicola. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Christopher Dasti, attorney; Alan Dittenhofer, engineer; Deborah Kramer, office manager; and Edward A. Woolf, executive director.

**“SUNSHINE
LAW”
STATEMENT**

Mr. Masciale 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 August 5, 2020 - A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2020. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending July 31, 2020 – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending July 31, 2020 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$11,454,364.66, with earnings of \$15,555.04. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,715,238.67, with earnings of \$1,468.29. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$17,023.33. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$172,351.99.

Resolution 2020-42 – Renewal of membership in New Jersey Utility Authority Joint Insurance Fund – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2020-42, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Renewal of Membership in the New Jersey Utility Authorities Joint Insurance*

Fund. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2020-43 – Approve & Accept Consent to Use Agreement – Ocean County Utilities Authority – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2020-43, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Approving and Accepting Consent to Use Agreement with Ocean County Utilities Authority for Route 9 Water Main Extension.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2020-44 – Amending and Restating a New Jersey Governmental 457 Deferred Compensation Plan – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Baker to adopt *Resolution 2020-44, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending and Restating a New Jersey Governmental 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Document.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Solar Panel Evaluation – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a revised solar evaluation report including the records storage building was submitted to the Authority for review.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Mr. Dittenhofer stated approximately 2,800 LF of pipe has been descaled, and 2,300 LF has been lined. Manhole rehabilitation is approximately 95% complete.

Repainting of Tank No. 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a site meeting was held July 14th. Contractor to mobilize beginning of September with anticipation of tank being offline September 15th.

Column Investigation Well #7 – Mr. Dittenhofer stated A.C. Schultes has completed the column removal and pump removal. Water quality testing ongoing preparing for additional pump testing.

Route 9 Watermain Extension - Mr. Dittenhofer stated bid opening was held on July 14th. Project is being re-bid in September for the directional drill only

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

615 Conifer Drive – Mr. Dasti reported his office has received and reviewed correspondence from the builder with regard to waivers of water and sewer fees and interest from house the purchaser purchased to flip it at sheriff's sale. His office sent correspondence to the attorney representing the builder advising that pursuant to law, they purchased the home subject to all outstanding liens and taxes, and those monies must be paid.

LMUA Route 9 Water Main Extension – Mr. Dasti stated his office received and reviewed the revised plans prepared and submitted by the Authority’s engineer to the NJDEP.

Repainting of Tank #1 – Mr. Dasti stated his office received, reviewed and approved the contract documents and bid documents by the Authority’s engineer.

**AUDITOR’S
REPORT**

Accountant’s Status Report – Month Ended July 31, 2020 – Mr. Waldron reported water and sewer revenues had an unfavorable variance for the month. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month. Sewer and water user charges had an unfavorable variance for the month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. & Mrs. Ferrero, Twin River Drive – Requesting relief of utility bill due to underground pipe to dock leak. 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 \$250.62 (47,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

John Bott, Fairview Lane – 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. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Baker to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$178.80 (49,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Rosemary Leonardis, Laurel Blvd. – Requesting relief of utility bill due to pipe leak at dock. 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 \$105.48 (30,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Abstain; Masciale-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 \$1,080,646.93 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. Nosti to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-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