

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2019**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2109 and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Jack Nosti, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker and Paul DeNicola. Also present were Jerry Dasti, attorney; Alan Dittenhofer, engineer; Brian Waldron, auditor; 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 July 10, 2019 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2019. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending June 30, 2019 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending June 30, 2019 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$9,806,518.49, with earnings of \$11,872.52. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,093,947.49, with earnings of \$4,143.94. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$16,016.46. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$112,558.96.

Mr. Knoeller stated he was concerned with the returns on the low performing accounts. He asked Mr. Waldron, in conjunction with the Authority’s financial advisor, to review the account earnings and possibility moving the low performing accounts into high performing accounts. He asked that a report be provided to the finance committee.

Repainting Tank No. 1 – Mr. Woolf stated four bids were received for the repainting of Tank No. 1. project. The lowest bid was \$1,073,000.00, however, the Authority only budgeted \$300,000.00 for this project. Mr. Woolf recommends this bid be rejected. Mr. Knoeller recommended reaching out to out-of-state contractors to bid on the project. Mr. Dittenhofer stated he will restructure the bid with alternates.

Resolution 2019-37 – Transfer of Funds – A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2019-37, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Transfer of Funds, 2019 Sewer Capital Budget*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Vehicle Auction – Mr. Woolf requested adding two vehicles to the list of approved vehicles to be auctioned. Those vehicles are 2007 Ford F-250 and a Miller Asphalt Roller. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to add the aforementioned vehicles to the auction list previously approved at the July 10th Board meeting. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-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. Punch list items are on-going at this time.

Sanitary Sewer Clean and Televis – Mr. Dittenhofer stated contracts have been forwarded to the contractor and a preconstruction meeting will be schedule.

Water Tank No. 1 Repainting – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a bid opening was held on July 30th. The low bidder was Brave Industrial Paint in the amount of \$1,073,000.00.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Exelon/Holtec – Mr. Dasti stated his office prepared a memo indicating the “need” of Holtec for the extension of water lines to service the new improvements. Mr. Knoeller stated there is a 12-inch line right across their property. According to the Authority’s rules and regulations, in the event that extension or improvements of the Authority’s water and sewer mains or related facilities are necessary to provide services to the applicant property, it shall be the applicant’s responsibility to pay all costs associated with the required extensions or improvements. Mr. Dasti stated his office will research this further for a negotiations standpoint.

Sewer Cleaning & Televising 2019 Project - Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed the bids from apparent lowest responsible bidder.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended June 30, 2019 – 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 and year to date. Sewer and water user charges had an unfavorable variance for the month.

Mr. Waldron stated his office received the required information from the State of New Jersey to finalize the audit, which will be presented to the Board at the September meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**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 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 \$275,335.39 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. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary

