

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2019**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 and 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 Jerry Dasti, attorney; Alan Dittenhofer, engineer; Kevin Frenia, auditor; Deborah Kramer, office manager and Edward A. Woolf, executive director.

**“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 November 6, 2019** - A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2019. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Abstain; Miklosey-Abstain; Knoeller-Abstain. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending October 31, 2019** – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending October 31, 2019 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,634,318.62, with earnings of \$12,790.06. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$5,825,644.42, with earnings of \$9,491.02. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$22,281.08. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$220,901.34.

**Resolution 2019-47 – Rejecting Bids – Communitor Sewage Grinder – Rebid for New Proposals** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2019-47, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Rejecting all bids submitted for the Communitor Sewage Grinder contract and authorizing a rebid for*

*new proposals.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2019-48 – Transfer of Funds** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2019-48, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Transfer of Funds, 2019 Sewer and Water Budgets.* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**2020 Professional Services** – Mr. Woolf requested authorization to advertise and receive bids for 2020 Professional Services. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale authorizing the advertisement to advertise and receive bids for 2020 Professional Services. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Well Pump No. 7** – Mr. Woolf requested authorization to remove, repair and reinstall well pump No. 7. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Miklosey authorizing the removal, repair and reinstallation of Well Pump No. 7. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-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 substantially complete. A final CO was issued by the Township, however, punch list items still remain with the contractor for final Ocean County Soils approval. Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dasti to send a letter to the contractor requesting they get the punch list items satisfied.

**Sanitary Sewer Clean and Televis** – Mr. Dittenhofer requested authorization to advertise and receive bids for sanitary sewer rehabilitation. A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Waretown** - Mr. Knoeller stated Waretown is interested in purchasing water from the LMUA. Therefore, we need to go out to bid and get bids for the cost of the lines so Waretown can be informed what their appropriate share would be for the line going to Waretown's border. He recommends authorizing the engineer to prepare bid specifications for the line to be run to the Waretown border. He also asked Mr. Dasti to prepare a drafted contract once the figures are received. A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Nosti .... Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**Holtec/Exelon Corp.** – Mr. Dasti stated his office has been advised by representatives of Holtec that they will not be going moving forward with the extension of the water lines.

**Communitor Sewage Grinder** – Mr. Dasti stated his office prepared a Resolution rejecting all bids and recommending rebid of project.

**Sewer Rehab for Central Trunk Line** – Mr. Dasti stated he provided correspondence to the Authority concerning recommendations in terms of the negotiated versus open bid issue.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended October 31, 2019** – Mr. Frenia reported water and sewer revenues had an unfavorable variance for the month, but favorable year to date. 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 and year.

**Resolution 2019-45 – Adopt 2020 Sewer and Water Budget** – On recommendation by the auditor, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt Resolution 2019-45, adopting the 2020 sewer and water budget. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Mr. & Mrs. Neubauer, Laurel Blvd.** – Mr. & Mrs. Neubauer were present requesting relief of their utility bill. Mr. Woolf explained there were multiple issues relating to the high usage (leaking pool liner, toilet leak). His recommendation would be to have the water meter tested. Mrs. Neubauer stated the pool leak was discovered in May when they opened the pool, and understands the high utility bill for that period. She does not understand the high utility bill for the July to October period since the pool liner was repaired in May. Mr. Knoeller stated the water meter will be pulled and tested for accuracy. He asked Mrs. Neubauer to recount the number of times from May until the end of the season they had to put water into the pool so an accurate calculation can be considered for possible credit. The utility bill will be held in abeyance until the meter is tested and response from customer regarding filling the pool. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Miklosey to have the water meter tested, and waive penalties on the account until rectified. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes- Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Nancy Scalice, Laurel Blvd.** – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to leaky hose bib. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to grant a credit adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$1,284.50 (184,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Mr. & Mrs. Buchko, Laurel Blvd.** – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to 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. Miklosey to grant a credit adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$280.12 (55,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**OLD  
BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Mr. Masciale reported there was a major leak in the section of Sunrise Boulevard. He stated the gasket on the valve was a wrong gasket when it was put in 20-30 years ago. He asked what can be done to prevent this happening in the future. Mr. Woolf stated the Authority has spare parts on hand and it is handled on a case by case basis. The only other alternative would be to go out to bid and dig up each and every joint, however, it would cost a lot of money to do so.

**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 \$1,031,414.37 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; Miklosey-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

