

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. The meeting 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 Brian Waldron, auditor; Christopher Dasti, attorney; Alan Dittenhofer, engineer; 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 July 1, 2020 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending June 30, 2020 – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending June 30, 2020 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,972,409.52, with earnings of \$16,469.18. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,555,828.23, with earnings of \$5,624.43. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$21,993.61. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$155,328.66.

Resolution 2020-39 – Accept & Approve 2019 Audit – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2020-39, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Accepting and Approving the Audit Ending Fiscal Year*

December 31, 2019. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2020-40 – Amended Final Sewer and Water Approval – Lacey Woods – Karchik Woods – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2020-40, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amended Final Sewer and Water Approval, Block 1578, Lots 1-15 (Lacey Woods) and Block 1579, Lots 25-36 (Karchik Woods)*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-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 was submitted to the Authority for review. This report included the addition of panels on the records storage building located to the rear of the administration building. Mr. Knoeller stated he would like a report to include information generating SREC's by using records storage building. Mr. Dittenhofer stated he will prepare a report taking the maximum usage of the administration building and tie in a number of solar panels to the records building.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Mr. Dittenhofer stated approximately 2,400 LF of pipe has been descaled, and 1,500 LF has been lined. Manhole rehabilitation is approximately 50% complete.

Repainting of Tank No. 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a site meeting was held July 14th. Construction shall commence in Fall of 2020.

Column Investigation Well #7 – Mr. Dittenhofer stated A.C. Schultes has completed the column removal and pump removal. His office determined there was nothing wrong with the pump or column assembly. Water quality testing is ongoing.

Route 9 Watermain Extension - Mr. Dittenhofer stated bid opening was held on July 14th. The low bid submitted by Montana Construction in the amount of \$912,069.00 for the base bid and alternate bid. Mr. Knoeller stated since the base bid and alternate bid total exceeds the Authority's budgetary constraints, he recommends LMUA personnel do the project related to installing the water main and fittings. Therefore, he recommends rejecting the bids and re-advertising the project. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt Resolution 2020-41, rejecting all bids for the Route 9 Water Main Extension Project and Re-advertisement of bids. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

LMUA Route 9 Water Main Extension – Mr. Dasti stated his office received and reviewed the comments from the NJDEP regarding the submission and the Authority's engineer's point by point response memorandum to the NJDEP with the various documents as well as the permit application.

LMUA/Holtec Connection to Infrastructure – Mr. Dasti stated his office is working the Authority’s engineer with regard to identifying the structures on the property, property owners, as well as compiling information with regard to previous approvals granted to the power plant.

**AUDITOR’S
REPORT**

Accountant’s Status Report – Month Ended June 30, 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 an unfavorable variance for the month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stephen D’Angelo, Neosho Drive – 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 \$248.80 (38,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Andrew O’Rourke, Shodda Street – Requesting relief of utility bill due to leaky hot water heater. 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 an adjustment in the amount of \$183.00 (41,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Laura Long, Juniper 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. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$315.10 (53,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

616 Conifer Drive – Mr. Woolf recommended Tabling this issue until the September board meeting.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Penalties & Turn-offs – There was discussion on the implementation of temporarily suspending penalties and turn-offs due to the COVID virus. Mr. Knoeller recommended re-implementing penalties and shut-offs October 1st.

**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 \$396,123.14 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; Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-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