

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 6, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, and conducted via teleconference due to the COVID-19 virus. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members who phoned in were Michael Masciale, Jack Nosti, Arthur Miklosey, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker and Paul DeNicola. Also phoning in were Brian Waldron, auditor and Nick Juliano, Lacey MUA/Township Committee Liaison. Present at the meeting were Christopher Dasti, attorney; Alan Dittenhofer, engineer; Deborah Kramer, office manager and Edward A. Woolf, executive director.

**“SUNSHINE  
LAW”  
STATEMENT**

Mr. Woolf 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 March 4, 2020** - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2020. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-Abstain; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Closed Session Meeting of March 4, 2020** - A motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Masciale to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 4, 2020. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Abstain; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR’S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending March 31, 2020** – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending March 31, 2020 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,697,216.49, with earnings of \$19,004.78. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,254,722.59, with earnings

of \$5,865.49. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$24,869.00. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$86,804.44.

**Resolution 2020-31 – Approving Shared Services Agreement** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2020-31, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority*. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2020-32 – Letter of No Interest – Bill Schoeneberg** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2020-32, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Letter of No Interest, Lot Consolidation and Minor Subdivision, Bill Schoeneberg, Block 4111, Lots 3-4 and Block 4108, Lots 18-21*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated North American Pipeline mobilized and started construction. Approximately 1,000 LF of mechanical descaling of the ductile iron pipe has been performed. North American Pipeline anticipates starting to line the sewer mains in May.

**Repainting of Tank No. 1** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated re-bid of the project was noticed on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The bid opening is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. The bid opening shall be conducted via telephone conference.

**Column Investigation Well #7** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated a Notice to Proceed was issued to A.C.Schultes on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Schultes is anticipated to start work on the Well 7 Column Investigation in May.

**Route 9 Watermain Extension** - Mr. Dittenhofer stated his office is preparing plans and specifications for the Route 9 watermain extension. Plans and specifications are complete for permit submission. His office is coordinating the easement agreement documents with OCUA.

**Solar Feasibility Analysis** – Mr. Dittenhofer stated his office prepared and issued a Solar Feasibility Report for the LMUA administration building. The report outlines the projected return on investment of 13 years based on the current solar rebate system.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Well 7 Pump Column Assembly Investigation** – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed and approved the Form of Contract and contract documents from the Authority's engineer.

**Holtec Extension of Water and Sewer System** – Mr. Dasti stated his office reviewed this matter and sent correspondence to representatives of Holtec setting forth the basis by which they would be required to connect to the water and sewer infrastructure if they proceed with the improvements at the Oyster Creek site. Holtec has responded that they will not be proceeding with the improvements at the site and thus there will be no need for any further water and sewer infrastructure extension and connection. Mr. Knoeller pointed out that since the water line is in front of Holtec, there may be requirement for them to hook-up to the water system. He asked Mr. Dasti to be prepared to litigate against them in this regard.

**COVID-19 Legislation Effecting Government Entities** – Mr. Dasti stated his office has sent correspondence to the Authority as to various state and federal legislation regarding COVID-19 that effects public entities.

**Re-Bid Repainting of Tank #1** - Mr. Dasti stated his office has worked the Authority's engineer regarding the bid package as well as providing adequate notice in light of COVID-19. As a result, there have to be revisions to the Public Notice for bids to apprise the public on how to attend any bid openings electronically.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended March 31, 2020** – Mr. Waldron reported sewer revenues had an unfavorable variance for the month, but favorable year-to-date. Water revenues had a favorable variance for the month, but unfavorable year-to-date. Sewer and water user charges had an unfavorable variance for the month and year-to date.

Mr. Waldron stated his office prepared a draft of the LMUA audit. He asked that the finance committee schedule a meeting to review the draft audit in detail. Mr. Masciale recommends the meeting be held in person.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Stephen Calabro, Fairview Lane** – Requesting relief for high usage 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. Lanuto to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$315.54 (53,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Emily Krai, Port Street** – Requesting relief for high usage 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. Lanuto to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$388.62 (73,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Florence Holland, Sussex Place** – Requesting relief for high usage 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. Miklosey to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$857.04 (134,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Laura Long, Juniper Lane** – Requesting relief for high usage 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. Lanuto to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$384.80 (74,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**OLD  
BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2020-30 – Approving New Collective Bargaining Agreement** – Mr. Nosti executed Resolution 2020-30 approved the New Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Mr. Knoeller recommended conducting the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at the LMUA office. Mr. Baker also recommended conducting the meeting by Zoom if an in-person meeting cannot be done.

There was discussion regarding non-union increases. Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Woolf to make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

**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 \$383,178.39 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. Miklosey and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-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

