

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2021**

Pledge of Allegiance

There was a moment of silence for the passing of Lacey MUA Commissioner Paul DeNicola.

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. 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 (via teleconference), Ralph Lanuto, and Alan Baker. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Jerry 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 March 3, 2021 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2021. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending February 28, 2021 – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$11,423,883.54, with earnings of \$14,358.11. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,706,301.71, with earnings of \$3,940.09. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$18,298.20. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$36,177.78.

Governor Executive Orders – Mr. Woolf reported the Governor’s executive order 229 extends original executive order 190 of utilities not charging penalties or terminate service for water and sewer.

**BUSINESS
REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

**ENGINEER’S
REPORT**

Resolution 2021-23 – Performance Guarantee Release – Ridgemont Homes – Harbor Run – Phase 2 – On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2021-23, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Performance Guarantee Reduction, Water & Sewer Systems, Harbor Run Major Subdivision – Phase 2, Ridgemont Homes, Inc, Block 1721.01, 1727.02, Various Lots*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-22 – Award of Contract – Solar System at Administration Building – On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Miklosey to adopt *Resolution 2021-22, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding a Contract for the Solar System at the Administration Building and Water Treatment Plant #2 to KRN Contractors, LLC, D/B/A Taf Solar in the amount of \$234,220.00*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Repainting of Tank No. 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer reported interior bowl painting is complete. Anticipated completion of tank painting is end of April weather permitting.

Route 9 Watermain Extension – Mr. Dittenhofer reported construction is complete. His office recommend payment No. 1 in the amount of \$300,076.00.

Mr. Knoeller commended sewer operations supervisor, Troy Burton, who was in attendance, for doing a great job on this project. Mr. Burton and his crew are working very well together and are ahead of schedule. By doing a portion of the construction in-house has saved the Authority approximately \$325-350,000 in savings.

Antenna Read and Meter/MXU Replacement Phase 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer reported his office is developing scope of work for Phase 1, fixed base antenna read system and MXU replacements.

Cleaning, Televising Sewer Rehabilitation – Mr. Dittenhofer reported his office is developing scope of work for sewer televising to identify areas of high infiltration. Mr. Woolf stated portions of Sunrise Beach was also included due to infiltration issues. Mr. Knoeller asked about the new liner that was installed on Route 9. Mr. Dittenhofer stated there have been no issues with the liner.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Holtec Water Connection – Mr. Dasti reported a meeting was held with representatives of Holtec to determine where the water lateral will be moled under Route 9 to service their property. The Authority's engineer is continuing a dialog with the engineer for Holtec. In regards to the crossing, Mr. Baker stated he originally sold the easement to the gas company to bring gas to the plant. Part of the deal was to put two (2) sleeves under Route 9. He suggested the Authority contact the gas company and ask them about plans they drew up at that time since he no longer has them.

Additional Water Connections – Mr. Dasti reported he and the executive director have been speaking with representatives of other property owners in the "Holtec" area. Letters have been forwarded to all other property owners that own property which can now be serviced by the water system.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended February 28, 2021 – Mr. Waldron reported water and sewer revenues had a favorable variance for the month. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month. User charges resulted in a favorable variance for the month.

Connection Fee Calculation – Mr. Waldron stated his office is working on the connection fee calculation.

2020 Audit – Mr. Waldron stated he will schedule a finance committee meeting to discuss the 2020 audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. & Mrs. Cortese, Emerald Court – Requesting relief of utility bill due to leaky hot water heating system. 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 on the sewer charges in the amount of \$1,072.60 (162,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Miklosey-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Mr. Knoeller executed the Agreement between the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority and Remington & Vernick Engineers.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS/
COMMENT**

A representative from KRN Contractors was present (solar system). Mr. Knoeller asked the contractor the timeframe for starting the project. The contractor stated he would like to begin sometime in May.

**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 \$991,678.18 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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary