

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2021**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Ralph Lanuto, and Alan Baker. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Jerry Dasti and Patrick Varga, attorneys; Alan Dittenhofer and Pam Hilla, engineers; Deborah Kramer, office manager; 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 7, 2021 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2021. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending June 30, 2021 – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,353,906.27 with earnings of \$13,523.93. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,148,169.81 with earnings of \$3,722.57. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$17,246.50. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$107,890.90

Resolution 2021-33 – Transfer of Funds – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2021-33, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of*

Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Transfer of Funds, 2021 Water and Sewer Budget. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-30 – Award Contract – Cleaning and Televising – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2021-30, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding a Contract for Cleaning and Televising at S-3, FRB.* Contract was awarded to Sewer Rat Trenchless Solutions in the amount of \$222,291.50. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-31 – Award Contract – Pole Barn Construction – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2021-31, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding a Contract for Pole Barn Construction.* Contract was awarded to Dutchman Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$229,860.00. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-32 – Transfer of GMC 1997 Truck – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2021-32, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Transferring Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority GMC 1997 Truck from Sewer Department to Water Department.* Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Resolution 2021-29 – Accept Maintenance Bond – Release Performance Bond – Final Payment – Change Order No. 1 – Well 7 Pump Column Assembly Investigation – A.C. Schultes, Inc. – On recommendation by the Authority's engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2021-29, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Acceptance of Maintenance Bond, Release of Performance Bond and Final Payment, Change Order No. 1, Well 7 Pump Column Assembly Investigation, A.C. Schultes, Inc.* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Solar System for Administration Building & Water Treatment Plant #2 – Mr. Dittenhofer reported materials have been delivered to the Water Treatment Plant for installation. Contractor is waiting on construction permits to start installation. His office recommends payment No. 1 in the amount of \$27,481.16.

Repainting of Tank No. 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer reported his office recommends payment No. 5 in the amount of \$119,234.15. In addition, a downward Change Order No. 1 for a contract decrease of \$49,733.50 was submitted for approval. Tank painting is complete, tank is online, final closeout documents are being coordinated with the contractor. A

motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve change order No. 5. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Wells 7 Pump Column Assembly – Mr. Dittenhofer reported his office issued a letter for a downward Change Order No. 1 proposing a contract decrease in the amount of \$31,855.01 for a final payment in the amount of \$2,080.66.

Antenna Read and Meter/MXU Replacement Phase 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer reported specifications for the Phase 1 fixed base antenna read system and MXU replacements is being prepared. Project to be bid in August.

Cleaning, Televising Sewer Rehabilitation – Mr. Dittenhofer reported bid opening was held on July 21st. His office issued a recommendation to award the project to Sewer Rat Trenchless Solutions in the amount of \$222,291.50.

Pole Barn – Mr. Dittenhofer reported the bid opening was held on July 21st. His office issued a recommendation to award the project to Dutchman Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$229,860.00

Holtec – Mr. Dittenhofer reported the mechanical contractor for Holtec has reached out to him regarding the installation of the water service under Route 9. They are going to directional drill a 12” water main and are asking for some assistance in obtaining NJDOT permit. Mr. Woolf asked if there will be a meter vault on their property. Mr. Dittenhofer asked the contractor to send a scope of what they are proposing. More information will be available by the next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Route 9 Water Main Extension – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the closeout documents, maintenance guarantee, etc. for the Route 9 water main extension.

Pole Barn Application – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the documentation submitted on behalf of the Authority seeking the courtesy review of the application before the Planning Board. He intends to appear on behalf of the Authority at the Planning Board meeting.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended June 30, 2021 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer revenues had an unfavorable variance for the month, favorable on water. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month. User charges resulted in an unfavorable variance for the month for both water and sewer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Simonovich, Ensign Drive – Requesting relief of utility bill due to outside pipe leak. 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 on the sewer charges in the amount of \$296.10 (52,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baler-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**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 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 513,162.08 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; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary

