

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, July 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, Ralph Lanuto, and Alan Baker. Also present were Jerry Conaty, auditor; Jerry Dasti, attorney; Pam Hilla, engineer; 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**

Rate Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 2, 2021 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Rate Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 2, 2021. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Closed Session Meeting of June 2, 2021 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of June 2, 2021. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending May 31, 2021 – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,970,730.76 with earnings of \$14,995.02. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,991,138.68, with earnings of \$3,791.54. Current

period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$18,786.56. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$90,644.40.

Southwinds Harbor Condominium Association – Mr. Woolf stated he sent a letter to the Southwinds Harbor Condominium Association explaining that the sewer line on the road known as Harbor View has some deficiencies to two manholes that are in need of repair. Basically, the manholes are allowing sand, stones and silt to enter, which has caused the sewer line to block up on a number of occasions. The Association is asking that the Authority undertake responsibility of the sewer main.

Edward Hollema, President of Southwinds, spoke on behalf of the Association. He stated the Association has been aware of a problem with sewer backups for the last couple of months. Based upon research from 20 years ago, plans show the Authority replaced everything at the end of Southwinds Drive. Mr. Knoeller pointed out at that time the Authority did assist the Association in the repairs of a similar issue. However, it was decided administratively and should never have been done.

Mr. Woolf stated Toms River MUA have been assisting the Authority with televising by Harbor View. The Authority's sewer superintendent indicated rubber gaskets have deteriorated where the pipe enters the manhole, which is allowing sand and gravel to enter. Ultimately, this ends up in the pipeline and backs it up.

Mr. Dasti stated the condominium complex is on a private road and the Association still owns the sewer mains. Anything that is on private property is owned by the property owner. The Authority does not have the right or obligation to assist private property owners with sewer backup issues on their own property.

Mr. Woolf recommended obtaining estimates on what it would cost to fix the manholes. The Board concurred.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Solar Panel Installation – Change Order No. 1 – KRN Contractors, LLC – Chairman Knoeller executed Change Order No. 1 for a net contract increase of \$46,195.00. This change order represents additional 19.41kW being added to the array size.

Resolution 2021-28 – Accept Maintenance Bond – Release Performance Bond – Final Payment – Route 9 Watermain Extension – Montana Construction – On recommendation by the Authority's engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2021-28, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Approving Final Payment, Acceptance of Maintenance Bond and Closing Documents, Release of the Performance Bond for Route 9 Watermain Extension Project*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Repainting of Tank No. 1 – Mrs. Hilla reported interior bowl painting is complete. Tank is online; punch list items still remain on contract.

Wells 7 & 8 Column Assembly – Mrs. Hilla reported work is complete. Remington & Vernick will be preparing a downward change order on the project and recommendation for final payment.

Antenna Read and Meter/MXU Replacement Phase 1 – Mrs. Hilla reported specifications for the Phase 1 fixed base antenna read system and MXU replacements are being prepared.

Cleaning, Televising Sewer Rehabilitation – Mrs. Hilla reported specifications were finalized for the sewer cleaning, televising and grouting of sanitary sewer identified as high infiltration areas. Notice to Bidders was issued 7/7/21. Bid opening is scheduled for 7/21/21 at 11:00 a.m.

EPA Risk and Resiliency Plan and Emergency Response Plan - Mrs. Hilla reported her office has finalized the plans. Final certification was issued June 30, 2021 to meet the deadline.

Pole Barn – Mrs. Hilla reported specifications for the pole barn were finalized for bidding. A site plan waiver application packet was submitted to the Township Planning Board for approval. Notice to Bidders was issued 7/7/2021. Bid opening is scheduled for 7/21/21 at 11:00 a.m.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Holtec Water Main Extension – Mr. Dasti reported his office forwarded correspondence to the Holtec representative concerning the need to connect to a water system.

LMUA ADS. Collura - Mr. Dasti reported the Authority has received a TORT Claim Notice. However, a letter was sent to the attorney for Collura confirming that the Authority has no responsibility with regard to these issues.

Rate Hearing 2021 - Mr. Dasti reported the stenographic transcript was submitted to the Authority.

Route 9 Water Main Extension – Mr. Dasti reported his office forwarded a letter to the Director of Water Supply, NJDEP, confirming that the Authority has sufficient water capacity to service the surrounding community, in lieu of the surrounding communities installing a new well.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended May 31, 2021 – Mr. Conaty 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 an unfavorable variance for the month for both water and sewer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Noreen Keitz, Lakeside Dr. North – 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. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$483.64 (91,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-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 \$312,601.72 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. Nosti to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-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

