

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, November 3, 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 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 October 6, 2021** - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2021. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto; Baker-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR’S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending September 30, 2021** – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,774,579.91, with earnings of \$13,507.78. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,534,540.23, with earnings of \$3,728.78. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$17,236.56. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$157,651.81.

**Resolution 2021-39 – Appointment of Utility Worker 1** – A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2021-39, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Michael Suarez to the Position of Utility Worker 1*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Holtec** – Mr. Woolf reported the Authority has been working with Holtec to hook up to city water. Holtec is requesting that they have Remington & Vernick do the design and permitting process. Holtec will hire a contractor to do the physical work. Mr. Woolf recommended entering into a Developer’s Agreement with Holtec, and pay the Authority \$10,000.00 to be held in an escrow account in order to compensate the Authority’s engineer. Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dasti to prepare the Developer’s Agreement.

**BUSINESS  
REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

**ENGINEER’S  
REPORT**

**Resolution 2021-40 – Preliminary Sewer Approval – Gregory Beard** – On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2021-40, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Preliminary Sewer Approval, Gregory Beard, Block 1024.26, Lot 26.08*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2021-41 – Tentative Sewer and Water Approval – Covered Bridge Sports Complex** – On recommendation by the Authority’s engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2021-41, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Tentative Sewer and Water Approval, Covered Bridge Sports Complex, Block 314, Lots 22-26*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Antenna Read and Meter/MXU Replacement Phase 1** – Mr. Dittenhofer reported contracts were issued to Core & Main for the Base Bid Only in the amount of \$599,025.00. His office will issue contracts to Lacey MUA for signatures.

**Cleaning, Televising Sewer Rehabilitation** – Mr. Dittenhofer reported construction has commenced and the cleaning and televising of the mains is complete. Rehabilitation of manholes is ongoing. His office issued recommendation for Payment No. 1 to Sewer Rat Trenchless Solutions in the amount of \$38,155.81.

**Pole Barn** – Mr. Dittenhofer reported construction is substantially complete. Overhead doors, interior/exterior finishes and pavement restoration is pending. His office issued recommendation for Payment No. 1 to Dutchman Contracting in the amount of \$165,885.58.

**Route 9 Watermain Extension** – Mr. Dittenhofer reported his office is preparing NJDOT Permit Application and Plans for the Jack and Bore under Route 9.

**ATTORNEY’S  
REPORT**

**AMR & Water Meter Upgrade** – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the contract documents and recommend they be executed.

**GS Realty, Inc.** – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed correspondence of October 4, 2021 with attachments.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended September 30, 2021** – 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 and year-to-date. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month and year to date. User charges resulted in an unfavorable variance for the month.

**Resolution 2021-37 – Approve 2022 Authority Budget** – A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt Resolution 2021-37, approving the 2022 Authority Budget. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2021-37a – Submit 2022 Authority Budget** – A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt Resolution 2021-37a, Submittal of the 2022 Authority Budget. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Donna Chrystal, Eaglewood Place** – 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 on the sewer charges in the amount of \$129.70 (30,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Tyler Newton, Stuyvesant Street** – Requesting relief of utility bill due pipe leak in basement. 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 \$189.96 (47,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Joanne Boyd, Bullard Ave.** – 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 on the sewer charges in the amount of \$118.80 (31,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Vincent DelMaestro, Haines St. E.** - 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 \$1,843.50 (246,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**William Briscoe, Laurel Blvd.** – 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. Masciale to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$437.30 (68,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Rosalie Mulvaney, Surrey Ct.** – Requesting relief of utility bill due to leaky toilet. Since the high usage was due to a toilet issue, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to offer customer payment plan. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**OLD  
BUSINESS**

Chairman Knoeller executed contract for Fixed Base AMR & Water Meter Upgrades – Core & Main.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Mr. Knoeller recommended planting trees in the back of the administration building. He suggested one of those trees be dedicated to LMUA Commissioner, Skip Miklosey, for his 25 years of service to the LMUA. The Board concurred. A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto authorizing the planting of trees in the back of the administration building with one of those trees be dedicated to Skip Miklosey adorned with a plaque. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS/  
COMMENT**

**Regina Discenza, Sunset Drive** – Mrs. Discenza recommended dedicating a tree to LMUA Commissioner Paul DeNicola who recently passed away.

**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 \$1,243,723.99 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 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy  
Executive Secretary

