

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. 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; Mark Dykoff, Lacey Township liaison.

**“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 December 1, 2021 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 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 November 30, 2021 – Mrs. Kramer summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,831,187.55, with earnings of \$13,376.63. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,824,605.81, with earnings of \$3,662.03. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$17,038.66. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$191,957.95.

Resolution 2022-01 – Water Treatment Chemical Supplies 2022 – A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2022-01, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Granting Contracts for Various Water Treatment Chemical Supplies for 2022.*

Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes.
Motion passed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Resolution 2022-03 – Preliminary Sewer and Water Approval – Antonio Teles –

On recommendation by the Authority's engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2022-03, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Preliminary Sewer and Water Approval, Antonio Teles, Block 1655, Lots 22-25, 33-51* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Antenna Read and Meter/MXU Replacement Phase 1 – Mr. Dittenhofer reported a pre-construction meeting was held on November 10th and notice to proceed was issued November 12th. The installation of the fixed base antenna read system is anticipated for March of 2022. Due to extended lead times the manufacturer is not able to provide the equipment until March of 2022.

Cleaning, Televising Sewer Rehabilitation – Mr. Dittenhofer reported base bid work has been completed by Sewer Rat, LLC including cleaning, televising and manhole rehabilitation. All additional manhole rehabilitation in low lying areas has been substantially completed. His office is recommending payment No. 3 in the amount of \$48,216.00. A formal Change Order will be prepared for the additional Manhole Rehabilitation performed to help address water infiltration.

Pole Barn – Mr. Dittenhofer reported construction of the Pole Barn is complete. Overhead doors, interior/exterior finishes and pavement restoration is complete. His office will conduct a final punch list inspection of the Pole Barn in the first week of January. After final inspection is completed and all items are satisfactory, his office will issue recommendation for final payment.

Route 9 Water Service – Mr. Dittenhofer reported his office is preparing the plans and NJDOT permit application for the Jack and Bore under Route 9.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Holtec Water Main Extension – Mr. Dasti reported his office prepared the Developer's Agreement with Holtec. His office awaits confirmation that Holtec has posted the original escrow of \$10,000.00.

Lacey Township Board of Education – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the proposed new Lease Agreement prepared by the Board of Education, with one minor addition, the Lease Agreement is acceptable. Mr. Knoeller Tabled approving the Resolution upon review of the draft Lease Agreement.

Water Treatment Chemical Bids – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the bids submitted in response to the bid solicitation.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Dorothy Butler, Binnacle Road – Requesting relief of utility bill due to toilet leak. Since the basis of the excessive usage was due to a toilet issue, a waiver of the service charges could not be supported. Offer customer payment plan. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Alexa Terrone, Clearview Street – Requesting relief of utility bill due 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 \$256.42 (52,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Yesser Aly, G. Street – Requesting relief of utility bill due pipe leak. 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 \$1,050.40 (162,000 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**

Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Masciale and Mr. Lanuto to make recommendations of officers at the Reorganization meeting in February.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS/
COMMENT**

Regina Discenza, Sunset Drive – Mrs. Discenza asked if Home Depot, and surrounding tenants, have been complying with the snow removal process and not using rock-salt as outlined in the operations agreement. Mr. Knoeller stated the new tenants will be notified of the policy.

**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 \$463,978.92 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; Masciale-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