

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Jack Nosti, Ralph Lanuto, Karen MacArthur and Jeff Nilon. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Pam Hilla, P.E., engineer; Chris Dasti, Esq., attorney; 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 July 6, 2022** - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2022. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR’S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending June 30, 2022** - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending June 30, 2022 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$8,784,287.76, with earnings of \$15,020.75. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,594,767.01, with earnings of \$2,725.94. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$17,746.69. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$104,584.10.

**Resolution 2022-39 – Appointment of Truck Driver/Equipment Operator**  
On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2022-39, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Gerald Cavalier to the Position of Truck Driver/Equipment*

*Operator.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Abstain. Motion passed.

**Amend 2022 Sewer Capital Budget** - Mr. Woolf requested the 2022 sewer capital budget be amended by \$150,000.00 to fund the Beach Boulevard sewer rehabilitation project. He stated the lowest bid came in at \$377,000.00. Unfortunately, only \$250,000.00 was budgeted. Mr. Knoeller noted there were two other bidders. One at \$549,000 and the other at \$658,000. A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to amend the sewer capital budget by \$150,000.00. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Antenna Read and Meter/MXU Replacement I** – The installation of both fixed base antenna read systems has been completed and Core and Main is working on the integration of the fixed base system with LMUA's existing meters, which shall be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently, Lacey MUA has 1,425 two-way radios that are capable of being read with the fixed base system. Core and Main anticipates delivery of approximately 400-500 MXUs to Lacey MUA by end of August for installation by Lacey MUA.

**Cleaning, Televising and Sewer Rehabilitation** – All punchlist work has been completed by Sewer Rat, LLC. RVE will process final payment once the contractor submits final payment documents and shall provide to Lacey MUA and the Attorney for approval.

**Route 9 Water Service** – The interconnection vaults have been installed. Derstine was awarded a PO to complete the interconnect piping installation. RVE is waiting on a schedule.

**Holtec Route 9 Service** - NJDOT permit application and plans were approved. Holtec is responsible for construction. Keith Anderson from Emercon has been retained by Holtec for construction of the service. RVE provided the water meter recommendations to Holtec, who is responsible for purchase of the meter. Long lead times are anticipated for the meter.

**Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation** – Bids were received July 26<sup>th</sup> for the sanitary sewer lining project. Vortex Services LLC was the low bidder with base bid of \$377,700. Lacey MUA to discuss if they would like to proceed with the project and approve a budget amendment. Lacey MUA has 60 days to award the bid.

**Meter Replacement Phase 2** – R&V is preparing bid specifications for the Phase 2 meter replacement. RVE anticipates bidding this project in August.

**ATTORNEY'S  
REPORT**

**Covered Bridge Sports Complex** – Mr. Dasti reported his office has exchanged correspondence with the Developer and the Developer has signed the Operations Agreement that their office prepared prohibiting the Developer from using rock salt and associated types of materials for de-icing and snow removal. Once the Authority executes same, his office will record it as a deed restriction on the property.

**AUDITOR'S  
REPORT**

**Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended June 30, 2022** – Mr. Waldron reported sewer and water revenues had an unfavorable variance for the month and favorable year-to-date. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month and favorable year-to-date. Sewer and water user charges had an unfavorable variance for the month and unfavorable year-to-date. The Authority can anticipate a credit of \$59,223.00 through the month of June from the OCUA.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Roger Burgoyne, Sinclair Ave.** – Mr. & Mrs. Burgoyne were present requesting relief of utility bill, due to unexplained high usage. Since there was an issue with the accuracy of the water meter, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant a credit adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$642.46 (52,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Thomas Siconolfi, Angelique Court** – 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. Nosti to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$280.79 (52,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Lois Butchko, 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. Lanuto to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$364.70 (56,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Rene Rivera, Murray Grove Lane** – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to watering lawn with a garden hose. 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 a one-time adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$123.67 (31,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Donna Krawczyk, Laurel Blvd.** – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to broken pipe 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 \$294.60 (49,000

gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-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**

**Regina Discenza, Sunset Drive** – Mrs. Discenza asked if Covered Bridge Sports Complex is required to enter in an Operations Agreement with the Authority regarding the types of materials for snow clearing materials. Mr. Knoeller stated an Operations Agreement is required.

**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 \$283,828.29 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. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy  
Executive Secretary

