

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Michael Masciale, Vice Chairman. Other members present were Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker, Karen MacArthur and Jeff Nilon. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Pam Hilla, P.E., engineer; Christopher Dasti, Esq., attorney; Deborah Kramer, office manager and Edward A. Woolf, executive director.

**“SUNSHINE
LAW”
STATEMENT**

Mr. Masciale 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 September 7, 2022 - A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2022. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending August 31, 2022- Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending August 31, 2022 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$9,371,048.30, with earnings of \$11,990.03. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,729,872.64, with earnings of \$4,236.95. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$16,226.98. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$135,099.70.

Resolution 2022-45 – Finance/Personnel Assistant - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2022-45, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Maria Reitmeyer to the position of Finance/Personnel Assistant.* Roll call vote:

Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Water Treatment Chemicals – Mr. Woolf requested authorization to advertise and receive bids for water treatment chemicals. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Baker authorizing advertisement to receive bids for water treatment chemicals. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Nilon-Abstain; MacArthur-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Proposed 2023 Sewer and Water Budget - Mr. Woolf stated the Finance Committee discussed and reviewed the 2023 sewer and water budgets in detail. He prepared and submitted the proposed budgets for the Commissioners review. A motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Nilon to approve the proposed 2023 water and sewer budgets. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Resolution 2022-44 – Final Payment – Release Performance Bond – Accept Maintenance Bond – Repainting of Tank No. 1 - On recommendation by the Authority's engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Baker to adopt *Resolution 2022-44, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Accepting Posting of Maintenance Bond and Release of Performance Bond and Final Payment to Guimar General Contractors for Repainting of Tank No. 1*. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Nilon-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

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. Core & Main is in the process of scheduling training with Sensus and the LMUA. 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 450 MXUs in October for installation by Lacey MUA.

Route 9 Water Service – The interconnection vaults have been installed. Derstine is scheduled to install the vault piping in early October.

Holtec Route 9 Service – The NJDOT Permit Application and Plans were approved. Holtec is responsible for construction. Holtec is finalizing the onsite piping design for the service connection.

Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation – RVE issued a Notice of Award letter for the Beach Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Lining project to Vortex Services, LLC for base bid only in the amount of \$377,700. RVE anticipates bidding this project in October.

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

Water Treatment Plant #2 Replacement Generator and Diesel Tank – RVE is in the process of preparing bid plans and specifications for this project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Repainting of Tank No. 1 – Mr. Dasti reported his office received and reviewed the maintenance bond and close out documents from RVE.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended August 31, 2022 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer and water revenues had a favorable variance for the month. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month and favorable year-to-date. Sewer and water user charges had a favorable variance for the month. The Authority can anticipate a credit of \$66,256.00 through the month of August from the OCUA.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. & Mrs. Wasilik, Fairview Lane – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to water leak at dock. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Baker to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$282.44 (57,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Nilon-Yes; MacArthur-Abstain; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Christopher Crincoli, Hoyt Street – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to pipe leak in basement. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$763.40 (106,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Dobransky, Steuben Avenue – 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. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$1,856.10 (249,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Abstain; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Dorothy Cornelius, Beach Blvd. – Requesting adjustment to account, due to unexplained high usage. Payment plan will be offered to customer to pay outstanding utility bill.

John Mastrogiovanni, Oak Hollow Lane - 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. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$830.80 (115,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Dell'Olio, Constitution Drive. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to hardship. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to offer customer a payment plan with no shut-off. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-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 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 \$304,676.01 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 Ms. MacArthur to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary

