

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, September 7, 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, 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. 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 August 3, 2022 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2022. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending July 31 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending July 31, 2022 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$9,152,992.51, with earnings of \$10,224.08. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,662,212.24, with earnings of \$4,064.54. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$14,288.62. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$118,872.72.

Resolution 2022-41 – Capital Sewer Budget Amendment - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2022-41, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending*

2022 Capital Budget in the amount of \$150,000.00. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-40 – Award Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation Project

On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2022-40, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding Contract for Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Vortex Services in the amount of \$377,700.00*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Water Treatment Plant No. 2 Emergency Generator – Mr. Woolf requested authorization to advertise and receive bids for Water Treatment Plant No. 2 emergency generator. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale authorizing advertisement to receive bids for the replacement of the Water Treatment Plant No. 2 emergency generator. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes-Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**BUSINESS
REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Resolution 2022-42 – Tentative Sewer and Water Approval – Ridgemont

Homes – Oakview Manor - On recommendation by the Authority's engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2022-42, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Tentative Sewer and Water Approval, Ridgemont Homes, Inc. – Oakview Manor, Various Blocks and Lots*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-44 – Final Payment – Release Performance Bond – Accept Maintenance Bond – Clean & Televiser Sewer Project at S-3 and FRB-2 -

On recommendation by the Authority engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2022-43, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Payment Application No. 5, Releasing Retainage, Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond for the Clean and Televiser Sanitary Sewer Project at S-3 and FRB-2*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-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, which shall be completed by September. 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 by the end of September for installation by Lacey MUA. On August 31, RVE issued Engineer's Certification No. 1 recommending payment in the amount of \$134,995.00 for delivery of 950 water meters.

Cleaning, Televising and Sewer Rehabilitation – RVE issued recommendation for final payment, acceptance of the Maintenance Bond and release of the Performance bond.

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 – The interconnection vaults have been installed. Derstine is scheduled to install the vault piping the end of September.

Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation – RVE issued recommendation of award letter dated 8/16/22 for the Beach Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Lining Project to Vortex Services, LLC, for base bid only in the amount of \$377,700.00.

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Covered Bridge Sports Complex – Mr. Dasti reported his office received and recorded the Operations Agreement.

Holtec – Mr. Dasti reported his office contacted Holtec and confirmed they will pay the connection fees to the Authority immediately. His office has been working the Authority's engineer with determining the meter requirements. Once finalized, Holtec will pay the connection fees in the next few weeks.

Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Mr. Dasti report his office reviewed the bids and documents submitted by the Authority's engineer. The bid can be awarded to the lowest bidder – Vortex Services, LLC.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended July 31, 2022 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer revenues had a favorable variance for the month, unfavorable on water. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month and favorable year-to-date. Sewer user charges had a favorable variance for the month, unfavorable on water. The Authority can anticipate a credit of \$57,786.00 through the month of July from the OCUA.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dominick Caccioppoli, Beach Blvd. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to new customer watering outside without irrigation meter. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Masciale to grant a one-time adjustment in the amount of \$232.40 (43,000 gallons). Customer will be informed to obtain an irrigation meter. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Thomas Brembos, Sinclair Ave. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to leaky pipe under slab foundation. 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 \$600.00. A payment plan will be offered to pay remaining balance. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

William Eisley, Orlando Dr. – 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 \$609.60 (95,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Simonovich Family Trust, Ensign Ave. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to faulty irrigation timer/leaky outside spigot. 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 a one-time adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$266.42 (49,000 gallons). Payment plan will be offered to repay remaining balance. 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 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 \$1,180,881.44 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 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary