

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

A Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker, Karen MacArthur and Mr. Nilon. Also present were Evan Jensen, auditor; Christopher Dasti, Esq. attorney; Pam Hilla, engineer; and Edward 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 December 7, 2022** - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2022. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR’S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending November 30, 2022** – Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$9,343,388.94, with earnings of \$12,001.31. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$3,012,715.32, with earnings of \$6,178.36. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$18,179.67. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$186,041.77.

**Resolution 2023-01 – Water Meter Replacement Phase 2** – A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mrs. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2023-01, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Awarding Water Meter Replacement Phase 2, to Core & Main in the amount of \$1,012,487.50*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2023-02 – Transfer of Funds – 2022 Water and Sewer Budget** – A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2023-02, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Transfer of Funds, 2022 Water and Sewer Budget*. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2023-03 – Rejection of Bids – Water Treatment Chemicals 2023** – A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mrs. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2023-03, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Rejecting all Bids Submitted for Water Treatment Chemicals 2023*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Water Treatment Chemicals 2023** – A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mrs. MacArthur to advertise and receive bids for Water Treatment Chemicals 2023 Rebid. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-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 Phase 1** – The installation of both fixed base antenna read systems has been completed and Core and Main has completed the integration of the fixed base system with Lacey MUA's existing meters. 140 MXUs have been delivered. Core and Main expect the remaining 310 MXUs to be delivered in January for installation by the Lacey MUA.

**Route 9 Water Service** – RVE is working with Lacey MUA to have electric run to the vault, no change.

**Holtec Route 9 Service** – Holtec has ordered requested meters, long lead time on meter is anticipated, no change.

**Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation** – Project has commenced, cleaning of lines has been performed. Lining of sanitary sewer mains started January 2, 2023. RVE issues recommendation for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$53,741.54.

**Meter Replacement Phase 2** – Bid opening was held November 18<sup>th</sup>. Core and Main was the low bidder in the amount of \$1,012,487.50 for the furnish and replacement of 1790 meters and transmitters.

**Water Treatment Plant #2 Replacement Generator and Diesel Tank** – RVE is in the process of preparing bid plans and specification for this project for bidding. Bidding is anticipated for February of 2023.

Mr. Masciale asked about the composition of the lining for the sewer rehabilitation project. Mrs. Hilla stated it is an epoxy lining. Mr. Woolf added they drag a sleeve

through the pipe and it expands with steam. It is trenchless technology, therefore, the road does not need to be opened. It adheres to the inner wall of the pipe and it hardens.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**2023 Water Treatment Chemical Bid** – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the bids submitted, and meets the requirements of the bid specifications of the local public contracts law.

**Meter Replacement Phase 2** – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the lowest responsible bid submitted, which conforms to the requirements of the local public contracts law.

**Home Depot Site** – Mr. Dasti reported Agree Forked River, LLC and its tenant has breached the terms of the Operations Agreement with the use of rock salt on property that known as the Home Depot site. The Operations Agreement was amended to allow the use of sand, magnesium chloride, or calcium chloride for snow clearing purposes. In December, Mr. Woolf discovered the contractor dumped a large pile of rock salt in the Home Depot parking lot. Mr. Dasti informed the management company the Authority will seek full reimbursement for costs associated with the repeated violations of the Operations Agreement. Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Dasti to look into having the Township create an ordinance to enforce the prohibition of rock salt for snow clearing purposes. Mr. Woolf stated he notified NJDEP regarding this issue.

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended November 30 2022** – Mr. Jensen reported sewer and water revenues had a favorable variance for the month. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month. User charges resulted in a favorable variance for the month for both water and sewer. The Authority can anticipate a credit of \$70,577.00 through the month of October.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mr. & Mrs. Woods, Joffre Rd.** – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to faulty meter. A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant an adjustment in the amount of \$758.73. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Brian McGuire, Lawrence Dr.** – 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. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$349.48 (57,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**Mary Ellen Sweetman, Spoonbill Ct.** - 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: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-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 business/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 \$428,713.30 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. Masciale to adopt the above Resolution. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-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

