

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Michael Masciale, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker, and Karen MacArthur. 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 October 5, 2022 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2022. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller- Abstain. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending September 30, 2022 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances for period ending September 30, 2022 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$8,226,117.65, with earnings of \$13,660.68. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,720,908.11, with earnings of \$4,612.45. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$18,273.13. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$153,372.83.

Resolution 2022-50 – Award Contract – Pump Maintenance & Repairs - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2022-50, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Award of Contract, 2023-2024 Pump Maintenance & Repairs, Motors & Drives,*

Inc. in the amount of \$42,709.00. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-52– Appointment of Account Clerk - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2022-52, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Kimberly Ball to the Position of Account Clerk.* Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-53 – Letter of No Interest – Robert Robinson - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2022-53, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Letter of No Interest, Minor Subdivision, Robert Robinson, Block 800, Lots 1-3.* Roll call vote: Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Resolution 2022-49 – Tentative Water and Sewer Approval – Patrick Gravino - On recommendation by the Authority's engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2022-49, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Tentative Water and Sewer Approval, Patrick Gravino, Block 1250, Lots 18-23.* Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-51 – Final Water and Sewer Approval – Paradise Point at Lacey – ARYA Properties - On recommendation by the Authority's engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Masciale to adopt *Resolution 2022-51, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Final Water and Sewer Approval, Paradise Point at Lacey, AYRA Properties, LLC, Various Block and Lots.* Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-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 has completed the integration of the fixed base system with Lacey MUA's existing meters. Training is scheduled for 11/7/22. Lacey MUA waiting on Core and Main to deliver 450 MXUs for installation by the Lacey MUA.

Route 9 Water Service – The interconnection vaults have been completed by Derstine. OCUA has been contacted about the installation of additional piping for the interconnection.

Holtec Route 9 Service – Holtec has ordered requested meters; long lead time on meter is anticipated.

Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation – Lacey MUA to sign contracts. Work is anticipated to start in November.

Meter Replacement Phase 2 – R&V finalized bid specifications; public notice was published 10/28/22. Bid opening is scheduled for 11/18/22.

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

Beach Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the contract documents and find acceptable. Execution of the contract is recommended.

Tentative Water and Sewer Approval - Gravino- Mr. Dasti's office prepared a Resolution for consideration by the Authority.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended September 30, 2022 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer revenues had an unfavorable variance for the month, favorable on water. 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. The Authority can anticipate a credit of \$87,642.000 through the month of September from the OCUA.

Resolution 2022-47 – Introduction of 2023 Budget - On recommendation by the Authority's auditor, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2022-47, Introduction of 2023 Budget*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-47a – Submittal of 2023 Budget - On recommendation by the Authority's auditor, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2022-47a, Submittal of 2023 Budget*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Trezza, Carr Street – 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 Ms. MacArthur to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$528.28 (83,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Kyle Hoeler, Chelsea Street – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to high usage due to irrigation. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer

system, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Baker to grant a one-time adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$283.90 (47,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Paul Field, Oak Hill Court – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to pool pump 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. Lanuto to grant a one-time adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$377.80 (60,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Robert Lukowski, Laurel Blvd. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to outside pipe leak to dock. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$162.78 (41,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Destafney, Windsor St. - Requesting adjustment to account, due to unexplained high usage. Payment plan will be offered to customer to pay outstanding utility bill. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to offer payment plan to customer. Roll call vote: Baker-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Kohl, Devoe Ave. - Requesting relief of utility bill, due to high usage due to toilet leaks. Since the basis of the excessive usage was due to toilet leaks, a waiver of the service charges could not be supported. A payment plan will be offered to customer. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Rene Rivera, Murray Grove Lane – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to lawn watering. A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Baker to grant a one-time adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$361.00 (56,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Baker-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Keith O'Neil, Carolyn Ct. – 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. Lanuto to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$289.60 (39,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Daniel Pentz, Brick Ave. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to refilling pool due to 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. Baker to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$206.70 (44,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Baker-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 how often are the monitoring wells being tested at the Home Depot site. Mr. Woolf stated they are tested on an annual basis, with no significant reporting limits. Groundwater limits are different than drinking water limits.

**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 \$319,267.55 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. Baker to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Masciale-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

