

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 3, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Michael Masciale, Vice Chairman. Other members present were Jack Nosti, Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker, Karen MacArthur and Jeff Nilon. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Trace Dittenhofer, engineer; Chris 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 April 5, 2023** - A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2023. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

**Cash Balance Report - Period Ending March 31, 2023** - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$8,360,584.70, with earnings of \$29,183.53. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$1,824,125.43, with earnings of \$8,335.01. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$37,518.54. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$102,134.42.

**Resolution 2023-27 – Award Contract – Furnish & Delivery of Water Meters and AMI Smartpoint Radio Units** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2023-27, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Awarding Furnish & Delivery of Water Meters and AMI Smartpoint Radio*

*Units 2023 to Core & Main in the amount of \$42,875.00.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2023-29 – Award Contract – Generator Replacement Treatment Plant # 2** – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2023-29, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Awarding Contract for Generator Replacement Treatment Plant # 2 to LaManna Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$336,600.00.* Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Resolution 2023-28 – Preliminary Sewer and Water Approval – Antonio Teles** – On recommendation by the engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2023-28, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Preliminary Sewer and Water Approval, Antonio Teles, Block 1655, Lot 22.01.* Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Abstain; Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**Antenna Read and Meter/MXU Replacement Phase 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. Lacey MUA is currently installing meters under this phase.

**Route 9 Water Service** – RVE is working with Lacey MUA to have electric run to the vault. A meeting was held to discuss the utility pole placement. JCP&L drafted the easement for the utility pole and a certified letter was sent requesting the easement to be signed by Holtec.

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

**Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation** – Manhole Rehabilitation was completed on Beach Boulevard. All punch list items have been addressed and the project is being closed out. RVE is in the process of working with Earle to reset the manhole frames and replace manhole covers on Beach Boulevard and Lacey Road.

**Meter Replacement Phase 2** – Preconstruction meeting was held with Core and Main. Replacement of in-house meters in Zones 4 & 6 is expected to commence in July of 2023. Meter locations have been finalized and a list of all addresses is being compiled to be sent to the contractor.

**Water Treatment Plant #2 Replacement Generator and Diesel Tank** – Bid opening was held March 29<sup>th</sup>. Favorable bids were received, however, the lowest bidder was materially defective. Therefore, it is recommended to award the bid to the second lowest bidder LaManna Electric Inc.

**Water Treatment Plant #1 Expansion** – RVE prepared a preliminary report and cost estimate on the expansion of Treatment Plant No. 1 to increase filtration capacity for the plant for consideration by the Authority.

**Holtec Letter of No Interest** - RVE to inspect the decommissioning of the sanitary sewer connection to the Authority’s system prior to recommending a Letter of No Interest be issued on behalf of the Authority.

**Ocean Wind LLC Letter of Non Objection** – RVE in conjunction with the LMUA to issue a Letter of Non-Objection. Ocean Wind, LLC to be responsible for reimbursement of all costs incurred by LMUA.

**ATTORNEY’S  
REPORT**

**Meter Replacement Phase 2** – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the notice to proceed and contract documents. Same have been forwarded to the contractor by the Authority’s engineer.

**Holtec Easement Agreement with JCP&L** – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the proposed Easement Agreement between JCP&L and Holtec. The Authority is not a party to the Agreement and therefore, the Authority takes no position regarding same.

**AUDITOR’S  
REPORT**

**Accountant’s Status Report – Month Ended March 31, 2023** – Mr. Waldron reported sewer revenues had a favorable variance, unfavorable on water. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month. Sewer and water user charges had an unfavorable variance for the month.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Nora Mangunay, Fairview Lane** – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to outside shower leak. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$483.08 (90,000 gallons). Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**Matt Fry, Bowline Dr.** – 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. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$542.18. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-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 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 \$424,968.31 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; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances;

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

2. The general nature of this closed session concerns contract negotiations.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated matters will be made public once these matters have been resolved.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Baker to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Separate minutes were kept on the above closed session.

**REOPEN  
MEETING**

**Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement** – A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve Teamsters Local No. 97 contract, which is a three-year contract with an annual increase of 3.25%, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**      There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy  
Executive Secretary