

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 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, Ms. MacArthur and Jeff Nilon. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Trace Dittenhofer, Alan Dittenhofer, engineers; Chris 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 July 5, 2023 - A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2023. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending June 30, 2023 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$8,474,986.93 with earnings of \$34,559.61. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,124,940.39 with earnings of \$10,959.06. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$45,518.67. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$231,339.20.

Resolution 2023-38 – Shared Services Agreement – On recommendation by the executive director a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2023-38, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**BUSINESS
REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Resolution 2023-40 – Final Sewer and Water Approval – Patrick Gravino – On recommendation by the Authority's engineer a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2023-40, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Final Sewer and Water Approval, Patrick Gravino – Pershing Avenue, Block 1250, Lots 18-23*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-41 – Final Sewer and Water Approval – Lacey Family Apartments III - On recommendation by the Authority's engineer a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2023-41, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Final Sewer and Water Approval, Lacey Family Apartments III, Block 1837.01, Lots 8.06 & 8.07; Block 1852 & 1853, Lots 1-48*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-43 – Final Sewer and Water Approval – Dream Homes in the Pines On recommendation by the Authority's engineer a motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to adopt *Resolution 2023-43, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Final Sewer and Water Approval, Dream Homes in the Pines – Lacey Pines, LLC, Block 226, Lots 15.02 & 15.03*. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-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 the Authority's existing meters. The Authority is currently installing meters under this phase.

Route 9 Water Service – RVE is working with the Authority to have electric run to the vault. An easement shall be required by JCP&L to install the utility pole. The signed easement has been forwarded to JCP&L for processing. JCP&L has also requested a signed letter from the Easement Owner, the Ocean County Utilities Authority, granting permission to install the utility pole in their easement. A letter was sent to the Ocean County Utilities Authority with this request.

Holtec Route 9 Service – Holtec has received the meters and the design has been completed by Enercon. RVE to prepare traffic control plan at the request of the applicant for installation of the water service.

Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation – Manhole Rehabilitation was completed on Beach Boulevard. Some manhole covers were not reset to a sufficient standard and shall be reset by the contractor.

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 – Lamanna Construction is in the process of approving submittals and mobilization.

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.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Holtec Application and Developer's Agreement - Mr. Dasti reported his office discussed this matter with the Authority's engineer and recommend any new improvements proposed by Holtec would be outside the scope of the current Developer's Agreement with regard to traffic control plan for Route 9. Any onsite work should be reviewed in the normal course and require the developer to submit a formal application and pay all required fees.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended June 30, 2023 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer revenues had an unfavorable variance, favorable 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

There was no customer correspondence.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Resolution 2023-39 – Non-Union Salary Increases was executed.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Waldron to prepare a sewer and water connection fee calculation report for the Board's review to determine whether or not to increase the normal rate and/or connection fees. Mr. Woolf pointed out OCUA rates have increased this year.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS/
COMMENT**

Regina Discenza – Mrs. Discenza asked where Water Treatment Plant No. 2 is located. Mr. Woolf stated it is located by the Forked River School.

**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 \$312,985.92 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; Baker-Yes; Nosti-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