

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, July 5, 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 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 June 7, 2023 - A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2023. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes; Knoeller-Abstain. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending May 31, 2023 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$8,121,915.58 with earnings of \$34,748.10. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$2,073,258.31 with earnings of \$10,552.09. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$45,300.19. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$185,820.53.

**BUSINESS
REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

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.

Holtec Route 9 Service – Holtec has received the meters and the design has been completed by Enercon. Mr. Dittenhofer asked how the Authority would like to proceed as far as the application process. Mr. Knoeller stated all proper inspections is a priority, and asked his office to recommend the best way to proceed. Mr. Woolf asked if Holtec would need to obtain Township Planning Board approval. Mr. Dittenhofer stated he is not sure at this time, however, the Township plumbing inspector would have to inspect all on-site improvements.

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. Earle construction has reset the manhole frames and replace manhole covers on Beach Boulevard. Once the replacement castings are received by the LMUA this project will be closed out.

Meter Replacement Phase 2 – Preconstruction meeting was held with Core and Main. Replacement of in-house meters 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 for consideration by the Authority.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Oyster Creek Decommissioning - Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the letter of no interest.

Generator Replacement Treatment Plant Bid – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the correspondence, the executed bid contract documents and zoning package and approved of same.

LMUA ads. Long – Mr. Dasti reported his office is representing the Authority in this litigation. Additional settlement discussion with the Plaintiff have begun.

Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the bond close out documents and prepared a Resolution that was adopted last month releasing the performance bond and accepting the maintenance bond.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended May 31, 2023 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer and water revenues had a favorable variance. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month. Sewer and water user charges had a favorable variance for the month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ronald Hubscher, Middle Branch Drive – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to a pipe 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 an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$212.38 (52,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Resolution 2023-37 – Approval of Change Order No. 1 – Core and Main – Meter Replacement Phase 2 was executed.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 97 of New Jersey was executed.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

There was discussion regarding non-union increases. A motion was made by Mr. Masciale and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve 3.25% increase to non-union employees. Roll call vote: Masciale-Yes; Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS/
COMMENT**

Wayne from Toll Brothers was present to thank the Authority for putting a storage box on the pump station for ground equipment storage. He also complimented the Authority's customer service department for providing Toll Brothers with two pool-fill meters for their swimming pool.

**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 \$377,054.91 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