

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2023**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, June 7, 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 May 3, 2023 - A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2023. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Closed Session Meeting of May 3, 2023 - A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Mr. Nosti to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 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 April 30, 2023 - Mr. Woolf summarized the cash balances as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$8,146,348.55, with earnings of \$30,307.21. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$1,938,987.15, with earnings of \$8,078.71. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$38,385.92. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$140,520.34.

Resolution 2023-32 – Execute Agreement with Dilworth Paxson LLP – Bond Counsel – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2023-32, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Dilworth Paxson, LLP as Bond Counsel*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-31 – Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 97 of New Jersey – On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Baker to adopt *Resolution 2023-31, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Memorialize action taken May 3, 2023, Approving a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamster Local 97 of New Jersey*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

OCUA – Mr. Woolf reported the OCUA has sent the Authority a notice that they will be holding a rate hearing to consider raising the sewer disposal rate by 2%.

BUSINESS REPORT

The business report was submitted for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Resolution 2023-35 – Tentative and Final Sewer and Water Approval – Antonio Teles – On recommendation by the engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2023-35, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Tentative and Final 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.

Resolution 2023-36 – Preliminary Sewer and Water Approval – RNL Property Holdings, LLC – On recommendation by the engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to adopt *Resolution 2023-36, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Preliminary Sewer and Water Approval, RNL Properties, LLC, Block 1655, Lots 1-21, 26-32*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-34 – Performance Bond Release – Accept Maintenance Bond – Final Payment – Change Order No. 1 – On recommendation by the engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to adopt *Resolution 2023-34, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, Performance Bond Release, Acceptance of Maintenance Bond, Final Payment, Change Order No. 1, Beach Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation, Vortex Services, LLC*. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-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 the Authority's existing meters. Lacey MUA is currently installing meters under this phase.

Route 9 Water Service – RVE is working with the Authority to have electric run to the vault. JCP&L to install utility pole with designated service adjacent to interconnect vault. The easement for the utility pole has been signed by Holtec and has been sent to JCP&L for review.

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. The contractor will be on site to replace the manhole covers and risers on June 1st and June 2nd.

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. A change order has been prepared in the amount of \$151,610.00 for the furnishing and installation of additional 1” meters and adapters to replace all meters in zones 4 & 6. Mr. Masciale asked what the reason for the increase is. Mr. Dittenhofer stated it was a clerical error. When calculating the total meters to be replaced in zones 4 & 6, certain size meters were not included in the original tabulation. A motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Lanuto authorizing change order No. 1 in the amount of \$151,610.00. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Water Treatment Plant #2 Replacement Generator and Diesel Tank – Project has been awarded to Lamanna Electric Inc. Contracts have been prepared and issued to contractor for review and execution. Submittals have been received from the Contractor to be reviewed by RVE and Authority staff.

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.

Holtec Letter of No Interest – Holtec’s selected in-house contractor is to complete the decommissioning work the week of June 5, 2023, to be witnessed by our office and the Authority. Once decommissioning work has been witnessed and accepted, a letter of no interest can be issued on behalf of the Authority.

Ocean Wind LLC Letter of Non Objection – RVE issued letter of non-objection on behalf of the Authority. Mr. Baker asked what the non-objection is to. Mr. Dittenhofer stated it is the use of an easement, which the Authority is a holder of.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program - Mr. Dasti reported his office reviewed the current legislation and Local Finance Notice which requires all public entities to participate in the program.

Long v. LMUA – Mr. Dasti reported his office is representing the Authority in the litigation filed by property owners whose property was damaged as a result of a septic backup.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended April 30, 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 user charges had a favorable variance for the month, unfavorable on water.

Resolution 2023-30 – Operating Budget Amendment – On recommendation by the Authority's auditor, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to adopt Resolution 2023-30, Amending 2023 Water Operating Budget. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Carolyn Adamo, Twin River Drive – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to outside shower 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 \$96.80 (33,000 gallons). Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Baker-Yes; Masciale-Yes. Motion passed.

Louise Zucca, Riviera Drive – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to outside pipe leak in crawl space. Since the water from the leak did not go into the sewer system, a motion was made by Mr. Nosti and seconded by Mr. Baker to grant an adjustment on the sewer charges in the amount of \$784.29. Roll call vote: Nosti-Yes; Baker-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-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 \$1,141,007.93 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.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Kennedy
Executive Secretary