

**LACEY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2025**

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by James Knoeller, Chairman. Other members present were Ralph Lanuto, Alan Baker, Karen MacArthur and Jeff Nilon. Also present were Brian Waldron, auditor; Trace and Alan Dittenhofer, engineers; Chris Dasti, Esq., attorney; Deborah Kramer, office manager, Troy Burton, executive director and Peggy Sue Juliano, Township Liaison.

**“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 December 4, 2024 - A motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2024. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR’S
REPORT**

Cash Balance Report - Period Ending November 30, 2024 - Mr. Burton summarized the cash balances for period ending November 30, 2024 as follows: Total cash balance for the unrestricted accounts were \$10,922,955.74, with earnings of \$60,426.31. Total cash balance for the restricted accounts held by the trustee were \$1,134,977.54, with earnings of \$6,474.86. Current period interest on the restricted and unrestricted accounts was \$60,901.17. Year-to-date earnings on all interest bearing accounts were \$740,833.58.

Resolution 2025-01 – Appoint Troy Burton as Executive Director - On recommendation by the Chairman, a motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Nilon to adopt *Resolution 2025-01, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities*

Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Troy Burton as Executive Director effective January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2025-02 – Appoint Derek Verge as Water Superintendent - On recommendation by the Chairman, a motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Nilon to adopt *Resolution 2025-02, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Appointing Derek Verge as Water Superintendent effective January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.*

Resolution 2025-03 – Non-Union, Non-Contract Salary Increases - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Nilon to adopt *Resolution 2025-03, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Establishing Salary Increases for Non-Union, Non-Contract Employees effective January 1, 2025. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.*

Resolution 2025-04 – Transfer of Funds - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Nilon to adopt *Resolution 2025-04, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Transfer of Funds, 2024 Water and Sewer Budget. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.*

Resolution 2025-05 – Donation of Vehicle - On recommendation by the executive director, a motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Nilon to adopt *Resolution 2025-05, Resolution of the Lacey Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorize Donation of Vehicle to Township of Lacey Department of Public Works. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.*

Water Meters 2025 – The executive director requested approval to advertise and receive bids for Water Meters 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur authorizing approval to advertise and receive bids for Water Meters 2025. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Plant #1 Aeration Upgrade – The executive director requested approval for Remington & Vernick engineers to prepare plans and specifications for Plant #1 Aeration Upgrades. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur authorizing Remington & Vernick engineers to prepare plans and specifications for Plant #1 Aeration Upgrades. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – The executive director requested approval for Remington & Vernick engineers to advertise to receive bids for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur authorizing Remington & Vernick engineers to prepare plans and specifications for

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**BUSINESS
REPORT**

The business report was submitted for review.

**ENGINEER'S
REPORT**

Route 9 Water Service – Vault installation is complete.

Water Treatment Plant #2 Replacement Generator and Diesel Tank – Construction in progress. Generator to be set on pad and start-up completed end of January.

Water Treatment Plant #1 Expansion – RVE has submitted revised water allocation permit inventory to Bureau of Water Allocation.

Water Treatment Plant #2 Valve Replacement – Project substantially complete. Punch list items outstanding.

Well #1 Decommissioning – Decommissioning has been completed. Waiting for completed Well Decommissioning Report from NJDEP.

Water Tower #2 Rehabilitation – Project has been advertised with a bid opening to be conducted end of January.

Franklin Court Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – NJDEP Treatment Works approval application and Ocean County Soil Conservation District Exemption application have been submitted.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

LMUA ads. M&T at Lacey – Mr. Dasti reported litigation is still pending. His office filed a motion to dismiss which is still pending before the Superior Court.

**AUDITOR'S
REPORT**

Accountant's Status Report – Month Ended November 30, 2024 – Mr. Waldron reported sewer and water revenues had a favorable variance for the month and year-to-date. Sewer and water expenses had a favorable variance for the month and year-to-date. Sewer and water user charges had a favorable variance for the month and year-to-date. The Authority can anticipate a surcharge of \$132,792.00 through the month of November from the OCUA.

CORRESPONDENCE

Andrew Grenz, Barnacle Road – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to outdoor hose bib leak. A motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant a credit adjustment in the amount of \$1,104.65. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Jason Cohen, Commodore Dr. - Requesting relief of utility bill, due to recently installed sprinkler system, unaware of auxiliary meter option. A motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant a one-time credit adjustment in the

amount of \$611.10. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Kaitlyn Cook, Longwood Dr. – Customer had a toilet leak. Requesting payment plan to pay utility bill. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to grant payment plan. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Sara Beggs, Penn Avenue North – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to outdoor hose bib leak. A motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant a credit adjustment in the amount of \$707.88. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Barbara Kologe, Center St. – Requesting relief of utility bill, due to long term leaking shower fixture behind the wall. A motion was made by Ms. MacArthur and seconded by Mr. Lanuto to grant a credit adjustment in the amount of \$3,402.86. Roll call vote: MacArthur-Yes; Lanuto-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

Laura DiGirolamo, Spar Drive. – Customer had an unknown leak. Requesting payment plan to pay utility bill. A motion was made by Mr. Lanuto and seconded by Ms. MacArthur to grant payment plan. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-Yes; Knoeller-Yes. Motion passed.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mr. Knoeller asked Mr. Lanuto to confer with Mr. Masciale in regards of making nominations of officers at the February reorganization meeting.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS/
COMMENT**

Peggy Sue Juliano congratulated Troy Burton and Derek Verge on their appointments.

**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 \$485,165.44 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 Ms. MacArthur to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote: Lanuto-Yes; MacArthur-Yes; Nilon-Yes; Baker-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