

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Deffenbaugh, George, Young, Hensel, Director of Operations Wendt and Maintenance Supervisor Brodie were present.

David Turnbull and Diane Bonner, auditors for the Commission, were in attendance. Agnes Yount, of LaVale Civic Improvement was also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2019 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Turnbull for his yearly audit report. Mr. Turnbull opened discussion concerning the Commissions audit and the findings of the auditor. After extensive discussion Commissioner George moved the audit be accepted as presented. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Turnbull and Mrs. Bonner left the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report, Mr. Brodie stated Commission personnel were actively jetting sewer lines. He stated Commission personnel had repaired a clean out on Rye Street. He said the clean out had been under the asphalt for years and was discovered during a paving repair.

Mr. Brodie reported on a service line reconnection on Spealman Road. He stated the line had been disconnected years ago for nonpayment on a vacant property. He stated the property had transferred and the new owner had paid the reconnection tap fee.

Mr. Brodie reported that a service line at 535 National Highway had failed. He stated Commission personnel had been able to pull a new line in from National Highway.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel found a leaking service line at 613 N. First Street. He stated the house was vacant and the service had been terminated.

Mr. Brodie reported Commission personnel had repaired a leak in the six inch main in Oaklawn Avenue. He stated the leak was very difficult to find.

Mr. Brodie opened discussion on a leak in front of Burtons Plaza, he stated the leak was coming through the surface 20 feet upstream of the actual hole in the pipe. He went on to say that he had to get Potomac Edison to secure a utility pole while the repair was made.

Mr. Brodie stated that the WODA development had begun demolition on the site. Discussion followed concerning the development.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt stated the Park Avenue water line project was complete. The concrete sidewalk restoration had been finished but the final billing had not been received. Mr. Wendt stated he would have a total bill for the project once the final costs were received.

Mr. Gerald Davis 10328 Shortest Day Road joined the meeting at 9:40 AM. Mr. Davis stated he was in attendance to discuss getting water to his property on Shortest Day Road. He stated he purchased the house knowing it was served by a well, he went on to say the well had become problematic and dried up on occasion. Mr. Davis stated he felt it was the Commissions obligation to extend the main to his property line. Mr. Davis presented the Commission with copies of its code as backup for his claim. Extensive discussion followed concerning his options. Mr. Gehauf stated Mr. Wendt would meet with the Commission's attorney to obtain clarification on the code and the existing easement surrounding his property. Mr. Davis left the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for November 2019.

During October 2019, lost water was 74,310 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	2,834 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	52,862 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	9,175 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	5,440 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	21,074 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	8,659 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	1,868 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	0 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the recent trip to Charlotte, North Carolina to tour pumping stations that were similar to the one designed for the Locust Grove project. Mr. Brodie and Mr. Wendt both agreed that the proposed design looked acceptable. Both stated the trip was valuable and educational. Discussion followed concerning the trip.

Mr. Wendt stated that Columbia Gas had paid for 50% of the pressure relief vault. He stated the contract for installation had been awarded and the vault had been ordered. The new pressure relief vault will be located off of Blackbird Lane. Discussion followed concerning the installation of the vault.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion concerning the correlator the Commission used to detect leaks. He stated the correlator was purchased in 2006 and was no longer operable. Discussion followed concerning the instrument, Mr. Wendt stated similar units were scheduled to be demonstrated by vendors.

Under the heading of Old Business, Chairman Gehauf requested an update on the Slumberland Development. Mr. Wendt stated that he had not heard what was proposed for the second pad.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt reported on issues at the Red Hill Treatment Plant and sewage pumping station. He stated the chlorine analyzer was failing at the treatment plant and needed replaced. He then reported that another transducer had failed at the sewage pumping station. Discussion followed concerning both issues.

Mr. Wendt then stated that a notification had been placed in Cumberland Times News regarding the Commissions intention to borrow money from the USDA for the Wills Creek Water Main. He stated that no one was in attendance to request information about the project.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 11:00 AM.

Acting 
Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer