

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MARCH 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf Commissioners Hensel, McKenzie and George were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt was also in attendance. Commissioner Young and Supervisor Brodie were absent.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2022, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Wendt for his maintenance report.

Mr. Wendt reported on a water leak at BTA Concrete. He stated a two-inch water line had frozen and ruptured causing a significant leak. He stated the leak was repaired by the business.

Mr. Wendt then reported that an outside meter had been installed at 9 Bane Street. He stated the property had been vacant for over five years, He went on to say that Commission personnel had installed a new cleanout while installing the water meter.

Mr. Wendt then reported that Potomac Edison had hit a four-inch main while installing a pole on Simpson Avenue. Discussion followed concerning the incident. Mr. Wendt reported Commission personnel had repaired the leak.

Mr. Wendt then reported on several sewer issues that had been repaired by Commission personnel. He briefed the Commission on an incident at 543 National Highway. He stated the sewer line had been hit by the gas company in the late 1990's as repaired poorly. He stated the line was replaced by Commission personnel and additional repairs or replacement will need to be done in the future.

Mr. Wendt reported that Commission personnel cleared sewer blockages at 358 McHenry Street, 1040 National Highway, 11015 Marty Street and Klosterman Avenue.

Mr. Wendt then reported that a pump at the Route 36 pump station had been removed for repair. He stated the pump needed a new impeller.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for February 2022.

During January 2022, lost water was 46,169 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	7,515 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	3,979 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	24,210 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	9,379 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	1,045 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	13,216 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	0 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports. Commissioner Gehauf questioned the increase in unaccounted for water in Zone 6.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the Braddock Run-Jennings Run sewage conveyance improvement project. He stated the project was under way and the construction of the tunnel was progressing. He stated the tunnel was scheduled to be completed March 15, 2022, and the installation of the carrier pipe would begin. Discussion followed concerning issues with the general contractor and some of the work that had been done incorrectly. Mr. Wendt stated he would continue to monitor the project and make decisions that were in the best interest of the Commission.

Under the heading of Communications, Commissioner George presented the Commission with his calculations for the Advalorum Rate. He stated that due to the retirement of some debt and the refinancing of the long-term loans, he would recommend a reduction of the rate by one cent. Discussion followed concerning the tax rate. Commissioner George moved the real property rate be set at \$0.065 real property and \$0.1625 personnel property. Chairman McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt opened discussion regarding the proposed purchase of the J.C. Penny portion of the Country Club Mall. He stated that Rural King had proposed buying the portion of the mall, but not separating services. Extensive discussion followed concerning the issue and the potential problems that could result if the utilities were not separated. Mr. Wendt stated he had been in contact with the Commissions attorney regarding the matter but hadn't gotten a response. Chairman Gehauf asked that he contact the attorney again and get an opinion. The board agreed the utilities needed to be separated.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:40 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer