

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2023

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

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Hensel, George, McKenzie, and Young were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt and Maintenance Supervisor Emerick were also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a leak on Braddock Road West. He stated the leak was significant losing about 250,000 gallons of water. He presented the Commission with pictures of the leak. He went on to say Commission personnel had worked all night to repair the leak.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a leak on a meter spud inside a home on Ramblewood Drive. He stated the leak was most likely the responsibility of the property owner.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on an issue at 609 N. Fourth Street. He stated the homeowner had called about a sewer blockage at the residence. He went on to say that because neighbors on both sides of 609 had sustained damages from Columbia Gas he recommended they contact them prior to any repairs. He then stated that during the investigation of the blockage the gas company broke the water service to the property. He then stated Commission personnel had repaired the water by installing an outside meter and the initial sewer problem was on the homeowner. He stated Commission personnel had installed a cleanout at the property line. Mr. Wendt stated the restoration of the site would fall on the homeowner. Discussion followed concerning the restoration.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on a water leak at 923 Weires Avenue. He stated the homeowner had call about a wet spot in the yard. Mr. Emerick stated the water leak was on the homeowner service line and service to the property was terminated until the substantial leak was repaired. Discussion followed concerning the leak.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the installation of two outside meters by Commission personnel. He stated the first was on Cash Valley Road. He stated the shut off for the property was in the middle of the traffic lane and required traffic stoppages to terminate service. He stated the shutoff was moved to the property line. Mr. Emerick then stated Commission personnel had installed an outside meter on Bristol Drive

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had repaired three blocked sewers since the last meeting. The blockages were located on Forest Drive, Roger way and n. Fourth Street.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for January 2023.

During December 2022, lost water was 55,519 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	9,993 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,145 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	3,116 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	13,008 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	11,821 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	3,746 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

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 Garney Construction had completed everything except for punch list items and restoration. Discussion followed concerning the project and the issues with the project. Commissioner Young stated he had attended a meeting with the Commission, County and Engineer for the project concerning a requested change order. He stated Garney was requesting an additional \$300,000.00 for differing condition with the jack and bore. He stated the contract also allowed for liquidated damages and he hoped an agreement could be reached to avoid litigation. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Pump Station portion of the project. He stated the excavation for the building was under way and there was some blasting going on. He stated the project was proceeding as expected.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated construction had begun on the sewer force main and was proceeding well. He stated the contractor was installing the piers for the above ground portion of the sewer force main. He stated they had completed approximately 20 of the 70 piers in the project. He went on to say the grinder pump stations had been

installed but had not been connected to the properties. He stated he was pleased with the construction. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a sewer credit request for 1066 National Highway. He stated the Credit was in the amount of \$154.40. Commissioner Young moved the credit be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on an issue on Six Mile Road. He stated he had allowed a customer to connect to a tap prior to paying the tap fee. He stated there were numerous issues with the residence and the plumber had taken longer than expected to get the service installed. He went on to say the plumber called mid-day Friday and requested to connect the tap to finish the project prior to the weekend. Mr. Wendt allowed the connection and then the homeowner refused to pay the tap fee. Discussion followed concerning the fee. It was agreed that the tap fee would be added to the customer bill and if not paid service to the residence would be terminated.


Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the grinder pump installation at the Atlantic Petroleum site in the narrows. He stated the property owner had refused to allow the installation of the pump as the property was for sale and would need tank remediation work before it could be reopened. The Commission decided the grinder pump would be held at Commission yard and installed by the Contractor until the end of the project. If the grinder pump was required following the completion of the project the property owner would be responsible for its installation.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the need for truck. He stated that trucks couldn't even be ordered now until April or May of 2023. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Discussion opened on the preliminary design for the Winchester Road Water Line. Numerous items were discussed regarding the potential alignment for the project.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt and Mr. Emerick demonstrated the mapping system for the Commission.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:35 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer