

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MARCH 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, March 9, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed four outside meters since the last meeting. The meters were installed on Pembroke Street, Timber Ridge Road, Old McDonald Road, and Oleander Drive. Discussion followed concerning the outside meters.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleared a sewer blockage one Braddock Street.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on issues at the sewage pump stations. He stated had pulled a pump at the Route 36 pump station that was clogged with rags. He then opened discussion on issues at the Main Pump Station. He stated Commission personnel had pulled the Muffin Monster from service. He stated the unit had failed and was in need of repair. He presented pictures of the unit to the Commission. Discussion followed concerning the unit and the possibility of replacement with the decommissioning of the station scheduled in April 2024. Commissioner Young felt the unit needed to be repaired and operational until the new station came on line and doubted the April 2024 date. Commissioner Hensel agreed. Chairman Gehauf asked that a decision on the unit be made once an updated price had been obtained. Mr. Wendt stated he would circulate an email once the quote was received.

Mr. Emerick then stated Commission personnel were working on a problem sewer. He stated the list of problem sewers contained approximately 60 sites. He went on to say that as time allowed, he was digging them up for repair.

Mr. Emerick opened discussion on the work being done at the shop to reduce and reorganize the inventory. He stated Commission personnel had hauled out almost \$6,000.00 worth of scrap metal that was stored in the old sheds and moved the stored

inventory into the maintenance building. He stated the sheds were in very poor condition and the rooves were collapsing in some areas. Mr. Wendt stated it was time to remove the sheds and look into a new smaller storage area for pipe and large fittings. Mr. Emerick presented the Commission with a list of inventory he wanted to surplus and dispose of. Mr. Wendt stated there were two used utility trailers that need to be surplus and sold. He stated the County had expressed an interest in the inventory items. Commissioner Hensel moved the inventory items be surplus and turned over to the County. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Wendt stated the trailers would be listed for sale to the highest bidder. A list of the items is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Wendt stated he would begin the process of a new storage area for the shop. He and Mr. Emerick would determine what was needed and have information for the next meeting.

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

During January 2023, lost water was 30,137 gallons per day.

During February 2023, lost water was 51,489 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	11,909 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	12,439 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,472 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	9,154 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	7,889 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	153 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	14,013 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	550 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,597 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 completed and the slab pour had begun. He stated that 160 cubic yards of concrete had been poured this month and additional forms were being constructed.

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 40 of the 81 piers in the project. He went on to say issues with the wall behind Furloughs had begun. He stated there were issues with the installation of the posts for the wall. Discussion followed concerning the wall and the distance from the tracks.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a sewer credit request for 10000 Falcon Court. He stated the credit was in the amount of \$120.07. Commissioner Young moved the credit be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Commissioner George opened discussion on the Advalorum Rate for Fiscal Year 2024. He presented the Commission with a spreadsheet showing the increase in property values and the result with different tax rates. After some discussion it was agreed to keep the existing rate for the upcoming tax year. Commissioner George moved the rate remain the same. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with the Engineering agreement with the EAD's Group for the Winchester Road Water project. He stated the contract was for \$230,000.00. He went onto say the contract was for the entire project including the construction inspection stage. Discussion followed concerning the agreement. Commissioner Young moved the agreement be signed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the status of the Brandenburg issue. He stated it was moving forward. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt and Mr. Emerick demonstrated the site viewing system for the pump station construction project.

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