

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
APRIL 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Hensel, McKenzie George, and Young were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt and Maintenance Supervisor Emerick were also in attendance. Alex Feinstein, Enterprise Fleet Management, was also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of March 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 turned the meeting over to Mr. Feinstein. Mr. Feinstein stated he was in attendance to discuss fleet procurement options with the Commission. Mr. Feinstein gave an extensive presentation to the Commission regarding the three options available to the Commission for the procurement of vehicles. Mr. Feinstein left the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Discussion followed concerning the Commission's inability to procure vehicles through normal channels. Mr. Emerick stated he found a used vehicle comparable to the vehicle presented by Mr. Feinstein. The pricing was comparable. It was decided that Mr. Wendt would obtain pricing and purchasing options for one vehicle to replace the 2007 Chevrolet.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on the water main replacement in Locust Grove. He stated Commission personnel had replaced 500 feet of two-inch galvanized water main, 200 feet of service line and installed 7 outside meters as part of the project. He stated a fire hydrant was replaced as part of the project.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed a new hydrant on Sunset Drive as part of a sewer line replacement.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed an outside meter at 550 A Street.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on a service line replacement at 340 National Highway. He stated that Commission personnel had worked through the night

to replace the service line. Discussion followed concerning the need to do the work at night.

Mr. Emerick stated the Route 36 pumps had been pulled and unclogged twice since the last meeting.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleared one blocked sewer main since the last meeting. The blockage was located at 915 Weires Avenue.

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

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

During March 2023, lost water was 63,323 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	13,698 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	13,008 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,949 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	5,794 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	6,542 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	373 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	14,546 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	17 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,395 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 been completed. He stated the walls were being poured and showed pictures of the progress.

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 construction of the retaining wall behind Furlough's had begun and was progressing very slowly. He went on to say the water main work would begin on April 24, 2023, and be done at night. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the design work for the Winchester Road Water Project had begun. He stated he and Supervisor Emerick had met with Jake Bolby of EAD's and designated the priority areas for replacement. Discussion followed concerning the project and the priority areas. Mr. Wendt stated he would have a map of the area for the next meeting.

Mr. Wendt opened discussion on a meeting he and Commissioner George had with John Will of Standard Bank. Commissioner George stated that due to the recent problems in the banking industry he felt it prudent to move some money out of Dollar Bank and into other banks where it could be federally insured. He stated he would like to authorize Mr. Wendt to move \$1,000,000.00 in funds into four separate certificates of deposit. The CDs would have differing maturity dates. Discussion followed concerning the deposits. Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Wendt to pull the information together for the deposits.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the County. He stated MDE would not loan money to the Commission. He stated the County would have to be the borrower and in turn loan the money to the Commission. Mr. Wendt stated the County had requested Mr. Wendt be the signatory on the MOU so he could sign the subsequent paperwork. Commissioner George moved the MOU be signed by Mr. Wendt. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, Chairman Gehauf opened discussion on the removal of the old sheds at the maintenance shop. He questioned the demolition versus rehabilitation. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt stated Chipotle had contacted the Commission about the Asian Gardens property.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 11:35 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer