

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MAY 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, May 11, 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.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 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 briefed the Commission on the water main break on Vocke Road. He stated Commission personnel had repaired a leak while he was on vacation, and all went well.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had been looking for a leak in Zone One and found a leaking service line at 430 National Highway. He stated Commission personnel had replaced the service line.

Mr. Emerick opened discussion on issues on Deal Avenue. He stated there was water running down Deal Avenue in the area on an abandoned two-inch main. He went on to say Commission personnel had replaced a twelve-foot section of galvanized line at the top of Deal. He stated the line had noise on it and once it was replaced the noise was gone. Discussion followed concerning the water.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced the service line to a property on Braddock Ave. He stated the line had failed under the road and was in a very congested area. Commission personnel moved the service line to the main on Santa Fe.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed an outside meter on Woodland Avenue. He stated the shutoff valve to the property had broken during the recent shutoff cycle.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleared a backup on Applewood Drive. He went on to say it looked like someone had dropped sticks into the manhole.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had jetted the main on Henry Drive for NPL. He went on to say they we are doing preconstruction inspections and needed access to the line.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had pulled two pumps at the Route 36 pump station and one pump at the Main Pump Station.

Mr. Emerick then stated a new tap was installed on Braddock Road for a customer with septic tank issues. He stated a new cleanout and connection to the main was installed because of substandard material.

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

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Zone 1 Lost	7,761 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	12,117 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	6,748 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	8,858 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,480 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	12,141 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	298 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,401 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 he and Commissioner Young had met with Garney Construction to initiate a close out for the project. He stated negotiations had begun regarding the two final change orders. Extensive discussion followed concerning the options for final close out of the contract. Mr. Wendt then stated the restoration had begun behind the Firey Property. He went on to say all the issues the Firey's had with the site were being addressed except for the ground cover. He went on to say he would meet with the restoration contractor and discuss the ground cover. Discussion followed concerning the project and the issues with 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 wall pour had begun. 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 had moved to night work and had run into issues with the storm drain installation. He went on to say the wrong pipe had been specified and then installed. Discussion followed concerning the mistake by the engineer. He stated construction of the retaining wall behind Furlough's was nearly

complete and the pilings were being installed. 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 presented the Commission with a proposal from Engineered Solutions Inc. for controls at the Mall Tank and the 220 Booster Station. He stated the controls were installed in 1995 and no longer supported. He went on to say that in order to update the communications between the two sites the controls needed to be updated. Discussion followed concerning the need to update the controls. Mr. Wendt stated the cost of the upgrade was \$34,730.00. Commissioner Young moved the proposal be accepted. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the CD rate information requested at the April meeting. Stated he had gathered information for Commissioner George. Commissioner George opened discussion on the need to move funds and have insurance on the money. Commissioner George stated the distribution proposed by Mr. Wendt would be adequate. It was agreed that the CD Distribution would be made.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the lease of a service truck. He stated the term of the lease was 36 months. Commissioner George moved the truck be leased. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

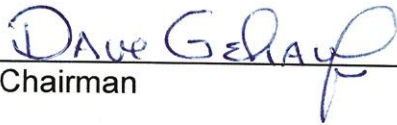
Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on issues at the A Street pump station. He stated one of the pumps required replacing. He went on to say the pump was installed in 1955 and had not been serviced since. He provided the Commission with 3 different pumps that would work with some modifications to the station. He stated the pumps ranged in price from \$19,000 to \$25,000.00. Discussion followed on the three options. It was agreed the 550 GPM pump would be best suited for the application. Mr. Wendt stated the pump price was only part of the project cost. He went on to say he would report back on the piping modification costs.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner Young reported that Dave Nedved had made numerous attempts to contact Mrs. Brandenburg about her grant application for plumbing improvements to her property. He stated she was non-responsive.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with the engagement letter for the upcoming audit from Turnbull, Hoover Kahl. He stated the cost for the upcoming audit was \$45,000.00. Commissioner George moved the agreement be signed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt stated the City of Cumberland had notified the Commission it would be increasing rates by ten percent for water beginning July 1, 2023. Discussion followed concerning the rate and the need to increase the Commission rate accordingly. Action on the rate increase was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

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