

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JUNE 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, June 8, 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 May 11, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on the water leak on Sunset Drive. He stated a saddle had failed and Commission personnel had replaced the saddle.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced a hydrant at the intersection of Dressman and Shortest Day Road and one on Macy Drive at Braddock Road. He went on to say that he was replacing hydrants as the budget allowed.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had installed two outside meters on Gemma Drive. He went on to say the curb stops were buried when the homeowners installed retaining walls. He stated Commission personnel had also installed an outside meter at 106 Sunset Drive.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on issues with the jetter. He stated the pump had failed and he was awaiting parts for the repair.

Mr. Emerick reported a sewer blockage at 916 Weires Avenue. He stated Commission personnel had cleared the blockage on a Sunday.

Mr. Emerick then reported the new service truck had been delivered and was placed into service. He stated he was pleased with the truck.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had rented a power rake and restored the area around the pump station that had been disturbed. He went on to say they had applied topsoil to the area and seeded and mulched.

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

During April 2023, lost water was 60,656 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	6,191 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	9,934 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	12,624 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	11,887 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	9,515 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	11,815 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	2,592 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	5,973 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 Commissioner Young, Adam Patterson and Mark Yoder had negotiated with Garney Construction to initiate a close out for the project. He stated negotiations had gone well and the final payment and change order had been accepted by Garney. He went on to say the Engineer was preparing the paperwork to close the job. Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the process to close out the job. Mr. Wendt stated Teter Excavation had done a nice job with the restoration of the Firey Project. 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 was installing approximately 200 feet of main per night. He stated the sewer main was at the limit of the work area and the contractor was moved to water main and was installing it so the work area could be moved. Discussion continued concerning the project. Mr. Wendt stated the contractor was scheduled to be out of the highway by mid-July.

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 reviewed the 30% design drawings. Discussion followed concerning the design. Mr. Wendt stated the initial engineering estimate was \$4,495,393.75. He stated the funding package was approximately \$3,600,000.00. He

stated he had received notification from MDE the project was eligible for up to \$1,000,000.00 in grant funding. Discussion followed concerning the funding package.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the CD purchase. He stated he had purchased the CDs, and everything was set up as directed.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the A Street Pump Station. He stated He and Mr. Emerick had met with multiple contractors on site to obtain bids for the installation of the new pump. He went on to say the Commission electrician had removed a lot of the old electrical equipment and cleaned up some of the old installations.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the controls for the Mall Tank. He stated the contract had been signed and the installation would be scheduled once the equipment was delivered.

Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the rate increase. He turned the discussion over to Commissioner George. Commissioner George stated the City of Cumberland was increasing rates to its customers by 10%. Discussion followed concerning the rate increase. Commissioner Young moved the water rate be increased by 7.5% effective on the August billing. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried. No increase in sewer rates were made at this time, but will be needed as the Locust Grove project nears completion.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt stated there had been no movement on the proposed Rural King or Popeye's Chicken.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:25 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer