

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
JULY 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, July 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.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George 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 two outside meters since the last meeting. He stated the meters were located at 3 Robinhood Drive and Mill Street.

Mr. Emerick stated the inventory had been completed for the yearly audit.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the gas line replacement in Locust Grove. He stated Commission personnel had located for the project and located for another project on National Highway.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had assisted Belt Construction with the testing of the new waterline. He stated there were numerous issues with the testing. Discussion followed concerning the testing and the issues.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had pulled one of the pumps at the Route 36 pump station and cleared a blockage.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on a sewer issue on Simpson Avenue. He stated the line had always been a problem line and the Commission was never sure where the line ran. He went on to say he had dug on the line and installed two cleanouts for maintenance.

Mr. Emerick stated a new sewer customer was connected on Cash Valley Road.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleaned 12,000 feet of sewer line.

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

During May 2023, lost water was 70,023 gallons per day.

During June 2023. Lost water was 47,000 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	3,116 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	3,546 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	9,166 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	9,997 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,831 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	9,364 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	587 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	3,335 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 gravity sewer portion of the Braddock Run-Jennings Run sewage conveyance improvement project. He stated the project was completed and the Contractor was awaiting the final payment. Mr. Wendt stated he had inspected the restoration work and was happy with the results. He went on to say the final planting of ground cover was all that remained to be completed. He stated Teter Landscaping had quoted \$5,600.00 for the ground cover. Discussion followed concerning the ground cover. He stated he would get additional quotes for the ground cover.

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 of both the water and sewer lines was proceeding but was experiencing issues. He stated that with the loss of the original construction superintendent numerous issues had arisen. Discussion followed about the issues and other problems Mr. Wendt stated the contractor was scheduled to be out of the highway by the end of 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 then opened discussion on the status of the Consent Decree/Long Term Control Plan negotiations with MDE. He stated the contract with Aqua Law and the coalition had been expended and there was no agreement with MDE as to what would be required from the coalition. He went on to say at a minimum the Commission would have to submit a new LTCP by the end of 2024. Commissioner Young stated he

had joined the negotiations and was working with Mr. Wendt to negotiate a new Consent Decree. Extensive discussion followed concerning the issue. Mr. Young stated he would meet with EAD's and Mr. Wendt to begin the LTCP.

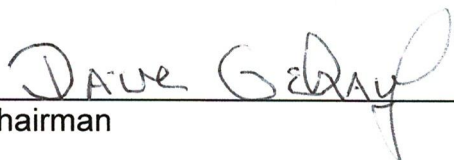
Mr. Wendt stated the A Street pump had been delivered and was ready for installation. The bids for installation were as followed:

Marshall Ruby and Sons	\$16,950.00
R.H. Lapp and Sons	\$27,995.00
Com-Bro Contracting Inc.	\$35,700.00

Commissioner Young moved the installation be awarded to Marshall Ruby and sons. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt opened a discussion on the LaVale Chicken LLC. He stated he had received plans for the restaurant in the LaVale Plaza parking lot. He stated the plans had some issues and he had not signed off on the design. He presented the plans to the Commission and discussion followed concerning the issues. Commissioner Young stated he would check on the issues.

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