

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 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 August 10, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had pressurized the new twelve-inch line serving LaVale. He stated he had worked with the Contractor to ensure the line was disinfected and operational.

Mr. Emerick stated Columbia Gas had completed its work in Locust Grove. He went on to say he had discovered an additional section of galvanized line and Commission personnel had replaced the line. Discussion followed concerning the line and its replacement. He went on to say Commission personnel had removed two old Ludlow hydrants while working on the project.

Mr. Emerick then stated Commission personnel had removed a pump from Colony Heights pump Station and taken it for service. Mr. Wendt stated the pump had been in service for five years twenty-four hours a day.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had scraped and painted the A Street pumping station.

Mr. Emerick then stated Commission personnel were working with Columbia Gas on Henry Drive.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on two problem sewers that had been repaired by Commission personnel. He stated Commission personnel had replaced a six-foot section of sewer main at 523 National Highway and forty feet of problem sewer on Oxford Drive.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a section of sewer main on Cash Valley Road. He stated the line had settled and split. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Emerick stated the new control system for the 220 Pump Station. He went on to say he had spent the day with the technician and received training on the new system.

Mr. Emerick then reported the new meter reading system had been received and Commission personnel had been trained on its operation.

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

During July 2023, lost water was 60,414 gallons per day.

During August 2023, lost water was 50,417 gallon per day.

Zone 1 Lost	6,806 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	3,923 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	12,827 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	11,191 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	6,503 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	4,758 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	2,554 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	3,485 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Pump Station portion of the project. He stated the wall pour was ongoing and the building was out of the ground. He stated once the building was under roof, he would arrange a tour of the facility.

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 the water main was in service but experiencing issues at the bridge crossing. He went on to say there were no answers as to how the problem would be addressed. Discussion followed about the issues and other problems.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the design work for the Winchester Road Water Project had begun. He stated he was working with MDE on the funding package for the project. He went on to say he expected updated plans and specs soon.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a proposal from the EAD's group for the update of the Long-Term Control Plan. He stated this was needed to update the

existing LTCP as part of the consent decree. Discussion followed concerning the LTCP and the Consent Decree. Mr. Wendt stated the cost for the LTCP update would be \$10,000.00.

Mr. Wendt stated the second pump for the A Street pump Station was anticipated on September 22, 2023.

Mr. Went then presented the Commission with two sewer credit requests:

54 LaVale Court	\$89.30
13807 Briarwood Drive	\$233.09

Commissioner George moved the credits be granted. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on the recommendation from the Compass Group for a contribution to the retirement plan. Mr. Wendt stated the pension fund had lost 21% in the last year and a contribution was needed to keep the plan fully funded. Discussion followed concerning the plan. Commissioner George moved a contribution of \$100,000.00 be made. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Wendt stated he would contact the actuarial about the concerns of the board.

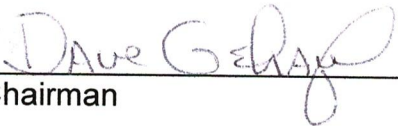
Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a resolution ratifying the MOU with Allegany County for the Wills Creek Water Line funding. Discussion followed concerning the resolution and the need for the resolution before the loan with MDE could be closed. Commissioner Young moved the resolution be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Gehauf questioned the status of LaVale Chicken LLC. Mr. Wendt stated he has signed off on the proposed plans and returned them to the owner. He went on to say he had no further information on the project.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt stated he had spoken with an engineering firm about locating a restaurant in LaVale. He stated the restaurant would be located on Vocke Road at the entrance to the Country Club Mall.

Chairman Gehauf then opened discussion about the Commission policy concerning property managers. He stated he had been contacted by Jose Taylor, a property manager, requesting the Commission change its policy and deal with all property managers. Discussion followed concerning the policy and the need to deal with property owners versus property managers. It was agreed the policy would stand as written.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:20 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer