

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Hensel, George, McKenzie 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 September 14, 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 scraped and painted the Route 220 Pump Station. He went on to say the floor had some rust and pitting that needed addressed.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had been working on the Grant Street tank and Lowes tank. He stated the stormwater ditches and areas around the tank were cleaned in accordance with the MOU with the County. He went on to say that Commission personnel had touched up some paint while on site.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had removed a pump from the Colony Heights pump station and taken it for repairs. He stated the pump could not be repaired and the wet end needed replaced.

Mr. Emerick then reported that Commission personnel had repaired a leak on Winchester Road in front of WEPCO. He stated the leak was on the eight-inch main and within feet of a previous leak.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cut and capped the old twelve-inch water line at the Locust Grove bridge. He went on to say the line could be used in an emergency to feed water to Locust Grove and the County.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a water line damaged by Columbia Gas. He stated the line was mismarked by the Commission. He went on to say he had installed an outside meter while repairing the line.

Mr. Emerick then reported Commission personnel had cleared a blocked sewer on Weires Avenue. He stated the line was on the problem sewer list.

Mr. Emerick then reported Commission personnel had jetted National Highway from Simpson Avenue to Denny's Restaurant. He stated the work had to be done at night.

Commissioner Young asked about issues with the LaVale Library water. He stated he had received complaints about sediment in the line. Mr. Emerick stated he had been on site but could not get any information from the people on site. Commissioner Young stated he would investigate the issue.

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

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

During September 2023, lost water was 51,197 gallon per day.

Zone 1 Lost	6,188 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	3,297 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	13,428 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	6,935 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,354 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	10,154 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,310 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 the force main was experiencing the same issues. He stated the lines had moved when pressurized and moved into the bridge beams. Extensive discussion followed concerning the problems and any corrective actions. He went on to say he and Commissioner Young had a meeting scheduled following the Commission meeting with the Engineer. He also stated he had retained EAD's to look into the issue on behalf of the Commission.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the design work for the Winchester Road Water Project was ongoing. He stated he, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Shroyer and Commissioner Hensel had met with the Engineer and gone over the design for the replacement line. He went on to say Mr. Emerick had walked portions of the project with the Engineer. Discussion followed concerning the project.



Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the A Street pump station. He stated the pump had shipped on October 10, 2023. He went on to say he had solicited bids from the original three contractors for the second pump installation. He stated the only respondent was Marshall Ruby and Sons. The quote was \$10,280.00. He stated they had done the first pump and were awarded the job.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the Colony Heights pump station. He stated the pumps had shipped and would be installed by Commission personnel. Discussion followed on the need to replace pumps at the station.

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

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt stated the properties associated with the proposed restaurant on Vocke Road had been transferred to the County. Discussion followed on the proposed restaurant.

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

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer