

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, November 9, 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.

Rick Hoover and Diane Bonner Auditors with Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl were also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 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 turned the meeting over to Mr. Hoover to present the Commissions audit findings.

Mr. Hoover presented the Commission with copies of the financial reports as well as opinion letters and graphs. He presented the audit findings and discussion followed concerning the audit reports. Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Bonner left the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced a hydrant on Braddock Street. He stated the hydrant was an older Ludlow model and was on the replacement list.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed two outside meters on A Street.

Mr. Emerick then reported Commission personnel had replaced two pumps at the Colony Heights Pump Station. Discussion followed concerning the station. He went on to say the pump had been completely renewed including some electrical improvements.

Mr. Emerick then reported on repairs done at the concrete batch plant. He stated the plant owners were replacing their service line and Commission personnel replaced the meter and its piping.

Mr. Emerick then opened discussion on Zones 3 and 4 leak detection. He stated the unaccounted for water numbers were on the rise and Commission personnel had been out locating leaks. He stated two service lines in National Highway had been

replaced. The lines were located at 562 and 1060 National Highway. He stated that Commission personnel had also located a leaking valve on Warfield Place. The valve had been repaired by Commission personnel.

Mr. Emerick stated that a hydrant on Henry Drive was also leaking and had been valved out. He stated the hydrant would be replaced as time allowed.

Mr. Emerick stated the replacement of the second pump was proceeding.

Mr. Emerick then opened discussion on a problem sewer on North Second Street. He stated Commission personnel had been jetting the line on a regular basis, but the problem continued. He stated the problems were affecting a property on the street and a point repair was necessary. He stated Commission personnel were scheduled to replace approximately 30 feet of the line. He went on to say he had the replacement scheduled for the following week.

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

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

During October 2023, lost water was 62,918 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	8,972 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	3,738 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	13,986 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	15,499 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,292 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	8,520 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,214 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 some of the piping was being delivered and placed in the structure. He went on to say 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 presented the Commission with the proposed repairs design. He opened discussion on the proposed repairs and his apprehension with the project. Discussion followed on the repairs and how they would proceed. He then briefed the Commission on the meeting with the Contractor and the response from them concerning the repair. Commissioner Young stated the Commission was waiting for cost estimates from the Contractor.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the design work for the Winchester Road Water Project was ongoing. He stated the Engineer was working on permitting for the three stream crossings. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the A Street pump station. He stated the pump had been received and was ready for installation. He went on to say the contractor had started the project, but little progress had been made.

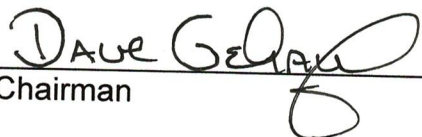
Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the Colony Heights pump station. He stated the pumps had been installed by Commission personnel and were placed in service. He stated he was very pleased with the installation and the station was completely rebuilt, including some new electrical upgrades.

Mr. Wendt then presented a sewer credit request for 1266 National Highway. He stated the customer had a service line leak and was not repairing the leak. He went on to say the credit was \$504.89 for two months. Commissioner Young moved the one-time credit of \$504.89 be granted. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

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. He went on to say that two other restaurants had been proposed for LaVale and were in the process of clearing land for one restaurant.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:30 AM.



Chairman



Secretary/Treasurer