

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 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, December 14, 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 November 9, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed an outside meter on a residence on South Second Street. He stated the resident then repaired the service line to the property.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced a hydrant on Henry Drive. He stated the hydrant was the older Ludlow model and was leaking.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on a sewer line replacement on Second Street. He stated the line was clogged with roots and required constant maintenance. He went on to say a clean out and outside meter was installed during the repair. He stated there was additional line that would be replaced as weather permitted.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had repaired a full circle break on a six-inch line in Braddock Street. He stated that during the repair a valve broke, requiring another repair. Discussion followed concerning the leak and the repairs.

Mr. Emerick stated Laurel Management was in for yearly PRV repairs. He stated the PRV in LaVale Plaza and the altitude valve at the Lowes Tank had been repaired.

Mr. Emerick then stated Commission personnel had repaired several leaks in the area of the Wendy's restaurant. He stated Commission personnel had worked all weekend to repair the leaks. Extensive discussion followed concerning the leaks and the cause of the leaks. Mr. Wendt stated the leaks were substantial and would affect the unaccounted-for rate.

Mr. Emerick then stated Commission personnel had pulled multiple sewage pumps for ragging. He stated following the recent rains accumulated rags were washed into the station clogging the pumps.

Mr. Emerick stated two clean-outs and backflow preventers were installed on Center Street. He stated one was installed in error and the second was installed on the correct service line. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel were doing routine maintenance on sewer lines.

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

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

During November 2023, lost water was 52,506 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	7,316 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	2,924 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	14,968 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	8,660 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	6,928 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	9,085 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	3,965 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 stated there were between four and five different contractors on site daily. 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 had been repaired and was placed in service. He stated the line repairs had gone well and there was no movement in the line under pressure. Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the force main, he stated the line needed to be pressure tested and repaired prior to final completion. Discussion followed concerning the issues. Mr. Wendt stated he would send an email to the County outlining his concerns and requesting they reach out to GHD. Mr. Wendt stated he would provide the Commission with costs for the repairs once he receives them.

Commission Young then opened discussion on another change order requested because of errors with the design. He stated the engineer specified perforated pipe for

storm drains which was contrary to the state highway requirements. He stated the change order was for \$13,000.00. Discussion continued concerning the engineers' shortfalls.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the design work for the Winchester Road Water Project was substantially complete. He stated the plans and specifications had been sent to MDE for review and approval. He also sent copies to Commission Young and Hensel. He stated there was a final design meeting scheduled for January 4, 2023. Mr. Emerick stated he had reviewed the plans and listed his comments. Commissioner Young asked about the funding package, Mr. Wendt stated he had notified bond council to begin the funding procedure.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the A Street Pump Station. He stated the second pump had been installed and placed in service. Discussion followed concerning the pump station. Mr. Wendt stated he was pleased with the progress on the pump station.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Gehauf questioned the status of the multiple restaurants proposed for LaVale. Mr. Wendt stated land had been cleared for one of the new restaurants and homes had been purchased for another. Discussion followed concerning the proposed new restaurants.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt stated he had to visit the Country Club Mall to discuss the pending termination of service for non-payment. He stated the mall manager had contacted his property manager to rectify the situation.

Mr. Wendt stated the Christmas party was scheduled for December 21, 2023.

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.

Acting Wm. Jay George  
Chairman

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Secretary-Treasurer