

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Acting Chairman George, Commissioners Hensel, George, McKenzie and Young were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt and Maintenance Supervisor Emerick were also in attendance. Chairman Gehauf was absent.

Acting Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman George asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a leak on a two-inch main on Buchanan Avenue. He went on to say he had two more areas to repair on Buchanan that weren't leaking.

Mr. Emerick then reported on 10902 Ramblewood Drive and 11210 Cash Valley Road. He stated Commission personnel were trying to locate leaks in Zone 3 and had found the two leaking service lines. He stated the residents had been notified of the leaks and Commission personnel had installed outside meters. Discussion followed concerning the leaks and the response from the homeowners.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed a new hydrant on Maryland Ave. He stated the old Ludlow hydrant was opened and wouldn't shut off.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleared a sewer backup on Applewood Drive.

Mr. Emerick then stated Commission personnel had pulled the number 2 pump at the pump station and removed the rags. He went on to say pump 4 was down for repairs.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced the impeller on two raw water pumps at the treatment plant.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleared a sewer blockage at 1029 Weires Ave. He went on to say the issue was chronic and he was planning to do a point repair on the line. Discussion followed concerning the point repair.

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

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

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Zone 1 Lost	23,634 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	3,990 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	17,421 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	14,444 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,186 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	13,293 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	110 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,437 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 masonry walls were being constructed and would soon be under roof. He stated some of the piping was installed in the pump gallery. He stated the stairways and railings were installed and some of the wall coatings had been completed.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated repair of the water main on the bridge had been completed and had gone well. He stated the repairs had cost approximately \$36,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the project and the lack of progress. Mr. Wendt stated he would like to have a progress meeting to discuss the project and the punch list.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the design work for the Winchester Road Water Project was substantially complete. He stated there had been a meeting on January 4, 2024, with the engineer. He stated the plans and specs were reviewed in detail and the final documents would be forthcoming. He went on to say the preliminary documents had been delivered to MDE for approval.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a proposal from Hach for new turbidimeters at the treatment plant. He stated say the existing meters were outdated and would no longer be supported. He went on to say the plant had seven of them and he would like to replace three initially. He stated those three could be used for parts until the rest were replaced. He stated the three units with installation were \$12,954.00.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. McKenzie questioned the account for the Country Club Mall. Mr. Wendt stated he had extended the deadline and received payment.

Under the heading of New Business, Acting Chairman George requested Commissioner checks be direct deposited instead of paper checks. Mr. Wendt stated that was no problem, he would just need account information.

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

DAVE GEORGE
Chairman

Wm. Jay George
Secretary-Treasurer