

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2023, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired two frozen meter since the last meeting.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a broken main on Gramlich Road. Mr. Emerick stated the leak was a full circle break on a six-inch main.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced a hydrant at Red Hill Treatment Plant. He stated the hydrant was a used on that had been removed during the recent water main job.

Mr. Emerick opened discussion on an issue on Arlington Avenue. He stated Commission personnel had installed an outside meter at a residence and the homeowner had called to report her kitchen faucet had stopped working. Mr. Wendt stated he had contacted a plumber to repair the faucet. Discussion followed concerning the issue and the response.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed outside meters at 10802 Old Mount Savage Road and on Nemaocolin Avenue.

Mr. Emerick stated he had responded to a call on Woodbine Road for a broken meter. He stated the base had broken from the meter and the line in the house had also broken.

Mr. Emerick stated all the trucks had been DOT inspected. He stated only one needed additional repairs.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the problem sewer list. He stated Commission personnel had been working on the list of problem sewers and he was repairing them as time allowed. Discussion followed concerning the problem sewers.

During December 2023, lost water was 84,033 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	5,464 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	7,327 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	14,587 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	7,923 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	7,364 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	10,854 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	460 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,402 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 roof trusses were installed, three pump had been installed and internal water, sewer and electric was being installed. Discussion followed concerning the station.

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. He then presented the Commission with the proposed repairs to the Force Main. He stated the repairs proposed were similar to the ones done on the water main. Discussion followed concerning the repairs and who was responsible for the costs of the repairs.

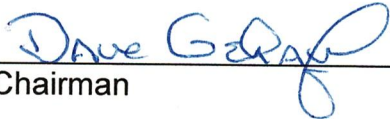
Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the design work for the Winchester Road Water Project was complete. He stated the plans and specs were being reviewed by MDE and we were awaiting approval.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion concerning some changes to the Winchester Road Project. He stated that during the preliminary design phase the SHA had agreed to just trench patching on Route 53 from Vocke Road to Craddock Road. He went on to say that due to budget restrictions the overlay would not be done. He also stated that the SHA was now requiring the work to be done at night. These changes had led to an estimated \$950,000.00 shortfall in funding. He went on to say he had contacted MDE and the only funding available would be the SRF loan funding. Discussion followed about cutting the scope of the project or acquiring additional funding. Commissioner George moved to allow Mr. Wendt to pursue additional funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt stated the LaVale Chicken project was back on and had contacted the Commission about issues with the project.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the proposed restaurants coming to LaVale.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:00 AM.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer