

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Hensel, George, Young and McKenzie 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 February 8, 2024, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed nine outside meters since the last meeting. Discussion followed on the locations and reason for the meter relocations.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced sixteen feet of problem sewer on Weires Avenue. He stated the sewer was problematic and needed constant cleaning. He went on to say that a local plumber had broken cables off in the line and Commission personnel had removed the cables during the repair.

Mr. Emerick stated that a new sewer tap was installed at 804 Valley View Drive.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had cleared a blockage at 10205 Cash Valey Road.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had repaired a sewer at 203 S. First Street. He stated it was a new plastic sewer that had a cracked fitting. He went on to say roots had gotten into the line and nearly blocked the entire line.

Mr. Emerick opened discussion on issues at the pumping stations. He stated the ragging issues at the station had increased dramatically. He stated the pumps were being pulled weekly to clear the ragging issues. Discussion followed concerning the problem and possible solutions.

During January 2024, lost water was 56,876 gallons per day.

During February 2024, lost water was 46,072 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	4,097 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	8,835 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	3,015 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	5,873 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	7,266 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	13,099 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	176 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,492 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 sheeting, pumps and piping, control panels, stairs ventilation and numerous other mechanical items had been installed since the last meeting. Mr. Wendt opened discussion on some issues with the pump station including. Commissioner Young stated he was concerned with the ground water leaking through the walls.

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 proposed repairs to the force main had been discussed at the last progress meeting and were rejected. Discussion followed concerning the force main and the issues with 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 a discussion concerning issues with the funding for the Winchester Road Project. He stated the Commission was not allowed to borrow from MDE and would not be allowed apply for loans in the future. He stated any future loans would have to be applied for by the County. Discussion followed concerning the issue and any possible solutions. Chairman Gehauf suggested meeting with the local delegation and seeking their input. Mr. Wendt stated he doubted they would be able help.

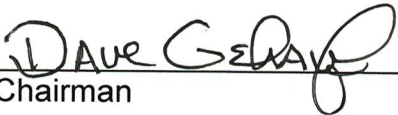
Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on the Advalorum Tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner George presented the Commission with a worksheet showing taxable base and current tax rate. Discussion followed concerning the rate. Commissioner George moved the rate remain the same \$0.65 cents per hundred. 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 test pitting lines on March 18, 2024.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on issues with the Country Club Mall and the reality group responsible for paying their bill. He stated they were scheduled for termination again this month for nonpayment.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the proposed Longhorn Restaurant. He stated the developer had scheduled a meeting with the Commission and the County to discuss the project.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:40 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer