

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

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, 2018, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Young, George, Deffenbaugh, Hensel, Director of Operations Wendt and Supervisor Brodie were present.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2017 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Deffenbaugh moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie stated that before the extreme cold weather hit Commission personnel had addressed routine sewer issues. He stated that a sewer service line had frozen and had to be repaired by the homeowner. He stated that blockages on Gramlich Road, Mary Court and Rye Street. Extensive discussion followed concerning the issues on Rye Street.

Mr. Brodie reported on several water leaks. He stated Commission personnel had repaired leaks on Orchard Street, Winchester Road, Glenview Drive, Klosterman Avenue, and multiple internal leaks on residences and businesses. Discussion followed concerning the leaks. Mr. Wendt stated there would be sewer credit request for some of the leaks. Mr. Brodie stated that a service line on Maryland Street had frozen and ruptured.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt stated all active construction was shut down until March.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for January 2018.

During December 2017 lost water was 163,434 gallons per day.

During January 2018 lost water was 151,846 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	21,235 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	29,508 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	20,700 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	5,080 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	45,301 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	24,477 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	6,234 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with copies of sewer credit requests. He stated the resident at 13832 Briarwood Drive had leaked 164,000 gallons and was refusing to pay any of the bill. Mr. Wendt stated the house was in foreclosure and a mechanics lien had been filed. Mr. Wendt stated the two credit requests were as follows:

922 Artic Ave.	\$729.19
12516 Gramlich Road	\$1,172.83
14 N. Woodlawn Ave.	\$48.88

Mr. Wendt stated that other leaks had occurred but the homeowners had not requested a sewer credit. Commissioner Hensel moved the credits be extended. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the results of the geotechnical work that had been completed. He stated that the initial results showed the gravity sewer boring could be done. He stated the final report would be available by the end of January 2018 pending review of comments.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt reported the PACE reception went very well. He briefed the Commission on the meeting he and Commissioner Young had attended to present the LaVale/Allegany County Sewer Project. Commissioner Young briefed to Commission on the meeting and subsequent meetings. He stated the County had applied for the grant as one project. He stated the County was eligible for CDBG funding where the Commission is not eligible. Discussion followed concerning the project and the funding possibilities.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the Emergency Project. He stated the materials were in, he stated the material costs were \$33,712.60. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the proposed rate increase. Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with copies of a rate spreadsheet. He stated the spreadsheet showed the proposed 5, 7.5 and 10 percent rate increases and its overall effect on the budget. Discussion followed concerning the increase. Commissioner George moved the rates be increased by 7.5 percent. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Wendt stated the rate would take effect on the April billing.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the ECWAG Program. He stated the USDA had a funding source that provided 100% funding for infrastructure that was damaged by environmental sources such as bad soils. He stated the water line on Winchester Road was a prime candidate for funding under this project. He went on to say the grant was capped at \$500,000.00. He then presented the Commission with an engineering agreement for the EADs Group for \$40,000.00. He stated the project could replace between 1700 and 3500 feet of line depending on location. Commissioner Young moved the Commission approve the engineering agreement. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

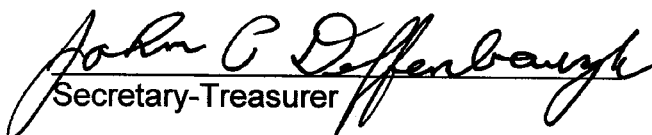
Mr. Wendt stated he had not received the tax assessment for District 29. He stated the advalorem rate would need to be set at the next meeting.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the leak in the City of Cumberland. Mr. Wendt stated the excavation along the length of the force main has revealed no leaks on the Commissions sewer line. Mr. Wendt stated he did not know what the next step in the investigation would be.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the Magnolia Greene housing development. Discussion followed concerning the development.

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

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer