

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, March 12, 2019, at 9:30 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2020 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 Commission personnel had cleared a sewer blockage at 1029 Weires Avenue. He went on to say that Commission personnel had been actively cleaning the problem sewers. He stated that because of the warm weather crews were out earlier than expected addressing the sewers.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had painted the water plant equipment. He provided the Commission with pictures of the plant and stated how pleased he was with the outcome.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had installed an outside meter at 35 Rye Street. He stated the owner of the property had also installed a new service line.

Mr. Brodie then briefed the Commission on a water leak on Autumn Drive. He stated that Commission personnel had repaired the leak on an eight-inch main and during the repair one of the valves used to shut down the line had also broken. He stated that Commission personnel then installed a new valve to replace the broken one.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the Blackbird Lane project and the Forest Drive project approved at the previous meeting. He stated that the materials for the project had been ordered. He went on to say that once the materials had been received the jobs would start.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for February 2020.

During January 2020, lost water was 58,295 gallons per day.

During February 2020, lost water was 64,648 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	1,864 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	13,340 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	10,521 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	3,807 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	23,893 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	12,969 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	0 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with four requests for sewer credit:

713 LaVale Terrace	\$79.09
13407 Bristol Drive	\$374.43
14201 Winchester Road	\$1,3401.33
29 Buchanan Avenue	\$141.71

Discussion followed concern the sewer credit requests. Commissioner Young moved the credits be extended. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a quote for a new one-ton dump truck. The quote was from the state bid MD BPO 001B0600195. The bid was in the amount of \$52,525.00. Discussion followed concerning the bid. Commissioner Hensel moved the bid be accepted. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Commissioner George presented the Commission with a spreadsheet calculating the Advalorum Rate for the upcoming year. Mr. George stated the current rate was adequate to cover the existing debt but would fall short of covering the MDE loan for the new water line in the Narrows. Discussion followed concerning the rate and the need to increase the rate to cover the anticipated debt. Commissioner Young moved the rate be increased by \$0.01 per hundred. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

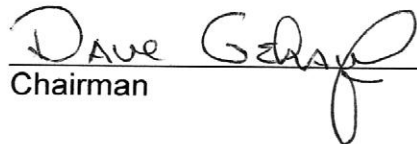
Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the Winchester Road project that he had applied for funding in the past. He stated t he had had numerous discussions with Kendra Harmon of the USDA concerning funding. He stated that unless the Commission funds the entire project no grant or loan monies would be available to the Commission. Mr. Wendt stated that if the Commission wanted to fund the entire \$5,600,000.00 it would be eligible for \$2.6 million in grant and \$3.0 in loan at 1.375%. Extensive discussion followed concerning the project. Commissioner Young asked what the percentage of grant versus loan would be if the project came in at less than the 5.6 million. Mr. Wendt stated he would have to get the answer from Kendra. Chairman Gehauf asked that the issue be tabled until an answer could be obtained.


Agnes Young asked the Commission about the status of the water line on Shortest Day Road. She stated that in the past lines were run on private property to minimize cost. Discussion followed concerning the problems with running lines across private property and why the Commission would not install any public lines on private property. He stated that if a homeowner wanted to do so he would do at his own expense and assume all liability for the line. She stated she would take to the neighbors see if such an arrangement could be made.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a plat for a proposed new retail development on Vocke Road. He stated he had met with representatives of PennTex Ventures about four parcels at the intersection of Vocke Road and Country Club Mall Road. He went on to say that he did not know what was proposed other than it was retail. Discussion followed concerning the development.

Mr. Wendt reported that the Health Department had contacted him about a sewer tap on Woodland Avenue. He said the house had a failed septic system and needed a tap. He went on to say that the service was available.

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


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer