

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf Commissioners Deffenbaugh, George, Young, Hensel, Director of Operations Wendt and Maintenance Supervisor Brodie were present. Larry Boggs of Wells Fargo Securities was also present.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2020 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf welcomed Mr. Boggs to the meeting and asked him to begin the meeting. Mr. Boggs stated he was in attendance to address the Commission about its retirement investment account. Mr. Boggs stated that with the upcoming election and the potential volatility of the market it may be time to move the account to a more conservative option. Discussion followed concerning the account and the options for moving it. Commissioner George moved the account be moved to conservative income account and be reviewed after the elections. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Boggs left the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report. Mr. Brodie stated two new taps had been installed on the sewer and one on the water. He reported that the residence at 31 North Woodlawn Avenue had been connected via a pressure system through a health department grant.

Mr. Brodie then reported that the resident at 894 Oaklawn Avenue Extended had installed new main lines to his residence. He stated the main could possibly serve one other residence.

Mr. Brodie then reported that Commission personnel were actively jetting the problem sewers. He stated that because of the closure of the restaurants less grease had been encountered.

Mr. Brodie reported on three new service lines that had been installed with outside meters by residents. The service lines were located at 4 Gemma Drive, 13524 Old Cresaptown Road, and 100 LaVale Boulevard.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had installed twenty feet of new main at 13012 Winchester Road. He stated the main had broken four times in the same driveway, so the pipe was replaced, and the driveway repaired.

Mr. Brodie then reported that Columbia Gas and NPL were working in LaVale again. Discussion followed concerning the problems encountered.

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

During July 2020, lost water was 64,247 gallons per day.

During August 2020, lost water was 53,556 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	2,424 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	10,191 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	14,063 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	6,101 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	12,275 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	2,833 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	8,101 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	1,266 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	0 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt updated the Commission on the loan/grant application with the USDA. He stated he had spoken with Kendra Harmon about the application earlier in the week. He stated she had taken a new position with the USDA and would not be servicing Allegany County. He stated she had updated him on the status prior to leaving stating the application had been submitted and if approved it would need to be accepted prior to September 30, 2020. Discussion followed concerning the funding package and how it could be accepted. Mr. Wendt stated he would notify the Commissioners of any movement on the package.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with two quotes for the relining of the small reservoir at Red Hill. The quotes were as follows:

JH Waters	\$33,781.25
Advanced Rehabilitation	\$41,125.00

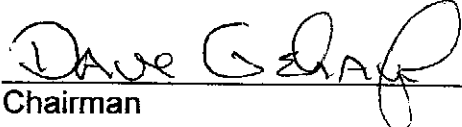
Extensive discussion followed concerning the proposals and the differences in the proposals. Mr. Wendt stated that the Advanced Rehabilitation proposal was for a spray on liner and included the ceiling of the tank. He went on to say that if the JH Waters proposal was accepted, the ceiling of the tank would have to be addressed separately. Commissioner Young move the Advanced Rehabilitation proposal be accepted. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.


Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the status of the Locust Grove Pump Station, force main, and water main project. He stated the date for the pre-bid meeting had been tentatively set for October 6, 2020. He went on to say that bid packages and specifications would be available online. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the acquisition of the right of way from the Firey's. He stated that Mr. Wendt had secured the right of way and the cost was \$7,000.00. Mr. Wendt stated that he had also agreed to relocate some area drain for the property as part of the agreement.

Under the heading of New Business, Commissioner George briefed the Commission on the status of the Advalorum account. He stated as part of the audit he was required to review the restricted cash accounts and determine how any surplus funding would be handled. Commissioner George stated that there was approximately one-year surplus in the account and recommended the surplus be maintained. It was agreed that the surplus cash would be held for the next fiscal year.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:45 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer