

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2022, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel 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 repaired a leak on Braddock Road. He presented the Commission with a picture of the split in the pipe. He stated the leak had been substantial and resulted in an increase in the unaccounted for rate. Discussion followed concerning the leak.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel were locating utilities of Columbia Gas. He stated there were several streets in LaVale that would be impacted by gas line construction.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel were finishing up the routine jetting for the season. He stated jetting would start up again in the spring.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleared a sewer backup on Wagonwheel Drive.

Mr. Emerick stated a car had hit a hydrant on LaVale Terrace. Mr. Wendt stated he had turned a claim into the insurance carrier for the damage. He stated he doubted there would be any restitution for the damage.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on repairs on Georges Creek Boulevard. He stated he had installed an asphalt culvert in the area of the water line that was being exposed by storm water. Discussion followed concerning the repair.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for November 2022.

During October 2022, lost water was 41, 348 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	10,892 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	14,737 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,934 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	14,368 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,122 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	256 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	8,170 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,051 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the Braddock Run-Jennings Run sewage conveyance improvement project. He stated Garney Construction had completed the jack and bore successfully. He stated that there were still issues with the quality of construction. Discussion followed concerning the issues and the remedy for the issues. Mr. Wendt and Commissioner Young assured the board the issues were being documented and reported to the engineer. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Pump Station portion of the project. He stated the excavation for the building was under way and there was some blasting going on. He stated the project was proceeding as expected.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated construction had begun on the sewer force main and was proceeding well. He stated approximately 4,500 feet of sewer main had been installed. He stated he had been on site and other than some conflicts with the trail traffic he was pleased with the construction. Discussion followed concerning the project.

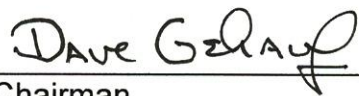
Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the sale of the loader. He stated the Commission had received 5 bids on the loader and the high bid was from Miller Trucking for \$6,800.99. He went on to say the loader had been picked up by Miller Trucking.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on a meeting he and Commissioner Hensel had with Senator Mike McKay regarding the new Popeye's Restaurant in the LaVale Plaza. He stated the engineer was adamant they were going to place the structure within the Commissions right of way. Discussion followed concerning the line and it being the only line from the Commission water treatment plant which serves approximately forty percent of LaVale.

Mr. Wendt opened discussion on a meeting he had with the County, Frostburg the City of Cumberland and MDE. He stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss the Consent Decree and the Long-Term Control Plans. He stated MDE was no closer to a decision regarding the plans than they were at the last meeting. He stated there had been a follow up meeting afterwards between the local entities concerning the issues. He stated a letter was drafted to Aqua Law in regard to the issues. Discussion followed concerning the meetings and the responses to MDE.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt presented the actuarial reports to the Commission showing the recommended contributions to the OPEB and Retirement Plans as requested at the previous meeting. Discussion followed concerning the need to increase rates. Mr. Wendt stated he had meetings with the City of Cumberland and asked about proposed rate increases from them. He stated he would rather wait until the City set rates before adjusting the Commissions rate. It was agreed to table any rate increase until the City set their rates.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:15 AM.


Chairman


Acting Chairman/Secretary-Treasurer