

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JUNE 9, 2022

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

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

Acting Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2022, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman George asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick reported on two water leaks one on Winchester Road at the DMV and the other on Blue Jay Drive. Mr. Emerick presented the Commission with pictures of both leaks showing the clamps from previous leaks in the same locations. Discussion followed concerning the leaks and the frequency of leaks in these areas.

Mr. Emerick reported on an outside meter that was installed at 12300 Henry Drive. He stated the homeowner had replaced the service line.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had spent a few days cleaning at Red Hill. Mr. Wendt reported the cleaning was done prior to a MDE inspection.

Mr. Emerick reported the restoration work from Columbia Gas construction had been completed. Mr. Emerick stated he was on site frequently to ensure no additional valve boxes were paved over.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel repaired a water leak on Braddock Road West. He stated the line was in a conduit, so he replaced it rather than repair it.

Mr. Emerick stated that two cleanouts were installed as part of repairs done by homeowners. The installs were on Forest Drive and Henry Drive.

Mr. Emerick reported on issues at the Route 36 Pump Station. He stated one of the pumps had failed due to an electrical problem. The issue was fixed, and the pump returned to service.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel were jetting problem sewers.

Mr. Emerick then opened discussion on a residence on Greenpoint Road. He stated the customer had contracted with Tompson Excavating to install a clean out because of chronic sewer issues. He stated that Tompson located a clean out that had been buried next to a mailbox post at the property line. He stated Commission personnel had televised the line from the cleanout to the main and it had no issues. Mr. Wendt reported the homeowner had asked the Commission to pay the cost of the excavation. He stated he had denied the request. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Emerick reported that NPL had damaged a sewer line at 613 N. Fourth Street. He stated Commission personnel had installed a clean out while NPL had the line open.

Mr. Emerick reported that Laurel Management was in to do service on the altitude valve at Tank Two and the PRV at Roselawn Pump Station. He stated it completed the yearly maintenance of all the valves.

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

During April 2022, lost water was 49,534 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	6,581 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,718 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	13,941 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	3,688 Gallons per day

Zone 2 Lost	8,677 Gallons per day
Zone 4 Lost	23,146 Gallons per day
Zone 5A Lost	4,798 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	1,832 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 the project was under way and the construction of the tunnel had been completed. He stated the carrier pipe repairs had started and should be completed within a week. He stated the jack and bore sub-contractor was on site and setting up to bore the line for the Route 36 Pump Station. He stated Garney was

working on the discharge structure for the overflow pipe. Discussion turned to the new manhole that was installed on the Firey side of the project. He presented the Commissioners with a picture of the manhole showing the leaks in the structure. Discussion followed concerning the issue and the substandard work.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with an engagement letter for Huber Michaels Inc. for internal audit services of the upcoming year. He stated the fee was \$11,500.00. He then presented the Commission with an engagement letter from Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl for the annual audit. He stated the proposal was for \$44,500.00. Discussion followed concerning the audit and the need to have two firms. Commissioner Young moved the proposals be accepted. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a proposal from DLA Piper for bond council services for the water main replacement project. He stated the proposal was \$66,000.00. Commissioner Hensel moved the proposal be accepted. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt opened discussion on 1214 LaVale Ave. Mr. Wendt stated the residence had several backups for recent heavy rains. He stated he and Mr. Emerick had met with the property owner and stated she needed to install a backflow preventer. He went on to say that the homeowner had contacted Chairman Gehauf and did not want to have the valve installed at her expense. Discussion followed concerning the issue. It was decided to table the issue until she responded to a phone call from Mr. Gehauf.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Emerick reported that Nick Duvall had taken the CDL course and passed his Class B test. He thanked the Commission for helping with the course.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt reported he had a company coming in to give a proposal on rehab of a section of sewer main on Center Street. Discussion followed concerning the proposed project.

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

Dave Gehauf
Chairman

Mr. Fay Shveye
Secretary-Treasurer