

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioner George, Hensel, and Young were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt and Supervisor Brodie were also in attendance. New Commissioner Rick McKenzie was also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2021 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf introduced Mr. McKenzie to the board and briefly introduced the rest of the board.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report. Mr. Brodie stated that new employee Nick Duvall was fitting in well and seemed to be a good addition to the crew.

Mr. Brodie reported on sewer issues addressed by Commission personnel over the last month. Mr. Brodie stated that a service line had blocked at 425 Braddock Street. He stated the line was filled with sludge.

Mr. Brodie reported on issues four service lines that had been repaired since the last meeting. The lines were located at 613 1st Street, 20 North Woodlawn Avenue, 12 Campground Road, and 953 Weires Avenue. He stated the lines were repaired by the homeowners except for the Weires Avenue which was repaired by Commission personnel. He stated all properties had been required to install outside meters.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had been jetting problem sewers and had nearly 7,000 feet cleaned since the first of the year.

Mr. Brodie then reported on an issue with the fiber optic cable being installed in LaVale. He stated the cable had been installed on the poles at the treatment plant but were only ten feet off the ground. He went on to say the cab height of the loader was nearly eleven feet. Discussion followed concerning the line. Commissioner McKenzie stated he would look into the issue.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for May 2021.

During April 2021, lost water was 62,397 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	0	Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	16,826	Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	2,776	Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	13,252	Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,982	Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	2,217	Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	13,426	Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	1,215	Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	0	Gallons per day			

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the meeting with Allegany County, Frostburg, and Cumberland on the Aqualaw proposal. He stated the four parties had agreed to accept the proposal and split the cost evenly. He stated the Commissions share would be approximately \$12,000.00. Mr. Wendt stated the contract with Aqualaw would be with the City of Cumberland and they would in turn bill the Commission. Commissioner Young moved the proposal be accepted. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with the Letter of Engagement from Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl for the annual audit. He stated the price for the audit was \$44,500.00. Discussion continued concerning the audit and the escalating cost for the audit. Commissioner George moved the audit proposal be accepted. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on meetings he had with First Fruits and the State Highway Administration. He stated the first meeting was with the apparent low bid contractor for the Force Main/Water Main project, First Fruits. He stated they had several concerns:

1. The fittings specified for the job were not what the Commission used.
2. Storm water inlets and cross drains.
3. Air release vault locations.
4. Rising material costs due to delays in awarding contracts.
5. Retaining wall at Furloughs garage.

Mr. Wendt stated the meeting with the Contractor prompted a meeting with State Highway Administration personnel. He went on to say the Commission has a very good working relationship with the SHA and the issues pertaining to the stormwater inlets and crossings had been resolved. Mr. Wendt stated the other issues were either tabled or addressed through MDE, the funding agency.

Mr. Wendt then notified the Commission the Pre-Construction meeting of the Gravity Sewer, Pump Station, and the Water Main/Force Main projects was scheduled for June 22, 2021.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Gehauf asked about the status of the Woda Development on Winchester Road. Mr. Wendt stated the project was completed and the water and sewer were in use. He stated the apartments were being leased.

Commissioner Young thanked Director Wendt for the analysis of cost to produce drinking water at Red Hill. At \$2.50 to \$3.00/ 1000 gallons, that facility is an important financial asset to the Commission, as water not produced there and purchased from Cumberland costs between 2 to 4 times that much.

Mr. Wendt then stated the Starbucks, Dunkin Doughnuts and Ledo's Pizza were all still on track. He stated there had been some talk about the service line size to the Dunkin Doughnuts but no movement.

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


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer