

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
MAY 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, May 14, 2019, at 9:00 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 March 12, 2020 had been mailed to the Commissioners. He stated there were no minutes for April 2020 as the meeting was cancelled. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report, Mr. Brodie stated Commission personnel had cleared sewer blockages at 35 Helman Drive, Harold Street, 903 National Drive, 1022 Weires, and Applewood Drive. He stated Commission would have to dig on a sewer on Santa Fe Street to repair a damaged cleanout. Discussion followed concerning the sewer problems.

Mr. Brodie then reported on issues with the Route 36 Pump Station. He stated that Commission personnel had worked on the station for an entire day due to multiple issues. Mr. Wendt stated he was on site with our men and had no idea what had caused the multiple issues with the station. Discussion followed concerning the pump station, Mr. Wendt stated he had purchased a new impeller for a spare pump for the station. He went on to say a gas pump and additional discharge hose was purchased to ensure emergency pumping could be maintained if the station failed again.

Mr. Brodie then reported on water issues since the last meeting. He stated a service line had failed at 910 Center Street. He stated the homeowner had replaced the service line and installed an outside meter.

He then reported Commission personnel had repaired aa abandoned service connection on LaVale Boulevard. He stated the service was disconnected and capped.

Mr. Brodie then reported on a main break in National Highway at the Lowes entrance. He stated the leak was one of the worst he had ever encountered because of the volume of traffic involved. Mr. Wendt stated that even with the stay at home order the traffic to the store was overwhelming. Mr. Brodie went on to say that the sheriff's department had to be called to the scene to help with the issue. Extensive discussion followed concerning the leak and the repair.



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 the Blackbird Lane project had been completed and he was very pleased with the outcome. We went on to say that one tap for the furniture store would need to be done once the line was tied into the system.

Mr. Wendt then reported the Forest Drive project had not started. Mr. Brodie stated it should start within the next two weeks.

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

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

During April 2020, lost water was 62,600 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	2,605 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	13,405 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	11,140 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	5,503 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	19,751 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	11,130 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 two requests for sewer credit:

508 Maryland Street	\$72.76
544 N. First Street	\$174.29

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

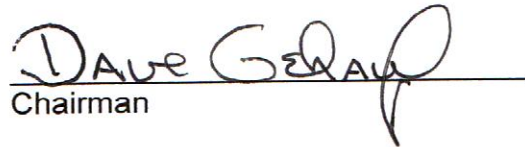
Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with correspondence from Kendra Harmon of the USDA regarding financing for a water line project on Winchester Road. He stated the financing package was in flux because of the pending stimulus package for the pandemic. Discussion followed concerning the need to get an application filed and be in line for any potential funding packages. Commissioner Young moved Mr. Wendt be allowed to complete the application package. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

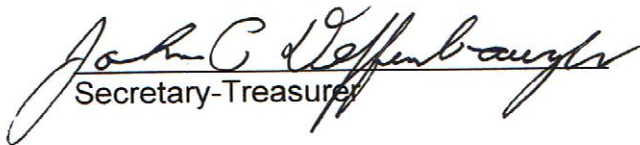
Chairman Gehauf read aloud a letter from Attorney Gorman Getty concerning tap fees for 107 Woolworth Avenue. The letter was taking exception to the Commissions policy of charging tap fees for properties with no service for over five years. Discussion

followed concerning the letter and the policy. Chairman Gehauf asked that Mr. Wendt have the Commission attorney respond to the letter. He stated the Commissions policy should stand.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner Young opened discussion on the Locust Grove Sewage Pump Station Project. Mr. Young stated the project had slowed considerably and there were issues that needed addressed. Mr. Wendt stated that once all parties were comfortable with meeting, he felt a group meeting was needed. Discussion followed concerning the project.

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