

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MAY 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

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

Larry Boggs of Boggs and Company Wealth Management was also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 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 turned the meeting over to Mr. Boggs. Mr. Boggs stated he was in attendance to discuss the Commissions position in the market and the need to take a more conservative approach. Discussion followed concerning the retirement account and the potential loss to the Commission due to dramatic market fluctuations. Mr. Boggs recommended the Commission move their assets to a more conservative investment account until the market settled. Mr. Boggs left the meeting at 9:20 AM.

Discussion followed concerning the presentation by Mr. Boggs. Commissioner George moved the retirement account be moved into a more conservative account. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick reported Columbia Gas contractors were doing restoration work throughout LaVale. He stated that at least ten streets were being resurfaced and Commission personnel were busy locating utilities for the contractors.

Mr. Emerick reported that an outside meter had been installed at the property on Shinnamon Drive that was discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had repaired a leak on a two-inch water main in New York Ave.

Mr. Emerick presented the Commission with pictures of an eight-inch water main that had been exposed by runoff. He stated the main had been exposed and was in imminent danger of failing as it was the pipe was undermined and still had fill on top. Mr. Wendt stated he had directed Mr. Emerick to protect the line and get it supported. Mr. Emerick stated that the heavy rains over the previous weekend had removed some of the cover and ultimately additional repairs would be needed. Discussion followed concerning the issue. Commissioner Young stated he would look at the area and see if he could come up with any solutions.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on a house fire in Locust Grove. He stated a fire hydrant had failed to open for firefighters, but he was able to get it opened. He went on to say the hydrant had been replaced since the fire. Extensive discussion followed concerning the hydrants and the issue with some of the 1950 era hydrants. Mr. Wendt stated he would be happy to institute a hydrant replacement program, and yearly replace as many hydrants as time and budget allowed.

Mr. Emerick then stated he had removed the service from the house that burned.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had cleared a blocked sewer at Surplus City.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on some issues with the flooding from the previous weekend.

Mr. Emerick stated the routine jetting was also being addressed.

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

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Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	7,155 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,865 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	12,096 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,754 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	404 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	12,892 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	816 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	3,595 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports. Commissioner Gehauf questioned the increase in unaccounted for water in Zone 6.

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 had been installed and the grouting of the annular space between the carrier pipe and the host pipe had been completed. He went on to say that the grout had entered the new pipe and compromised the pipe. Extensive discussion followed concerning the problem and the possible causes. Mr. Wendt stated the proposed repair to the carrier pipe had been approved and was awaiting scheduling. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated a chicken restaurant, not Chic Fil A, had approached the Commission and County about placing a restaurant in the LaVale Plaza parking lot. Mr. Wendt stated the engineer for the project had contacted him concerning the relocation of the Commissions water main to facilitate the restaurants. He presented the Commission with proposed line relocation drawings and estimates for the work. He stated the estimate was for \$260,00.00. Discussion followed concerning the proposed development.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. McKenzie opened discussion on the issue with CDL drivers' licenses. Mr. McKenzie stated he had done some research on the law change and the federal government had instituted new laws requiring additional training to obtain the Class A and B license. Discussion followed concerning the license and the need to have properly licensed employees. Mr. Wendt stated he had sent the training information to the Commissioners. He went on to say he had allowed one employee to take the course on Commission time. Mr. Wendt stated the Commissioners needed to address the cost for the course as well. Commissioner Young moved the Commission allow the employees to take the course for Class B license and not be charged leave. He went on to move that the Commission reimburse the employee for successful completion of the course. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

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