

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MAY 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, May 13, 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.

Chairman Gehauf opened the meeting with a tribute and a moment of silence for recently deceased Commissioner Deffenbaugh.

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 Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

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 727 Illinois Avenue.

Mr. Brodie reported on an issue at 1039 National Highway. He stated the homeowner had replaced the service line to within a few feet of the cleanout. He stated that his recommendation to the homeowner was to replace the cleanout as well. The cleanout was not replaced.

Mr. Brodie then reported on an ongoing issue with a service line at 230 South First Street. He stated Commission personnel had responded to numerous calls at the residence, but blockages were on the homeowner. He stated the homeowner was going to replace the service line.

Mr. Brodie then reported that Commission personnel had cleared a blockage at the Oil Works in LaVale Plaza.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had installed a meter setter at the house on Walker Road that had been destroyed in a fire.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had replaced the service line from the main to the property line at 509 B Street.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had replaced a broken meter base at 1209 Braddock Road West.

Commissioner Young opened discussion on the recent fire on Asbury Avenue and how it affected the Commission. Mr. Wendt stated the Commission had had a meeting with the fire department prior to the fire and had much better cooperation with the fire personnel. Commissioner Hensel briefed the Commission on the meeting he had facilitated and stated he was very pleased with the response from the department. Discussion followed concerning the meeting.

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

During March 2021, lost water was 45,388 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	0	Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	19,430	Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,771	Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	9,438	Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	12,970	Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	2,567	Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	12,487	Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	4,591	Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	0	Gallons per day			

Discussion continued concerning the reports.


Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a copy of a proposal from Aqua Law for work associated with the renewal of the Consent Decree. He stated the proposal was for \$47,500.00 which would be shared by all parties involved. He went on to say that if all four entities utilized the service the Commissions cost would be roughly \$12,000.00. Mr. Wendt stated he had spoken with Paul Kahl and Adam Patterson of Allegany County and was trying to get a meeting set up to see if all parties agreed the firm should be retained. Discussion followed concerning the need to reopen negotiations and how the Commission should proceed. Mr. Wendt stated he would report the results of the meeting.

Mr. Wendt then stated that with the passing of Commissioner Deffenbaugh the Board needed a new Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner George stated he would take the position. Mr. Wendt stated he would need to stop by once a week to sign checks.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on a request from First Fruits to State Highway for a road closure on Route 40 for the force main/water main project. He went on to say that a meeting was being scheduled for May 17, 2021 to discuss the issue. Extensive discussion followed concerning the request.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt reported on an issue on Spealman Road. He stated he had received two calls about a failing road and the sewer line in the road. Mr. Wendt stated he would look into the situation and report at the next meeting.

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


Secretary-Treasurer