

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JANUARY 12, 2023

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

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 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 asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed a new water tap on Six Mile Road. He stated the home had previously been on a well.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced a hydrant on LaVale Terrace. He stated the Hydrant was used for a recent fire and was leaking. He went on to say the hydrant was an old Ludlow hydrant.

Mr. Emerick stated a new outside meter was installed at 733 LaVale Terrace during the installation of a new service line by the homeowner.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on two water leaks on Gramlich Road. He stated the first was on a six-inch main and while repairing that leak another was discovered a short distance away on a three-inch main. Both leaks were repaired by Commission personnel.

Mr. Emerick then opened discussion on the recent cold weather and the toll it took on the Commission. He stated over the Christmas holidays numerous calls were received for frozen lines. He stated only one issue was on the Commission side. He presented pictures of several issues one of which ran out a garage door and down Klosterman Avenue.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on numerous issues within the trailer parks and the frozen lines in the parks. Mr. Wendt stated Commission personnel had separated the service lines and permanently terminated service to the County side of the park. Discussion followed concerning the trailer park and the leak issues.

Mr. Emerick reported a two-inch meter had frozen and broke at BTA Concrete. He stated Commission personnel had replaced the meter with a standard residential meter.

Mr. Emerick then opened discussion on the recent issue at the sewage pump station. He stated that on January 1, 2023, a leak on the force main was discovered outside the pump station. Mr. Wendt stated he had contacted Carl Belt Inc. and secured personnel and equipment to facilitate the repairs to the line. He stated it took approximately three days to repair the line and during that time the pump station had to be shut down for approximately four hours. Extensive discussion followed concerning the leak and the subsequent repairs. Mr. Wendt stated MDE had been out for inspection and found the Commission "out of compliance". A detailed report of the incident is attached to these minutes.

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

During November 2022, lost water was 67,373 gallons per day.

During December 2022, lost water was 55,519 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	14,417 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	7,561 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	9,015 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,595 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	1,842 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	12,135 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	1,115 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,670 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 Garney Construction had completed the jack and bore successfully. He went on to say the line had been inspected and had a belly in it. He stated that there were still issues with the quality of construction. Discussion followed concerning the issues and the remedy for the issues. Mr. Wendt and Commissioner Young assured the board the issues were being documented and reported to the engineer. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Pump Station portion of the project. He stated the excavation for the building was under way and there was some blasting going on. He stated the project was proceeding as expected.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated construction had begun on the sewer force main and was proceeding well. He stated approximately 4,500 feet of sewer main had been installed. He went on to say the grinder pump stations had been installed but had not

been connected to the properties. He stated he was pleased with the construction. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the restaurant proposed for the LaVale Plaza parking lot. He stated he had received a call from Senator McKay that the restaurant would be moved out of the Commission right of way.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a sewer credit request for 412 Georges Creek Boulevard. He stated it was one of the frozen lines that was discussed earlier in the meeting. The credit was for \$83.22. Commissioner Young moved the credit be extended. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

sale of the loader. He stated the Commission had received 5 bids on the loader and the high bid was from Miller Trucking for \$6,800.99. He went on to say the loader had been picked up by Miller Trucking.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the Winchester Road water main replacement project. He stated he had spoken with Maryland State Highway Administration and Winchester Road was scheduled to be overlayed but would be put on hold to accommodate the water line project. He went on to say he had scheduled a meeting with Jake Bolby of EADS to discuss the project design. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the upcoming gas line work in LaVale. He stated there was a gas line project scheduled in Locust Grove. He went on to say the Commission had 500 feet of galvanized line within the project limits that he would like to replace during the gas project. He stated that based on other recent jobs he would estimate the cost to be approximately \$30,000.00. Commissioner Young moved the project be completed. Commissioner Hensel 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