

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JUNE 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

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

Also in attendance was Larry Boggs of LPL Financial Group, pension fund advisor.

Acting Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2024, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman George turned the meeting over to Mr. Boggs. Mr. Boggs briefed the Commission on the status of the pension fund account and the prospects for the investment fund in the future. After discussion, Commissioner Young moved to reallocate the portfolio to increase the risk tolerance. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Boggs left the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Acting Chairman George asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a leak on a six-inch main on Blue Jay Drive.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had repaired a problem sewer on B Street. He stated the line required constant maintenance. Commission personnel replaced twenty feet of the line and installed an outside meter for the property while on site. He went on to say that while on site one of the neighbors had hit the parked equipment trailer with his automobile. Discussion followed concerning the incident. Mr. Wendt stated he had turned the matter over to the State Police.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed four outside meters on New York Avenue. He briefed the Commission on some problems encountered with one of the residents.

Mr. Emerick then reported Commission personnel had installed six outside meters on Montana Avenue without incident.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a leak on a six-inch main on Braddock Road.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had jetted 9,500 feet of sewer main since the last meeting.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced nine feet of problem sewer on Weires Avenue and installed two new cleanouts.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a problem sewer on 12106 Cash Valley Road and installed a new cleanout.

Mr. Emerick opened discussion on issues at the Best Western Hotel. He stated the customer had requested the water service be shut off to facilitate an internal repair to the sprinkler system. He stated once the water was off, the valve failed and would not open. Mr. Wendt stated the water had to be terminated to the adjoining restaurant causing a loss of business. Discussion followed concerning the issue and the potential fix.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for May 2024.

During April 2024, lost water was 67,289 gallons per day.

During May 2024 lost water was 51,685 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	1,293 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	13,236 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	3,206 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	7,636 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,236 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	13,209 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	2,263 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,976 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Pump Station portion of the project. He stated the roof sheeting, pumps and piping, control panels, stairs ventilation and numerous other mechanical items had been installed since the last meeting. He stated the outside stairs had been installed as well. Mr. Wendt opened a discussion on some issues with the pump station. He stated mold had developed in the building and resulted in subcontractors not wanting to work in those conditions. Discussion followed concerning the problem and the possible solutions. Mr. Wendt stated the change order for the sewer overflow had been approved and signed. He stated it added 600 days and 1.6 million dollars to the contract. Discussion followed concerning the change order.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated he and Commissioner Young had attended the last progress meeting and addressed the issues with the force main repairs. He stated the repairs had been proposed and they were awaiting a price quote from the

contractor. Mr. Wendt stated his main concern was with the financial liability for the repairs. Discussion continued about the repair change order and another change order and the liability for the costs associated with the changes.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated the bid package for the Winchester Road Water Project had been submitted to MDE for approval. He stated there had been some changes to the budget as required by MDE. He stated MDE had added administrative fees and increased the contingency fees for the project. He stated once the project was approved it could be awarded.


Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with an engagement letter from Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl for the upcoming audit. He stated the cost for the audit would be \$46, 800.00. Commissioner Young moved the agreement for the audit be signed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a sewer credit request for 10409 Witt Lane. The credit was eligible for the credit in the amount of \$101.53. Commissioner McKenzie moved the credit be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt presented the draft consent decree to the Commissioners and opened discussion about the document. Mr. Wendt stated the new consent decree gave the Commission fifteen years to eliminate all overflows. Extensive discussion followed concerning the document. Mr. Wendt stated he had a meeting scheduled for June 21, 2024, with the County, Frostburg, the City of Cumberland and Aqua Law to discuss the legal aspects of the new Consent Decree.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the three new restaurants being built in LaVale.

Acting Chairman George moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 11:00 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer