

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
AUGUST 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2024, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed 16 outside meters since the last meeting. The meters replaced were on Greenpoint Road and Old Mt. Savage Road.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had repaired a leak on Old Mt. Savage Road. He stated the leak was on a service line that is scheduled to be replaced during the sewer line project as part of new pump station project.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on a water main project on A Street. He stated he installed a one-inch main to replace an old, galvanized line that served two homes. Discussion followed concerning the project and the response from the homeowners. Mr. Wendt stated the project was an improvement for both the Commission and the homeowners.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had installed an outside meter on Cash Valley Road for a new customer. The customer was served by a well that had dried up during the recent drought.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had repaired a leak in the service line to Bob Evans Restaurant. He stated he replaced thirty feet of two inch line to the property.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a leak on a service line on Atlantic Ave. Discussion followed concerning the line. The homeowner stated she did not own the line to the residence, and it was the Commissions responsibility. Commissioner Hensel explained that the line was in fact the property owners and their responsibility.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had replaced a piece of sewer service line on 837 National Highway.

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

During June 2024, lost water was 49,833 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	2,910 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	11,520 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	1,770 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	11,189 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,465 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	7,944 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	3,063 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,744 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 construction was winding down at the station and start-up testing had begun. He stated operator training was completed, and the seven-day performance testing had begun. He stated the testing had failed and was restarted. Discussion followed concerning the station.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated the repairs had been quoted by the contractor and should start soon. He stated the repairs to the force main were estimated to cost \$51,000.00 and would be paid for under the existing contract. Discussion followed concerning the contract and the repairs. Mr. Wendt then stated the punch list items for the project were being completed.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated he had received the construction approval for the Winchester Road Waterline Replacement Project. He went on to say he had also received the contract documents for the project and would need to process them. Mr. Wendt stated he had a meeting scheduled with State Highway for later in the day to discuss the project. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with surplus equipment list. He stated Commission personnel had completed the yearly inventory and compiled a list of items that had been in inventory for years with no activity. Mr. Wendt stated he would like to declare the inventory as surplus and remove it from inventory. Commissioner Young moved the inventory be declared surplus and if no other governmental agency had use for the items within thirty days, it would be scrapped. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried. A copy of the surplus equipment list is attached.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt stated the Longhorn Steakhouse project was progressing. He stated he had received demolition permits for all four properties associated with the project. He went on to say Mr. Emerick would meet with the demolition contractor to discuss the service lines.

Chairman Gehauf questioned the status of the Consent Decree. Mr. Wendt stated he had met with the attorney for the local entities, and it was in their hands. He stated MDE was scheduled to come to Western Maryland to discuss the issues.

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