

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2025, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman George asked Mr. Emerick for the maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed 13 outside meters, in Zone 2, since the last meeting. He stated this number did not include meters installed as part of the Winchester Road project. He went on to say B Street was complete.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired 2 main water breaks on September 22, 2025. He briefed the Commission on the cause of the break and the damage caused by the leak. The leaks were caused by a failure of the PRV in the LaVale Plaza and were in Campground Road and National Highway.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on a leak caused by the contractor on September 24, 2025. He stated they hit the main being replaced on Braddock Road causing a leak. He went on to say Commission personnel had worked all night to repair the leak. cleared a sewer backup at 61 LaVale Boulevard. He said the blockage was caused by wipes.

Mr. Emerick then reported that during the tie in of the new water main another leak occurred requiring a complete shutdown of the system serving Winchester Road. He stated that following the tie in on Linda Way the existing main broke. He stated Commission personnel had repaired the break and restored water to the area. Discussion continued about the issues with the Winchester Road project and the numerous leaks.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had cleaned 26 sewer laterals since the last meeting. He stated problem sewer areas were being cleaned prior to cold weather.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had located two buried manholes and brought them to grade. He stated the manholes were 15 to 20 inches below grade on Greenpoint road. Discussion followed concerning the manholes.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for September 2025.

During August 2025, lost water was 49,379 gallons per day.

During September 2025, lost water was 50,134 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	2,175 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	324 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	870 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	17,580 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,251 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	4,985 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	10,197 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	6,088 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports. Mr. Wendt stated that even with the numerous leaks the unaccounted-for rate was still acceptable.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the gravity sewer/ portion of the project. He stated the project was stopped. He stated there had been no progress on the project in six weeks. He went on to say if the project was not completed soon, the pump station would have to be taken offline, and the control valve would have to be operated by hand. Discussion followed concerning the mounting expenses associated with the pump station and the inability of the Commission to bill the County for its portion of the expense. Commissioner Young stated he would discuss the matter with the County. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt opened a discussion on the Winchester Road Water project.

As of 09/25/2025

11,644 feet of main line installed. 64% of work completed.

\$1,769,026.62 in pay requests. 44% of the money expended.

Mr. Wendt stated the job had its normal issues, mostly traffic and access issues. He went on to say there would be night work ongoing. Discussion continued concerning the project specifically about the restoration of asphalt on state roads. Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a schedule of paving activities for the project. Discussion followed concerning the paving and the possibility of the project being finished before the end of the paving season.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the SCADA system upgrade. He stated Valley Automation had built the servers for Red Hill and the main office and installed them. He went on to say that the system was working but the programming was

not complete. He stated once both systems were set up with alarm features he would begin the side-by-side test. Discussion followed concerning the additional equipment.

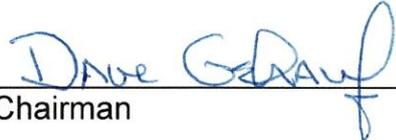
Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt reported that the audit was proceeding as expected. He went on to say an extension had been requested and was granted till November 13, 2025.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt stated the roof on the pump station had been completed. He stated the leaks seemed to have been repaired.

Under the heading of New Business, Commissioner McKenzie asked about the new hire. Mr. Wendt and Mr. Emerick both stated Mr. Rumphrey was working out well and seemed to be learning the system well.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the interceptor at the bridge to LaVale Plaza. He stated the interceptor had been compromised during the flooding in May of 2025. He went on to say the interceptor needed to be addressed because the bridge issue seemed to have no resolution. Discussion followed concerning the issue and the Commissions ability to bill the County for any repairs to the interceptor. Discussion followed concerning issues with the interceptor. Commissioner Young moved the Commission prepare a PER for the relocation of the interceptor. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. A not to exceed budget of \$10,000.00 was approved for the PER.

Acting Chairman George moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:10 AM.


Chairman


Secretary/Treasurer