

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Hensel, McKenzie, George 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 November 13, 2025, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner McKenzie moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for the maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed 12 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 Commission personnel were working on Mill Street and Braddock Avenue.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had installed water and sewer taps on Emily Beth Drive. He stated that while on site an outside meter was installed for the adjoining property owner.

Mr. Emerick then reported on three water main breaks since the last meeting. The breaks were located on Mockingbird Lane, Cash Valley Road and Colony Heights. Discussion followed about the break on Colony Heights and the planned replacement of the line. Commissioner Young questioned line sizes and the potential need to increase line size.

Mr. Emerick then reported on repairs at the Red Hill Treatment plant. He stated Well #2 pump and piping had been replaced. He went on to say Commission personnel had replaced a raw water pump. He stated he would take the raw water pump out for repairs and place it in inventory as a spare.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had been doing routine maintenance on pump stations.

Mr. Emerick then reported that Commission personnel had installed a culvert pipe on Pennelope Lane. He went on to say the pipe was needed so Commission personnel could access the Blackbird Lane PRV.

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

During October 2025, lost water was 43,330 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	3,778 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	1,320 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	10,360 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	8,410 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	18,512 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	7,644 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	9,762 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	9,858 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 gravity sewer/ portion of the project. He stated the project was stopped. He stated there had been no progress on the project in months. 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 10/23/2025

13,264 feet of main line installed. 69% of work completed.

\$1,871,026.62 in pay requests. 47% of the money expended.

Updated numbers will be available following the next progress meeting.

Mr. Wendt stated the job had its normal issues, mostly traffic and access issues. 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. Mr. Wendt stated that with the paving season ending it was doubtful all the restoration would be completed before spring. He went on to say that a change order had been approved for the contract extension for restoration and the meter vault at Braddock Square. Discussion followed concerning the project and the need to get it completed.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the SCADA system upgrade. He stated Valley Automation had installed the new system at Red Hill and it had been in operation for the last couple of weeks with a few issues that had been corrected. He went on to say that Phase 2 had begun and was proceeding. He stated he had ordered

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a sewer credit request for 982 National Highway. Mr. Wendt stated the credit was \$647.47. Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had shut the water off for a broken service line. Discussion followed concerning the request. Commissioner Young moved the credit be extended. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a copy of a funding application package for the flood-damaged interceptor at the LaVale Plaza. He stated the engineering estimate for the package was approximately \$1,000,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the package and the need to repair the interceptor. stated the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the realignment of the interceptor sewer at the LaVale Plaza had been submitted and was ready for review. He stated the engineering estimate was nearly \$1,000,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the application, and if any funding was available for the project. Mr. Young stated he would discuss the funding package with the County Engineer and get details as to how it would be presented.

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

Chairman



Secretary-Treasurer