

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JANUARY 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, January 8, 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 absent.

Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of December 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 3 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.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had repaired a major water leak on National Highway at the state police barracks. He went on to say that working in the intersection of National Highway and Campground Road called for extensive traffic control. He went on to say he had to set up traffic control for the road repair as well. Discussion followed concerning the leak.

Mr. Emerick reported on the Winchester Road project, he stated mainline installation was complete and Belt was working on the services. He stated Commission personnel were removing inside meters as the new services were installed.

Mr. Emerick reported on an inside water leak on Christmas Eve, a sewer backup on Christmas day and a second inside water leak on the day after Christmas. Mr. Emerick stated the sewer backup property had been having problems since November but waited until Christmas day to call it in.

Mr. Emerick then reported Commission personnel were doing leak detection in Zones 2 and 8. He went on to say a leak was located on Henry Drive and would be repaired by Commission personnel after this meeting. Discussion followed concerning the high unaccounted for water. Mr. Wendt stated once the new Zone 7 meter was installed and the project completed the numbers should improve.

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

During November 2025, lost water was 58,563 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	25,202 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,104 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	13,796 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	63,415 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	12,634 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 ended the project would not be completed until Spring 2026. Mr. Wendt stated the project was severely behind schedule and the Commission was paying for additional inspection service because of the poor contractor performance. Mr. Wendt stated the change order for the additional work on Vocke Road had been accepted and would proceed as soon as the work on Braddock Road was completed. 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 Valley Automation was waiting on routers and backup batteries for the system. He went on to say the control panels were being built and would be installed as soon as they were completed.

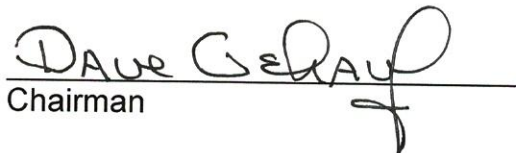
Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a sewer credit request for 546 Maryland Street. Mr. Wendt stated the credit was \$207.38. Mr. Emerick stated he had shut off a hose that was running constantly into the back yard. Commissioner Young moved the credit be extended. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then asked about the funding request package for the Braddock Run Interceptor relocation. Discussion followed concerning the package and the need to repair the interceptor. Mr. Wendt asked if the package was to be submitted at the PACE reception or through normal channels. Commissioner Young stated he would check with the County and determine how to submit the package.

Under the heading of old business Commissioner Young asked that a state bid quote be obtained for a new service truck. Discussion followed on equipment and what needed to be addressed or replaced. Mr. Wendt stated he would obtain the quote for the next meeting.

Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the recent Open Meetings Act meeting. Discussion followed concerning the proposed changes.

Chairman George moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:00 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer