

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
APRIL 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners George, McKenzie, Hensel 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 March 12, 2026, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for the maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed a new water and sewer tap on Blackbird Lane. He stated the Commission had installed the water tap previously but had to install eighty feet of sewer main to serve the property.

Mr. Emerick then reported Commission personnel had cleared a blocked sewer main in National Highway at the State Police barracks. Discussion followed concerning the blockage, Mr. Emerick stated the main was blocked with grease.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the service line/main replacement from Ramblewood Drive to New York Avenue. He presented the Commission with numerous pictures of the project. He stated 1700 feet of six-inch main serving only one residence was replaced with three quarter inch plastic main.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the water main replacement on Stoneybrook Lane. He stated Commission personnel had installed 70 feet of four inch main and 500 feet of two inch main. He stated the line was disinfected and samples were being sent for testing. Once the results of the bacteriological tests were back the services could be transferred to the new main and the old main abandoned.

Mr. Emerick then reported that Commission personnel had cleaned the 25 problem sewers. He stated he was looking at point repairs on some of the problem sewers this summer.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had repaired one problem sewer on Marty Street. He stated it was a repair of an earlier point repair.

Discussion continued on the maintenance done and upcoming summer maintenance projects.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for March 2026.

During February 2026, lost water was 83,086 gallons per day.

During March 2026, lost water was 46,867 gallons per day.

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| Zone 1 Lost | 1,618 Gallons per day  | Zone 2 Lost  | 3,759 Gallons per day  |
| Zone 3 Lost | 4,419 Gallons per day  | Zone 4 Lost  | 11,179 Gallons per day |
| Zone 5 Lost | 13,323 Gallons per day | Zone 5A Lost | 0 Gallons per day      |
| Zone 6 Lost | 12,275 Gallons per day | Zone 7 Lost  | 972 Gallons per day    |
| Zone 8 Lost | 2,640 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 part of the project. He stated the control valve installation and testing had been completed at the LaVale Pump Station. He went on to say the bypass pumping and gravity sewer connections was scheduled to begin April 13, 2026. He went on to say the electric was scheduled to be changed on Wednesday April 15, 2026. Mr. Wendt stated once the electric was changed the pump station would be permanently offline. Discussion followed concerning the future plans for the station.

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

As of 01/20/2026

17,141 feet of main line installed. 94% of work completed.  
\$3,297,701.00 in pay requests. 81% of the money expended.

Updated numbers will be available following the next progress meeting.

Mr. Wendt stated the job was complete except for the restoration. He stated the restoration work had begun but was extensive. He went on to say he, Supervisor Emerick and Construction Inspector Bower had walked the job and added numerous items to the punch list. Discussion followed concerning the restoration and the rest of the job. Mr. Wendt stated he had not gotten any additional information on the deformation issues with the pipe.

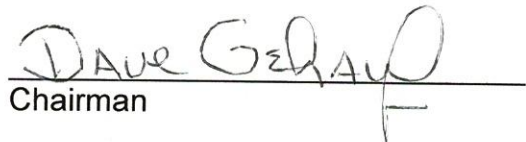
Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the SCADA system upgrade. He stated Valley Automation was scheduled to begin installation of the new SCADA system on April 13, 2026. He stated they were testing the system this week and would begin installation following successful testing.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on tappage fees. He stated the best alternative would be for a flat rate with a quote for additional work involved with main extension. Mr. Wendt used the most recent tap on Blackbird Lane as an example. He stated Commission personnel had installed a water tap for the property when the new water main was installed so it would fall under the flat rate of \$1500.00. He went on to say the sewer main had to be extended approximately 80 feet to the property line, so the cost would have been \$1500.00 plus time and materials for the extension. Commissioner Young stated this was the same as the County charges for taps. Discussion followed concerning the tap fees. Commission George moved the new tappage fees be \$1500.00 per tap that are at the property line and actual cost incurred for taps that required main extensions. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on meter charges. He stated the current meter charges were not enough to cover the cost of a replacement meter. He stated the current residential rate was \$1.00 per month. Based on the current meter costs it needed to be increased to \$3.00 per month to cover the replacement cost of the meter based on a 10-year meter life span. Discussion followed concerning the meter charge. Commissioner George moved the meter charge be increased to \$2.00 effective on the July billing. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. Chairman Gehauf asked that commercial meter charges be updated at the next meeting.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner George opened discussion about the pension actuarial report. He stated the report had recommended a \$100,000.00 contribution to the plan. He stated the plan had called for contributions for the past three years, but none had been made. Due to pending retirements, he recommended a contribution of \$50,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the plan and the timing of the contribution. Commissioner George moved a \$50,000.00 contribution be made. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:30 AM.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary/Treasurer