

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
JUNE 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, June 11, 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 May 14, 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 twelve outside meters since the last meeting. He stated Zone 5A had been completed and Commission personnel were currently working on Zone 2 meters.

Mr. Emerick also reported Commission personnel had replaced three hydrants since the last meeting. He presented the Commission with pictures of a 1952 vintage hydrant. He stated the hydrant was on Parkside Avenue and required a main line shut down to replace the hydrant valve. Discussion followed concerning the hydrant replacement plan. Mr. Emerick stated there were still seventeen Ludlow hydrants remaining in the system that needed replacement.

Mr. Emerick then presented the Commission with pictures of a broken hydrant on Winchester Road. He stated the hydrant was installed as part of the Winchester Road project and was less than a year old. He stated it was hit by a vehicle during the Memorial Day weekend, and no police reports were generated. He stated he had discovered it during routine checking.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel cleaned and televised 10,587 feet of sewer main in the last month. He opened discussion about the main line on Moores Drive. He stated the line had backed up during January and crews had opened it on the weekend. During the most recent cleaning the jetter lodged in the line and had to be dug up. He went on to say that during the excavation an unknown manhole was discovered and had been the cause of the backup issues. He stated the manhole was in extremely poor condition and would require further work. Mr. Wendt stated he and Supervisor Emerick had met with the homeowners and informed them the Commission would need to dig across their property to replace the line and eliminate the manhole. The property owners were open to the project but wanted assurances their property

would be returned to its original condition. Mr. Emerick stated the project would begin in mid-June. Discussion followed concerning the project and the abandonment of the manhole.

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

During April 2026, lost water was 60,082 gallons per day.

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| Zone 1 Lost | 1,666 Gallons per day  | Zone 2 Lost  | 3,484 Gallons per day |
| Zone 3 Lost | 4,365 Gallons per day  | Zone 4 Lost  | 9,809 Gallons per day |
| Zone 5 Lost | 12,180 Gallons per day | Zone 5A Lost | 0 Gallons per day     |
| Zone 6 Lost | 9,364 Gallons per day  | Zone 7 Lost  | 3,622 Gallons per day |
| Zone 8 Lost | 2,545 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 Winchester Road Water project. He stated he was unhappy with the progress of the job and the restoration work had still not been completed. Mr. Wendt stated he was still withholding payment until the issues with the faulty installation were resolved. Discussion followed concerning the faulty installation and its' potential resolution. Mr. Wendt stated he would entertain the idea of a cash bond to cover the potential problems, but no proposals for a potential solution had been submitted by Belt Construction. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the SCADA system upgrade. He stated Phase 2 had been activated but had numerous issues. He stated Valley Automation was in and working on the issues, but problems still existed. Discussion followed concerning the project specifically issues with the cellular communications with the new system.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with the Engagement Letter from Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl. He stated the cost of the yearly audit was \$49,900.00. Discussion followed concerning the audit. Commissioner George moved the audit proposal be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, discussion about projects proposed for the district were discussed. Mr. Wendt stated he had no response from MDE regarding the funding application for the sewer interceptor relocation project.



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.

DAVE GEHAUF  
Chairman

Wm Jay George  
Secretary-Treasurer