

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JULY 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, July 9, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2026, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for the maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed eleven outside meters since the last meeting. He stated Zone5A had been completed and Commission personnel were currently working on Zone 2 meters.

Mr. Emerick also reported Commission personnel had replaced a hydrant on Gramlich Road. Mr. Emerick stated this brought the total Ludlow hydrants remaining in the system to sixteen.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the master meter installation at Harbor Freight. He stated Commission personnel had installed the meter over a two-day period, coming in before working hours to do the final tie in to avoid service interruptions to the businesses. He stated the internal meters were left in place for the property owner and we would read all meters and compare consumption for the next few months. Discussion followed concerning the meter installation.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had done the routine sewer cleaning and only one section on Campground Road remained. He stated crews would come in at night to complete that section.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on the new pipe racks at the old sewage pump station. He stated he had constructed the racks and presented the Commission with pictures of the final product.

Mr. Emerick reported that Commission personnel had cleared one blocked sewer at 427 Braddock Road. He stated the blockage was caused by roots.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the sewer replacement project on Moores Drive. He stated Commission personnel had installed 105 feet of new sewer to replace a failing section and a defective manhole. Discussion followed concerning the project. He went on to say there was still some restoration work that needed to be completed.

Mr. Emerick then reported that the yearly inventory had been completed. He stated Commission personnel had organized inventory prior to the physical count resulting in a shorter count day.

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

During May 2026, lost water was 46,295 gallons per day.

During June 2026, lost water was 44,770 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	10,521 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	2,810 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	1,802 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	6,478 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	12,932 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	9,140 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	2,731 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	1,197 Gallons per day		

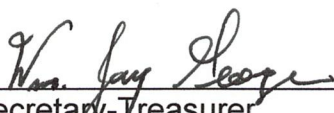
Discussion continued concerning the reports.

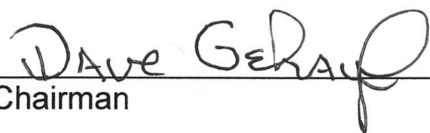
Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Winchester Road Water project. He stated he was unhappy with the progress of the job and most of the restoration work had been completed. Mr. Wendt stated he was still withholding payment until 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. Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a request from Belt Construction for a meeting to discuss the issues with the project. It was agreed that the meeting would take place on July 24, 2026, at 9:00AM. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the SCADA system upgrade. He stated Phase 2 had been activated and seemed to be working as designed. He went on to say that he had released payment for the second phase of the project. Discussion followed concerning the project.

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 10:10 AM.


Secretary-Treasurer


Chairman