

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JANUARY 12, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, January 12, 2016, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Deffenbaugh, Hensel, George, Young, Director of Operations Wendt, Supervisor Brodie were present.

Agnes Yount, LaVale Civic Improvement Association was also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2016 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for the maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had responded to numerous frozen water line complaints. The frozen lines were located on Valley View Drive, B Street, National Highway, Woodlawn Avenue, Sunset Drive and Dakota Avenue. Discussion followed concerning the service calls.

Mr. Brodie reported on several blocked sewer calls. The blockages were located on Woodlawn Avenue, Sunset Drive, Pine Street, Winchester Road, and Oakleaf Drive. Mr. Brodie stated that most of the issues were on homeowner service lines. Discussion followed concerning the sewer issues.

Mr. Brodie reported that both furnaces at the Red Hill Plant had failed. He stated that Warton Electric had replaced both furnaces.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the projects. Mr. Wendt reported that the progress meeting was held on January 9, 2017. Mr. Wendt stated the Mechanic Street Sewer Project had some issues that required additional work and two change orders. He stated that on January 5, 2017 Belt Construction had closed Mechanic Street to line the last forty five feet of relief sewer. Mr. Wendt stated that he and Commissioner Young had been on site for the shutdown. He provided the Commission with a video of the sewer before and after the repair. Mr. Wendt stated the job was 89.4% complete and the pay request was in the amount of \$108,304.27. Extensive discussion followed concerning the issue of the line.

Commissioner Wendt then briefed the Commission on the cracking issue on the new pipe. Mr. Wendt stated the manufacturer was asked to propose a repair procedure for the pipe. He also stated the manufacturer was also asked to extend the warranty on the pipe. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Wendt reported the Manhole Rehabilitation Project Phase II, he stated there was a meeting scheduled for January 12, 2017. He went on to say the project was scheduled to start on February 6, 2017.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the Sewage Pump Station Project. He stated the bid opening date was March 6, 2017. Mr. Wendt stated the project was scheduled to be advertised for bid on January 27, 2017.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for December 2016.

During November 2016, lost water was 84,100 gallons per day.

During December 2016, lost water was 120,522 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	13,914 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	22,864 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	14,286 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	3,055 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	39,808 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	16,867 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	2,531 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	7,196 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated had received updated funding packages for Basin Six and Zone Six, he went on to say the funding packages would be presented at the PACE reception.

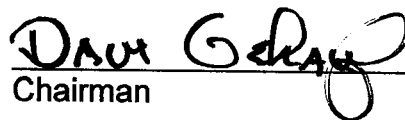
Mr. Wendt Stated the Commission had met with the County and Frostburg to discuss the direction of the PER for the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the results of the meeting. He stated the group had broken the project into phases with Phase one and two being the elimination of the LaVale Sewage Pump Station, the installation of a gravity sewer line to Locust Grove, the construction of a new pump station in Locust Grove and the relocation of the force main into the City of Cumberland.

Commissioner George presented the Commission with work sheets showing the Commissions need for a rate increase. Mr. George stated the Commission would need to increase water and sewer rates by ten percent to offset the increased costs incurred with the capital projects. Commissioner George moved the rate increase of ten percent be implemented effective for the March billing. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with the contract from the EADS Group for the regulator at Red Hill. He stated the contract was for \$43,000.00. Commissioner Young moved the contract be accepted. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a sewer credit request for 605 National Highway. The amount of the request was \$757.95. Commissioner Hensel moved the request be approved, Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried

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


Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer