

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2017

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

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners Hensel, George, Young, Director of Operations Wendt, Supervisor Brodie were present. Commissioner Deffenbaugh was absent due to illness.

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 January 12, 2017 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for the maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie reported on several blocked sewer calls. The blockages were located on Weires Avenue, Winchester Road, and Vocke Drive and National Highway. Mr. Brodie reported that large quantities of hypodermic needles were found in the main on Winchester Road. Discussion followed concerning the sewer issues.

Mr. Brodie reported that a service line leak was repaired by the property owner on National Highway. He went on to report that Commission personnel had repaired a leak on Avondale Avenue. Discussion followed on the replacement of the galvanized line on Avondale Avenue.

Mr. Brodie then reported that the recirculation pumps had been replaced at Red Hill. He stated the pumps were replaced with newer model pumps that would hopefully give longer service life.

Mr. Brodie reported that a pump had failed at the Route 36 sewage pump station. He stated the pump had been pulled repaired and placed back in service.

Mr. Brodie then reported on the zone meter replacement project. He stated he was updating the nine zone meters with new data logging heads. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the projects. Mr. Wendt reported that the progress meeting would be held on February 13, 2017. Mr. Wendt stated the Mechanic Street Sewer Project had been shut down until the end of March 2017, so there was little to report on the project. Mr. Wendt did say that the proposed repairs to the line had been approved and would be scheduled as soon as weather permitted. Mr. Wendt stated the job was 92.5% complete. Extensive discussion followed concerning the issue of the line.

Mr. Wendt reported the Manhole Rehabilitation Project Phase II. He went on to say the project had started Monday February 6, 2017. Discussion followed concerning the project.

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. He went on to say there was a pre-bid meeting scheduled for February 14, 2017.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for January 2017.

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

During January 2017, lost water was 94,527 Gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	13,214 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	24,168 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	15,191 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	18,931 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	6,701 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports. Mr. Wendt explained that because of the failure of a meter head and the lag time getting a replacement head some of the numbers would not be available.

Mr. Wendt opened discussion regarding the City of Cumberland's billing policy and a recent meter change performed by the City. He stated that the City had replaced a billing meter and was unhappy with the lower consumption recorded on the meter. He went on to say the City arbitrarily increased the Commissions bill by \$6,000.00. Mr. Wendt explained that the consumption from the City had decreased because the production at Red Hill had increased, not because of a metering issue. Mr. Wendt stated he had contacted Jeff Rhodes, City Administrator, and gotten the bill corrected. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

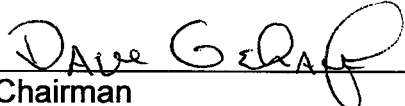
Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated he and Commissioner Young had attended the PACE reception and had presented the Zone Six and Basin Six financing packages. Commissioner Young addressed the Commission regarding the joint project between the Commission, County and Frostburg. He stated the project for the new sewage pump station and force main was well received and he felt it was a project that could be funded. Discussion followed concerning the reception.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with the yearly pension actuarial report for the Commission pension plan. He stated the plan called for the Commission to make a contribution to the plan in the amount of \$116,555.00 broken down into two installments. Commissioner George moved the contribution be made to the account. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt stated Chick-Fil A was moving into the CiCi pizza building.

Mr. Wendt stated the Diamond Shine car washes were closed and had been taken by the bank. Discussion followed concerning the businesses and the bankruptcy.

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


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer