

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
MARCH 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, March 9, 2017, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners George, Young, Deffenbaugh, Director of Operations Wendt, Supervisor Brodie were present. Commissioner Hensel 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 February 9, 2017 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Deffenbaugh 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 Allendale Avenue, Park Avenue, and Mary Court and Linda Way. Mr. Brodie reported that the line on Linda Way was replaced by the homeowner. Discussion followed concerning the sewer issues.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had repaired a water leak on Mockingbird Lane. He stated the leak was on a six-inch line and was a full circle break.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had terminated seven services for non-payment, as of the meeting two remained off.

Mr. Brodie reported on the galvanized line replacement on Avondale Avenue. He stated the project was sixty percent complete and progressing well. 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 was held on February 13, 2017. Mr. Wendt stated the Mechanic Street Sewer Project had restarted and was nearing completion. He presented the Commission with pictures of the repairs to the two sections of cracked pipe. He stated he had been on site for both repairs and was satisfied with the repairs. Discussion followed concerning the repairs and the

warranty. Mr. Wendt then stated the only remaining part of the project was the concrete wall repairs. He stated that the contractor was working on the repairs and they should be completed in early March. Mr. Wendt stated the job was 95.5% complete.

Mr. Wendt reported the Manhole Rehabilitation Project Phase II. He went on to say the project had started Monday February 6, 2017. As of the meeting 42 manholes had been completed with 157 remaining. He stated no pay requests had been received. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the Sewage Pump Station Project. He stated there were major issues with the project. He stated the pump the pump manufacturers were not going to warrant their pumps because of the piping configuration. Commissioner Young explained the piping does not meet the current hydraulic standards. Discussion followed concerning the problems and the proposed grant.

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

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

During February 2017, lost water was 115,782 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	14,382 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	29,811 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	17,422 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	12,750 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	21,301 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	12,711 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	1,899 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	7,429 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.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt opened discussion regarding the Advalorum Rate. Commissioner George presented the Commission with a spreadsheet defining the needed advalorum tax rate to cover the Commissions debt. Discussion followed concerning the rate and the need to increase it to cover the new debt. Commissioner George moved the rate be increased to \$0.053 per \$100.00 assessed real property. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

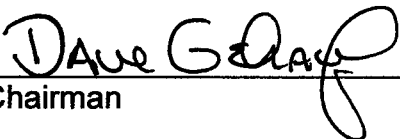
Mr. Wendt stated he and the County had applied for search grants in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the geotechnical work for the proposed gravity sewer tunnel. Discussion followed concerning the grant application.

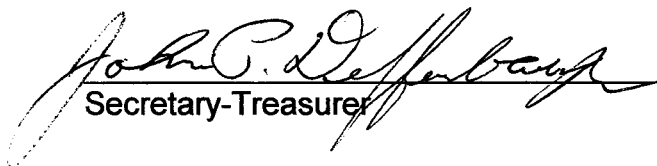
Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt stated the Slumberland Hotel had been listed as a new potential retail development.

Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the conversation he had with a resident on Cherokee Drive about a state run program to pay for failing septic systems. He stated he had put the resident in touch with Misty Joy of the health department about the program.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the study to address the sewer surcharge issue on LaVale Avenue. He stated the study recommendations were for automatically controlled valve actuator, with a permanent overflow structure on LaVale Avenue. The total cost for the projects was anticipated to be \$600,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the project. Commissioner Young stated the Commission should apply for funding in January 2018.

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