

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
JUNE 14, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2017 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Deffenbaugh moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had addressed routine sewer issues. He stated that the property owner at 513 First Street had replaced the service line to the property. He went on to say the property had footer drains connected to the service line. Mr. Brodie stated the footer drains were removed.

Mr. Brodie then briefed the Commission on an issue with two properties on the corner of West and Center Streets. He stated the properties shared a line that crossed another property. He went on to say the shared line would clog and overflow into the neighbor's yard. Mr. Brodie stated Commission personnel had installed new taps to serve the two properties. Mr. Wendt stated the taps were installed at no charge to help eliminate the situation.

Mr. Brodie stated that a local plumber had damaged a service line on Cash Valley Road, he stated Commission personnel had broken the stop trying to shut off the service line so an outside meter was installed. He then briefed the Commission on a similar situation on Butler Drive. Commission personnel install an outside meter there as well. 15 North Woodlawn installed an outside meter as part of a sewer line replacement.

Mr. Brodie opened discussion on the Emergency Gas Line Project. He stated the McHenry Street job was complete, Mr. Wendt stated he hadn't heard when Columbia Gas was to start work. Mr. Wendt stated he had obtained quotes for the additional work in the area.

For the water line Shaffer Construction bid \$10,075.00 and was the lowest bidder. Belt Construction bid \$24,775.00 for the sewer project. Commissioner Hensel moved the projects be awarded to the lowest bidders. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for May 2018.

During April 2018 lost water was 175,645 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	16,316 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	27,169 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	21,879 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	30,075 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	34,227 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	31,601 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	882 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	8,890 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports. Mr. Brodie briefed the Commission on the water loss survey that was recently completed by Utility Services Inc. He stated that three additional service line leaks were located on the new line in National Highway. The leaks are located at 42, 325 and 1059 National Highway. Another leak was located at 505 Maryland Street. He stated Commission personnel were repairing the leak on Maryland Street. Commissioner Hensel opened discussion on the three leaks in National Highway. Heated discussion followed concerning the need to contract out work as opposed to completing work in house. Commissioner George moved the repair at 1059 National Highway be completed by a contractor and the leaks at 42 and 325 National Highway be repaired in house. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated County Engineer Paul Kahl had requested letters from the Commission stating the Commission backed the Locust Grove Braddock Run job and be responsible for some percentage of the cost associated with the project. Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the proposed funding package for the 30 million dollar project. Discussion followed concerning the project and the funding package. Chairman Gehauf moved the Commission support the project and partner in any debt associated with the project. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a letter of support for the request for CDBG Grant funding application for the above project. Chairman Gehauf moved the letter be submitted. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on a hearing requested by the River Keeper concerning the Commissions discharge report. Mr. Wendt explained that during

the renewal process a public hearing could be called by anyone and the Commission would be required to attend. He stated the hearing would be held on June 26, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the LaVale Library.

Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with the commitment letter from Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl for the yearly audit. He stated the cost of the audit would be \$42,500.00. He stated the audit had started and a meeting with the auditors had been scheduled.

Mr. Wendt stated he had contracted with Spectra Shield to line three manholes. He stated the contract was for \$5,175.00.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Young opened discussion about the Basin Six Sewer Project. Mr. Young asked Mr. Wendt about his conversation with MDE regarding the project. Mr. Wendt stated MDE had refused to move the funding to any other project, the deadlines for engineering and design could be extended and if the Commission could not do the project they could reapply for the funding. Commissioner George moved the Commission not accept the funding at this time. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it passed with four to one vote.

Commissioner Young then opened discussion concerning Luke Place. He stated he had spoken with John Sangiovani about the project. The water and sewer were still an issue. He asked that the Commission request the County for help with the engineering for the project. Commissioner Young asked Mr. Wendt to draft a request to the County for assistance in the design of the project.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 11:30 AM.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer