

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
APRIL 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2022, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had installed an outside meter at 6 Grant Street. He stated the service line was damaged by a contractor.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on the pump replacement on Well 4 at Red Hill.

Mr. Emerick stated that a new 2-inch water main had been installed on Blackbird Lane to serve the new County Facility. He stated there were taps installed for existing residences if they desired water service.

Mr. Emerick then stated that Laural Management had been in to complete the yearly service on the pressure reducing valves.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had repaired a service line damaged by Columbia gas. He stated the line was plastic so it could not be accurately located.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had replaced a section of sewer main on Woodland Avenue that had been on the problem sewer list. He stated the line was old terra cotta and had collapsed.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on continuing problems at the Route 36 Pump Station. He said Commission personnel had pulled both pumps for ragging issues. He went on to say that Commission personnel had cleared a sewer blockage at

a business that contributed flow to the station. He stated they has issued with customers flushing large quantities of paper towels.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel were jetting problem sewers and had finished the quarterly list. He stated the issue with the Lowes sewer seem to have stopped. Discussion followed concerning the Lowes sewer.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had cleared a sewer blockage at 6 Campground Road.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for March 2022.

During February 2022, lost water was 54,557 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	7,530 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	3,619 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	16,543 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,148 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	530 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	13,207 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	1,198 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	0 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports. Commissioner Gehauf questioned the increase in unaccounted for water in Zone 6.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the Braddock Run-Jennings Run sewage conveyance improvement project. He stated the project was under way and the construction of the tunnel had been completed. He stated the carrier pipe had been installed and the grouting of the annular space between the carrier pipe and the host pipe had been completed. He went on to say that the grout had entered the new pipe and compromised the pipe. Extensive discussion followed concerning the problem and the possible causes. Mr. Wendt stated he anticipated a meeting with all parties as soon as possible. He stated he had required additional pressure testing for the carrier pipe. He stated this would allow time for the engineer to investigate the problem.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt stated a chicken restaurant, not Chic Fil A, had approached the Commission and County about placing a restaurant in the LaVale Plaza parking lot. Discussion followed concerning the proposed development. Mr. Wendt stated he had demanded a twenty-foot offset from the existing water line. He went on to say he had agreed to allow individual metering for the restaurant. Discussion followed concerning the potential development.



Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the purchase of the J.C. Penny store by Rural King. He stated that on advice of the Commission Attorney he had removed his objection to the sale. He stated that under Maryland Code the Commission could not stop the sale. Discussion followed concerning the sale and the Attorney's opinion.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. George opened discussion on the yearly pension valuation. He stated the actuarial had recommended a \$250,000.00 contribution to the account. Discussion followed concerning the contribution and the need of it. Commissioner George stated he would recommend deferring the contribution to a later date. The board agreed to the deferment of the contribution.

Commissioner Young presented the Commission with estimated final costs for the current water and sewer project. He stated that based on the bid costs and current interest rates the Commission would owe \$37,000.00 a year for the sewer portion and \$24,000.00 for the water. Discussion followed concerning the funding.

Chairman Gehauf asked the Commission if they would modify the reactivation fee and make it payable over time. He stated a resident had approached him about the fee and wanted to pay it over time. Discussion followed concerning the proposed change in policy. Commissioner Young moved the policy be changed to allow for payment of the fee over three months. The motion failed to receive a second and did not pass.

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

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer