

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
AUGUST 8, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 9:00 AM.

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

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2019 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 a maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had cleared two blocked sewers since the last meeting. He stated the blockages were at 545 B Street and 14 Diehl Ave.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel were working on problem sewers, he stated the quarterly maintenance concentrated on problematic sewer lines.

Mr. Brodie then reported on a sewer issue caused by Columbia Gas. He stated that the contractor had dug through a service line approximately two years prior while the house was vacant. He went on to say the house was now occupied and the homeowner had had constant problems with the service line. Commission personnel repaired the line. Mr. Wendt stated he had spoken with Columbia Gas and required them to repair the yard and street following the line repair. Discussion followed concerning the line and the contractor's liability.

Mr. Brodie reported on several leaks on a two inch galvanized line on Forest Drive. He stated that following the road restorations the line had broken four times in three days. Discussion followed concerning the line and its replacement.

Mr. Brodie reported that Price Gregory, contractor for Columbia Gas Transmission, had hit the eight inch water line on Blackbird Lane. He stated Commission personnel had marked the location of an old gas line instead of the water line. He stated the line was not live and the damage was repaired by Commission personnel.

Mr. Brodie then reported on an issue at 12320 Stoneybrook Lane. He stated the homeowners had returned home from vacation and had discovered their water meter had broken, flooding a portion of the basement. Mr. Wendt stated he had spoken with the homeowners and the basement was unfinished and there was no damage claim. He went on to say the homeowners would not be charged for the leaked water.

Mr. Brodie then reported on a twenty inch water main break from the previous day. He stated the main, owned by the City of Cumberland, had ruptured leaving the Route 220 pumping station with no water. He stated that while the Commissions tanks kept water to its customers, there would be numerous dirty water complaints because of the break. Discussion followed concerning the leak.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt stated the Park Avenue water line project had started August 5, 2019. He said the contractor was on site cutting the asphalt.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for July 2019.

During June 2019, lost water was 131,604 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	6,558 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	24,246 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	8,689 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	6,061 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	21,373 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	10,380 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	291 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	7,980 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a copy of the rate increase from the City of Cumberland for water. He stated the rate increase was approximately five percent. Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with an updated rate sheet showing corrected increases for the last two years. Discussion followed concerning the rate increase and if any increase in sewer was anticipated. Commissioner Young moved the Commission water rate be increased by five percent to cover the increase from the City of Cumberland. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried. The rate increase would be effective October 1, 2019.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on recent meetings held with the County concerning the Locust Grove Pump Station and the gravity sewer micro-tunnel. Mr. Wendt stated the 50% designs were submitted for the project. Commissioner Young opened discussion about the water line portion of the project. He was concerned about

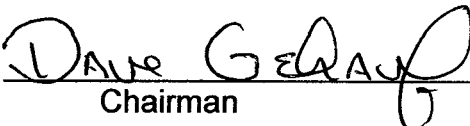
the design of the water line and the award of the contract for the design. Discussion followed concerning the contract. Mr. Wendt stated he felt the project must be bid. Commissioner Young then stated he felt that regular monthly meeting should be held for the project. Commissioner Young stated he would contact Mark Yoder about the award of the contract for the water main portion of the project and try and schedule monthly meetings.


Mr. Wendt then opened discussion concerning the Columbia Gas Transmission main installation. He stated he had been in contact with Columbia Gas and proposed a cost sharing project to eliminate issues with a crossing of the Commissions water main. He stated he had proposed the installation of a pressure reducing valve and 100 feet of plastic main. Discussion followed concerning the project and the repercussions of not installing the plastic main. Mr. Wendt stated he had not had any response from Columbia Gas as of the meeting but would report at the next meeting.

Under the heading of Old Business, Chairman Gehauf requested an update on the Woda Development and the Slumberland Development. Mr. Wendt stated the Slumberland Hotel and the State police had been raised and the projects were in process. Mr. Wendt stated the Woda development had been approved but no progress had been made on the site.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Brodie stated the new water and sewer trailers were coming to the office at 10:30 for the Commissioners to see.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:15 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer