

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, September 12, 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 August 8, 2019 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Deffenbaugh moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for a maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had cleared a blocked sewer since the last meeting. He stated the blockage was at 565 National Highway.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel were working on problem sewers, he stated most of the issues were on the homeowner's side.

Mr. Brodie then reported on a sewer issue at the State Police Barracks. He stated he had inspected the line and found issues with the line. He stated he was looking into having some work done on the line while the new barracks were being constructed. Mr. Brodie stated the line had some low spots that would be under the new entrance to the site.

Mr. Brodie on an issue with a new tap on Old Cresaptown Road. He stated the property owner had paid the tap fee and Commission personnel had installed a new meter and meter setter. Mr. Wendt stated the property owner had assumed the Commission would install the service line also. Mr. Wendt stated he had refunded the tap fee. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Brodie reported that an outside meter had been installed at 551 Maryland Street. He stated the property owner was installing a new service line and Commission personnel had installed the meter at the same time.

Mr. Brodie then reported on two equipment failure since the last meeting. He stated the sewer jetter needed a new fuel pump and the emergency generator at the

sewage pump station needed a new water pump. Both had parts ordered and were scheduled to be repaired.

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 had completed all of lower Park Avenue and Buchanan Avenue. He stated the contractor had installed the main line on upper Park Avenue and was working on the service lines. Mr. Brodie stated the contractor would not be on site for the rest of the week. Mr. Wendt then reported the trench repairs had been completed on lower Park Avenue and a portion of Buchanan Avenue. Mr. Wendt then stated he had been in contact with Columbia Gas to discuss the work on Buchanan and the possibility of sharing restoration costs. He had a meeting scheduled with them for the following week. Mr. Wendt then stated that Excavating Associated had done a pay request for fifty percent of the project.

Chairman Gehauf opened discussion on a property on Sunset Drive that had a failing septic system, he ask about the status of the connection. Mr. Wendt stated the project had died because of the cost associated with the connection to public sewer. Discussion then turned to the same type of issue on Ore Banks Drive. Extensive discussion followed concerning the issue.

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

During July 2019, lost water was 85,547 gallons per day.

During August 2019, lost water was 88,433 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	6,670 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	23,249 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	10,609 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	10,078 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	23,224 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	9,269 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	7,154 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.


Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the recent meeting with the County and Frostburg concerning the Locust Grove Pumping Station. He stated the design seemed to be going in opposite directions, he went on to say that issues he felt were agreed upon were changed. Discussion followed concerning the issues and how to address them. Commissioner Young stated he would set up another meeting with the County to discuss the issues.

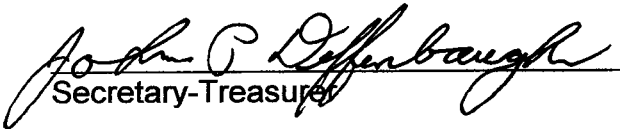
Commissioner George opened discussion regarding the excess restricted funds. He stated there was approximately three hundred thousand dollars in excess funds in the restricted account. Discussion followed concerning the funds and the acceptable use for the funds. Mr. Wendt stated some of the monies had been transferred out in FY 2019 for the Park/Buchanan job. He went on to say it was his intention to pay for the entire project from the fund. Commissioner George moved that one hundred and ten thousand dollars of that fund be used for the project. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Commissioner George opened discussion on the OPEP actuarial report. He questioned what the contribution would be for the fiscal year. Mr. Wendt stated there were other issues with the report and the contribution calculation was not finalized. He stated he would forward the finalized report once he received it.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner Young questioned the proposal presented to Columbia Gas Transmission regarding the pressure reducing valve. Mr. Wendt stated he had not heard from Columbia Gas about the proposal. 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.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:25 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer