

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 9:00 AM.

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

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 September 12, 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 opened discussion on problems with Lowes sewer. He stated the ragging issue had started again. He went on to say the rags were not only in the Lowes manhole but had made it into the Commissions main. Discussion followed concerning the problem. Mr. Wendt stated that he had inspected the Lowes manholes earlier in the week and would continue to do so to insure the problem was addressed. He stated he had contacted Lowes corporate office about the issue. Discussion followed concerning the problem.

Mr. Brodie stated that Excavating Associates had replaced 75 feet of Commission sewer line that is located in the State Police property. He stated that during the construction of the new barracks issues were identified and needed to be corrected before the site work was completed. Discussion followed concerning the repair.

Mr. Brodie then reported on issues with water leaks on Sunset Drive. Mr. Brodie reported that fire personnel had opened two Commission hydrants to access water for a small brush fire and caused a water leak on the Commissions main line. He went on to say that during the repair, another leak was discovered on a hydrant tee. He stated the leak had been going on for some time and draining to a storm water culvert. Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel repaired the leak but removed an old hydrant in the process. Mr. Wendt stated the leaks and the repairs had led to issues with the metering for the zone. He stated he had had numerous conversations with the City of Cumberland about the problem, but was assured the metering was accurate. Discussion followed concerning the problems.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt stated the Park Avenue water line project was complete except for some restoration work. Mr. Wendt stated the asphalt patching was scheduled for the week of October 14, 2019 and the concrete restoration would follow. Discussion followed concerning some issues with homeowners plumbing and sidewalks.

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

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

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Zone 1 Lost	6,920 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	22,202 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	14,861 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	8,309 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	25,131 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	8,231 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	2,071 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	4,894 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the recent meeting with the County concerning the Locust Grove Pumping Station. He stated he Commissioner Young and Mr. Brodie had met with Paul Kahl and Mark Yoder to discuss some issues with the project. Mr. Young stated he felt the meeting had been productive. Discussion followed concerning the meeting.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on the pressure reducing valve project on lower Winchester Road. He stated he had been contacted by Columbia Gas Transmission and they were willing to cost share the pressure reducing valve. Mr. Wendt stated the last valve purchased was \$29,475.00. He went on to say he had negotiated a fifty percent cost share with Columbia Gas for the vault. Installation and pipe would be the responsibility of the Commission. Mr. Wendt stated if the Commission agreed with the proposal, he would need authorization to purchase the PRV. Commissioner Young moved the purchase be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

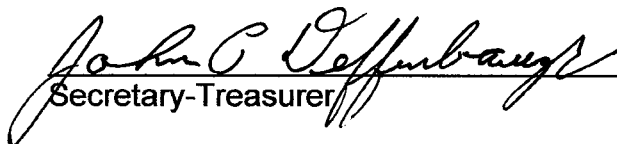
Mr. Wendt then reported on the award of funding for the water line from Cumberland to LaVale. The line will be incorporated into the force main project. Mr. Wendt stated the funding package was for \$1,041,950.00 in low interest loan and \$1,041,950.00 in loan forgiveness. Mr. Wendt explained the loan forgiveness would take place 10 years after the loan repayment begins with no interest and no payment. Discussion followed concerning the funding package.

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 Woda development had been approved but no progress had been made on the site.

Under the heading of new business, Mr. Wendt stated he would be attending a course in Hagerstown on October 15, 2019.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:05 AM.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer