

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 09, 2021

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2021, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie reported on sewer issues addressed by Commission personnel over the last month. Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had cleared two blocked sewers, he stated the blockages were located on Butler Drive and Oleander Drive.

Mr. Brodie briefed the Commission on an issue at the Route 36 pump station. He stated float switch had failed and was replaced by Commission personnel.

Mr. Brodie opened discussion on an ongoing issue with the Columbia Gas repairs. He stated that during the restoration of the roads Commission valve boxes were being paved over and lost. He stated he had met with Dave Yates of Columbia Gas about the issue. Discussion continued concerning the issue and who was going to be responsible for repairing damage to the Commission system.

Mr. Brodie then reported on water issues. He stated that Commission personnel had installed two outside meters since the last meeting. The meters were installed on Butler Drive and National Highway. Discussion followed concerning the need for the installations.

Mr. Brodie reported the yearly maintenance of the pressure reducing valves had been conducted by Laurel Management. He stated an issue with the valve on Blackbird Lane had been discovered during the routine maintenance and was being corrected. He went on to say the control valves in the 220 Pump Station were also serviced.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for November 2021.

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Zone 1 Lost	1,446 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	8,873 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,189 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	25,860 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,625 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	1,780 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	8,472 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	58 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 relocation of the water line for the blasting was completed. Discussion followed concerning the project and issues that had arisen during the first few weeks of the project. Mr. Wendt stated he would continue to monitor the project and make decisions that were in the best interest of the Commission. Chairman Gehauf questioned the Commission's ability to request changes at the next progress meeting. Commissioner Young stated he would address the issues.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the upcoming merger of Standard Bank with Dollar Bank. He stated he had met with bank representatives regarding the expected changes. He went on to say he had then spoken with the auditors regarding the changes. Discussion followed concerning the merger and its effect on the Commission.

Mr. Wendt then stated the regular Commission Christmas Party was scheduled for December 22, 2021, at noon.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner McKenzie reported the low wires at the treatment plant had been raised.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:00 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer