

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JANUARY 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, January 13, 2022, 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 December 9, 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 one blocked sewer, he stated the blockage was located on Gramlich Road and was roots in the line.

Mr. Brodie briefed the Commission on an issue at the LaVale Pump Station. He stated Pump 5 had clogged and Commission personnel had cleared the clog.

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. Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on his meeting with Dave Yates of Columbia Gas. He stated he had met on site with Mr. Yates and discussed 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 were looking for a leak in Zone 5. He went on to say both trailer parks in the zone had high consumption and it appeared the leaks were inside the parks.

Mr. Brodie then reported on the leak in Zone 6. He stated the leak was finally located in the LaVale Plaza Parking lot. He stated it was a full circle split and the water never came to the surface. Discussion followed concerning the leak and its repair.

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

During November 2021, lost water was 59,119 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	1,773 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	6,425 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	1,881 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	11,972 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	35,180 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	23,873 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	236 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 launch pit for the tunnel boring machine had begun. He stated that progress was extremely slow, and the project was already behind schedule. 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 PACE reception. He stated that because of COVID-19 the reception had been pushed back until March of 2022. He went on to say that a virtual meeting was scheduled for January 20, 2022, at which time the Winchester Road Water Main project would be presented. He presented the Commission with a draft copy of the application for financial assistance. Discussion continued concerning the application. Commissioner Young asked that a revision to the allocation of funds be made before submission. Mr. Wendt stated he would have the change incorporated in the application.

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

Wm. Jay George
Secretary-Treasurer
