

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JULY 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2022, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick reported on numerous water leaks since the last meeting. He stated Commission personnel had replaced 40 feet of 8 inch water main in Route 40 at Campground Road and removed a leaking valve.

He then reported Commission personnel had replaced a service line at 744 National Highway and one on Falcon Court.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had replaced 40 feet of two-inch galvanized on Eleanor Street.

Mr. Emerick reported on a leak in the line feeding the Lowes Tank. He stated Commission personnel had repaired the leak on the mountain side below the tank. He presented the Commission with pictures of the leak and the area of the leak.

Mr. Emerick then reported that Commission personnel had installed an outside meter at 953 Weires Avenue.

Discussion continued on the rash of leaks and the unaccounted-for water.

Mr. Emerick then reported that Commission personnel had completed the problem sewer list for the quarter. He opened discussion on a business on Campground Road that had chronic sewer problems. He stated he would like to relocate the property's service line to a different manhole and abandon 400 feet of problematic sewer main. Mr. Wendt stated he had met with a representative for the property and

discussed the situation with them. He went on to say that once he obtained permission from the property owner to cross their adjoining lot, he would relocate the service line. Discussion followed concerning the line.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for June 2022.

During May 2022, lost water was 72,902 gallons per day.

During June 2022, lost water was 69,665 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	0 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	6,634 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	5,813 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	31,967 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,752 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	96 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	10,823 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	195 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,039 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

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 tunnel had been completed. He stated the project was plagued with issues, most of which were caused by poor construction. He went on to tell the Commission about the numerous issues with the construction including a manhole that had floated out of position. Mr. Wendt stated his level of frustration with the Contractor and project management was at a breaking point. Extensive discussion followed concerning the issues and possible solutions. Commissioner Young stated he would relay the issues to the County and suggested a meeting with the Contractors upper management.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with a list of accounts that have been on the books since at least 1999. The accounts were front footage and bankruptcy in the amount of \$11,972.32. Commissioner George briefed the Commission on the accounts and the effect of removing them from the books. Commissioner George moved the accounts be removed. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. A copy of the adjusted accounts is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on an agreement between the Commission and the County. He stated he had met with the County Administrator and Comptroller to discuss the water main and force main project. He stated the County was concerned about how the billing was going to be handled for the project. He went on to say he had volunteered the Commission to track and separate costs for the project. He

went on to say he had contacted the Commission attorney to draft a MOU for the project.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a proposal from the EADs group for hydraulic modeling of the Commissions water distribution system. He stated he would like to have the project completed so that future employees would have access to information on iPads. The proposal was for \$35,000.00. Extensive discussion followed concerning the project and the need for the project. Commissioner Young moved the proposal be accepted. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a proposal from the EADs group for leak detection services for Zone 6. He stated Commission personnel had done all they could to find the leaks and had repaired all they found but had made little difference in the unaccounted-for rate. The proposal was for \$30,000.00. Discussion followed concerning the proposal. Commissioner Young moved the proposal be accepted. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the possibility of installing an emergency interconnect between Zone 7 and Zone 4. He stated the line would be used in times of drought. Discussion followed concerning the interconnect and the need for it. Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel could install the interconnect. It was agreed that Commission personnel would install the interconnect.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 11:00 AM.


Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer