

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
JUNE 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, June 11, 2019, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf Commissioners Deffenbaugh, George, Young, Hensel, 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 May 11, 2020 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner George asked that the meeting time be corrected. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report, Mr. Brodie stated Commission personnel had repaired the cleanout at Santa Fe Avenue. He stated that a backflow preventer was removed from the cleanout.

Mr. Brodie then reported on sewer issues on McKenzie Road. He stated that prior to the road being repaved Commission personnel had repaired long standing issues with the sewer line. Discussion followed concerning the repairs.

Mr. Brodie then reported on water issues since the last meeting. He stated a service line had failed at 910 Center Street. He stated the homeowner had replaced the service line and installed an outside meter.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had been doing the routine cleaning and jetting of sewer lines.

Mr. Brodie then reported on a main break in Winchester Road. He stated that the eight-inch main had two holes in it at 13012 Winchester Road. Mr. Wendt stated this was the third leak on this line in the same driveway. Discussion followed concerning the leak and the need to address the line replacement.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had located a leaking service line at 13911 Winchester Road. He stated the homeowner had repaired the leak and that Commission personnel had installed an outside meter.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had installed a new outside meter at 1041 National Highway. He stated the property had been off since 2011 and service was reinstated.

Mr. Brodie then reported that Commission personnel had located a suspected water leak on Fern Drive. He stated that water was surfacing in a ditch, but no sound was located. He stated Commission were digging test pits on the line to locate the leak.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the Blackbird Lane project and the Forest Drive project. Mr. Wendt stated that Blackbird was complete and in service and Forest Drive was scheduled to start today. Mr. Wendt stated that due to scheduling issues he had recommended the project be rescheduled until after July 4, 2020. Discussion followed concerning the delay and the need to move the project back.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for May 2020.

During April 2020, lost water was 62,600 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	3,363 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	15,423 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	12,348 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	6,723 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	22,828 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	11,583 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	1,543 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	626 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt updated the Commission on the loan/grant application with the USDA. He stated the application had been advertised in the Cumberland Time News. He opened the meeting for public comment which there were none. He went on to say the application package had been completed and was submitted to Kendra for review. The next step would be the submission of the package to the national office. Discussion followed concerning the loan application.

Mr. Wendt stated the Commission had taken possession of the Babb property. He asked if the board wanted to secure the building or demolish it. Discussion followed concerning the building and Commissioner Young suggested any decision wait until after the meeting with the County scheduled for June 25, 2020.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with an engagement letter from Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl for the upcoming audit. The proposed cost for the audit was

\$43,500.00. Commissioner George moved the proposal be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt presented the Commission with correspondence between the Commissions attorney Mike Llewellyn and Gorman Getty. Mr. Wendt stated that Mike Llewellyn had represented Chad and Nathan Ventures in the closing on the property in question and had requested they release any objections his representing the Commission in the matter. He stated there had been no response to the request. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Commissioner Young opened discussion on the Locust Grove Sewage Pump Station Project. Mr. Young stated there were some issues with the ARC funding. He stated the issues were being resolved and could lead to additional funding being redirected to the Commission. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Commissioner George presented the Commission with copies of the fraud risk assessment for FY2020. He conducted the study and stated he would complete it and present it to the auditors.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt reported that two new sewer customers would be connected through grants received from the health department. Discussion followed concerning the program.

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


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer