

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 9:00 AM.

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

Dianne Bonner and David Turnbull, auditors for the Commission, were also in attendance.

Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2020 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman George turned the meeting over to David Turnbull for the Commission's annual audit report. Mr. Turnbull opened discussion on the annual audit and briefed the Commissioners on the financial reports. He presented the Commission with graphs detailing the Commission's financial position. Mr. Turnbull addressed a few non-material issues that the Commission may want to investigate, one being the refinancing of the long-term debt. Mr. Wendt stated he had a meeting set with financial advisors to start the refinancing process. Discussion followed concerning the audit and the Commission's financial position. Commissioner Young moved the audit be accepted as presented. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman George asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report. Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had repaired three leaks since the last meeting. Two leaks were located on Harold Street and one on Parkside Boulevard.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had installed the eight-inch tap for the WODA development on Winchester Road.

Mr. Brodie then opened discussion regarding the tap for the State Police barracks. He stated the old tap had to be removed before the new tap could be installed. Discussion followed concerning the tap.

Mr. Brodie stated that Commission personnel had cleared two sewer blockages since the last meeting. The first was on Weires Avenue and was paper products. The second leak was on Braddock Street and looked like the liner in the interceptor had moved blocking the service. Discussion followed concerning the blockage.

Mr. Brodie opened discussion about the repairs done at the Colony Heights Pump Station. He stated that small leaks had been discovered in the discharge header. Mr. Wendt stated both the suction and discharge headers were replaced as part of the project. He went on to say that once the old headers were removed it was determined that both were partially blocked with rust and in bad condition. He went on to say that the residents were notified that there would be an outage and the project was completed within the specified time frame.

Mr. Brodie then stated the fall electrical checkup had been completed by Maryland Electric. He stated the repairs were minimal this year.

Mr. Brodie opened discussion regarding a recent burglary at the maintenance shop. He stated that two men had broken into the fenced area and stolen numerous items from the trailers. They attempted to break into the building but were stopped by the alarm system. Mr. Wendt stated he had been able to recover video tape of the attempted break in and turn it over to the sheriff department. He went on to say that all items had been recovered and returned to the Commission. Mr. Wendt then stated he had additional cameras installed to cover some blind spots. Discussion followed concerning the break in.

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

During September 2020, lost water was 57,412 gallons per day.

During October 2020, lost water was 43,445 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	0	Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	13,286	Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	10,497	Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	2,917	Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,637	Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	2,206	Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	9,406	Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0	Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	0	Gallons per day			

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

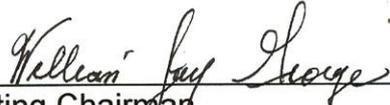
Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt updated the Commission on the bid opening for the Locust Grove Gravity Sewer. He stated Garney Construction had been the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$5,695,850.0. Commissioner Young stated he had done some research on the company and believed they were qualified to complete the project. Discussion followed concerning the project and the bid results.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with a sewer request for 559 Braddock Avenue. He stated the leak was on a service line and was eligible for a credit. The credit was in the amount of \$227.46. Commissioner Young moved the credit be extended. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt stated the lining of the reservoir at the Red Hill Plant had been completed. He stated he was pleased with the job and if any of the Commissioners wanted to inspect the tank, he would be happy to meet them at the site.

Acting Chairman George opened discussion concerning the anniversary bonus benefit as proposed at the last meeting. He stated he would like to see the benefit be extended to Commission employees and would entertain suggestions about dollar amounts. Commissioner Young stated he had circulated an email with proposed amounts. Discussion followed concerning the benefit. Commissioner George tabled the discussion and stated it could be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

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


Acting Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer