

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

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

Diane Bonner and Rick Hoover, auditors from Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl were in attendance.

Acting Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2022, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hensel moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman George greeted Ms. Bonner and Mr. Hoover and turned the meeting over to them. Mr. Hoover presented the Commission with copies of the financial statements for fiscal year 2022. He went on to discuss the audit findings. Mr. Hoover briefed the Commission on some upcoming changes that may affect the Commission in the coming fiscal year. He also briefed the Commission on a recommendation concerning the pension investment strategy. Mr. Hoover and Ms. Bonner left the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Acting Chairman George asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed a new hydrant on Ren Roy Drive. He stated he was replacing old Ludlow hydrants as time and budget allowed.

Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel were addressing sewer issues prior to winter. He briefed the Commission on several point repairs that had been completed since the last meeting.

Commission personnel had installed a short section of sewer on West Street that had been problematic for some time. He provided pictures of the pipe that had been removed.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on a recent repair on Pine Street which had been a long-standing issue. He presented the Commission with pictures of the repair and the pipe that had been removed. He went on to say these repairs should eliminate the need to do the routine maintenance on this section of sewer main.

Mr. Emerick reported Commission personnel had worked with a plumber on A Street to address chronic sewer issues. He stated the Commission had provided and installed a new cleanout for the property.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had jetted 7500 feet of sewer main since the last meeting.

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

During September 2022, lost water was 37,420 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	781 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	10,350 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	1,885 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	8,823 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	8,132 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	55 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	8,051 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	3,909 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 Garney Construction was back on site with a new subcontractor for the final jack and bore. He stated the contractor had completed approximately 200 feet of the 315 feet bore. He stated it seemed like the bore was going well but until it exited into the receiving pit he could not predict if it was going to be at the necessary grade. He explained the different equipment being used to complete the bore. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Pump Station portion of the project. He stated the excavation for the building was under way and there was some blasting going on. He stated the project was proceeding as expected.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Water Main/Force Main portion of the project. He stated construction had begun on the sewer force main and was proceeding well. He stated approximately 3,000 feet of sewer main had been installed. He stated he had been on site and other than some conflicts with the trail traffic he was pleased with the construction. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the issues with the meter reading software and equipment. He stated that during the previous reading cycle the reading equipment failed. He stated he had gotten the equipment running and was able to obtain readings, but the equipment was no longer supported. He went on to say the software used to support the equipment was also no

longer supported. Discussion followed concerning the need to replacement and upgrade the software. He stated his preliminary estimate for the replacement was in the range of \$15,000.00. It was agreed the system would be upgraded as needed.

Under the heading of Old Business, Commissioner Young briefed the Commission on the transfer of the new gravity sewer to the County. He stated the proposal had been submitted to MDE for approval. Once approved the Commission could proceed with the transfer.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the acquisition of the used backhoe. He stated the unit had been purchased and was in use at Red Hill. He went on to say the 1985 Fiat Allis loader was no longer needed. He requested the unit be declared surplus and placed for sale. Commissioner Hensel moved the 1985 Fiat Allis loader be declared surplus and sold. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt opened discussion on the proposed rate increase. Discussion followed, Commissioner Young asked that more information be compiled about future projects and contributions to the pension and OPEB accounts. Mr. Wendt stated he would compile the information.

Acting Chairman George moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:45 AM.


Chairman


Acting Chairman/Secretary-Treasurer