

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners George, Hensel, and Young were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt and Supervisor Brodie were also in attendance. Commissioner McKenzie was present via conference call.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2021, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George 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 two blocked sewer mains. The blockages were located at 1300 Winchester Road and 20 Campground Road.

Mr. Brodie then briefed the Commission on an issue with a grinder pump on Emily Beth Drive. He stated Commission personnel had exposed the main and determined the leak was between the main and the property owner's grinder pump, making the repair the responsibility of the property owner. Discussion followed concerning the pump. Commissioner McKenzie stated he would speak to the property owner and explain the situation.

Mr. Brodie stated Commission personnel had been jetting lines as prevented maintenance.

Mr. Brodie reported on a service issue at 1023 Weires Avenue. He stated the homeowners had a previous leak on their service line and Commission personnel had installed an outside meter. He went on to say that he had found a leak near the outside meter, and it had been repaired by Commission personnel.

Mr. Brodie then reported Dunkin Donut got their two-inch tap. He stated there was no increase in pressure once the tap was installed.

Mr. Brodie reported the Orchard Street job was completed except for the restoration.

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

During August 2021, lost water was 42,526 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	1,206 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	12,437 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	2,939 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	25,335 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	14,738 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	349 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	7,949 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	69 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	0 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports. Commissioner Young questioned the overall increase in unaccounted for water. Mr. Wendt stated he was watching Zone 4 and was monitoring the situation.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the stream restoration work following Tropical Storm Ida. He stated the work had been completed and had been inspected by Commissioner Young and Adam Patterson. He went on to say the restoration had not included the construction of any imbricated stone walls, just debris removal and bank restoration using native materials. He stated he was pleased with the outcome of the project. The overall cost for the project was \$23,100.00.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Gravity Sewer/tunnel project. He stated the mobilization, grubbing and clearing had started on October 11, 2021. He went on to say that issues had already arisen. He briefed the Commission on an issue with an angry adjoining property owner. Mr. Wendt stated he would deal with the property owners attorney regarding any encroachment disputes.


Mr. Wendt then stated there were numerous concerns with the contractor and the bridge access to the site. Discussion followed concerning the issues. Commissioner Young stated he would meet with the Contractor after the meeting to discuss the issue.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the November meeting and the need to reschedule. He stated the meeting fell on Veterans Day which is a holiday for the Commission. Mr. Wendt stated he would reschedule the meeting to November 18, 2021.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the annual audit. He stated the auditors had been informed of the November meeting date change and hoped the audit could be presented at that meeting. Commissioner George stated he need some information from the bond refinancing in order to complete his portion of the audit. Mr. Wendt stated he would provide the necessary information and forward it to Mr. George.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Wendt stated the Orchard Street job was completed except for paving restoration.

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


Secretary-Treasurer