

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 12, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 9:00 AM.

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

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2017 had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Deffenbaugh moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Brodie for his maintenance report.

Mr. Brodie reported that Commission personnel had cleared one blocked sewer since the last meeting. The blockage was on National Highway.

Mr. Brodie then reported Commission personnel had discovered a leak at the old County Market property. He stated the eight inch main on the property had failed and nearly drained the Lowes Tank. Mr. Wendt stated that 275,000 gallons of water went through the property meter. The leak was repaired by the property owner but Commission personnel were on site throughout the repair. Discussion followed concerning the leak. Mr. Wendt stated the property would be billed for the water but not the sewer.

Mr. Brodie reported Commission personnel had repaired a leak on Vocke Road. He stated that the line fed two properties so Commission personnel installed two outside meters during the repair.

Mr. Brodie reported on the water on Harold Street. He stated the water had been there since he had been employed with the Commission. He stated Commission personnel had dug several test pits looking for the source of the water. He went on to say he was working with the County to find the source of the water.

Mr. Brodie opened conversation concerning the recent investigation of properties that were listed as vacant. Mr. Wendt stated he had been working with Mrs. George to verify vacant properties and had found five properties that were listed as vacant when they were actually occupied and using water. Discussion followed concerning the matter. Mr. Wendt stated all vacant accounts would be physically checked by Commission personnel.

Mr. Brodie briefed the Commission on problems at the treatment plant. He stated that an air valve had failed over the holiday weekend. He stated Commission personnel had replaced the valve.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the projects.

Mr. Wendt asked Mr. Brodie about the proposed schedule for the Winchester Road Pressure Reducing Valve installation. Mr. Brodie stated the valve vault was scheduled to be installed the week of October 22, 2017. Discussion continued concerning the project.

Mr. Wendt stated the new controls for the treatment plant had been ordered and were being shipped to the Commission. He went on to say the installation was tentatively scheduled for the week of October 30, 2017.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for August 2017.

During August 2017 lost water was 126,254 gallons per day.

During September 2017 lost water was 138,459 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	13,336 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	33,917 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	14,883 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	14,878 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	39,904 Gallons per day	Zone 6 Lost	13,509 Gallons per day
Zone 7 Lost	573 Gallons per day	Zone 8 Lost	7,907 Gallons per day

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

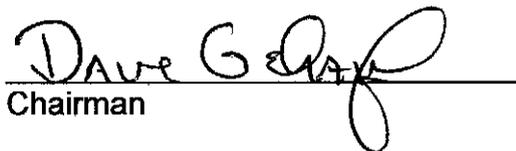
Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the issue with the City of Cumberland and the sewage leak in the flood control. Mr. Wendt stated MDE had contacted him and requested an explanation of the problem. Mr. Wendt stated he had an inspection scheduled with MDE on October 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Commissioners Young and Hensel stated they would be at the meeting.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with the engineer's recommendation to award the geotechnical project to Garvin, Bower, and Beitko Engineering. He stated they were the lowest responsive bidder at \$21, 570.00. Commissioner Young moved the contract be awarded. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of New Business, Turnbull, Hoover and Kahl, the new auditors for the Commission had been and spent the day going through the Commission records.

Chairman Gehauf stated he had been reappointed to the Commission for another six year term. The Commissioner unanimously asked that he remain Chairman.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Deffenbaugh seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:30 AM.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer