

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

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

Tabitha Barbarito and Antoinette Royster, representatives from the LaVale Civic Improvement were in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of August 12, 2022, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf greeted the representatives and allowed them to address the Commission. Ms. Barbarito requested information on the use and maintenance of fire hydrants. Ms. Barbarito opened discussion on the testing of fire hydrants. Ms. Royster asked for a volunteer to address the LaVale Civic Improvement Association about the issue. Chairman Gehauf said he would attend the meeting. Ms. Royster then questioned the Commission about her bill. She stated she was a sewer only customer and paid a fixed amount every month. Commissioner George stated he was also a sewer only customer and paid the same set amount for his service. Ms. Barbarito and Mrs. Royster left the meeting at 9:30.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for his maintenance report. Mr. Emerick stated that Commission personnel had installed two outside meters since the last meeting. The meters were installed on LaVale Boulevard and McKenzie Road.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed the two-inch interconnect from Zone Seven to the treatment plant. He stated the job had gone well and the line the line would be used in the event of a drought.

Mr. Emerick reported the sewer line that served the trailer park on Simpson Avenue had been abandoned and removed.

Mr. Emerick reported on a backup at 5 Harold Street. He stated Commission personnel had been to the residence twice and the clean out was clear.

Mr. Emerick then presented the Commission with picture of the water line replacement on Campground Road. He stated Commission personnel had removed a section of eight inch main that only served one home. He went on to say Commission personnel had inserted a one-inch line in the abandoned line to serve the residence.

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

During July 2022, lost water was 60,835 gallons per day.

During August 2022, lost water was 52,457 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	171 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	5,532 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,665 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	5,835 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	24,134 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	82 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	6,942 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	992 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	4,173 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 the project was under way and the construction of the tunnel had been completed. He stated the project was plagued with issues, most of which were caused by poor construction. He went on to tell the Commission about the numerous issues with the construction including the removal of a retaining wall along Braddock Run. He went on to brief the Commission on the replacement of the job superintendent by the contractor. He stated the new superintendent was on site and on the job every day. He went on to brief the Commission on issues with the construction of the 30-inch sewer near the pump station. He stated the recent rains had caused some flooding issues at the site. He did say that the Locust Grove side was doing well, and that Belt Construction was backfilling the launch shaft. Mr. Wendt reported that he had been in contact with Garney's upper management. He stated he had seen little improvements since the meetings. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the issues with the state bids for vehicles. He stated there is no state bid for pickup trucks and there was a 365-day lead time for trucks. Mr. Wendt stated the Commission had two trucks that had been in the shop for repairs for engine oil leaks. Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on issues with the loader at the water plant. He stated it was leaking oil and anti-freeze. Discussion continued concerning the vehicles and the inability to even get them. Commissioner Young stated if a loader was located contact

the Commissioners for approval to purchase. It was agreed that an order for a new pickup could be placed since there was a year lead time.

Commissioner Young opened discussion on the issues with the property at 1214 LaVale Avenue. He stated the County Community Development Coordinator was going to help in applying for grant funding to address her plumbing issues. Discussion followed concerning the grant funding.

Commissioner Young then briefed the Commission on the MOU prepared by the Commission's attorney for the Water Main/Sewer Main project. Commissioner Young moved that Mr. Wendt be allowed to sign the MOU on behalf of the Commission. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the system modeling. He stated EADs was in and working on the projects. He stated he would keep the Commission posted on the progress.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:50 AM.


Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer