

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

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A Regular Meeting of the Worthington Fire District Committee was called to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman
Peter Fliss, Committee Member
Anthony Letizio, Committee Member
Joseph Pagliaruli, Superintendent
Lynn Pagliaruli, Collector
Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel

Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

James & Bonnie Horbal – 30 Wildem Road – Regarding the Farmington Avenue property fire hydrant that is on private property correspondence from Haley Ward and conversation Legal Counsel, Timothy Sullivan.

A Motion was made by Chairman Pajor to have the report of Legal Counsel be given now. The Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Timothy Sullivan was in attendance via telephone and the following was discussed:

1241 Farmington Avenue – follow up. Attorney Sullivan asked that Superintendent Pagliaruli speak to James Ericson regarding any public health issues that may arise if the private hydrant at this location is not flushed properly. Mrs. Horbal mentioned that Mr. Horbal flushed the hydrant about 1 year ago but WFD was not notified and no documents were sent to confirm this.

Attorney Sullivan requested records and water sampling of chlorine residual of this hydrant being flushed each year at 1257 Farmington Avenue, as it is a private hydrant and is not the responsibility of the Worthington Fire District to flush a private hydrant. Attorney is most concerned of a public health issue if this hydrant was not flushed correctly.

Severance for the three WFD employees (Superintendent, Collector and Assistant Collector) – A draft has been completed. Chairman Pajor and the Legal Counsel will continue to discuss the draft.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the January 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Anthony Letizio. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

CONSTRUCTION:

- Building at 1073 Farmington Avenue – Plans have been reviewed and have approved a grease trap that will be put in the ground. They are preparing for construction.
- We will be relining the sewer line in front of 12 Patterson Way and would like to group this with our other relining projects that are coming up.

NEW NEWS:

- Letters have been sent out to OSJ and the movie theater to request that the fire hydrants on these properties be maintained annually. Still waiting on responses.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Cross connections are ongoing.

ENGINEERING:

- GIS map is complete for sewer repairs and we will be looking for bids for repairs.
- Contracts for emergency and regular work have been signed.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Anthony Letizio to accept the Superintendent's Report. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was distributed to all attendees. A report was given for the month ending January 31, 2025. The report, as prepared by Treasurer, Christine Olson, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio and Seconded by Peter Fliss, to accept the Treasurer's Reports. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The Collector's Report was distributed to all attendees. The report, as prepared by Tax Collector Lynn Pagliaruli, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio and Seconded by Peter Fliss to accept the Collector's Report. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christine Olson is resigning as Treasurer. She will continue to provide services until a new Treasurer is hired. A job posting will be advertised in the next few weeks.

Severance for the 3 employees of the Worthington Fire District – Chairman Stanley Pajor made a motion to institute a severance package for the 3 employees of the Worthington Fire district for the industry standard of 2 weeks per each year employed. This Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A severance package will be written up by Legal Counsel.
No other business was discussed.

A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio and Seconded by Peter Fliss to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Pagliaruli

Lynn J. Pagliaruli, Tax Collector