

# 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, September 18, 2024, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **ABSENT:**

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

## **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:**

There was no audience of citizens.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion to accept the May 1, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

A Motion to accept the May 22, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

At this point in the meeting, the appointment of the Chairman and the Committee Members took place. Stanley Pajor was appointed Chairman. Peter Fliss and Anthony Letizio were appointed to the Commission positions.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

## **CONSTRUCTION:**

- Water main break – Middletown Road – June 2024
- Sewer back-up – Worthington Ridge, behind the Congregational Church to Woodbine Court – June 2024

## **NEW NEWS:**

- Leak Survey is 95% complete. Eight (8) leaks were found within the District. The Superintendent asked for an additional \$3,000 to complete the leak survey. A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor to approve an additional \$3,000 to complete the Leak Survey. MOTION PASSED, 3-0.
- Water purchase from New Britain is moving forward.
- Meeting with Mattabassett and the Town of Berlin and State Department officials – I/I needs to be a top priority. The Superintendent asked for money to be allocated to I/I. The Treasurer and the Chairman will discuss an amount and have an answer by next meeting.
- New Norton Road meter pit is up and running functioning well.
- PFAs testing came back NON-DETECTABLE
- Lead & Copper report has been completed in office and has been given to Jim Ericson, Haley Ward, to complete and submit on time.

#### **CROSS CONNECTIONS:**

- Cross connections are on-going.

#### **ENGINEERING:**

- Prioritizing I/I and locating the best areas to focus on first.

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

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Christine Olson, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's reports to all attendees. A report was given from May 31, 2024 through August 31, 2024. The reports, as prepared by Treasurer, Christine Olson, are attached to these minutes as submitted.

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

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Timothy Sullivan was in attendance.

Item #1: 1006 Worthington Ridge –Both the Superintendent and the Tax Collector have been in contact with the paralegal and all information was given to her regarding this issue.

Item #2: Outbuilding at the Arby's location on Farmington Avenue – James Horbal wants to have this building demolished on this private property. The Superintendent has been in contact

with both Mr. Horbal and the contractor hired to do the demolition. There is concern that, as it is private property, that Mr. Horbal is maintaining the hydrant on the property and flushing it properly.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was discussed.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Employee Discussions at 6:18 pm. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Invited into Executive Session by the Chairman were Peter Fliss, Anthony Letizio, Joseph Pagliaruli, Christine Olson and Lynn Pagliaruli.

Executive Session ended at 6:40 pm.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor and Seconded by Peter Fliss, to create a severance package for the employees of the Worthington Fire District. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor and Seconded by Peter Fliss to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lynn J. Pagliaruli*

Lynn J. Pagliaruli, Tax Collector