

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, April 20, 2022, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Chairman
Peter Fliss, Committee Member
Stanley Pajor IV, Committee Member
Joseph Pagliaruli, Superintendent
Thomas Niedzwiecki, Treasurer
Lynn Ferrelli, Collector
Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

There was no one in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

CONSTRUCTION:

- I have been in contact with the director of the Town of Berlin Public Works Department in an attempt to ask them not to pave the Webster Heights area before we complete our water main replacement project.

NEW NEWS:

- We have submitted an application for state funding of our Webster Heights water main project.
- We will be getting a price from Drain Doctor to look into a possible inflow area; the price is not to exceed \$6,000.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Inspections are ongoing.

ENGINEERING (Mike & Jason):

- We are preparing consumption amounts for our water and sewer bill from the TOB.
- The new plotter will cost between \$2,000 & \$2,500 and will not ship for at least 8 weeks.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Thomas Niedzwiecki, distributed and reported on the Treasurer's Reports for the month of March 2022.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of March 2022. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Tom also submitted the updated insurance list for Worthington Fire District contractors for the month of March 2022.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Current insurance certificate list. 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 Ferrelli, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Attorney Sullivan reported on the following:

Grant Application – We filed paperwork for a grant for state funding for money to go toward the Webster Heights project. We should get a response within 2 months.

26 School Street – Ray Jarema, Berlin Water Control, said that it was a sewer backup, however after looking into this, this problem was caused by the Town's catch basin. This issue has been resolved by Public Works.

An agreement to hold harmless for work being down by the Town at the cemetery on Farmington Avenue has been sent to Steve Waznia. Work will begin in the next week to clear the cemetery of any trees needing to be removed.

Mediation Request – A letter was sent for mediation on the following items:

1. Outstanding invoices – BWCC's claims for sums due under the Middletown Road agreement (pump station).
2. BWCC water main replacement project on Berlin Turnpike: WFD's contribution of funds for the same
3. RFP for professional engineering services for a water system analysis and evaluation (inclusive of BWCC, WFD & KFD).

These items will be reviewed by the Committee and will have a response at the May meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas Niedzwiecki discussed the proposed budget for 2022-2023. The proposed budget is attached to these minutes as distributed.

A Motion to accept the proposed budget for FY 2022-2023 was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

No other business was discussed.

At this time, a Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to enter into Executive Session. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The committee members went into executive session at 5:45 PM to discuss the annual performance review of the tax collector. Thomas Niedzwiecki, Treasurer, and Lynn J. Ferrelli, Collector, were invited into this executive session.

The Executive Session ended at 6:04 PM.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to accept the self-review of the Tax Collector, which included 2021/2022 accomplishments and 2022/2023 goals. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A Motion was made by Arthur B. Powers and Seconded by Peter Fliss to approve a merit increase of 2.5%, retro-active to April 1, 2022, for the Tax Collector. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Ferrelli

Lynn J. Ferrelli, Tax Collector