

LEGAL NOTICE

Voters of the Worthington Fire District are hereby warned and notified, of an Annual Meeting of the Worthington Fire District. The nature of this Annual Meeting is that a Public Hearing will be conducted for each agenda item during which residents and taxpayers of the District may ask questions and provide comments for each agenda item, followed by a District vote of each agenda item. This Annual Meeting will be held outside of the Worthington Fire District Office, 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, Connecticut, on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the purposes of the following agenda items:

1. Election of one Committee member for a term of three (3) years
2. To act upon reports of:
 - a. Collector
 - b. District Committee
 - c. Auditor (June 30, 2020)
3. To adopt a Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022
4. To lay the Annual Tax upon the Grand List
5. To amend Section 3.1 of the District Bylaws to require the Annual Meeting be held in May each year instead of June.
6. To authorize Worthington Fire District be permitted to borrow no more than \$875,000 for 10 years at a rate of approximately 4% for the Webster Heights project and I/I research.
7. And for no other purpose.

Worthington Fire District Committee

Arthur B. Powers
Peter Fliss
Stanley Pajor IV

2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET			WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT					
(as of 5/12/21)								
REVENUES	Adopted 2019-20	Adopted 2020-21	10-Mo. Actual	Projected 2020-21	Proposed 2021-22	Prop-Adopt Difference	Percent Change	COMMENTS
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 481,897	\$ 471,808	\$ 478,457	\$ 478,859	\$ 446,716	\$ (25,092)	-5%	Reflects mill rate of 1.54 mills, down from 1.63. Grand list up only 0.22%
Water and Sewer Sales	\$ 625,000	\$ 776,347	\$ 614,960	\$ 672,233	\$ 776,347	\$ -	0%	Reflects W/S rate of \$4.25/100 CF
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 16,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 28,324	\$ 28,557	\$ 22,500	\$ -	0%	Permits, liens, bad check charges, frozen meter charges, revenue sharing, grant revenue
Connection Charges	\$ 6,000	\$ 500	\$ 4,257	\$ 4,257	\$ 4,257	\$ 3,757	751%	Estimated connection charges
Interest	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,580	\$ 11,768	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0%	CD interest, delinquent interest charges
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	Reflects transfers from capital account, savings, fund balance
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,139,897	\$ 1,281,155	\$ 1,137,579	\$ 1,195,674	\$ 1,259,819	\$ (21,336)	-2%	
EXPENDITURES	Actual 2019- 20	Adopted 2020-21	10-Mo. Actual	Projected 2020-21	Proposed 2021-22	Prop-Adopt Difference	Percent Change	COMMENTS
Purchase of Water	\$ 307,884	\$ 440,000	\$ 328,506	\$ 328,506	\$ 335,000	\$ (105,000)	-24%	Reflects 0 increase from current \$4.15 (eff 1/1/19)
Sewer-Mattabassett	\$ 273,606	\$ 290,000	\$ -	\$ 241,198	\$ 250,000	\$ (40,000)	-14%	WFD share of Mattabassett maint.surcharges; wfd share of annual sewer relining loan payments (\$24,333.22)+shared maint costs
Salaries & Overtime	\$ 195,319	\$ 195,319	\$ 172,235	\$ 199,009	\$ 203,778	\$ 8,459	4%	Reflects 2.6% avg cola & on-call & call-out svcs now performed by Supt. Merit increase of 4.5% for TC on 4/1.
Fringe Benefits	\$ 7,469	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,201	\$ 7,034	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0%	Annual pension contribution, health insurance stipend for Tax Collector
Social Security	\$ 15,513	\$ 15,513	\$ 13,176	\$ 15,224	\$ 15,589	\$ 76	0%	7.65% on salaries, on-call & OT
Postage & Printing	\$ 4,500	\$ 6,700	\$ 4,271	\$ 6,131	\$ 6,700	\$ -	0%	Reflects change to quarterly billing as of 10/1/20
Data Processing	\$ 17,000	\$ 8,100	\$ 6,202	\$ 6,502	\$ 8,100	\$ -	0%	Software support costs, network support and GIS development; PC & network hardware repairs & replacement.
Insurance	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,807	\$ 13,807	\$ 14,000	\$ -	0%	Prof Liability, W/C, Bonds for Tax Collect & Treas
Maintenance (W & S)	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 95,424	\$ 105,482	\$ 110,000	\$ (10,000)	-8%	Water main maintenance & repairs, curb box repairs & replacement, monthly & quarterly water sampling & testing, CBYD mark-outs, mark-out paint and maintenance & repair of mark-out equipment. CT Health Dept assessment
Engineering Support	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,058	\$ 418	\$ 558	\$ 1,500	\$ (2,558)	-63%	Overview & support for all capital projects, water & sewer maintenance operations.
Office Rental	\$ 32,220	\$ 33,035	\$ 27,382	\$ 32,912	\$ 33,525	\$ 490	1%	FY 22 Prop. based on 2.5% CPI incr. on 2/2022
Electricity	\$ 7,140	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,596	\$ 6,769	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0%	Lights,A/C,meter pits & Seymour Rd electric.
Heat	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 737	\$ 778	\$ 800	\$ -	0%	Propane heating for WFD office
Communications	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,400	\$ 3,488	\$ 4,182	\$ 4,400	\$ -	0%	Phone, voice mail, internet service & Supt. cellphone
Meter & Hydrant Maint.	\$ 28,000	\$ 30,325	\$ 113,735	\$ 117,834	\$ 60,000	\$ 29,675	98%	Meter & hydrant maint, repairs; snow removal around hydrants; 20% replacement prog for water meters (\$28,165)
Inflow & Infiltration	\$ 9,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 26,580	\$ 26,580	\$ 8,500	\$ -	0%	Annual inspection per CT DOH+ 5-year locations, plus one-time sewer flow assessment analysis
General Office Expense	\$ 3,108	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,884	\$ 2,202	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	Includes office supplies, office cleaning & alarm monitoring. Copier replaced in FY 19
Capital Financing	\$ 23,419	\$ 23,419	\$ -	\$ 23,419	\$ 23,419	\$ -	0%	USDA loan principal & interest for 5 meter pits
Auditing Services	\$ 10,414	\$ 10,500	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300	\$ 10,500	\$ -	0%	Audit and accounting services
Legal Services	\$ 16,600	\$ 16,786	\$ 17,644	\$ 18,318	\$ 18,400	\$ 1,614	10%	Legal retainer (+2.6%),filing fees, legal ads and legal notices.
Professional Development	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 1,000	\$ (200)	-17%	Prof memberships AWWA; Tax Collector's Assoc & training; Rural W&S;
Capital Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,000	\$ 91,000	0%	For Webster Heights Phase I (\$800k) & \$75k I&I paid over 10-year, 4% loan
Contrib.to Fund Balance	\$ 604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,598	\$ 5,108	\$ 5,108	0%	
Contingency	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,000	\$ -	0%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,139,897	\$ 1,281,156	\$ 846,915	\$ 1,195,674	\$ 1,259,819	\$ (21,338)	-2%	