

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

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A Regular Meeting of the Worthington Fire District Committee was called to order at 5:04 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Committee Member

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

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

Pam Sullivan, representing 120 Patterson Way.

January 6, 2024 – sewer backup into the residence. The District went out to assess the situation. Roots were found in the sewer pipe from a neighboring homes tree. There was no backup in the residence at 120 Patterson Way. Three companies had come out to camera the pipes. Ms. Sullivan submitted paperwork from the companies. At this point, Ms. Sullivan is trying to go through insurance to have the clean-up covered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

Tim Sullivan entered the meeting at 5:11 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

CONSTRUCTION:

- Call-ins for December/January: 120 Patterson Way, 21 Fernstead Lane, 436 Lower Lane, Farmington Avenue.

NEW NEWS:

- There was a sewer backup on 120 Patterson Way.

- 21 Fernstead Lane is looking into connecting to our sewer.
- 436 Lower Lane and Farmington Avenue – sewer backup.
- Weston & Sampson
- We are looking into a new meter for the Norton Road Meter Pit.
- Jaley Ward is going to produce the annual DEEP report.
- We are continuing with meter changes and cataloging the services going into the properties, which is a DPH requirement. We are also continuing to look for sump pumps.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Inspections are ongoing for this year.

ENGINEERING:

- Engineering continues looking into I/I of the sewer system.

Joe also brought up switching to Neptune 360 from Nsight, for our reading software. Neptune 360 satisfies the qualifications for DPH & DPUC.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor to accept the Superintendent's Report. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Christine Olson, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's report to all attendees. A report was given for December 31, 2023. The report, as prepared by Treasurer, Christine Olson, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor, to accept the Treasurer's Reports. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

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 to accept the Collector's Report. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

A Motion was made to recommend GEMNI Software for the new water/sewer billing system, to convert and integrate with Neptune 360, with support for the software program, not to exceed \$18,000.00.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Timothy Sullivan was in attendance,

OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Pagliaruli continues to look into pricing for PFAs testing.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor IV and Seconded by Peter Fliss to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Pagliaruli

Lynn J. Pagliaruli, Tax Collector