

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

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A Regular Meeting of the Worthington Fire District Committee was called to order at 5:08 PM on Wednesday, September 21, 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 5:08 PM.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

There was no one in attendance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Peter Fliss nominated Stanley Pajor IV for the Chairman Position. No other nominations were submitted. Stanley accepted the nomination for Chairman.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers, we to appoint Stanley Pajor IV as Chairman of Worthington Fire District. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

At this time, Arthur B. Powers turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman, Stanley Pajor IV.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the July 27, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

CONSTRUCTION:

- We rebuilt a main valve on Farmington Avenue. This is the third valve; may be a bad run. We will rebuild the main valves as needed.
- We will camera sewer main on Woodlawn Road to update out records. Completed. We will update our maps. Completed.

NEW NEWS:

- We have submitted an application for state funding of our Webster Heights water main project. The State has reached out for more information on the project. We have sent all material requested. Update: There is a 30% chance of funding.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Inspections are ongoing.

ENGINEERING (Mike & Jason):

- A full lead inventory of our system is being worked on per State regulation.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers 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 months of June, July and August, 2022.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the months of June, July and August, 2022. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Tom also submitted the updated insurance list for Worthington Fire District contractors for the months of June, July and August, 2022.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to accept the June, July and the Current August insurance certificate lists. 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 Arthur B. Powers to accept the Collector's Report. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Attorney Sullivan reported on the following:

- Capital Project – As discussed in the Superintendent's Report, there is a 30 % of funding for the Webster Heights Project. This project will go out to bid in February 2023.
- Cemetery on Farmington Avenue – This issue was resolved in April 2022, contrary to the letter received in July 2022. The Town had hired a company to drop trees on their property. This caused the cemetery fence to be damaged. Other trees in question are located on the neighboring homeowner's property. A letter will be sent stating that WFD will not move forward on anything regarding tree removal.
- Water main Replacement Project – A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to not contribute to the Berlin Turnpike water main Replacement. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1006 Worthington Ridge – Stanley Pajor stated the homeowner is liable for the water used during the time a leak was noticed in his home. After this leak was fixed, his water consumption returned to its normal levels. A payment plan will be offered with no interest incurred on the billing cycle in which the leak existed.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor IV, Seconded by Peter Fliss, to set up a payment arrangement with no interest for the billing cycle in which the leak occurred, until October 1st, after at which point interest will be accrued going forward at 1.5% per month. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Position – We will appoint an interim Treasurer until a new Treasurer is hired. The Treasurer's Position will be readvertised.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to readvertise the Treasurer's Position. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to appoint an interim Treasurer until the Treasurer's Position is filled. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

No other business was discussed.

At this time, 6:21 pm, Stanley Pajor IV mad a motion to go into Executive Session. This Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Invited into Executive Session were the Committee Members, Thomas Niedzwiecki, Joseph Pagliaruli, Lynn Ferrelli and Timothy Sullivan.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers, to end the Executive at 6:50 pm. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Ferrelli

Lynn J. Ferrelli, Tax Collector