

# 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 20, 2021, 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 5:04 PM.

## **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:**

William Baccaro, 499 Lower Lane.

Mr. Baccaro asked when the secondary meters for irrigation would be available for customers. Timothy Sullivan stated that the regulations were handed out for review to the committee at the December meeting. There is one issue with the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC), and that is that the irrigation meters run counter to water conservation. Joseph Pagliaruli added that once we speak to WUCC and the to the State we can review their recommendations and hopefully get this program into place by the beginning of Spring.

Mr. Sullivan proposed that the regulations be adopted and that we will consider installing the meters in March if the committee approves this.

There were no other questions or comments, therefore Mr. Powers closed the Audience of Citizens at 5:10 pm.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion to accept the December 16, 2020 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:**

- Nothing to report.

### **NEW NEWS:**

- The Norton Road Meter Pit Project is almost complete. The only thing left is the electric meter.
- Earl Wicklund is requesting relief from a sewer charge for 1169 Farmington Avenue. This was caused by a lead after the meter in a pit, so the water leaking never made its way to the sewer. The Tax Collector will review the bill and adjust the sewer charge based on an average of the last 3 billing periods.
- I am working with Jim Ericson to get pricing for a sewer study flow.

### **CROSS CONNECTIONS:**

- We completed the annual report for 2020 and have sent it to DPH.

### **ENGINEERING (Mike & Jason):**

- The men are working on our State reports. All three men are working remotely.

In addition to Mr. Pagliaruli's report, he added that Water Control has 1427 Berlin Turnpike as a customer, however they are in WFD's exclusive service area. Mr. Sullivan asked the Superintendent to address this issue with BWCC at their next meeting.

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:**

Tom was in attendance via teleconference and his report was distributed to all attendees by the Tax Collector. The report, as prepared by the Treasurer, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2020. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Tom also submitted the updated insurance list for Worthington Fire District contractors for the month ended of December 2020.

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:**

Timothy Sullivan reported on the following, which included Old Business:

- Agreement between WFD and BWCC (Carrier Agreement):

55 Ledge Drive is in BWCC's exclusive service area but does not have the capability to serve this property with water and sewer utilities. Worthington Fire district does have this capability and the connections are already in place. An agreement was negotiated and submitted to the Committee at last month's meeting. This agreement was approved and signed by Arthur B. Powers. This agreement was reviewed and approved by Carrier and WFD but not by BWCC. Atty. Sullivan made minor modifications to this agreement and discussed with the Berlin Town Attorney, Atty. DeNofrio. After these changes were made, the agreement was signed by Carrier and BWCC and was received by Atty. Sullivan on January 20, 2021. Tim asked that the committee approve this revised agreement.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the revisions to the Carrier Agreement and to approve this Agreement be signed by Arthur B. Powers. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

- Secondary Meter Regulations:

Atty. Sullivan added Section 3G to Worthington Fire District's regulations and asked that the committee make a motion to accept the Secondary Meter Regulation 3G for addition to the WFD regulations.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept and add the Secondary Meter Regulation 3G to WFD's regulations. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Atty Sullivan also asked that the committee review the implementation and procedures for the secondary irrigation meters. Tim also stated that the secondary meter charges can be set at a higher rate in order to promote water conservation. The existing water rate is \$4.25/100 cubic feet. This issue of considering the implementation and procedures for the secondary meter will be tabled until the February meeting.

- Letter from Ray Jarema regarding the Metropolitan District Commission Reimbursement:

Atty. Sullivan reported that the Kensington Fire District was made aware that the BWCC would be getting reimbursed for unaccounted for sewage and looks as though an agreement has been

made. Atty. Sullivan will research this and have more information on this matter for the February meeting.

- Other Discussion:

Superintendent Pagliaruli asked Atty. Sullivan if it should be researched as to identify which properties in our exclusive service area have agreements with BWCC to provide service to them. Atty. Sullivan thought this would be a good idea but would also like the Superintendent to find out if we have the ability to service any properties that he finds are in WFD's exclusive service area that BWCC is currently providing with water/sewer services.

Atty. Sullivan would like Mr. Powers to authorize Superintendent Pagliaruli to send BWCC an letter regarding his findings. Mr. Powers authorized Superintendent Pagliaruli to research this matter and provide BWCC a letter in writing regarding his results.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Old Business was discussed under Legal Counsel.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to report on.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Ferrelli, Tax Collector