

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

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A Regular Meeting of the Worthington Fire District Committee was called to order at 5:05 PM on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

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

Peter Fliss, Committee Member, opened the meeting at 5:05 PM.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

There was no one in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

CONSTRUCTION:

- There was a water main failure on Deerfield Drive in front of house #29. This main was in poor condition and we replaced a 5' section. Earth Contractors repaired the pipe at Worthington Fire District's expense.

NEW NEWS:

- The District property on Farmington Avenue, leading to Seymour Road, is still being assessed for clearing. I have been in contact with all parties involved. Most of the debris seems to be coming from the property owned by the cemetery and the neighboring home owner.

- The data from the I/I sewer meters has been gathered and we are planning and implementing several plans of addressing the findings of the report.
- The meter pit meters serving the District will be tested on October 26th. Hydro Utilities, LLC will be testing the meters.
- Meter replacements will begin in November. A list of the areas for this has been made. A mailing of meter change letters will go out in the next two weeks.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Inspections have started. Due to Covid-19, the report won't be complete, however this will not impact compliance.

ENGINEERING (Mike & Jason):

- The men and I are working on the GIS, adding new information provided by Stan Smolski. Also, we are using the GIS to assist with the I/I report.
- Our plotter needs repair or replacement. I am looking into both options. I will have prices for the Committee at the next meeting.

Superintendent Pagliaruli also stated the Mike Walker has met with NEPCCO to discuss relining to reduce I/I.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2021 was distributed to all attendees. This report, as prepared by Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki, 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 September 30, 2021. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

Tom also submitted the updated insurance list for Worthington Fire District contractors for the month ended September 2021.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Current insurance certificate list. 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.

Treasurer Thomas Niedzwiecki asked how many of our customers have taken advantage of the Secondary Irrigation Meter program. Since this program was initiated, only 5 of our 1200 customers have taken advantage of the secondary meter program.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Attorney Sullivan reviewed the October 14th meeting with the Town Manager and Berlin Water Control. This meeting was attended by Attorney Sullivan, Superintendent Pagliaruli, Stanley Pajor IV, Committee Member and Stanley Smolski, WFD Engineer.

Atty Sullivan is still waiting on information to be received from BWC regarding questions that were asked at the meeting. BWC also asked for mediation of the Middletown Pump Station issue and RFP for district evaluation/participation, but with no information received as of yet, no answer can be given. Atty Sullivan suggests the WFD take no action on either issue as no information has been received regarding these issues.

Also discussed was a list of the 65 customers within the WFD boundaries and are served by BWC. Superintendent Pagliaruli will be sending a list to BWC.

More discussion on this meeting is covered in New Business.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Discussion of meeting with BWC – As discussed in Legal Counsel, BWC was given a list of questions which answers are being waited on. The questions we are awaiting answer are regarding the Scope of Mediation, answers to Stan Smolski's questions concerning the current and past Mattabesset allocation invoices and the Scope of the RFP for district evaluation/participation.
- B) BWC request for RFP for district evaluation/participation – The Committee cannot vote on this item as the District is still awaiting answers regarding this RFP for district evaluation/participation.
- C) BWC request for financial contribution to the replacement of a 20" water main on the Berlin Turnpike - BWC stated that they are unsure of who actually owns this line, Water Control or the Town. It is outside the boundaries of the WFD and connects to a 16" BWC line on the Berlin Turnpike, belonging to the Town.

Peter Fliss, Committee Member made a Motion to entertain a vote on the financial contribution to the replacement of the 20" water main on the Berlin Turnpike.

Stanley Pajor IV, made a Motion to not contribute financially to the replacement of the 20" water main on the Berlin Turnpike. Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Ferrelli

Lynn J. Ferrelli, Tax Collector