

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

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A Regular Meeting of the Worthington Fire District Committee was called to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman
Peter Fliss, Committee Member
Joseph Pagliaruli, Superintendent
Lynn Ferrelli, Collector
Frank Cassese, Interim Treasurer
Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Committee Member

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

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

Steve Kennedy – 1006 Worthington Ridge.
Discussion of water usage.

Superintendent Pagliaruli explained that the consumption was high before the leak discovered was repaired and then the water consumption went back to normal usage numbers. He also explained the difference between this instance and the prior leak that occurred were water did not go through the sewer, as his leak was outside. This current issue resulted in water being discharged into the sewer system. The MIU was also unattached due to previous work done on the outside of the house. This MIU was rewired in order for the meter to be read at the next billing cycle. Mr. Kennedy also thought the initial letter, stating that the leak in his house was a known issue, was offensive. Superintendent Pagliaruli said that the initial letter is irrelevant due to the fact that what we have to base the water consumption on is the meter itself and as the meter has not been tested, due to the homeowner not wanting the water meter tested. Chairman Pajor strongly recommended that the water meter be tested to ensure that that John's repair to the MIU was not the issue of the high water consumption. As of this meeting the date, the bill and its charges stand as is, until the water meter is tested for accuracy. Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel, also stated that any other questions he may have can be sent in writing to the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the October 19, 2022 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:

- We will camera sewer main on Middletown Road and Renee Drive to update our records. We will also camera Deerfield Drive. Waiting for a price from Drain Doctor.

NEW NEWS:

- It appears that the State will approve a grant/loan for the Webster Heights Project. To complete the application, we need to compete the engineering at a cost of approximately \$20,000.
- The fire hydrant on Worthington Ridge at Sunset Lane will be out of service through November. Still out of service at this time.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Inspections are ongoing and will be completed on time.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to hire Lenard Engineering to complete the application and engineering for the State grant, with the cost not to exceed \$20,000. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

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:

Frank Cassese, Interim Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's Report to all attendees. The report, as prepared by the Interim Treasurer, Frank Cassese, 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. 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 IV to accept the Collector's Report. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Attorney Sullivan discussed the meeting with Berlin Water Control on Thursday, October 27, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

1006 Worthington Ridge – Mr. Kennedy was in attendance and this matter was discussed during the Audience of Citizens.

150 Webster Square Road – This customer was invited to the meeting to discuss the high consumption, but did not attend. Customer received the October 2022 water/sewer bill and noted that the bill was extremely high. The customer claims that no leaks were discovered between July 28th and August 30th, the time at which the high water consumption was shown by the daily monitoring. The meter was tested, requested by the customer, and results came back at 100% accurate. A letter will be sent to the customer to set up a payment arrangement for the October 2022 water/sewer bill. As of the meeting date, no arrangements nor payments were received for this property.

No other business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

At this time, 6:08 pm, Stanley Pajor IV made a motion to go into Executive Session. This Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

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

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV, to end the Executive Session at 7:07 pm. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor to pursue candidate #1 for fulfillment of obligations of the Treasurer's position. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Ferrelli

Lynn J. Ferrelli, Tax Collector