

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

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A Regular Meeting of the Worthington Fire District Committee was called to order at 5:01 PM on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Chairman
Peter Fliss, Committee Member
Stanley Pajor IV, Committee Member
Joseph Pagliaruli, Superintendent
Lynn Ferrelli, Collector
Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Thomas Niedzwiecki, Treasurer

Arthur B. Powers, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:01 PM.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

Sebastian Senia, 8 Dunham Drive

Mr. Senia posed a question of how the Webster Heights Project would be funded if and when it goes forward. Mr. powers replied that this project is still under review but we will have answers on your question by the next meeting.

Mr. Senia also asked if there were any ways of reducing Day-to-day expenses for the 2021 year. Mr. Powers stated that we are always looking into ways to reduce expenses but there is nothing specific at this time to reduce costs at this time.

There were no other questions, therefore Mr. Powers closed the Audience of Citizens at 5:06 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Tim Sullivan entered the meeting at 5:08 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

CONSTRUCTION:

- Nothing to report.

NEW NEWS:

- The Norton Road Meter Pit Project is 75% complete.
- There was a service leak at 1008 Worthington Ridge on the customer's side. The customer does have insurance.
- All trenches have been paved.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- We will be sending the report to DPH the first of the year.

ENGINEERING (Mike & Jason):

- The men are back to working remotely. They are continuing to enter data and review sewer data.

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:

To Niedzwiecki was not in attendance but his report was distributed and submitted.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending November 30, 2020. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Tom also submitted the updated insurance list for Worthington Fire District contractors for the month ended of November 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. Ms. Ferrelli also completed a letter to the Town Clerk regarding the meeting dates for 2021 in compliance with the Berlin Charter and the Freedom of Information Statute.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Collector's Report. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Lynn also submitted the Safety Valve renewal for a three-year period. This was accepted and signed by Arthur B. Powers.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Timothy Sullivan reported on the following:

Secondary Irrigation Meter:

Tim submitted the regulations for the secondary meter for review to the Committee and asked the Committee to report back on these regulations at the January 2021 meeting.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Legal Report.
MOTION PASSED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

55 Ledge Road Agreement between WFD and BWCC – Atty. Sullivan stated that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding from the BWCC is unacceptable. WFD would be providing water and sewer services to this property, which is outside of our exclusive service area. BWCC wants to retain jurisdiction of this property. Atty. Sullivan believes we need to obtain temporary jurisdiction in order to provide water and sewer services to this property.

Atty. Sullivan recommends that WFD move to approve the sewer agreement proposed by WFD with Carrier and BWCC to provide water and sewer services to 55 Ledge Drive, with temporary jurisdiction to WFD until BWCC is able to provide water and sewer to this property. BWCC has rejected the proposed WFD agreement.

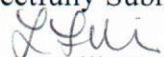
A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the WFD agreement with the recommendation by Atty. Timothy Sullivan to provide water and sewer services to 55 Ledge Drive with temporary jurisdiction of this property.
MOTION PASSED 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to report on.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lynn Ferrelli, Tax Collector