

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

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A Regular Meeting of the Worthington Fire District Committee was called to order at 5:02 PM on Wednesday, April 21, 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 5:02 PM.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

There was no one in attendance who wanted to make a comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the March 17, 2021 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:

No construction this month.

NEW NEWS:

- The Norton Road Meter Pit. Update – the new connection is performing well. The meter was tested for accuracy. This meter pit is balancing out the draw from all other WFD meter pits.
- The data from the sewer meters has been gathered and we are crunching numbers now.

- Hydrant flushing will begin soon. Dates for flushing are May 3, 2021 through May 21, 2021.
- I had the opportunity to test 6 meter pits for free and all meter pits have tested accurately.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Inspections have started.

ENGINEERING (Mike & Jason):

- The men and I are working on the GIS, adding new information.

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 and his report was distributed to all attendees. 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 March 31, 2021. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

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

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:

- Middletown Road Pump Station:

Atty Sullivan received a letter from the Berlin Town Attorney dated April 5, 2021 regarding the 1973 Agreement, requesting information from WFD. Many of these requests are unrelated to the

1973 Agreement. Atty. Sullivan asked Superintendent Pagliaruli to compile a list of questions regarding their claim and any supporting documents to go along with this claim.

- 2012 Agreement:

Atty. Sullivan will speak to Atty. Denofrio regarding the claims of I/I, which do not have anything to do with the 1973 Agreement. Atty. Sullivan also stated that all water departments in all states have I/I related issues.

- Governor's Executive Orders:

The Governor's Executive Orders were not extended. Therefore, the Annual meeting will take place on an agreed upon date in the parking lot of the Fire District's Office to remain socially distant. Our budget will be presented at this year's Annual meeting, along with seeking an amendment to the bylaws regarding the Annual Meeting to be held in May rather than in July in order to give the Tax Collector a sufficient amount of time to create and mail out the tax bills in an appropriate manner. An election of a committee member will also take place at the Annual meeting.

- Other discussion:

Reinstating the Quarterly meetings between the two Districts and the Town. Atty. Sullivan, as well as Chairman Powers would like to reestablish these meetings as this was an appropriate venue to discuss any issues that may occur.

There was no other business discussed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flow Assessment bill presented by Superintendent Pagliaruli in the amount of \$14,400 for flow monitoring and assessment of meter operation, maintenance and flow data.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor IV and Seconded by Peter Fliss to approve payment of the Flow Assessment bill of \$14,400 from Flow Assessment Services, LLC. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor IV and Seconded by Peter Fliss to cancel the May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor IV and Seconded by Peter Fliss to schedule a Special Meeting on May 12, 2021. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

No other new business was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Committee members went into executive session at 5:41 PM to discuss the office staff performance review for the purpose of merit pay increase. No Motions were made. Executive Session ended at 6:11 PM.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM as there was no further business to discuss. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Ferrelli", written in dark ink.

Lynn J. Ferrelli, Tax Collector