

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, June 17, 2020, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Chairman
Steve Waznia, Committee Member
Peter Fliss, 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 and declared a quorum.

Lynn Ferrelli read the Legal Notice, which is attached to these minutes.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

William Baccaro, 499 Lower Lane.
Sebastian Senia, 8 Dunham Drive.
Ray Jarema, 56 Wildermere Road.
Liam Mitchell, 44 Washington Ave.

William Baccaro – Mr. Baccaro wanted an update on the Secondary Meter project. Tom Niedzwiecki explained that a report explaining the process and costs due by the customer will be emailed to him upon approval. The commission will also be making a decision in the near future as to when this secondary meter will be implemented.

Ray Jarema asked how WFD customers will be made aware of the Secondary Meter. Joe Pagliaruli answered that the WFD will inform their customers by Legal Notice in the Berlin Citizen.

Ray also asked how much time the Commissioners spend conducting Worthington Fire District business and if the Commissioners are employees of the fire district. Arthur B. powers answered this question. Mr. Powers explained that the Commissioners are in fact employees of the Worthington Fire District and that the hours spent on WFD business are based on the responsibilities on hand that each Committee Member has. Ray tried to argue the fact that the Commissioners should not be paid a salary. Mr. Powers stated that this has been how the District has been run since it began in 1922.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A Motion to accept the May 16, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 30, 2020, was distributed to all attendees. The report, as prepared by Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to accept the Treasurer's Report. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

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

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers 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 Arthur B. Powers to accept the Collector's Report. 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-Goldberg, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

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

Timothy Sullivan was in attendance and reported on the following:

- Annual Meeting – Governor's Executive Order 700 states that elections must be complete no later than June 30, 2020. Worthington Fire district will have its Annual Meeting, for the sole purpose of electing a Committee Member on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 6:00 PM, outdoors at the Worthington Fire District Office. Arthur B. Powers ordered this Special Annual Meeting and it will be published in the Berlin Citizen on Thursday, June

18, 2020. Charles Brown, Director of Public Health, approved this Special Annual Meeting being outside and that social distancing must be adhered to.

- Letter dated May 1, 2020 from Ray Jarema regarding reimbursement of over \$1 million dollars – Joseph Pagliaruli, Tom Niedzwiecki, Stan Smolski and Michael Walker have been researching this letter for the past month and they will have a phone meeting on Friday, June 19, 2020 to discuss their findings. This information will be brought to the Committee.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to accept the Legal Report. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norton Road Meter Pit Project – This project must go out to bid as soon as possible. This had to be put off due to the wait of the approval by the DEEP.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to put the Norton Road Meter Pit Project out to bid. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Worthington Fire District Website – Lynn has been communicating with Melanie Thomson of Melanie Thomson Communications Design, LLC regarding the creation of a website for the District. Lynn has received an estimate for this project and was handed out to all members of the meeting. Tim Sullivan would like this process expedited.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to accept the website proposal. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

No other business was discussed.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers to adjourn the meeting. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Ferrelli, Tax Collector