

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT
1400 BERLIN TURNPIKE
BERLIN, CT 06037
860-828-5630

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Thomas Niedzwiecki, Treasurer
Robert London, Auditor

The Annual Meeting of the Worthington Fire District was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 outside of the Worthington Fire District office, 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT 06037. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm and a quorum was declared by Chairman, Arthur B. Powers.

A Motion was made, and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV, to appoint Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel, as moderator of the Annual Meeting. MOTION PASSED.

Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel, read the Legal Notice.

1.) Election of one Committee Member for a term of three (3) years:

Attorney Sullivan asked if there were any nominations for Committee Member. At this time Scott Reid, 3 Woodbine Court, made a motion to nominate Arthur B. Powers as Committee Member for the Worthington Fire District. This nomination was Seconded by Carol Sakautzky, 423 Lower Lane. Ray Jarema, Berlin Water Control, 56 Wildermere Road, nominated Liam Mitchell as Committee Member for Worthington Fire District, and Seconded by Patricia Checko, 1276 Worthington Ridge. After a vote was held, the ballots were counted by Atty Sullivan, Lynn Ferrelli and Lucille Pajor, in view of all in attendance. Arthur B. Powers was elected Committee Member of Worthington Fire District for the next 3 years, with a vote resulting in a 43-36 win.

Attorney Sullivan made a motion for Arthur B. Powers to be Committee Member of Worthington Fire District for the next 3 years, Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED.

Following the election, reports of the Tax Collector, Treasurer and District Committee were given.

2.) To act upon reports of the Collector, District Committee and Auditor:

Tax Collector, Lynn J. Ferrelli reported on collections for the year June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. The report, as prepared by Collector Lynn J. Ferrelli, is attached to these minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's Report, compiled by Thomas Niedzwiecki, Treasurer. Lynn Ferrelli then reported on collection for the year June 30, 2020 through May 31, 2021. The District Committee report was given by Superintendent Joseph Pagliaruli. Committee Member Stanley Pajor IV read the Auditor's Report, written by Robert London. All reports are attached to these minutes as submitted.

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A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Scott Reid, to accept the reports of the Treasurer, Tax Collector and District Committee. MOTION PASSED.

3.) To adopt a Budget for Fiscal year 2021/2022:

Committee Member Stanley Pajor IV proposed the 2021/2022 Budget, as prepared by Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki, which is attached to these minutes as submitted.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Tony Letizio to adopt the budget for the year 2021/2022. MOTION PASSED.

4.) To lay the Annual Tax upon the Grand List:

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor IV to accept and set the annual tax of a 1.54 mil rate, lowering it from 1.63. The Motion was Seconded by Carol Sakautzky. MOTION PASSED.

5.) To amend Section 3.1 of the District Bylaws to require the Annual Meeting be held in May each year instead of June.

Attorney Sullivan explained that having the Annual Meeting in May would give the Tax Collector more time to prepare the bills for Real Estate and Personal Property Tax, as well as the July quarterly water/sewer bills.

A Motion was made by Robert Sachs and Seconded by Scott Reid to amend Section 3.1 of the District Bylaws to change the Annual Meeting from June to May, beginning in 2022. MOTION PASSED.

6.) To authorize the Worthington Fire District be permitted to borrow no more than \$875,000 for 10 years at a rate of approximately 4% for the Webster Heights project and I/I research.

Tony Letizio made a Motion to allow the Worthington Fire District to borrow funds totaling no more than \$875,000 for 10 years at approximately 4% for the Webster Heights project and for I/I research. The Motion was Seconded by Scott Reid.

Being as there was no other discussion and nothing more to report, Tony Letizio made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn J. Ferrelli
Tax Collector