

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, October 21, 2020, 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 5:00 PM.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

Sebastian Senia, 8 Dunham Drive.
Ray Jarema, 56 Wildermere Road.
Stanley Smolski, 35 Woodbine Court
Jim Ericson, Lenard Engineering, Glastonbury CT

Ray Jarema asked about the minutes for the June's meetings. Lynn told him that they are posted on our website.

Ray also asked about the mill rate and if it will be reduced. Arthur B. Powers responded that this is being looked into.

Mr. Jarema mentioned that he wanted a scope report from Lenard Engineering.

Sebastian Senia asked why the agenda was not posted on the website. Lynn said that the agenda had been posted and would look into it. The agenda was found under the "Meeting Minutes" tab.

Ray Jarema spoke again asking what the Worthington Fire district brings to its residents. Joseph Pagliaruli responded by telling Ray that the Worthington Fire District supplies water and sewer utilities to the District along with fire protection and maintenance of all pipes and hydrants.

Arthur B. Powers closed the Audience of Citizens at 5:10 pm.

Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel entered the meeting at 5:11 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the September 16, 2020 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:

- Nothing to report.

NEW NEWS:

- We performed a leak study of our water distribution system. No significant leaks were found.
- Parts have been ordered for the Norton Road meter Pit Project.
- We performed an ISO flow study in the Webster Heights area.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- We are off to a late start due to COVID but I am confident that our report will be completed on time. The DPH is aware of inspecting.

ENGINEERING (Mike & Jason):

- The men are back to working remotely.

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:

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2020 was distributed to all attendees. This report, as prepared by Treasurer Tom Niedzwiecki, 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 Reports for the month ending September 30, 2020. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

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

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:

Meeting with Worthington Fire District and Berlin Water Control – This meeting was attended by Arthur B. Powers, Joseph Pagliaruli, Stanley Smolski and Timothy Sullivan representing the Worthington Fire District and by Michael Ahern, Jim Horbal, Jeff Donofrio and Ray Jarema for Berlin Water Control. Mr. Sullivan believed this to be a productive first meeting. Tim does not believe that the WFD owes any money to BWCC at this time. Tim is waiting to hear back from the Town Attorney on how we are to proceed from here. During this meeting it was said the Michael Ahern was to coordinate with the Town Manager to reinstate the quarterly meetings between Worthington and Kensington Fire District and Berlin Water Control, but Tim has not heard anything more on this from the Town either. Tim also commented again, as he did at the last meeting, that he felt that the quarterly meeting between WFD, KFD and BWCC should be reinstated.

Webster Heights – This project was voted down at the Annual Meeting in July of 2019. Prior to the June 2019 Annual Meeting, Thomas Niedzwiecki had spoken with a few banks regarding a loan for this project and had initiated the process of getting a loan. Tim Sullivan asked Jim Ericson of Lenard Engineering if there was a less expensive way to move forward with this project and why his initial proposal was to replace instead of repair the pipe in this area. Jim Ericson will work with Joe Pagliaruli to provide the committee with several options that are more cost effective. These options should be available for the November meeting.

Mr. Sullivan also stated that we should have preliminary information regarding the Secondary Meter, its regulations and an application by the November meeting.

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

Arthur B. Powers commended Timothy Sullivan for his efforts and performance at the meeting with Berlin Water Control.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norton Road Meter Pit Project – As discussed in the Superintendent's Report, the parts have been ordered for this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA – Thomas Niedzwiecki sent in a response to their questionnaire and sent all compliance information to them.

New Britain Water – There is a voluntary 10% water restriction in effect. Lynn posted an announcement in the Berlin Citizen.

Thomas Niedzwiecki proposed that we utilize the services of Robert London of London & Company for our FY 202 audit.

Peter Fliss Motioned to accept the Treasurer's recommendation of using Robert London of London & Company for our FY 2020 audit. This Motion was Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

After a discussion with Jim Ericson, of Lenard Engineering, Timothy Sullivan proposed that Worthington Fire District hire Jim Ericson and Lenard Engineering to perform additional testing on the Webster Heights flow study, with a monetary cap of \$3,500.00. This was the amount recommended by Jim Ericson to perform the work needed to be done.

Peter Fliss Motioned to accept Legal Counsel's recommendation of hiring Jim Ericson and Lenard Engineering to perform additional testing on the Webster Heights flow study, not to exceed \$3,500.00. This Motion was Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

There was no further new business.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Ferrelli', written in a cursive style.

Lynn Ferrelli, Tax Collector