

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, September 20, 2023, at 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT.

PRESENT:

Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman
Peter Fliss, Committee Member
Joseph Pagliaruli, Superintendent
Lynn Ferrelli, Collector
Christine Olson, Treasurer
Stanley Smolski, Engineer

ABSENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Committee Member
Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel

Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

After review of the agenda, Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman, made a Motion to move New Business, Ed Egazarian, to Audience of Citizens. This Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

Ed Egazarian, Building Owner, 1400 Berlin Turnpike – Discussion of lease renewal.

Mr. Egazarian started off by stating that he is thankful for the good relationship we have. He then discussed his new lease proposal, admitting it has grown a bit high in the last years. After doing a market study with Christine Olson, the lease will be getting lowered to \$24,000 - \$29,000 with a 5-year option lowering our lease by \$12,000. Nothing else has changed in the lease.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV, that following the Legal counsel's review, we accept the new 5-year lease option proposal. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to accept the May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

A Motion to accept the August 28, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Joe Pagliaruli reported on the following:

CONSTRUCTION:

- Repaired manholes on Farmington Avenue and At High School Football Field.

NEW NEWS:

- Weston & Sampson is working with Bentley Software to upgrade our hydraulic model. Not having much, success, we may have to rebuild the model. I will know more the end of the month.
- Haley Ward had a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 am on September 19, 2023 at our office. It looks like we have 3 prospective bidders on the Webster Heights project. Once the bids come in, we will reward the project to the lowest, most qualified bidder. The State will then approve the Contractor and prepare the loan documents (75% at low interest) and the grant documents (25%). Once this is complete, I will notify Mike Ahern that the project is moving forward and they can plan for their paving schedule.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

- Inspections are ongoing for this year.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Stanley Pajor IV to accept the Superintendent's Report. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Christine Olson, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's reports to all attendees. A report was given for May 31, 2023 and a second report was given for June 30, July 31 and August 31, 2023. The reports, as prepared by Treasurer, Christine Olson, sre 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. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

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 2-0.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Timothy Sullivan was not present and therefore, no report was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor IV and Seconded by Peter Fliss to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. MOTION PASSED 2-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Ferrelli

Lynn J. Ferrelli, Tax Collector