

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT
1400 BERLIN TURNPIKE
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860-828-5630

PRESENT:

Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman
Peter Fliss, Committee Member
Anthony Letizio, Committee Member
Joseph Pagliaruli, Superintendent
Karilin Villaran - Treasurer
Lynn Pagliaruli, Collector
Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel
Charles Costello, Auditor – via telephone

The Annual Meeting of the Worthington Fire District was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 outside of the Worthington Fire District office, 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT 06037. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm and a quorum was declared by Chairman, Stanley Pajor IV.

Chairman Pajor asked for nominations for moderator of the annual meeting. Peter Fliss of 289 Deerfield Drive, nominated Timothy Sullivan as moderator of the Annual Meeting, which was Seconded by Anthony Letizio of 512 Lower Lane. Chairman Pajor asked if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were made and Chairman Pajor closed the nominations. Timothy Sullivan was voted unanimously as Moderator of the Annual Meeting.

Stanley Pajor, began the meeting following the reading of the Legal Notice Agenda by Lynn Pagliaruli.

- 1.) Election of one Committee Member, who must be a resident or taxpayer of the District, for a term of three (3) years, effective 07/01/2026; Nominations may be made by any resident or taxpayer of the District, which nomination must be Seconded by a resident or taxpayer of the District.:

Stanley Pajor asked if there were any nominations for Committee Member. Carol Sakautzky of 423 Lower Lane nominated Stanley Pajor for election and this was Seconded by Nicole Pajor of 415 Lower Lane. No other nominations were made and nominations were closed. Stanley Pajor was unanimously elected for a three (3) year term on the Worthington Fire District Committee.

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. Pagliaruli reported on collections for the year June 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. The report, as prepared by Collector Lynn J. Pagliaruli, is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Stanley Pajor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Tax Collector's Report. There were no questions or comments. A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio, and Seconded by Peter Fliss, to accept the report of the Tax Collector. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED.

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The District Committee Report, for the 2025-2026 year, was given by Superintendent Joseph Pagliaruli. This report is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Stanley Pajor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the District Committee Report. Questions were asked by property owner Liam Mitchell, 44 Washington Avenue, regarding what the District has done regarding I/I and what we are doing this year. Mr. Pagliaruli stated that a study had been performed by Haley Ward and that we will begin relining 6 areas of the District, prioritizing the areas which need to be done first. Chairman Pajor also commented that we are budgeting \$200,00 to focus on I/I. Liam Mitchell also asked if the District was aware that the Mattabessett sewer rate is increasing. Superintendent stated that Liam Mitchell is in fact our representative for Mattabessett and he had not informed us of any increase. Attorney Sullivan stated that this information was communicated with the Town of Berlin but was not communicated to the Worthington Fire District. Liam Mitchell agreed that it was not specifically communicated to the District.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Anthony Letizio. Motion was opposed by Liam Mitchell. MOTION PASSED 14-1.

The Auditor's Report, submitted by Charles Costello, was discussed. Moderator, Timothy Sullivan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's Report. No questions were posed. A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio, and Seconded by Peter Fliss, to accept the report of the Auditor. MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Treasurer's Report, compiled by Karilin Villaran, Treasurer, was given and the report, as submitted, is attached to these minutes. Moderator, Timothy Sullivan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's Collector's Report. There was no question or discussion of the Treasurer's Report. A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Anthony Letizio, to accept the report of the Treasurer. Motion opposed by Liam Mitchell MOTION PASSED 14-1.

3.) To adopt a Budget for Fiscal year 2026/2027:

The proposed 2026/2027 Budget, as prepared, which is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Timothy Sullivan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed 2026/2027 Budget. Dave

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Anthony Letizio to adopt the budget for the year 2026/2027. MOTION PASSED 14-0.

Discussion of the water/sewer rates was led by Stanley Pajor.

The water rate will remain unchanged at \$4.90/100 cubic feet. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the water rate increase. No questions were raised. A motion was made by Stanley Pajor and Seconded by Peter Fliss. Objection by Liam Mitchell. MOTION PASSED 14-1.

The sewer rate will remain unchanged at \$5.81/100 cubic feet. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the sewer rate. There was no discussion. A motion was made by

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Stanley Pajor and Seconded by Anthony Letizio. Motion objected by Liam Mitchell. MOTION PASSED 14-1.

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

The mil rate for the 2026/2027 fiscal was suggested to remain unchanged at 1.90 mils. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the mil rate. A Motion was made by Stanley Pajor to accept and set the annual tax of a 1.90 mil rate. The Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. Motion opposed Liam Mitchell. MOTION PASSED 14-1.

Being as there was no other discussion and nothing more to report, Stanley Pajor IV asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Anthony Letizio. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Pagliaruli

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