

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT  
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**PRESENT:**

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

The Annual Meeting of the Worthington Fire District was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 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. Scott Reid, 3 Woodbine Court, nominated Stanley Pajor as moderator of the Annual Meeting, which was Seconded by Anthony Letizio. Chairman Pajor asked if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were made and Chairman Pajor closed the nominations. Stanley Pajor was voted unanimously as Moderator of the Annual Meeting.

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

- 1.) Election of one Committee Member, who must be a resident or taxpayer of the District, for a term of three (3) years, effective 07/01/2025; 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. Michelle Fliss nominated Peter Fliss for election and this was Seconded by Anthony Letizio. No other nominations were made and nominations were closed. Peter Fliss 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, 2024 through April 30, 2025. 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.

The District Committee Report, for the 2024-2025 year, was given by Superintendent Joseph Pagliaruli. This report is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Stanley Pajor asked if there were any

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questions or comments regarding the District Committee Report. One question was asked by resident Dave Evans, 1233 Worthington Ridge and Ray Jarema, 56 Wildermere Road, regarding the status of any relining projects to be done within the District. Mr. Pagliaruli stated that WFD is going to be concentrating on Deerfield Drive, Overhill Drive, Berlin Turnpike and Webster Heights. Chairman Pajor also commented that we are going to be focusing again on I/I. Conversation ensued between Chairman Pajor and Liam Mitchell, 44 Washington Avenue, regarding I/I.

A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio and Seconded by Christi Sullivan, 4 Woodbine Court. Motion was opposed by Liam Mitchell, Ray Jarema and Jim Horbal. MOTION PASSED 12-3.

The Auditor's Report, submitted by Charles Costello, was discussed. Moderator, Stanley Pajor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's Report. No questions were posed. A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Michelle Fliss, to accept the report of the Auditor. Motion opposed by Dave Evans, Liam Mitchell. MOTION PASSED 12-2.

Treasurer's Report, compiled by Christine Olson, Treasurer, was given and the report, as submitted, is attached to these minutes. Moderator, Stanley Pajor 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 Scott Reid, to accept the report of the Treasurer. MOTION PASSED.

3.) To adopt a Budget for Fiscal year 2025/2026:

The proposed 2025/2026 Budget, as prepared, which is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Stanley Pajor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed 2025/2026 Budget. Dave Evans asked where the money was for the relining project. Chairman Pajor noted that it was included in Capital Expenditures.

Jim Horbal, 30 Wildem Road, asked if it was feasible to put off the vote for the proposed budget. Chairman Pajor said that since there is a quorum, the proposed budget can and will be voted on.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Christi Sullivan to adopt the budget for the year 2025/2026. Dave Evans, Liam Mitchell and Ray Jarema objected to adopting the budget. MOTION PASSED 12-3.

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

The water rate will increase from \$4.67/100 cubic feet to \$4.90/100 cubic feet due to the cost of Water Control Commission increasing their prices to \$4.80/100 cubic feet. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the water rate increase. Ray Jarema asked why there was going to be an increase. Chairman Pajor explained that it is because Berlin Water Control is going up on their prices. Dave Evans asked if the 10-cent increase on the Water Control rate of \$4.80 is consistent. Chairman Pajor responded that it always was a consistent 10-cent increase on what the cost is from Berlin Water Control. No other questions were raised. A motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Scott Reid. Objection by Dave Evans, Liam Mitchell and Ray Jarema. MOTION PASSED 12-3.

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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 Peter Fliss and Seconded by Nicole Pajor. Motion objected by Dave Evans, Liam Mitchell and Ray Jarema. MOTION PASSED 12-3.

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

The mil rate for the 2024/2025 fiscal was suggested to remain unchanged at 1.90 mils. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the mil rate. Jim Horbal asked where the tax money goes. Chairman Pajor explained that he tax money goes towards the infrastructure and any expenses of the office. A Motion was made by Peter Fliss to accept and set the annual tax of a 1.90 mil rate. The Motion was Seconded by Scott Reid. Motion opposed by Dave Evans, Jim Horbal, Liam Mitchell and Ray Jarema. MOTION PASSED 12-4.

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 Scott Evans. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lynn J. Pagliaruli*

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