

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

**PRESENT:**

Stanley Pajor IV, Chairman  
Peter Fliss, Committee Member  
Arthur B. Powers, Committee Member  
Joseph Pagliaruli, Superintendent  
Christine Olson, Treasurer  
Lynn Ferrelli, Collector  
Timothy Sullivan, Legal Counsel  
Robert London, Auditor

The Annual Meeting of the Worthington Fire District was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 outside of the Worthington Fire District office, 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT 06037. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm and a quorum was declared by Chairman, Stanley Pajor IV.

Chairman Pajor asked for nominations for moderator of the annual meeting. Peter Fliss nominated Timothy Sullivan as moderator of the Annual Meeting, which was Seconded by Christy Sullivan. 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.

Timothy Sullivan, 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 07/01/2023; 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.:

Timothy Sullivan asked if there were any nominations for Committee Member. Scott Reid nominated Stanley Pajor IV for re-election and this was Seconded by Antoinette Pajor. No other nominations were made and nominations were closed. Stanley Pajor IV 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. Ferrelli reported on collections for the year June 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. The report, as prepared by Collector Lynn J. Ferrelli, is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Timothy Sullivan 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 Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Christy Sullivan, to accept the report of the Tax Collector. MOTION PASSED.

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The District Committee Report, for the 2022-2023 year, was given by Superintendent Joseph Pagliaruli. This report is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Timothy Sullivan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the District Committee Report. One question was asked by resident Dave Evans, 1233 Worthington Ridge, regarding any abandoned lines within the District. Mr. Pagliaruli stated that WFD does NOT have any abandoned lines within the District. NO other questions were posed. A Motion was made by Arthur B. Powers, and Seconded by Scott Reid, to accept the report of the District Committee. MOTION PASSED.

The Auditor's Report, submitted by Robert London, was discussed. Moderator, Timothy Sullivan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's Report. A question was posed by Dave Evans, asking where last year's Mil Rate increase was applied. The answer was stated that the increase was applied to the general increase in operating expenses. A Motion was made by Peter Fliss, and Seconded by Arthur B. Powers, to accept the report of the Auditor. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer's Report, compiled by Christine Olson, 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 Arthur B. Powers, to accept the report of the Treasurer. MOTION PASSED.

3.) To adopt a Budget for Fiscal year 2023/2024:

Treasurer Christine Olson proposed the 2023/2024 Budget, as prepared, which is attached to these minutes as submitted. Moderator, Timothy Sullivan asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions or discussion.

A Motion was made by Peter Fliss and Seconded by Scott Reid to adopt the budget for the year 2023/2024. Dave Evans objected to adopting the budget. MOTION PASSED 3-1.

Discussion of the water/sewer rates was led by Christine Olson.

The water rate will increase from \$4.25/100 cubic feet to \$4.67/100 cubic feet due to the cost of Water Control Commission increasing their prices. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the water rate increase. An objection was made by David Evans. A motion was made by Arthur B. Powers and Seconded by Tony Letizio. MOTION PASSED 3-1.

The sewer rate will increase from \$4.25/100 cubic feet to \$4.97/100 cubic feet due to the cost of Water Control Commission increasing their prices. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the water rate increase. An objection was made by David Evans. A motion was made by Tony Letizio and Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 3-1.

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

The mil rate for the 2023/2024 fiscal was suggested to remain unchanged at 1.87 mils. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the mil rate. David Evans objected to this

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increase. A Motion was made by Tony Letizio to accept and set the annual tax of a 1.87 mil rate. The Motion was Seconded by Michele Fliss. MOTION PASSED 3-1.

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 Antoinette Pajor and Seconded by Dave Evans. MOTION PASSED.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lynn J. Ferrelli*

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