

WORTHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT
1400 BERLIN TURNPIKE
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PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Arthur B. Powers, Committee Member

The Annual Meeting of the Worthington Fire District was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 outside of the Worthington Fire District office, 1400 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT 06037. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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 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 07/01/2023; 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. Jeffrey Leduc nominated Anthony L'Etizio for election and this was Seconded by Scott Reid. No other nominations were made and nominations were closed. Anthony Letizio 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, 2023 through April 30, 2024. The report, as prepared by Collector Lynn J. Pagliaruli, 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 Anthony Letizio, to accept the report of the Tax Collector. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED 10-0.

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The District Committee Report, for the 2023-2024 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 the status of any upgrades to be done within the District. Mr. Pagliaruli stated that WFD is constantly working on upgrades within the District. Mr. Evans then asked what the next priority was for the District. Superintendent Pagliaruli and Timothy Sullivan explained that we are still focusing on the Webster Heights project as we are still awaiting the final apportionment work from the State for the low interest loan and 20-25% grant. NO other questions were posed. A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio, and Seconded by Peter Fliss, to accept the report of the District Committee. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED 10-1.

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. No questions were posed. A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio, and Seconded by Peter Fliss, to accept the report of the Auditor. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED 10-1.

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 Scott Reid, to accept the report of the Treasurer. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED 10-1.

3.) To adopt a Budget for Fiscal year 2024/2025:

Treasurer Christine Olson proposed the 2024/2025 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 Anthony Letizio to adopt the budget for the year 2023/2024. Dave Evans objected to adopting the budget. MOTION PASSED 9-1.

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

The water rate will remain at \$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 Anthony Letizio and Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 9-1.

The sewer rate will increase from \$4.97/100 cubic feet to \$5.81/100 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 Anthony Letizio and Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 9-1.

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

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The mil rate for the 2023/2024 fiscal was suggested to raise the rate from 1.87 mils to 1.90 mils. The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the mil rate. David Evans objected to this increase. A Motion was made by Anthony Letizio to accept and set the annual tax of a 1.90 mil rate. The Motion was Seconded by Peter Fliss. MOTION PASSED 9-1.

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 Dave Evans. Unanimous vote. MOTION PASSED 10-1.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn J. Pagliaruli

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