

KENSINGTON FIRE DISTRICT
Annual Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2024
Berlin Community Center
Lower level of the Library Building
230 Kensington Road
Berlin, CT

Commissioners Present:

Joseph Pagliaruli, Chairman

Sheila Rittman

Dan McKeon, Commissioner & Superintendent

Also Present:

Attorney Richard Pentore

Kevin O'Rourke, Treasurer

Karen Stockno, Tax Collector

Denise McNair, Assistant Tax Collector

District voters

Chairman Joseph Pagliaruli called the annual meeting of the Kensington Fire District to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Chairman Pagliaruli read the legal notice for the meeting. The Committee report was read explaining that there would be no rate increase in taxes, water or sewer. Commissioner Rittman, seconded by Commissioner McKeon, made a motion to appoint Attorney Richard Pentore as Moderator for the night's meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

Attorney Pentore read the agenda for the meeting. Attorney Pentore then went over the proposed annual FY 24-25 budget for the Kensington Fire District and the proposal to keep the mill rate for the District's 2023 Grand List at 1.1 mills. A Resolution was presented by Treasurer O'Rourke to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Tim Skinner and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion: Mr. David Dorau, 84 Church Street asked why we still collect taxes. Also, he questioned the three water and sewer companies in the Town of Berlin. Mr. Dorau asked about bill cycles and the time for each bill. Mrs. Stockno gave him an answer on our quarterly billing cycles. Mr. Pagliaruli gave an explanation of how the Kensington Fire District was run and that the District has the most customers. Mr. Pagliaruli also explained how efficiently the Kensington Fire District was run stating the different improvement projects that have taken place over the years.

Attorney Pentore accepted a Resolution by the District that a tax of 1.10 mills be laid upon the October 1, 2023 grand list of the Kensington Fire District as a tax on real and personal property that will be due and payable on July 1, 2024. The resolution was seconded by Chairman Pagliaruli and approved by unanimous consent.

Attorney Pentore accepted a Resolution by the District concerning a rate of \$4.55 per hundred cubic feet, with a minimum charge equivalent to 1,000 cubic feet of usage, be enacted to be paid by customers of the Kensington Fire District for water as of July 1, 2024. The resolution was seconded by Chairman Pagliaruli and was unanimously approved.

Attorney Pentore accepted a further Resolution that a rate of \$6.41 per hundred cubic feet, with a minimum charge equivalent to 1,000 cubic feet of usage, be enacted to be paid by customers of the Kensington Fire District for sewer as of July 1, 2024. The resolution was seconded by Chairman Pagliaruli and was unanimously approved.

Attorney Pentore accepted a Resolution by the District to authorize the Committee of the KFD to borrow a sum of money not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars should there be a need for emergency purposes. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Rittman and was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Commissioner Pagliaruli made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sheila Rittman. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Stockno, Tax Collector
Recording Secretary for the meeting