

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
November 12, 2013**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on November 12, 2013. Board President Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Answering roll call were: President Stephen Wood; Secretary Frieda Bretzinger; Board Members Scott Barton and Ernest Watson, Jr.; Police Chief Jeff Phillips; Street Supt. Mike Murphy; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge; Office Manager Heather Smart.

The minutes of the October 14, 2013 regular board meeting were presented and approved upon a motion by Wood, second by Barton.

Clark-Dietz Invoice for WTP Upgrade: Lockridge said the invoice is in the amount of \$3,076.73 and this billing is for the review of the O & M Manuals, as-built drawings and preparing for final completion. The de-humidification system is working. There was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to approve the invoice for payment. The motion passed unanimously.


I-65 Water Main Extension Invoice Payment: Lockridge said Clark-Dietz is working on the Preliminary Engineering Report and this is the first invoice but the hours and rate are not separated out so this will be tabled until we can get that breakdown.

Conditional Offer of Employment: Phillips recommended offering the position opened by the SRO going to the schools to Andrew LePard with Richard Simpson as an alternate. The conditions are passing the physical and psychological testing and the funding being in place. There was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.


Equipment Request: Phillips requested the purchase of two taser guns at a cost of around \$831.00 and two holsters at \$33.95. They will receive training. Watson asked if there would be an insurance issue with this purchase. Phillips thought that if anything it would improve. Phillips said they would create a policy for taser use. There was a motion by Watson, second by Barton, to approve the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Waivers: There was a written request from Dene Mattocks. Smart said he owns a four unit apartment and has five accounts because the fifth account is billed to him for the boiler in the building. He asked that the trash and environmental fee be waived. Watson said he could see waiving the trash fee but not the environmental fee. There was a motion by Watson, second by Barton, to waive the trash fee but not the environmental fee on his account. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, President

ATTEST:


Frieda Bretzinger, Secretary