

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
February 13, 2017**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer met on February 13, 2017 in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall. 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, Ernest Watson, Jr.; City Attorney Mike Riley; Police Chief Jeff Phillips; Asst. Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge.

Also in attendance were: Dan Rawlins with InterDesign; Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge.

The minutes of the January 9, 2017 board minutes were presented and unanimously approved upon a motion by Barton and second by Watson.


Bowen Engineering Pay App #11, Wet Weather Treatment Plant: Lockridge told the board that Pay App #11 is in the amount of \$881,254.82. The project is 86% complete. It is for labor, concrete, piping and the vortex unit. There was a motion by Barton, second by Wood, to approve Pay App #11. The motion passed unanimously.

Commonwealth Engineering Invoices for Wet Weather Treatment Plant: Lockridge said the invoices are for the Wet Weather Treatment Plant during the month of January 2017. The construction portion of the Wet Weather Treatment Plant is in the amount of \$1,434.99, another is for \$20,038.19 and it is for the Resident Representative, the third is for additional construction in the amount of \$178.93 and the last invoice is for the O & M Manual in the amount of \$1,174.19. There was a motion by Watson, second by Barton, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.

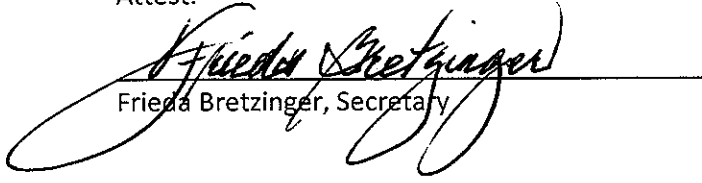
Remodel of Old Fire Station: Dan Rawlins with InterDesign discussed design/build of the old fire station for a police station. He said we would have one contract for both design and the construction. There would be teams that would be formed. He would put together the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and the Request for Proposals (RFP) to guide the teams through the proposals. The city would have to appoint a Tech Review Committee which would consist of at least three and no more than five members. Rawlins would be the technical advisor. He would put together the design criteria package for the teams. They would be on the technical review committee and provide an engineer for the committee. There has to be two professionals on the committee which can be an architect, engineer or contractor. Indiana passed law in 2006 allowing design/build projects and his company has done sixty-five projects since then. The total time done for a project is generally faster. This also eliminates the problems between the architect/engineer and the contractor. His contract would be hourly but not to exceed \$24,000.00. They would fulfill the role of design criteria developer. They would orchestrate the process for us and then write technical performance requirements as part of the RFP. Barton asked what other fees could we expect. Rawlins said they don't really see that because an architect or engineer breaking down their fees is internal to them so he doesn't really know. Barton said he's a little nervous going in to a contract he's not had a chance to read and not knowing what the fees are going to be. Rawlins said when they submit a proposal it will have the entire fee. Barton said so we're paying a board also. Rawlins said that is included in their fee. Barton said that was what he wanted to know in the beginning. Wood said the Redevelopment Commission had already agreed to pay the architect fees and authorized the mayor to sign the contract. Barton said if the board doesn't have a say in it, it doesn't matter whether they see the contract or not. Watson agreed with Barton in that if the Redevelopment Commission is approving the contract then the Board of Works has no say. Wood said he'd still like to have the blessing of the board. Phillips asked the board to approve the contract after Riley approved the contract. There was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to have Riley look over the contract and after his approval, Wood is authorized to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Accident/Shooting Board Review for 2016: Phillips said the board met of February 2, 2017 to review all use-of-force cases for 2016. All thirteen cases were reviewed and no abnormalities were found. He wanted the Board of Works to be aware of this.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Wood, second by Barton, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, President

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Secretary