

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
July 12, 2021**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on July 12, 2021 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 Rick Odle and Ernest Watson, Jr.; City Attorney Jacob Ahler; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Street Supt. Andy Daniels was absent.

Also present: Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth Engineers; Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

The minutes of the June 14, 2021 board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Commonwealth Invoice for Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas:** Lockridge reported that this claim in the amount of \$45,196.07 is for additional final design. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve the claim. The motion passed unanimously.

**Land Title Agency Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice is for fifty year title searches on fifteen parcels in the amount of \$7,187.50 related to the Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas Project. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.

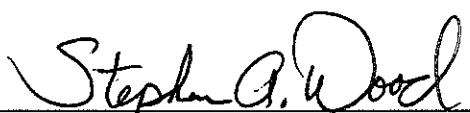
**Commonwealth Invoice for Water Utility Project:** Lockridge presented a Commonwealth invoice in the amount of \$21,367.34 for work on a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Water Utility improvement project. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Improvement SWIF Application:** Robarge told the board that they have been working on a SWIF application through the American Rescue Plan Act. This project is for an I-65 400,000 gallon water tower and backup generation system for the water plant. It also includes replacing the water main on Van Rensselaer Street from Washington Street to Rutsen Street. The total project is almost \$5,000,000 and the grant is for \$2,500,000.00. They are asking the board to allow the mayor to sign the SWIF application. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to allow the mayor to sign the application. The motion passed unanimously.


**Water Project Engineering Contract:** Robarge said the contract is for the design which is a lump sum amount of \$224,600 and then bidding or negotiating, easement preparation, erosion control plan, permitting, soils/geotechnical investigation, survey/lease locates with HNTE (hourly, not to exceed) with a total maximum contract amount of \$333,200.00. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

**Hiring of Probationary Firefighters:** Haun submitted probationary firefighter applications for Robert Smith and Stanley Allen. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve the applicants as probationary firefighters. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
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Stephen A. Wood, President

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Frieda Bretzinger, Secretary