

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
November 8, 2021**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on November 8, 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.; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Street Supt. Andy Daniels. Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. City Attorney Jacob Ahler arrived after roll call.

Also present was Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth Engineers and Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

The minutes of the October 11, 2021 regular board meeting and the October 25, 2021 special board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

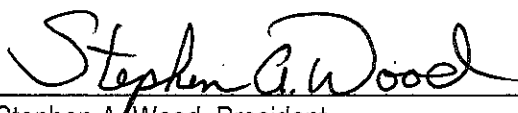
Commonwealth Invoice for Main Lift Station & Unsewered Areas Project: Lockridge said the Commonwealth invoice for the Main Lift Station and unsewered areas is \$5,282.38 and this is for the bidding process. There was a motion by Odle, second by Wood, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Commonwealth Invoice for Water Main and Storage Tower Project: Lockridge said the Water Main and Storage Tank Project claim from Commonwealth Engineers in the amount of \$29,533.62 is for the design, erosion control plan, FAA permit and soils/geotechnical investigation. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to pay the claim. The motion passed unanimously.

Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas Bid Recommendation: Robarge told the board that after reviewing the bids, it was noted that Thieneman used an older version of the qualifications statement form. While the form is not something that Commonwealth felt would give them an advantage it was something that Commonwealth would like to give them the opportunity to furnish to them. It was the recommendation of Robarge to accept the bid from Thieneman for \$7,281,000.00. This is contingent on agency funding acceptance and availability of funds. It is understood that the funding package is not approved. He said once this apparent low bid is accepted they will send the Guide 10 documents to USDA Rural Development at which time they will give us the final funding package so we want to make acceptance contingent on receiving sufficient funds as well as agency approval. The city attorney has reviewed this and he concurs with the recommendation. Wood asked if he thought with the passage of the infrastructure bill that there will be any more money out there. Robarge said we already have a commitment of around \$1.79 million so it can't hurt and can only help. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve the recommendation contingent on sufficient funds and funding agency concurrence. The motion passed unanimously.

Hiring of Police Officers: The Board of Public Works and Safety met in executive session earlier this evening and held interviews of police officer candidates. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to offer Zachery Moore and Ryan Rusk the positions of probationary police officers. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Stephen A. Wood, President

Attest:



Frieda Bretzinger, Secretary