

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
January 10, 2022**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on January 10, 2022 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; Asst. Street Supt. Bryce Black; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge.

Also present were Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures; Council Member Russ Overton; and Police Officers Ryan Rusk and Zach Moore.

The minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Introduction of the Two New Police Officers:** Wood had the two new police officers introduce themselves. Anderson said they would probably be attending the academy late summer or fall and he was planning on sending them together.

**Police SOP 22-222, Unmanned Aerial System (Drone):** Anderson presented Police SOP 22-222, Unmanned Aerial System to the board. This SOP pertains to the policy and guidelines for the use of an unmanned aerial system. This will enhance the department's mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or less effective. Odle asked if certain people have to operate the drone. Anderson said they have to have a licensed operator and Sergeant Hammond has been licensed. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to approve Police SOP 22-222 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 Project is \$3,847.46 and is for the bidding process. Lockridge said Rural Development is currently looking at our funding. We know we are getting \$1,950,000.00 in grant money but hopefully will get more. There was a motion by Watson, 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 \$12,492.71 is for the design phase of the project. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to pay the claim. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Police Officers' Employment Contracts:** Employment contracts for Zach Moore and Ryan Rusk were presented to the board for its signature.

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 5:45 p.m.

  
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Stephen A. Wood, President

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Frieda Bretzinger, Secretary