

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
September 12, 2022**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on September 12, 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 and Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge.

Also present were Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

The minutes of the August 8, 2022 regular 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.

Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas Project:

- 1) **Thieneman Pay Request #4:** The pay request is for \$500,036.85. Lockridge said this invoice covers excavation, concrete testing, and work on the lift station. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **Commonwealth Engineering Invoice:** Lockridge presented a Commonwealth invoice for Preliminary Engineering Report and Construction. The invoice is for \$26,374.28. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Elevated Water Storage and Water Main Replacement Project:

- 1) **Commonwealth Engineering Invoice:** Lockridge presented a claim from Commonwealth Engineers. This invoice is for design. The invoice is for \$43,688.75. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Application: Haun presented an intern firefighter application for Logan Smart. He said the difference between an intern and probationary firefighter is an intern receives no pay but reserves a spot on the roster. This particular applicant is military and will be leaving for Egypt in a few weeks. He will still be able to get firefighter training. Once he is finished with his military obligation he can potentially become a firefighter. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the intern firefighter. The motion passed unanimously.

Haun Request: IVFA will be talking about the cost survey they did and would like to hold a meeting October 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. and would like to invite city administration to the meeting. They will be talking about the impact this has on volunteer departments and the recruitment and retention of firefighters. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve the requested use of the fire station. 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