

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

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on October 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 Shelby Keys; 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 Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. and Frieda Bretzinger.

The minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas Project:**

- 1) **Thieneman Pay Request #5:** The pay request is for \$822,893.58. Lockridge said this invoice covers backfilling, diversion box, manhole testing, pipe installation, rock removal and work on the lift station. There was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, 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 \$33,398.78. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, 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 \$25,017.51. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed unanimously.

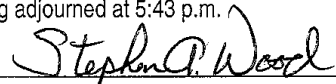
**Commonwealth Engineers Contract for Lead Service Line Replacement:**

Robarge presented information regarding grant information with IFAS in the amount of \$2,000,000 towards this project. In addition to the grant funds, the State Revolving Fund would fund the remaining work, that is not lead service line work, at 0% interest. The abovementioned grant would require the City to look at the replacement of additional lead service lines. Those lines have been identified. A task order was presented in the amount of \$238,000.00 to get through bidding, including preliminary and final designs, easement assistance and field work for the Lead Service Line Replacement project. These funds will come out of the grant mentioned above. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, to approve the Task Order. The motion passed unanimously.

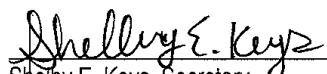
**Promotion Request of Officer:** Anderson requested the promotion of Officer Justin Wilson from Patrolman 2<sup>nd</sup> class to Patrolman 1<sup>st</sup> class effective immediately. He has fulfilled all requirements. There was a motion by Watson, second by Odle, to approve the promotion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Firefighter Application:** Haun presented a probationary firefighter application for Aaron Knezevic. This applicant has been interviewed and a background check has been done. He will have to have training completed before he can engage in any firefighting activity. No classes being held until after the first of the year. There was a motion by Odle, second by Wood, to approve the intern firefighter. 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 5:43 p.m.

  
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Stephen A. Wood, President

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Shelby E. Keys, Secretary