

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
February 12, 2024**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on February 12, 2024. Board President Jeffrey S. Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Answering roll call were: President Jeff Phillips; Secretary Shelby Keys; Board Members Ernest Watson, Jr; and Jeff Rayburn; City Attorney Todd Sammons; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Street/Water/Sewer/Sanitation Supt. Bryce Black; and Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge.

Also in attendance were Kevin Arnold, Josh Davis, Russ Overton, Josh Eldridge, Randy Denton, Ron Cox, Ryan LaReau with Commonwealth Engineers and Bob Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

The minutes of the January 08, 2024 regular board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Main Lift Station & Unsewered Areas Project:

- A. Thieneman Pay Request #19 & #20:** Lockridge said pay request #19 for \$49,374.11 covers the plaque installation and construction on the phosphorous building and asphalt work with a credit for work completed by the city. Pay request #20 for \$239,563.44 covers work on a simplex grinder station and construction on the phosphorous building. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve both pay requests. The motion passed unanimously.

Waterworks Improvements Project:

- A. Commonwealth Pay Request/SRF Disbursement #32:** Lockridge said this pay request for \$47,700.00 covers on-site representative and construction engineering.
- B. Maguire Iron Pay Request/SRF Disbursement #33 & #34:** Lockridge said pay request #33 for \$360,589.00 and pay request #34 for \$38,000.00 both cover construction costs for the water tower. The tower is up and completed. There was a motion made by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve SRF disbursements #32, #33, and #34. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Change Order #2 Division A-Maguire Iron:** Lockridge stated this change order is an increase of \$79,300.00. There is a deduction for a generator installation that totals \$97,400.00. There is an additional \$66,000.00 cost for coating & cleaning of filters for the water plant and improvements to the Drexel/Rachel tanks in the amount of \$110,700.00. This will result in an additional 50 days from the substantial completion date of October 30th. Some contingency funds will be utilized. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson to approve the change order #2. The motion passed unanimously.

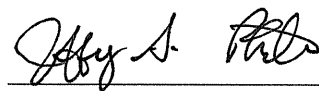
WWTP Phosphorus Addition:

- A. Tried and True Builders Final Payment:** Black said the final payment due is \$37,232.00 with an additional \$896.00 for work completed on the ventilation system. Thieneman will reimburse the city the \$896.00. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Cancer Policy: Fire Chief Kenny Haun said he's worked with the insurance agent to put together a \$10,000.00 accidental policy and a \$30,000.00 policy for heart, kidney, stroke and cancer. The total cost would be \$8,610.90 and it would be split by the township and city. The city would pay \$4,305.45, which is \$144.00 per fireman, with roster being full at 30. Phillips asked what happens when someone leaves the department. Haun said the policy would end. There was a motion made by Phillips, second by Watson, to approve the policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to PER for SRF Funding: Lockridge said they are wanting to incorporate the interceptors along the river into the SRF financing. There is no additional cost. Lockridge asked for permission to allow the mayor to sign the amendment from Commonwealth. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to allow the mayor to sign the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Jeffrey S. Phillips, Mayor

Attest:



Shelby E. Keys, Clerk-Treasurer