

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**April 10, 2023**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on April 10, 2023 in a 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 Member Ernest Watson, Jr; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Asst. Street Supt. Bryce Black; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Board Member Rick Odle, City Attorney Jacob Ahler and Harley Tomlinson with the Rensselaer Republican was absent.

Also present were Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures, Russ Overton, George Cover and Frieda Bretzinger.

The minutes of the March 13, 2023 regular board meeting and were presented for approval. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve both sets of minutes as presented. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

**New Main Lift Station & Unsewered Areas Project:**

- 1) **Thieneman Pay Request #11:** Lockridge said this \$239,808.50 pay request covers grading, supervision, gates on the diversion structure, piping, manholes and work on the sewer line on Owen Street. The tie-in from the old lift station has been connected to the new lift station. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the pay request. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.
- 2) **Commonwealth Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice for \$27,668.25 covers additional construction, inspection and a resident representative. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve the invoice. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.
- 3) **Baker Tilly Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice for \$19,884.00 covers services regarding closing on the USDA RD loan and the parity loan. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve the invoice. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.
- 4) **Bose McKinney & Evans Invoice:** Lockridge said this \$5,000.00 invoice is for release of retainage for bond counsel on the sewage project. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the invoice. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

**Waterworks Improvements Project:**

- 1) **SRF Disbursement Request Form #9:** Lockridge said SRF Form #9 has three invoices from Commonwealth on it totaling \$6,362.00 and covers design work. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the SRF disbursement form. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

**Wastewater Asset Management Plan Commonwealth Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice for \$28,381.35 covers 50% completion of the asset management plan for the wastewater plant improvements. This is part of the requirement for the SRF loan. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve the invoice. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

**Chemical Phosphorus & Removal Improvements Commonwealth Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice for \$5,158.76 covers design and survey work for the chemical feed at the wastewater treatment plant. There is a new requirement that has to be met by the end of May. This improvement will be a more permanent solution to treating the phosphorus. Wood asked if this was to remove the phosphorus. Lockridge said yes. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the invoice. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

**Fireworks Application:** Anderson said the Jasper County Fair Association is requesting to have fireworks on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The fee has been paid. As long as it is not too dry for fireworks, Haun is OK with the request. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the fireworks application. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to adjourn. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent and the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Stephen A. Wood  
Stephen A. Wood, President

Attest:

Shelby E. Keys  
Shelby E. Keys, Secretary

