

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
July 10, 2023**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on July 10, 2023. Board 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; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Harley Tomlinson with the Rensselaer Republican were absent.

Also in attendance were Carol Lockridge, George Cover, Josh Davis and Bob Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

The minutes of the June 12, 2023 regular board meeting were presented and approved upon a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments and Petitions:** There were none.

**Waterworks Improvements Project:**

1. **Grimmer Change Order #1:** Lockridge said that an additional 128 days were needed as they are having trouble securing brass fittings for the project and long lead times for materials. Changes substantial completion to December 23<sup>rd</sup> and the final completion to January 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve Change Order #1. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Maguire Iron Change Order #1:** Lockridge said this is a reduction in the contract. They are omitting the field office trailer and set up an office in the water plant for the field office worker. It is a reduction of \$7,000.00. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve Change Order #1. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Maguire Iron Pay App #2:** Lockridge said this is for pay app #2 for Maguire is also SRF disbursement #14. This disbursement is for \$974,409.00 and covers water main installation, boring, backfilling, signage, and foundation work. There was a motion from Odle, second by Watson to approve pay app #2. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Commonwealth Invoices:** Lockridge said there are three invoices totaling \$37,727.00 that cover inspection services, bidding and easement assistance. This is SRF disbursement #13. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve SRF Disbursement #13. The motion passed unanimously.

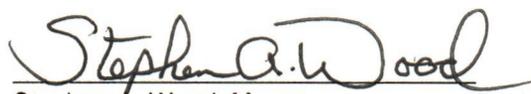
**Main Lift Station & Unsewered Areas Project:**

- a. **Thieneman Change Order #6:** Lockridge this change order is for a \$23,679.84 increase and covers additional asphalt work, relocation of the simplex pumping station, electrical work, manhole work, and tile repair. There was a motion made by Wood, second by Watson to approve change order #6. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Thieneman Pay Request #14:** Lockridge said this \$327,441.03 pay request is for topsoil, final landscaping, fencing, testing, control building, painting, manhole coating, and electrical services. There was a motion made by Watson, second by Odle to approve pay request #14. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Commonwealth Invoices:** Lockridge said this invoice for \$8,926.31 covers inspection services and additional construction services. There was a motion made by Wood, second by Odle to pay the claims for \$8,926.31. The motion passed unanimously.

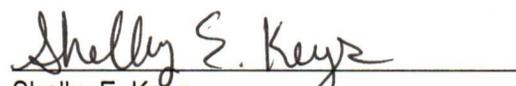
**Chemical Phosphorus & Removal Improvements Project**

1. **Commonwealth Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice is for \$13,200.09 and covers the final design of the building. He said they are working towards using the remaining funds from the Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas project towards this project. There was a motion from Odle, second by Watson to pay the claim for \$13,200.09. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Black said in 2020 when the NPEDS permit was renewed with IDEM, the city was given a 36-month extension to become compliant with phosphorus removal at the wastewater treatment plant. There are funds leftover from the Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas project. The project total for the phosphorus and removal improvement project is \$1,000,304.00. There is \$225,979.54 remaining from the main lift station project. To move forward with the project, the city would need \$774,344.46. Black said everything is currently compliant with temporary feeding, but this would allow a more permanent structure to maintain compliance. Wood said they would be exploring different funding sources. Lockridge said they would like to have something in place by the end of the year.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Overton, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

  
Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

  
Shelby E. Keys  
Clerk-Treasurer