

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
February 10, 2025**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on February 10, 2025. 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 Assistant Superintendent Josh Eldridge.

Also in attendance were: Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth Engineers, Jim Miller, Garrett Welker, Josh Davis, Bob Schenk, Kevin Arnold, Mike and Mary Molenaar, Russ Overton and Harley Tomlinson.

The minutes of the January 13, 2025 regular board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

I-65 Sewer/Water/Gas Extension - Commonwealth Engineers: Robarge requested permission to advertise bids for the project. Bids will be opened at the next BOPW meeting on March 10th. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Waterworks Improvements Project:

- A. Commonwealth Invoice/SRF Disbursement #55:** Black said disbursement #55 for \$6,788.00 covers additional construction and RPR services through November 2024. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

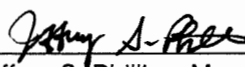
7TH Street Improvements Task Order: Robarge said Task Order 2025-03 in the amount of \$74,700.00 covers design services, quoting and negotiating services. Commonwealth would prepare design work for a paved road, water, sewer, and storm infrastructure. All utility work is intended to be done in-house. The street portion will be bid out. This project requires a lot of permitting and Commonwealth will assist. Redevelopment funds will be used for this project. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve Task Order 2025-03. The motion passed unanimously.

Waterworks Improvements Task Orders: Robarge said Task Order 2025-01 and 2025-02 deal with remaining SRF project funds that can be utilized for design, bidding and construction of 62 services. The task orders total a net amount of \$47,949.00, which is still remaining in the SRF budget. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve Task Order 2025-01 and 2025-02. The motion passed unanimously.

Iroquois Park Building Demolition: Phillips said the Park Board approved demoing the old parks headquarters.

State of Emergency: Black requested a State of Emergency be issued for the sink hole and sewer failure that occurred over the weekend. Approving this allows for emergency work to be done, rather than waiting for the project to be bid out. There was a motion by Phillips, second by Rayburn, approving the request. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Jeffrey S. Phillips, Mayor

Attest:



Shelby E. Keys, Clerk-Treasurer