

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
April 11, 2022**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on April 11, 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 Frieda Bretzinger; Board Member Ernest Watson, Jr; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Asst. Street Supt. Bryce Black and Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. City Attorney Jacob Ahler arrived after roll call. Board Member Rick Odle was absent.

Also present was Robert Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

The minutes of the March 14, 2022 regular board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

Firefighter Application: Haun presented a firefighter application to the board. The applicant is Shawn Hofferth. His application came up at the last meeting but there were questions so this was tabled until this meeting. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, that we deny the application at this time. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

Police Officer Promotion: Anderson requested that Mason Walker be promoted to 1st Class Patrol Officer. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the promotion. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas Project:


- 1) **Commonwealth Engineering Invoices:** Lockridge presented two Commonwealth invoices. One in the amount of \$4,803.60 and one for \$976.06. Both are for the preliminary Engineering report. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve payment. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.
- 2) **Bose McKinney Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice is \$35,000.00 for serving as bond counsel for the 2022 Sewage Works Bond through USDA. 20% of the bill is retained until USDA approves payment so this payable invoice is \$28,000.00. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.
- 3) **BakerTilly Invoice:** Lockridge told the board this invoice is in the amount of \$24,115.51 and is for the services provided for the 2022 Sewage Bond issuance through USDA. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve payment. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.
- 4) **Riley & Ahler Invoice:** Lockridge said this invoice is in the amount of \$30,000.00 for serving as local bond counsel for the 2022 Sewage Works Bond through USDA. 25% of the bill is retained until USDA approves payment and the city has paid for some of the bond issue work previously so this payable invoice is \$18,815.00. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.
- 5) **City of Rensselaer Applicant Contribution:** Lockridge said the applicant contribution that the city owes for the 2022 Sewage Works Bond through USDA is \$50,000.00. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve payment. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

Elevated Water Storage and Water Main Replacement Project:

- 1) **Commonwealth Engineering Invoices:** Lockridge presented two claims from Commonwealth Engineers. One invoice for design is for \$12,195.31 and the other is for design, erosion control plan and FAA Permit and that amount is \$19,944.36. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve payment. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

BakerTilly Scope of Services Contract for Water Utility Project: Lockridge said BakerTilly provided the city with a contract for the work they would provide for the Elevated Water Storage which will include complete rate sufficiency review for funding the proposed project, assist the city and engineers in completing necessary grant application steps, assist with modification of project size, scope and funding sources based on competitive grant process results and remaining engagement items will only be pursued if an acceptable project funding alternative is available. The contract is for \$35,000.00. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the contract. The motion passed by majority, with Odle absent.

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


Stephen A. Wood, President

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, Secretary