

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
November 13, 2023**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on November 13, 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 Member Ernest Watson, Jr; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Asst. Street Supt. Bryce Black. City Attorney Jacob Ahler arrived after roll call. Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge and Harley Tomlinson with the Rensselaer Republican were absent.

Also in attendance were Danny Cawby with Genova Plastics, Kevin Arnold, Josh Davis, Russ Overton and Bob Schenk with Rensselaer Adventures.

Wood announced that Rick Odle has resigned from the Board of Public Works and Safety. His seat will not be filled until the start of 2024.

The minutes of the October 9, 2023 regular board meeting were presented and approved upon a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Recommendation to Vacate Undeveloped Portion of Cherry St. East of 10<sup>th</sup> St.:** Davis said Genova Plastics bought a piece of property next to the current facility. There has been a tech review meeting and Plan Commission meeting, both voted favorably to recommend vacating the underdeveloped portion of Cherry Street. Watson asked if they were expanding. Danny Cawby said they would be using it for storage and parking. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the recommendation.

**Police Officer Promotion Request:** Anderson requested Chris Cain be promoted to Corporal as he has all necessary trainings. This promotion will go into effect Sunday, which is the start of a new pay period. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the promotion request. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. **Thieneman Pay Request #18:** Black said this \$300,000.00 pay request covers the phosphorous building and last simplex station. There was a motion made by Wood, second by Watson, to approve pay request #18. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. **Commonwealth Invoices:** Black said one invoice for \$846.43 covers additional construction and resident project representative onsite. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve the invoice. The motion passed unanimously. There is another invoice for \$23.05 which covers the remainder of the project design and permitting. There was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to approve the invoice. The motion passed unanimously.

**Waterworks Improvements Project:**

**Division A (Elevated Water Storage Tank)**

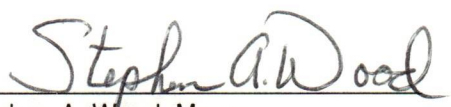
- A. **Maguire Iron Pay Request/SRF Disbursement #23:** Black said this pay request for \$389,500.00 covers materials and welding for the water tower. There was a motion made by Watson, second by Wood, to approve SRF #23. The motion passed unanimously.

**Division B (Water Main and Water Service Replacement)**

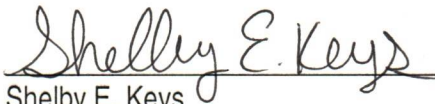
- A. **Commonwealth Pay Request/SRF Disbursement #22:** Black said this pay request for \$36,193.00 covers engineering, resident project representative and the water main on Van Rensselaer St. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve SRF #22. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. **Grimmer Construction Pay Request/ SRF Disbursement #24:** Black said this pay request for \$760,176.00 covers lead line service. There was a motion made by Wood, second by Watson, to approve SRF #24. The motion passed unanimously.

**Firefighter Applications:** Haun said he received three firefighter applications for Hayden Warne, Logan Klahn and Brandon Fried. All three have been interviewed, a background check has been done and their employers have been talked with about the possibility of them leaving during working hours. The interview committee has given a positive recommendation to all applicants. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve all three applicants. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Watson, second by Wood, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
Stephen A. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

  
Shelby E. Keys  
Clerk-Treasurer