

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
January 12, 2026**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on January 12, 2026. 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, Head Dispatcher Dawn Steinke, Fire Chief Kenny Haun, Street/Water/Sewer/Sanitation Supt. Bryce Black and Assistant Superintendent Josh Eldridge.

Police Chief Matt Anderson was absent.

Also in attendance were: Russ Overton and Kyler Laird.

The minutes of the December 8, 2025 regular board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**2026 LSL Replacement Project:**

**A. Bid Opening:** Phillips opened the bids and Ryan LaReau with Commonwealth Engineers read the following:

Gatlin Plumbing and Heating, Inc.: 2619 Main Street, Highland, IN 46322  
Base Bid: \$1,350,000.00

Rex Construction Company: 700 Schiller Ave, Schererville, IN 46375  
Base Bid: \$1,258,910.00

Hasse Construction Company, Inc.: 10 Lincoln Ave, Calumet City, IL 60409  
Base Bid: \$1,612,810.00

National Industrial Maintenance, Inc.: 4530 Baring Ave, East Chicago, IL 46312  
Base Bid: \$1,537,690.50

Atlas Excavating, Inc.: 4740 Swisher Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906  
Base Bid: \$1,393,000.00

These bids will be taken under advisement for review and will be awarded at the next City Council meeting.

**B. Commonwealth Invoices:** Black said these are monthly invoices for preliminary design work for September-November in the amounts of \$6,000.00, \$34,000.00 and \$37,500.00. There was a motion by Phillips, second by Watson, to approve the invoices. The motion passed unanimously.

**I-65 Water & Sewer Improvements:**

**A. Gatlin Plumbing Invoices and Pay App #4:** Black said there is an invoice for \$275,250.00 for the gas casing, being paid for with TIF funds. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the invoice. The motion passed unanimously. Pay app #4 is in the amount of \$479,302.43. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the invoice. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Utility Improvements/LSL Project:**

**A. Commonwealth SRF Disbursement #69:** Black said disbursement #69 is for \$3,146.00 and covers additional construction through October. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Phillips, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

**Wastewater LTCP Phase IIB & III**

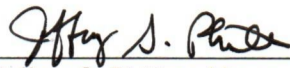
**A. Commonwealth SRF Disbursement #20:** Black said disbursement #20 for \$32,379.00 covers hydraulic modeling, construction, engineering, regulatory assistance and RPR services. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Visu-Sewer SRF Disbursement #21:** Black said disbursement #21 for \$135,205.00 covers cleaning, televising and lining of the sewer. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

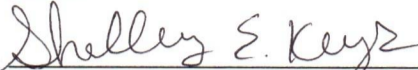
**C. Thieneman Construction SRF Disbursement #22:** Black said disbursement #22 for \$669,041.00 covers supervision, mobilization, excavation and installation. There was a motion by Phillips, second by Watson, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Visu-Sewer SRF Disbursement #23:** Black said disbursement #23 for \$359,823.00 covers cleaning and televising of the sewer. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

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

  
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Jeffrey S. Phillips, Mayor

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Shelby E. Keys, Clerk-Treasurer