

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
April 13, 2026**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on April 13, 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, Police Chief Matt Anderson, Fire Chief Kenny Haun, Street/Water/Sewer/Sanitation Supt. Bryce Black.

Assistant Superintendent Josh Eldridge was absent.

Also in attendance were: Jim Miller, Russ Overton and Kevin Arnold.

The minutes of the March 9, 2026 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.

Firefighter Applications: Haun said all 5 applicants have been through background checks and 4 of the 5 have been interviewed by the fire board. One applicant will be an intern until he turns 18. There was a motion by Phillips, second by Rayburn, to approve 4 out of the 5 applicants, with the 5th subject to approval from the fire board. The motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater LTCP Phase IIB & III

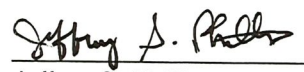
- A. Commonwealth SRF Disbursement #31:** Black said disbursement #31 for \$97,064.00 covers hydraulic modeling, construction, engineering, regulatory assistance and RPR services for December and January. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Thieneman Construction SRF Disbursement #32:** Black said disbursement #32 for \$531,269.00 covers supervision, materials, labor and pipe installation through February. There was a motion by Phillips, second by Watson, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. City Reimbursement SRF Disbursement #33-34:** Black said these 2 disbursements are to reimburse the city for funds used on the Melville sewer repair. Xylem Water Solutions was paid \$80,192.00 and \$6,902.00. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Thieneman Construction SRF Disbursement #35:** Black said disbursement #35 for \$664,388.00 covers materials, labor and the oxidation ditch through March. There was a motion by Watson, second by Phillips, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Visu-Sewer SRF Disbursement #36:** Black said disbursement #36 for \$51,387.00 covers the Melville St lining, demobilization, erosion and traffic control through March. There was a motion by Phillips, second by Watson, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

2025 Contingency LSL Replacement Project:

- A. Atlas Excavating SRF Disbursement #70:** Black said disbursement #70 for \$6,287.00 covers mobilization and a pre-construction video. There was a motion by Watson, second by Phillips, to approve the disbursement. The motion passed by majority, with Rayburn abstaining.

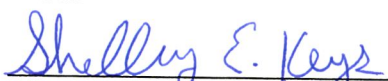
Commonwealth Engineers 2026-2 General Services Agreement Amendment: Black said SRF inquired if the general service agreement signed in 2011 was still accurate as it hasn't been updated. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to allow Phillips to sign an updated agreement. The motion passed 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 5:44 p.m.



Jeffrey S. Phillips, Mayor

Attest:



Shelby E. Keys, Clerk-Treasurer