

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Finance Minutes
February 20, 2026

Members Present: Mayor Doenges, President Allaire, Treasurer Markowski, Commissioner Protivansky, HR Coyle, Legal Feliciano-Stone, ZA Bove, PA Magro, Chief Lovett and Scott Mangan.

Mayor Doenges called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 3:30PM.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Two (2) items were added to the agenda:

Emergency repairs to Back-hoe

City owned property maintenance

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (02/06/2026):

Mayor Doenges asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed.

RFP OPENING:

Legal Recruiter

Four proposals were received. One proposal was received after the deadline and therefore will not be considered.

Legal assistant Feliciano-Stone handed out copies of the three proposals received:

Gallagher Flynn (VT) – \$22,000.00 – Four (4) person team - 10 – 16 weeks

Netsynk Inc. – (IL) - \$20,000.00 – One (1) person team – 12 – 14 weeks

Pracademic Partners – (NY) - \$17,900.00 – 8 – 12 weeks

All three proposals included other various detailed descriptions of work provided. Mayor Doenges stated all RFP's need Board of Alderman approval. Mayor Doenges made a motion to refer to HR for review. Motion passed.

SOLE SOURCE:

DPW

Trogen Energy Systems – spare parts Methane boiler - \$6,645.37

Commissioner Protivansky requested approval of the purchase of a complete set of repair parts for the methane boiler to be charged to repair machinery equipment Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Doenges made a motion to approve the purchase of the spare parts in the amount of \$6,645.37. Motion passed.

CITY OWNED PROPERTIES:

56 Cleveland Ave

ZA Bove stated this property has knob and tube wiring and will not be able to pass a CO inspection until updated. ZA Bove, on behalf of Building Inspector Mark Sadakierski, requested permission to spend funds to have an electrician rewire the house to allow a CO to be issued before sale. All members of the Board of Finance expressed concern spending city dollars on City owned properties that will eventually be sold. Mayor Doenges stated the property should be listed and sold "AS IS". ZA Bove questioned whether the City owned building required a CO before the sale as stated in Charter. There was a question of why the City would be responsible for the upgrades and invest in a property that is going to be sold. Mayor Doenges stated a Charter change is in order to allow the no CO required for City owned property. Mayor Doenges made a motion to refer the issue to Charter and Ordinance Committee for consideration of adding language to make an exception with regard to the sale of City owned property. Both President Allaire and Treasurer Markowski had concern regarding how long that process may take given that a new Mayor would be elected March 3, along with Board of Alderman members and not sworn in until March 15th. Mayor Doenges withdrew his motion. Mayor Doenges made a motion to sell 56 Cleveland Avenue "AS IS". Motion passed.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS:

DPW

Commissioner Protivansky requested authorization for emergency repairs to the back-hoe in the amount of \$12,276.76. Commissioner Protivansky stated the back-hoe was used all last weekend with the water main break on Woodstock Avenue and is vital this time of year. Commissioner Protivansky stated United Construction can do the repairs fairly soon as this time of year is slower. Mayor Doenges made a motion to approve the repairs in the amount of \$12,276.76 to be charged to vehicle maintenance line. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Magro