

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Finance Minutes
April 17, 2026

Members Present: President Allaire, Assistant Treasurer Holmquist, PA Magro, and DPW Commissioner Protivansky. Also present; Alex Arsenault and Rick Dupont from Aldrich & Elliott. Mayor Donahue arrived at 3:40pm.

President Allaire called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 3:30PM.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (04/03/2026):

President Allaire made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.

BID OPENINGS:

DPW:

Meadow Street Combined Sewer Separation

Two bids were received. Assistant Treasurer Holmquist opened the first bid from Hebert and gave it to Alex Arsenault, who then verified that the bid was complete and gave it to Assistant Treasurer Holmquist to read aloud.

Hebert:

Base Bid \$2,267,510.00

Alternate \$173,825.00

The same process was followed for a bid submitted by Belden Construction.

Belden Construction:

Base Bid \$2,411,033.80

Alternate \$136,165.00

Alex Arsenault from Aldrich & Elliott announced the apparent low bidder was Hebert and stated they would start their bid analysis.

President Allaire made a motion to refer the bids to DPW Commissioner Protivansky. Motion passed.

Sewer Cleaning and Inspection

Six (6) bids were received and opened. President Allaire made a motion to refer to DPW Commissioner Protivansky. Motion passed.

BID AWARDS:

DPW

Aggregate

Commissioner Protivansky made the following recommendations for award:

Sand – Florence Crushed stone \$11.75 Winter, \$12.75 brown, low bid with Hunter Excavating and Casella as back-up as needed.

Topsoil – Markowski low bid, \$26.00 and Belden as back-up \$27.00

Crushed Gravel – Florence Crushed Stone, Low bid \$11.75, Casella Construction back-up, \$12.50

¾ inch stone – Florence Crushed Stone, Low bid \$13.40, Casella Construction back-up, \$14.00

1 ½ stone – Florence Crushed Stone, Low Bid \$12.50, Casella Construction back-up, \$14.00

Mayor Donahue questioned whether it was fiscally responsible to drive an hour for a truckload for only a fifty cent (.50) price difference. Commissioner Protivansky stated they are conscience of the price difference and on rainy

days they are able to send multiple trucks to get the product and stockpile product, then when working on every day projects, staff consider what is the most logical and that is why awarding to multiple vendors makes the most sense to provide flexibility. Commissioner Protivansky also stated with regard to topsoil multiple vendors are needed as demand exceeds supply. President Allaire made a motion to approve the aggregate recommendations from Commissioner Protivansky as presented. Motion passed.

Bituminous Mix Picked-Up

Commissioner Protivansky stated Wilk Paving was high bid at \$79.50 for 3/8inch paving mix, however, the low bid, Fuller at \$78.00, is in Danby and not always convenient. Commissioner Protivansky stated he recommends awarding to both for flexibility and if one plant breaks down there is a back-up vendor. President Allaire made a motion to approve Wilk paving for the bituminous mix with Fuller as a back-up. Motion passed.

Cold Patch

Commissioner Protivansky made a recommendation to award the bid to the only bidder, Wilk Paving, in the amount of \$145.00 per ton picked up. President Allaire made a motion to approve. Motion passed.

Detectable Warning Devices

Commissioner Protivansky stated three sizers were put out to bid but only the 24 x 24 size is used; Ferguson was the low bid. Commissioner Protivansky requested the bid be awarded to Ferguson with FW Webb as back-up in case Ferguson runs out of inventory. President Allaire made a motion to approve Ferguson with FW Webb as back-up for detectable warning devices. Motion passed.

Ready Mix Concrete

Commissioner Protivansky made a recommendation to award the bid to the only bidder, JP Carrara. President Allaire made a motion to award to JP Carrara. Motion passed.

Excavator Rental

Commissioner Protivansky made a recommendation to award the excavator rental for hourly (\$80.00), daily (\$600.00), and weekly (\$2,400.00) with a drop off and pick up fee of \$250.00 to Belden and the monthly rental to Sun Belt (\$4,350.00). President Allaire made a motion to approve the recommendation. Motion passed.

HDPE Storm Pipe

Commissioner Protivansky stated Ferguson and FW Webb were the same price and requested the bid be awarded to both vendors. Assistant Treasurer Holmquist stated FW Webb provides a 2% discount on all invoices. Commissioner Protivansky recommended awarding to FW Webb primarily and using Ferguson as back up. President Allaire made a motion to approve the HDPE storm pipe to FW Webb and Ferguson as needed. Motion passed.

Manhole Frames & Covers/Catch Basin Frames & Grates

Commissioner Protivansky stated Ferguson was low bid on all items except 24 x 8 size. President Allaire made a motion to award Ferguson the manhole frames and covers and catch basin frames and grates with the exception of the 24 x 8 size which will be awarded for FW Webb. Motion passed.

On-Site Sewer Main Root Treatment

Commissioner Protivansky made a recommendation to award to Duke's Root control, the only bid. President Allaire made a motion to award to Duke's Root Control. Motion passed.

PVC Sewer Pipe

Commissioner Protivansky recommended awarding the bid to FW Webb with Ferguson as back-up. President Allaire made a motion to approve FW Webb with Ferguson as back-up. Motion passed.

Round manhole/Catch Basin Structures

Commissioner Protivansky stated only one bid was received from Camp Precast. President Allaire made a motion to award the bid to Camp Precast. Motion passed.

SOLE SOURCE:

DPW

Control Panel

Commissioner Protivansky requested the approval to purchase a control panel in the amount of \$14,754.00 from Westech Engineering, Inc for a clarifier that has been rehabbed at the WWTP. Commissioner Protivansky stated as part of the project, all new electrical was installed and a new control panel will finish the project. President Allaire made a motion to approve the purchase of the control panel from Westech Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$14,754.00 to be charged to WWTP machinery and equipment. Motion passed.

Methane Boilers

Commissioner Protivansky requested authorization to have Trojan Energy Systems clean and tune two (2) methane boilers at the WWTP as planned maintenance. Commissioner Protivansky stated the cost of the cleaning is \$10,884.00 and will be charged to WWTP Professional Services line 610.7.33.00.320.000. President Allaire made a motion to authorize Trojan Energy Systems to clean methane boilers at WWTP as presented by Commissioner Protivansky. Motion passed.

Landfill Water Quality Monitoring

Commissioner Protivansky stated Otter Creek Engineering services has provided the testing and reporting out of the water quality at the landfill for the past few years. Commissioner Protivansky stated they will be completing the water quality testing and reporting again this year for a cost of \$5,014.00 to be charged to the Landfill Closure Testing line 100.7.30.10.320.000. Information only. No action taken.

Meeting Time

Mayor Donahue and President Allaire discussed changing the meeting time to a more convenient day and time. Both members agreed the best time to meet for future Board of Finance meetings and Board of Highway will be the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesday of the month, 4:30PM, starting in June. President Allaire made a motion to change the meeting time to the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesday of the month beginning June 5, 2026. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Magro