Howard T. Phillips, Jr.
Chairman
Gerard M. Damiani, Jr.
Executive Director
Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Haverstraw Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Chairman Phillips, Vice-Chairman Specht, Treasurer Soskin, Deputy Treasurer Kohut

Committee Members Absent: Vice-Chairman Hoehmann, Commissioner Hofstein

Staff Present: Gerard Damiani, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Ken Murphy

Director of Finance Goldstein stated the proposed 2027 budget includes an approximate $0.41 decrease per household under the 2026 budget which is a 21% decrease. The ad valorem is decreasing by $0.33. The user fee is decreasing by $0.08.

The total budget for revenue and expenses is $96,467,516 which is up $6.4 million or 7% over the 2026 budget. But, almost all of the expense increases are offset by corresponding revenues as per some of the village pickups. The user fees the taxpayers pay went down.

The ad valorem is based on the assessed values provided by the towns.

Greenwaste unit charges are going down from $42.23 in the 2026 budget to $41.18 for the 2027 budget.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility unit charge is decreasing from $13.19 in the 2026 budget to $12.34 for the 2027 budget.

Transfer Station unit charge in the projected budget is decreasing from $31.02 in the 2026 budget to $29.29 for the 2027 budget. The last time the commercial tip fee was raised was in 2023. The tip fee for Orange County in 2026 is $135 a ton, Sullivan County is $137 a ton, Ulster County is $150 including the fuel and Westchester County into the burn plant is $165 a ton.

Material Recovery Facility unit charge is increasing slightly from $32.17 in the 2026 budget to $33.18 for the 2027 budget because of contractual pricing increases.

Cocomposting Facility unit charges are decreasing from $16.31 in the 2026 budget to $16.29 in the 2027 budget.

Animal Management is increasing from $2.3 million in 2026 to $2.6 million in 2027.

Fees for Services will increase on the proposed rate schedule for the commercial tip fee and for the concrete and asphalt tip fee.

Village and Garbage Units show increases because of new contracts.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Haggerty
Clerk to the Board
Rockland Green