

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Monaghan

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3. Roll call by clerk. There is a quorum.

**Present**

**Chairman Phillips**  
**Commissioner Jobson**  
**Commissioner Kohut**  
**Commissioner Monaghan**  
**Commissioner Moroney**

**Present**

**Commissioner Paul**  
**Commissioner Powers**  
**Commissioner Soskin**  
**Commissioner Tursi**

**Absent**

**Commissioner Hoehmann**  
**Commissioner Hofstein**  
**Commissioner Hood**  
**Commissioner Kenny**  
**Commissioner Malowitz**  
**Commissioner Sheridan**  
**Commissioner Specht**  
**Commissioner Wieder**

**Staff**

Jerry Damiani, Izzy Eisenbach, Noreen Gelok, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Dee Louis, Ken Murphy

**Others**

Stephanie Kosmos

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4. **Introduced by: Monaghan/Jobson                      Unan.                      November 21, 2024**

**RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2024**  
**ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2024**

**RESOLVED**, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the October 29, 2024, as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

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5. Introduced by: Moroney/Kohut

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2024**  
**APPROVING EXTENSION OF CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR SHORT-TERM**  
**OPERATION OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER**

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green, also known as the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority, is a Public Benefit Corporation duly organized and existing under the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Act (the “Act”), as set forth under Title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act was amended pursuant to Chapter 553 of the laws of 2022 to empower Rockland Green to provide animal management services within the County of Rockland (the “County”) including the provision of animal shelter and shelter operations; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2023, pursuant to Resolution 57 of 2023, Rockland Green entered into the Consulting Agreement for Animal Shelter Management and Operation Services with Four Legs Good, Inc. (the “Agreement”) for the short term operation of the animal shelter located at 65 Firemen’s Memorial Drive, Pomona, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2023, the Agreement was amended pursuant to Resolution 78 of 2023 to extend its term through December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement, as amended, is set to expire on December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green and Four Legs Good wish to further amend the Agreement to extend its term through December 31, 2025, and thereafter on a month-to-month basis to the extent requested by Rockland Green; and

**WHEREAS**, payment for such services provided by Four Legs Good will continue to be provided on a pass-through basis with no mark-up, payable by Rockland Green; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Rockland Green hereby authorizes an extension of the Agreement with Four Legs Good through December 31, 2025 and thereafter on a month-to-month basis to the extent required by Rockland Green, for the pricing stated herein; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director of Rockland Green is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Agreement and that such amendment shall be consistent with the form presented at this meeting in substantially final form with such amendments, modifications, changes and omissions thereto as the Executive Director of Rockland Green may negotiate and approve as in the best interests of Rockland Green and not inconsistent with the terms of this resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the executed amendment shall constitute conclusive evidence of the valid authorization hereunder of any such amendment, modification, change or omission; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to do and cause to be done any and all acts necessary or proper in connection with or for carrying out this resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that such amendment shall not be binding and valid until executed by the parties.

**Pillips:** Mr. Executive Director, would you like to mention what this resolution is?

**Damiani:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. The current agreement for Four Legs Good expires December 31, 2024. Rockland Green will need to extend the consulting agreement through 2025 and month to month thereafter as we continue to move forward with our planned improvements for the new Rockland Green Center for Animal Rescue and Educational Services.

**Powers:** In the past on this agreement, I recused myself due to the fact that at one point, one of the main employees of this consulting firm sued the County and discussed an incident concerning me. However, if I recuse myself, I don't believe we will have enough votes to pass since I am the ninth person here. I will vote in favor of it. I just want the record to reflect that in the past I voted no.

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6. Introduced by: Paul/Tursi

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2024  
AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE  
2026 FREIGHTLINER 114SD PLUS 6X4 AND PUSHER ROLL OFFS**

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green's Procurement Policy allows for the procurement of goods and services through cooperative purchasing, commonly referred to as "piggybacking," based on competitive processes undertaken by other municipal subdivisions and public entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green is requesting to "piggyback" on Onondaga County's Bid #10914 Contract #5454 from New York Freightliner; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green wishes to purchase 2026 Freightliner 114SD Plus 6x4 and a Vasso Waste System 75,000lb Capacity Roll Off Hoist for the agreed upon amount of \$240,385.25; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, Rockland Green is hereby authorized to purchase two 2026 Freightliner 114SD Plus 6x4 and a Vasso Waste System 75,000lb Capacity Roll Off Hoist for the not to exceed total amount of \$480,770.50.

Funding Source:       Unrestricted Funds

**Phillips:** Mr. Executive Director, tell us why we need this piece of equipment.

**Damiani:** Rockland Green is looking for approval to purchase two roll-offs trucks as described within the resolution. Each unit is equipped with 75,000 capacity hoist priced at \$240,835.25. One unit will replace an existing roll-off truck currently leased at the Town of Stony Point since 2009. The second unit will be utilized by Rockland Green to transport and dispose of market solid waste, crushed glass and side streams currently consolidated and generated from Rockland County Sewer District #1. Total cost not to exceed \$480,770.50.

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7. Introduced by: **Moroney/Soskin**

**Unan.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2024  
AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE  
TRANSFER SWITCH-ELECTRONIC CONTROL 1200A  
FOR THE RG CARES ANIMAL SHELTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority a/k/a Rockland Green's Procurement Policy allows for the procurement of goods and services through cooperative purchasing, commonly referred to as "piggybacking," based on competitive processes undertaken by other municipal subdivisions and public entities; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green has decided to "piggyback" on Sourcewell # 131461; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green agrees to purchase a Diesel Genset C70D2RE; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, Rockland Green is hereby authorized to purchase the Diesel Genset C70D2RE from Cummins (Sourcewell ID# 092222-CMM) for the amount not to exceed \$106,920.00.

Funding Source:      Unrestricted Funds

**Phillips:** Mr. Executive Director give us a brief explanation.

**Damiani:** Rockland Green through this resolution is seeking authorization to purchase a 300kW Genset with automatic transfer switch to provide emergency backup power in conjunction with our plan improvements to the new RGCARES Animal Shelter. The cost of the Genset and the automatic transfer switch under Sourcewell discounted price at a cost not to exceed \$142,110.00.

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**8. Introduced by: Powers/Jobson****Unan.****November 21, 2024**

**RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2024  
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF COLONNELLI BROTHERS  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (RFP 2024-02)  
FOR WEST NYACK CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 34 of 2024, the Rockland Green Board authorized award of contract pursuant to Request for Proposal 2024-02 to Colonnelli Brothers Inc. for the West Nyack Culvert replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green and Colonnelli Brothers Inc. entered into a contract dated July 1, 2024 for those services in an amount not to exceed \$293,475.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonnelli Brothers Inc. has requested Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$15,164.55, to perform additional and necessary work to raise culvert; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green's Engineer, Environmental Design & Research ("EDR"), documented the proposed Change Order No. 1, and noted that it conforms to the additional work requested and credit applied; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority hereby approves Colonnelli Brothers Inc., Change Order No. 1 for the West Nyack culvert replacement of \$15,164.55.

**Phillips:** Mr. Executive Director, give us a brief explanation.

**Damiani:** Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$15,164.55 was required as a design elevation that was identified in the field were lower than the existing stream bed once dredging and clearing activities were completed. To meet the design criteria, Colonnelli was required to raise the culvert by eighteen inches increasing the contract amount to \$308,639.55.

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9. Introduced by: Monaghan/Paul

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**RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2024  
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF COLONNELLI BROTHERS  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (RFP 2024-02)  
FOR WEST NYACK CULVERT REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 34 of 2024, the Rockland Green Board authorized award of contract pursuant to Request for Proposal 2024-02 to Colonnelli Brothers Inc. for the West Nyack Culvert replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green and Colonnelli Brothers Inc. entered into a contract dated July 1, 2024 for those services in an amount not to exceed \$293,475.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green approved Colonnelli Brothers Inc., Change Order No. 1 for the West Nyack culvert replacement of \$15,164.55

**WHEREAS**, Colonnelli Brothers Inc. has requested Change Order No. 2, in the amount of (\$17,500.00), for reconciliation of final quantities and associated costs for unit price items; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's Engineer, Environmental Design & Research ("EDR"), documented the proposed Change Order, and noted that it conforms to the additional work requested and credit applied; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority hereby approves Colonnelli Brothers Inc., Change Order No. 2 for the West Nyack culvert replacement (RFP 2024-02) of (\$17,500.00).

**Phillips:** Mr. Executive Director, will you explain this change order.

**Damiani:** Change Order No. 2 is a credit in the amount of \$17,500.00 to account for a reconciliation of unit price quantities related to stockpile soil removal and disposal not required under the culvert improvement project. The change order decreases the final contract amount to \$291,139.55.

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10. Introduced by: RG Board/RG Board

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**RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2024  
REAPPOINT LABORER TO ROCKLAND GREEN  
ANNUAL SALARY \$49,712.00**

**WHEREAS**, Rockland Green has determined that it needs to fill the position of Laborer; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Cabrera has sought the position, and appears to be qualified; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, Daniel Cabrera is hereby provisionally rehired to the position of Laborer to serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the Rockland Green Board, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the compensation for such services beginning on or about January 29, 2025, shall be the sum of \$49,712.00 annually; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Laborer shall perform a minimum of forty (40) hours of services per week and subject to a term of probation of twenty-six (26) weeks, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to provide a compensation package comparable to that offered to other similarly employed Rockland Green employees and to take all such steps necessary to implement same.

Funding Source: Salaries

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11. New Business

**Phillips:** Mr. Executive Director, is there any new business?

**Damiani:** Yes, a resolution to permanently appoint Lawrence Garvey who is reachable under the certification of eligibility list from the Department of Personnel. Lawrence Garvey has been provisionally appointed to Rockland Green as Deputy Counsel and we are looking forward to permanently appointing Lawrence.

Introduced by: RG Board/RG Board

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**RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2024  
PERMANENT APPOINTMENT  
OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY TO ROCKLAND GREEN**

**WHEREAS**, On August 31, 2021, by Resolution No. 61 of 2021, Lawrence Garvey was provisionally appointed as Assistant Attorney to Rockland Green; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Rockland Green to permanently appoint Lawrence Garvey, to the position of Assistant Attorney; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Rockland Green hereby appoints Lawrence A. Garvey as Assistant Attorney to Rockland Green effective November 21, 2024, with a salary to remain the same; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be sent to the Rockland County Department of Personnel in order to effectuate the appointment.

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**Phillips:** Anything else, Mr. Executive Director?

**Damiani:** I just want to inform the Board, this Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Rockland Green will be hosting a Repair Café at the Pearl River United Methodist Church located at 130 Franklin Ave. in Pearl River.

Also, as the Board is aware, operations have commenced with the 2024 leaf composting program on October 21<sup>st</sup> of this year and will run through December 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. To date we have accepted over 4,407 truckloads of leaves and have processed over 5,436 tons of leaves generated within Rockland County.

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## 12. Commissioner's Comments

No comments offered.

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## 13. Public Comment

No public comment offered

**Phillips:** We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. Since there are no public comments, do we have a motion to adjourn?

**Paul:** Moved

**Powers:** Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Suzanne Haggerty