Howard T. Phillips, Jr.
Chairman

Gerard M. Damiani, Jr.
Executive Director
Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Stamm

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3. Board Members Present: Chairman Phillips, Vice-Chairman Hoehmann, Vice-Chairman Specht, Treasurer Soskin, Deputy Treasurer Kohut, Commissioner Hopstein, Commissioner Kenny, Commissioner Malowitz, Commissioner Paul, Commissioner Powers, Commissioner Sheridan, Commissioner Stamm, Commissioner Tursi

Absent: Commissioner Hofstein, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jobson, Secretary Moroney

Staff
Jeremy Apotheker, Gerard Damiani, Noreen Gelok, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Ken Murphy

Others
Eben Ackerley, Stephanie Kosmos, Teno West

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4. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Specht **Unan.** **October 22, 2026**

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2026
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER, 2026

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for September 22, 2026, as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

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5. Chairman Phillips opened the public hearing to fix and determine the rates, rentals, fees and other charges for the use or availability of facilities and services of Rockland Green for the year 2027.

6. Introduced by: Kenny/Stamm Unan. October 22, 2026

Resolution No. 43 of 2026

ADOPTION OF RATES, FEES OR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OR AVAILABILITY OF THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority a/k/a Rockland Green is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under the Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, Rockland Green is authorized under Section 2053-g of the Public Authorities Law to fix and collect rates, fees and other charges for the use or availability of the Authority's facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Rockland Green to set its rates, fees or other charges for the use or availability of Rockland Green's facilities and services for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2053-g of the Public Authorities Law, Rockland Green is required to hold a public hearing at which interested persons have had an opportunity to be heard concerning its rates, fees or other charges; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on October 22, 2026, for the purpose of setting Rockland Green's rates, fees or other charges for the use or availability of its facilities and services for the year 2027; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland Green Board hereby adopts the rates, fees or other charges for the use or availability of Rockland Green's facilities and services for the year 2027, attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the levying and collection of such rates, fees or other charges for the use or availability of the Rockland Green's facilities and services for the year 2027.

Executive Director Damiani stated the proposed 2027 budget looks to achieve two increases to the rate schedule. The commercial waste rate to $139 a ton from $124 currently for both in county and out of county as well as out of state delivery of commercial solid waste. The delivery rate of concrete and asphalt from $23 a ton to $26 a ton. A canvas of the surrounding counties' current tip fees is a range of $135.15 a ton to $180 a ton for both MSW and C&D with some counties also include a fuel surcharge

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tied into the department of energy index on a monthly basis. Orange County's 2026 tip fee 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. In 2027, Orange County is increasing to $142 a ton and also charges $120 a ton for recycling and $40 to accept cardboard containers. Ulster County is increasing to $150 a ton and Sullivan are increasing to $180 a ton depending upon where the transfer station is located within Sullivan County.

Chairman Phillips commented Rockland Green is very reasonable.

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7. Introduced by: Kohut/Soskin Unan. October 22, 2026

Resolution No. 44 of 2026

SETTING THE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL RECYCLABLES REVENUE PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority a/k/a Rockland Green is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under the Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, Rockland Green owns and operates a Materials Recovery Facility ("MRF") for processing the commingled paper and commingled fiber collected from throughout Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green receives revenue from the sale of the recyclables processed at the MRF; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage Rockland municipalities to maximize their recycling rates and to defray their collection and transportation costs for these recyclables, Rockland Green wishes to share the revenue it receives from the sale of the recyclables; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rockland Green will pay to each Rockland municipality which has entered into an Intermunicipal Recyclables Management Agreement with Rockland Green the sum of $35.00 per ton for each ton of recyclable materials that such municipality delivers to Rockland Green during the Year 2027.

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8. Introduced by: Rockland Green Board Unan. October 22, 2026

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RESOLUTION No. 45 OF 2026

ADOPTION OF THE AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority a/k/a Rockland Green is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under the Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York, and,

WHEREAS, Rockland Green is authorized and empowered to plan, study, develop, construct, operate and finance solid waste management facilities pursuant to Section 2053-e of the Public Authorities Law as set forth in the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Plan; 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 an animal shelter and shelter operations; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green is authorized and empowered to fix and collect rates, fees and other charges for the use or availability of the facilities or services, and commodities provided by Rockland Green pursuant to Section 2053-g of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green, after due deliberation and duly noticed public hearing held on October 22, 2026, did review and discuss a budget setting forth the projected revenues and expenditures of Rockland Green for the fiscal year 2027; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rockland Green hereby adopts the budget for the fiscal year 2027, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

Commissioner Malowitz motioned to close the public hearing on Rockland Green's proposed 2027 budget and reopened the regular meeting and Commissioner Paul seconded.

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9. Introduced by: Powers/Sheridan Unan. October 22, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2026

AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE BUILD-OUT OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER LOCATED AT 427 BEACH ROAD IN HAVERSTRAW, NY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 61 of 2024, the Board of Rockland Green authorized award of the Contract (RFP 2024-01) for the Build-Out of a new Animal Shelter located at 427 Beach Road in Haverstraw, NY between Rockland Green and O'Connor Company of N.C., Inc. (the "Contractor"), dated as of December 10, 2024, (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, by Resolution 25 of 2025, Rockland Green approved certain modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Orders 3 and 4** for an overall price of $20,406.14; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, by Resolution 27 of 2025, Rockland Green approved certain modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Orders 2 and 5** for an overall price of $108,971.10; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, by Resolution 30 of 2025, Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Order 1 and 8**, for an overall price of price of $ $71,997.90; and

WHERERAS, on October 23, 2025, by Resolution 35 of 2025 Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Order 9, 10 and 12**, for an overall price of $23,907.58; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, by Resolution 47 of 2025 Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change order 13A and 13B**, for an overall price of $158,950.35; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, by Resolution 12 of 2026 Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change order 15**, for an overall price of $29,396.76; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2026, by Resolution 18 of 2026 Rockland Green approved modifications to the Contract in the form of **Change Orders 07, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22** and shall result in an overall increase in the contract price of $251,461.82; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2026, By Resolution 33 of 2026 Rockland Green approved modifications to the contract in the form of **Change Orders 23, 24 and 25** and shall result in an overall increase in the contract price of $42,566.45; and

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WHEREAS, on September 24, 2026 by Resolution 40 of 2026 Rockland Green approved modifications to the contract on the form of **Change Order 26** and shall result in an overall increase in the contract price of $8,018.85; and

WHEREAS, additional work needs to be done to complete installation of Expansion Joints as requested in ASI-04, and the Contractor has agreed to do the work for a proposed cost of $6,668.10, to be designated as **Change Order 29**; and

WHEREAS, additional work to add additional power for the E17 Walk in Freezer in accordance with RFI #162, and the Contractor has agreed to do the work for a proposed cost of $2,589.51, to be designated as **Change Order 30**; and

WHEREAS, additional work needs to be done to furnish and install Sally Port finishes in accordance with RFI #149, and the Contractor has agreed to do the work for a proposed cost of $16,144.80, to be designated as **Change Order 32A**; and

RESOLVED, the approval of Change Order(s) 29, 30 and 32A shall result in an overall increase in the contract price of $25,402.41, for a total amended contract amount of $15,473,413.29; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of Rockland Green is hereby authorized to negotiate with O'Connor, and, if negotiations prove successful, execute the change orders for such services are described.

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10. Introduced by: Tursi/Hopstein Unan. October 22, 2026

RESOLUTION No. 47 OF 2026

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF WHIRLWIND CREATIVE, INC.
CHANGE ORDER FOR CONTRUCTION & INSTALLATION OF IMMERSIVE THEATER
& EDUCATION EXHIBITS**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 43 of 2024, Rockland Green authorized award of a contract pursuant to Request for Proposal No. 2024-10 to Whirlwind Creative, Inc. for the construction and installation of an immersive theater with educational exhibits within the Rockland Green Administrative Building; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green and Whirlwind Creative entered into a contract dated September 26, 2024, for those services in an amount of $560,830.42; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2025, by Resolution 20 of 2025 Rockland Green approved **Change Order 1** for modifications to the Immersive Theater & Education Exhibits in an amount not to exceed $28,267.50; and

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WHEREAS, on May 14, 2026, by Resolution 26 of 2026 Rockland Green Approved **Change order 2** for modifications to the Immersive Theater & Education Exhibits in an amount not to exceed $5,685.00; and

WHEREAS, additional modifications need to be made to the exhibits for a not to exceed amount of $4,110.00, to be designated as **Change Order 3**; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the approval of Change Orders 3 shall result in an overall increase in the contract price by $4,110.00, for a total amended contract amount of $598,892.92.

Source of Funds: Unrestricted Funds

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11. New Business

Introduced by: Specht/Hoehmann **Unan.** **October 22, 2026**

RESOLUTION No. 48 OF 2026

IN FURTHERANCE OF ACKNOWLEGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF FORMATION OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, various grant opportunities are periodically made available to eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rockland Green acknowledges the benefit of applying for such grant funding opportunities and establishing the capacity to accept public donations to further its organizational objectives**.**; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, Rockland Green hereby acknowledges and authorizes the formation of a not-for-profit corporation independent of Rockland Green to function as a charitable organization in support of Rockland Green Center for Animal Rescue & Education Services, the RG C.A.R.E.S Animal Shelter; and be it further

RESOLVED, such corporation will be named Friends of RG C.A.R.E.S.; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Executive Director of Rockland Green is hereby authorized to do and cause to be done, any and all acts necessary or proper in connection with or in carrying out this resolution.

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Executive Director Damiani stated there are two weekend events. A shredding event with the Town of Clarkstown on October 24th and an adoption event Rockland Green is partnering with Bill Kolb, Jr Subaru, and the ASPCA.

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8. Commissioner Comments

Chairman Phillips expressed his appreciation for Commissioner Tursi's service to Rockland Green and the people of Rockland County and that it was a pleasure to have him on the Board.

Commissioner Tursi said thank you for the opportunity to serve. It was a pleasure and an honor to work with the Board and the County of Rockland.

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9. Public Comment

Commissioner Hoehmann motioned to open the public comment seconded by Commissioner Specht.

No public comment offered.

At 5:44 p.m. with no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Hoehmann, seconded by Commissioner Specht, and passed to close public comments and to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.
Suzanne Haggerty
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
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