

Introduced By: Stamm/Kohut

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March 26, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2026
APPROVING THE 2025 ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT

6. **Phillips:** Adopting recommendation of Audit Committee and approving 2025 Financial Statements. We will ask the auditors for their presentation.

DeLuco: I am Ann DeLuco and I am a partner from BST that is your audit firm. We went over these reports in high detail with the Audit Committee about two weeks ago. I will go over a high-level overview and conduct of the audit and the financial statements. After the meeting with the Audit Committee the Financial Statements were approved and finalized, which is the version in front of you. The audit process was completed back in February. It was extremely smooth and we got full cooperation from management, which we greatly appreciate. There also were no difficulties or disagreements that we encountered during the process. No new accounting standards that had to be adopted this year. We also found no audit adjustments as a result of our audit procedure, which is incredibly important as board members to be aware of because the information given us from Jeremy's team is accurate. It would be more concerning if we came in here and made a lot of corrections. Basically, you can rely on what you are getting from management.

It was another strong year for the Authority. Net income was \$5.7 million and last year you were at \$10.5 million. But that net income increases your fund balance or net position which is almost \$83 million. Tipping fees make up about 43% of your revenues at about \$42 million, which is slightly above what you budget for. Total tonnage was pretty reasonable. A slight decrease from the prior year. Total tons were about 357,000. The Authority kept the price per ton the same as last year. Consistent in terms of pricing and the total revenue is there. Also, your user fees and ad valorem right on budget at about \$32 million which is 34% of your total revenues. Expense wise \$87 million consistent with prior periods. The biggest expense you have is your contractual costs which is operating and management of your transfer stations, hauling and disposal of waste at the landfills at about \$37 million which is a slight increase from the prior year, but you budgeted because a lot of your contracts were renegotiated in 2025; so that was expected.

As it relates to your non-income you received several DEC grants this year that the Authority had applied for several years ago and just got approved and paid in 2025. That was over \$2 million that was received in 2025 that was spent many years ago.

Interest income \$1.7 million which does offset all of your interest expense on your debt. At this point, there is no new issuance of debt in 2025. All principal was paid, so at this point the Authority has about \$55 million in debt outstanding. Related to your debt issuances you undertook two new construction projects in 2025. The renovation of the animal shelter and the renovation of the administrative building. Both of those projects are in process right now and expected to be completed in 2026 and there was about \$8 million spent in 2025 on both of those projects.

Lastly, two significant estimates you should be aware of in the Financial Statements, your net pension liability and the OPEB liability. Those are all actuarially determined and based on potential future liabilities. The authorities determine that based on the market, interest rates and demographics, so I would like to point out that they are estimates and not actual liabilities. As I said, the Financial Statements have been finalized and are ready to be filed with the ABO. That deadline is March 31, 2026, so we meet that deadline. As Jeremy mentioned, we had one additional deliverable this year which is related to the investment report. The ABO does require that report be filed and moved by the Board and also audited by a CPA that it complies with the ABO requirements and also your internal investment policy. Overall, we just want to reiterate the appreciation we have for this team and the great effort we get to have a smooth audit.

Phillips: Any questions from the Board members. No questions offered.

Introduced by: Powers/Malowitz

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**RESOLUTION No. 21 of 2026
ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE AND APPROVING 2025
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

7. Introduced by: Specht/Hopstein

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**RESOLUTION NO. 22 of 2026
AWARD OF SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION,
TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL FOR
THE VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY, NEW YORK
RFP- 2025-06 (SV7)**

8. Phillips: Authorizing approval of change orders to the contract, for the renovations of Rockland Green's administrative headquarters. Mr. Executive Director, can you go over these change orders?

Damiani: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are seven change orders increasing the contract price by \$44,782.18. PC08R2 in the amount of \$36,451.05 due to the discovery of the existing first floor bathrooms and mechanical waste lines were compromised. Required the contractor to remove and replace the existing toilet seals and under slab piping and vent piping. Additionally, Rockland Green swapped out the first floor drain for a mop sink and faucet to be installed within the mechanical room and a bottle fill station within the first-floor lobby.

PC09R1 in the amount of \$3,400.99 was required to provide additional data and power circuits within the new conference room.

PC011 is a credit in the amount of \$7,150 as we were able to recycle and recover the existing oak wood solid doors.

PC012 in the amount of \$1,564.71 was necessary due to multiple conflicts within the theater room with the duct penetration, We need to extend the duct penetration by 22 feet.

PC013 in the amount of \$4,295.99 for additional circuit to supply power to six VRF branch boxes originally VAC manufacture could not meet Rockland Green's schedule. The contractor was authorized to secure the required units manufactured by Trane.

PC014 in the amount of \$4,703.88 for additional data and power outlets outside the Southwest conference room wall to provide a workstation.

PC015 in the amount of \$1,515.56 was required to provide supply to motorize a conveyer within the exhibit space. The original design called for a hand crank conveyer. The theater designer Whirl Wind Creative was able to supply us with a motorized conveyer. Overall increase to the contract amount \$44,782.18.

Phillips: Any completion date for the administrative building?

Damiani: End of June.

Introduced by: Kohut/Hood

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2026
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO
THE CONTRACT FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF ROCKLAND GREEN
ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

9. New Business

Philips: Under new business, Mr. Executive Director.

Damiani: Important dates on the horizon and numerical data. April 1st is our monthly TNVR initiative in addressing Rockland County's feral cat population. Since the initiative we have sterilized over 1,859 feral cats along with preventing the birth of over 34,000 kittens. April 11th Rockland Green is hosting in conjunction with the Town of Orangetown a paper shredding event located at 26 Orangeburg Road from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Rockland Green's Household Hazardous Waste Facility will accept hazardous waste and controlled substances from residents on Sunday, April 12th 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. located at 35 Firemen's Memorial Drive in Pomona.

Numerical data in 2025 Rockland Green accepted and processed over 507,000 tons of acceptable waste at its' facilities.

Phillips: Which otherwise would have gone into landfills.

Damiani: In 2023 the Board authorized entering into a direct contract with Paint Care. Since 2023 we have saved Rockland residents the cost of managing our paint of over \$184,000.

Shelter inventory as of March 25th we have 235 animals in our care and custody, 139 felines, 70 canines, and 26 exotics. Those exotics include guinea pigs, rabbits and a ferret.

Phillips: Are there any questions about the renovations on our offices or the shelter for the Executive Director?

19. Commissioner Comments

Phillips: Do any of the Commissioners have any comments?

No questions or comments offered.

20. Public Comment

Phillips: Is there anyone from the public that would like to bring any comments before us?

Gueits: My name is Nixie Gueits I am the President of Four Legs Good. What we knew was going to happen regarding the van that was attending the street fairs happened. We are starting to get these animals back at the shelter. I have the paperwork for one of the animals here. It is an eight-month-old pit bull and the last thing we need are more pit bulls at the shelter. We ask the Town Supervisors, and everyone involved, to not allow these outside puppy flippers, because that is what they are, to come into our towns where there are no adoption requirements from these vans. All you need is a driver's license and when we had someone visit the van at the Nanuet Street Fair their adoption fee was \$1,000. I have the paperwork from that organization.

Phillips: Regurgitate to us again why this is important.

Gueits: This for example was a puppy that came from Oklahoma. That organization in Oklahoma was responsible. However, this was a sick puppy. It had multiple upper respiratory infections, and it had kennel cough. In between all these illnesses, it was vaccinated three times given four different antibiotics. It was given an intranasal kennel cough medication in the space of six weeks. Then the dog was shipped from Oklahoma and adopted ten days later at the Nanuet Street Fair. What happens is you are dealing with sick animals, and you are already dealing with impulse adoptions. Pit bulls are a notoriously difficult breed to adopt out at the shelter. Just because they have a bad reputation. When these animals make it to the shelter, they are difficult to adopt. However, the problem is that pet dealers because that is what this organization was. A lot of pet dealers have changed their paperwork so that they now become for profit rescues. They are not rescues. This organization put zero money into this

puppy. The organization that gave the puppy to this van visitor to the street fair, they put no money into these animals. We, on the other hand, the taxpayers of Rockland now have to neuter this puppy and microchip it and now have to care for an animal that in my opinion was an impulse adoption. It arrived very frightened and it is going to need a lot of training, and we hope to do the best that we can for this puppy. But the burden now becomes a tax-payer burden.

Phillips: That is the point.

Gueits: Exactly, It becomes our burden. The only way to address this is to stop these outside puppy flippers and these sales and on-line sales of puppies, pet dealers like pet shops that have changed their paperwork so that they can adopt, and it is happening here in Rockland. They are adopting out in parking lots and adopting out at street fairs because they can no longer sell puppies, kittens, guinea pigs, or rabbits in their stores.

Phillips: I am unaware of anything like that going on in the Town of Haverstraw. I don't think there is anything going on in the Village of Haverstraw. Commissioner Stamm are you aware of anything?

Stamm: I am not aware of anything in Stony Point.

Phillips: We seemed to have isolated it to this one street fair. That is not to say we don't need legislation county wide; we do. That is going to be forthcoming. The County Attorney's office is working with the County Legislators.

Powers: We had an initial meeting a couple of months ago and we had some conversations after. Unfortunately, the county Attorney has been busy with stuff related to licensing of professionals in the County recently. However, hopefully it will end by next week. The County Attorney himself is planning to be involved, and he can free up some time along with Ken Murphy and Lawrence Garvey and myself.

Murphy: The County Attorney reached out to me, so it is a matter of coordination between our office and them.

Powers: I think after next week we will be able to get everyone together.

Phillips: The good thing is we are working on it, the County Attorney is working on it, and we are all in favor of this. I don't think any Commissioners are opposed to this.

Kohut: I believe Commissioner Hoehmann was going to speak with the Nanuet Chamber about not letting them at the street fair.

Gueits: That is the first step and that is what we are asking for here for everyone's support and their help to keep these vendors out because that is what they are still selling puppies and they can disguise it anyway they want. Those that are supporting it think that this is a feel-good choice and to give the consumer what they want. It is an irresponsible and ignorant view of what is happening all over the nation with this out-of-control animal population. Because the USDA has now changed, they don't regulate commercial breeding facilities. You have all these breeding facilities selling these puppies online and to these puppy flippers that come into our neighborhoods and now it has become a problem with Agriculture and Markets. For the USDA to say no more regulations of these breeding which can have thousands of dogs, but it still becomes our problem and our burden at the end of the day. Who

wants the new shelter to already be overcrowded just like what is happening in the City. They are building shelters for \$92 million, and they are already overcrowded a few months in. We don't want that here and that is the way to keep these animals out by stopping any backyard breeders. We just had somebody else come to the shelter a few months ago with four or five goldens and they are breeding them. What happens is these animals age out then they don't want them and they turn over and come to the shelter with four or five animals at a time. We had that pit bull situation the year before with nine animals in one day.

Phillips: We want to help. Trust me, we are going down the path. We all understand the wheels of government move slowly.

Gueits: I know and I appreciate it. But, without the Commissioners knowing about the problem that is going on in their towns, it is happening. With the New Standards of Care Act, some of the smaller very reputable rescues, Heaven Can wait is one of them. We work with them all the time. A cute fuzzy little dog comes in we have a great resource because they are wonderful with placement of these animals. These animals don't belong in the shelter. But the new requirements now have a lot of reputable little rescues stepping back. Where are these little dogs going to go? Puppy flippers are in some of the towns and I can tell you privately if you would like.

Phillips: I would appreciate it if you let every Supervisor know.

Gueits: I will be happy to do that.

Phillips: I think with the County Attorney on this we will get the results that you want.

Gueits: Thank you. I think it is a result that everyone here wants. We want responsible animal management. But we don't want an overcrowded situation that we know is happening and the back yard breeder ban. In Philadelphia they have a three-year moratorium. You can't even breed a dog. You can't even have an online sales ad without a kennel number. Those are the requirements and it is stopping or at least curtailing the activity of this overcrowding at animal shelters. You can't sanction your way out of it; you can't adopt your way out of it; you can't foster your way out of it; and you can't transfer your way out of it. We have to attack this at the core problem and that is back yard breeders and puppy flippers. Thank you everyone.

Phillips: Is there anyone else in the public that would like to speak? There are no more public comments being offered. Wish everyone a blessed and holy Passover and Easter. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Specht: Moved

Kenny: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty