

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Monaghan

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

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Kenny
Commissioner Kohut
Commissioner Monaghan

Present

Commissioner Powers
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht
Commissioner Yeger

Absent

Commissioner Hofstein
Commissioner Hood
Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Lynn
Commissioner McGowan
Commissioner Moroney
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Wieder

Staff

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

Others

Teno West

4. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Kenny Unan. October 28, 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2021
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting September 30, 2021 as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

5. Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority d/b/a Rockland Green will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., at the Legislative Chambers, Allison-Parris Office Building, 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, New York 10956, to fix and determine the rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the availability and use of the facilities and services of Rockland Green for 2022. At such time and place, all interested persons shall be given full opportunity to participate and be heard concerning such rates, rentals, fees or other charges. Rockland Green will hold its regular meeting at the same place and time, at which time other matters shall be considered including Rockland Green's 2022 budget. Copies of the agenda can be obtained from Rockland Green's website at rocklandgreen.com.

Phillips: Do we have proof of publication?

Haggerty: Yes, it was published on October 13, 2021 in the Journal News.

Phillips: We will open the public hearing and our Executive Director will give us a brief summary of what the charges are.

Damiani: The purpose of the public hearing is to adopt the increased tip fee for C&D to \$108 a ton and to increase the tip fee for concrete and asphalt to \$23 a ton to stay consistent with contract obligations with the operator as well as to stay competitive within Region 3.

Phillips: We will go out to the public and ask is there anyone in the public that would like to comment on the rates? Let the record note that no public comment was offered. Motion to close the public hearing?

Hoehmann: Moved

Kohut: Seconded

6. **Introduced by: Powers/Spocht**

Unan.

October 28, 2021

Resolution No. 72 of 2021

ADOPTION OF RATES, RENTALS, FEES OR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OR AVAILABILITY OF THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority d/b/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, rentals, 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, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of Rockland Green's facilities and services for the year 2022; 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, rentals, fees or other charges; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on October 28, 2021, for the purpose of setting Rockland Green's rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of its facilities and services for the year 2022; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland Green Board hereby adopts the rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of Rockland Green's facilities and services for the year 2022, 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, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of the Rockland Green's facilities and services for the year 2022.

Damiani: The rate sheet identifies all tip fees associated with our facilities regarding the public hearing tonight is for in-county commercial and out-of-county out-of-state MSW and C&D to \$108 a ton. The concrete crushing and asphalt facility to \$23 a ton for an increase of \$3 a ton.

Yeger: What percentage is that of the total and I am assuming there will be some anticipated cost to us due to inflation over the next year?

Damiani: What it costs us right now is \$98 for one ton of garbage out of our transfer station. We don't plan to increase the municipal tip fee for municipalities until 2024 at a minimum of \$99 a ton to make up the difference it is costing us to dispose of 1 ton of garbage.

Phillips: We will note that we still remain very competitive with commercial rates.

Damiani: When we canvassed the surrounding transfer stations in the NYS DEC Region 3, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange and Westchester Counties, the range was anywhere from \$99 a ton to \$180 a ton. Orange County is charging \$113 a ton for MSW and C&D and they are charging \$40 a ton for cardboard.

Yeger: The question is, should we raise it a little bit more just to offset whatever is needed?

Phillips: I think that the consensus was when we debated this, it was decided not to increase at any one time too much under commercial. Because then you have to go back to the businesses in our Towns and tell them you have to raise them. They also expressed concern that when we do increase, we increase in steps.

Damiani: We increased the tip fee in 2020 and received feedback from the haulers as to why didn't we increase before. So last year we decided not to increase, not even by \$1 because of COVID but, this year contractually, we need to increase.

Yeger: Are we getting any out-of-county deliveries based on our competitive rates?

Damiani: Yes, we still get a lot of tonnage from Westchester and their range is anywhere from \$94 to \$180 a ton depending upon which facility you go to.

Yeger: It is worth paying the toll.

Damiani: Yes.

7. Introduced by: Yeger/Soskin

Unan.

October 28, 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2021
SETTING THE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL RECYCLABLES REVENUE PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority d/b/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 2022.

Damiani: Currently, all towns and villages in Rockland County get \$35 a ton for all fiber delivered to the Materials Recovery Facility.

Phillips: And we are keeping it at the \$35 payment until 2024?

Damiani: Yes in 2024 the tip fee for MSW will be at a minimum of \$99 a ton. Each year we inform the municipalities in January.

Phillips: That is what I wanted to know that you have been informing them.

Monaghan: In 2024 is when that is going up?

Damiani: Correct. We canvassed all the municipalities to see when their contracts expire, and they expire just prior to 2024. Any haulers coming in with municipal waste through contract will pay a tip fee of \$99.

8. **Introduced by: RG Board/RG Board Unan. October 28, 2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2021

**ADOPTION OF THE AUTHORITY BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority d/b/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, Rockland Green is authorized and empowered to fix and collect rates, rentals, fees and other charges for the use or availability of the facilities or services, and commodities provided by the Authority 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 28, 2021, did review and discuss a budget setting forth the projected revenues and expenditures of Rockland Green for the fiscal year 2022; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rockland Green hereby adopts the budget for the fiscal year 2022, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

Phillips: I want to recognize Jeremy and Jerry because they worked very hard on this budget. They have been in touch with the Budget Committee and we met and went over the budget. We are trying to provide the services at the leanest price that we possibly can. We have to go up where we are required to otherwise we would be taking a deficit and I have to praise and compliment all the Commissioners because the operations have been running extremely well. I am really satisfied with the Household Hazardous Waste program that we offer it has worked so well. People are very happy that electronics are being recycled and not going into the waste stream. Is there anyone that wants to object to the budget?

9. **Introduced by: Hoehmann/Powers**

Unan.

October 28, 2021

Resolution No. 75 of 2021

**ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT AUTO MECHANIC
TO ROCKLAND GREEN**

WHEREAS; Michael d'Elia has been employed since 2009 by Rockland Green as an Assistant Auto Mechanic; and

WHEREAS; Michael d'Elia has tendered his resignation for the position of Assistant Auto Mechanic for Rockland Green, therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED; the resignation of Michael d'Elia as designated Assistant Auto Mechanic of Rockland Green is hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED; the Executive Director is hereby authorized to sign and file all necessary forms, returns and documents as may be required statutorily in connection with the above matter and to take all such actions and do all such things from time to time in this regard.

Damiani: Michael d'Elia was an employee that we acquired through the Clarkstown acquisition. He has been with us for a number of years and has decided to move on.

Phillips: Please express our great gratitude and appreciation for a job well done.

10. New Business

Phillips: Executive Director do we have any new business?

Damiani: I just want to inform the Board that we broke ground at the MRF. Our contractor Butler Construction is aggressively demolishing the environmental walls, tip floor and concrete bunkers.

Phillips: We would like to get as many Commissioner at the ground breaking ceremony. Do we have any comments from the Commissioners?

Hoehmann: Yes, Mr. Chairman I want to thank the Executive Director and the staff with the work they have done at French Farms. It looks beautiful and wherever there have been issues Izzy and the staff have been able to mitigate the issue and they really have been doing a great job at French Farms.

Phillips: Do we have any public comments? Since there is no public comment, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Hoehmann: Moved

Specht: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty