

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:22 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Malowitz

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

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hofstein (via phone)
Commissioner Hopstein
Commissioner Kohut
Commissioner Moroney
Commissioner Malowitz

Present

Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Powers
Commissioner Sheridan
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht
Commissioner Tursi

Absent

Commissioner Hood
Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Kenny
Commissioner Monaghan

Staff

Jeremy Apotheker, Jerry Damiani, Yisroel Eisenberg, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Ken Murphy, Harrison Peck

Others

Lee Apotheker, Stephanie Kosmos, Steve Torres, Teno West

4. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Specht

Unan.

October 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2025
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
July 24, 2025

- 5. Public Hearing:** To fix and determine the rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of facilities and services of Rockland Green for the year 2026.

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, did we have a notice of public hearing that went out to the press?

Damiani: Yes.

Phillips: Would you like to turn this over to the Director of Finance?

Damiani: Yes.

Goldstein: On a very high level we presented the budget last week to the Budget Committee. The 2026 budget includes revenue and expenses lines at \$90,092,841. It includes a \$1,600,000 or 1.8% over last year's budget. Of note, the amounts that are levied to the taxpayers are flat year over year. The average Rockland taxpayer will see essentially no change to their Rockland Green charges. That is because we have some other charges that are increasing and decreasing offsetting on some of the tip fees and some of the revenue depending on expenses we have other than tax lines. I think it is a pretty tight budget. We made a lot of improvements to a lot of our facilities in order to be able to be a little less conservative on some of our assumptions in order to keep that in line with a flat number to the taxpayer.

Phillips: Well, I think the taxpayer is going to be happy knowing that we are coming in flat for the fiscal year 2026. Before we go out to the public, do any of the commissioners have any questions for the Director of Finance?

No questions offered.

Phillips: Let's go out to the public, would anyone like to speak regarding the public hearing on the 2026 Rockland Green budget?

Hoehmann: Mr. Chairman, there being none can I offer a motion to close the public hearing?

Phillips: Motion to close the public hearing?

Hoehmann: Moved

Kohut: Seconded

- 6. Phillips:** Adoption of rates, fees or other charges for the use or availability of the facilities and services of the Authority for the year fiscal year 2026. Mr. Executive Director, do you have any comments you would like to make on this?

Damiani: There are no adjustments to the fee schedule.

Phillips: Commissioners, are there any questions on the resolution before you?

No questions offered.

Introduced by: Moroney/Soskin

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2025
ADOPTION OF RATES, FEES OR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OR
AVAILABILITY OF THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF
THE AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2026**

7. **Phillips:** Setting the rate for municipal recyclables revenue payments for the year 2026. Mr. Executive Director, do you have any comments on this resolution?

Damiani: The municipal rebate that we provide payment to the participating municipalities is \$35 a ton for every ton of recyclables delivered to the Materials Recovery Facility.

Phillips: Commissioners, are there any comments or questions regarding this resolution?

No comments offered.

Introduced by: Paul/Malowitz

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2025
SETTING THE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL RECYCLABLES REVENUE PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

8. **Phillips:** Adoption of the Authority budget for the fiscal year 2026.

Introduced by: Powers/Sheridan

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**RESOLUTION No. 34 OF 2025
ADOPTION OF THE AUTHORITY BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026**

9. **Phillips:** Authorizing approval of change orders to the contract for the build-out of a new animal shelter located at 427 Beach Road in Haverstraw. Mr. Executive Director, can you discuss the change orders that are being proposed?

Damiani: Thank you Mr. Chairman. For the Board's consideration this evening I have three change orders for approval. Change Order 9 in the amount of \$10,964 associated with encasing the existing

fire and water mains into concrete and raise the existing storm pipe elevation and relocation of a structural invert to a new elevation. Change Order 10 in the amount of \$1,942.11 to fabricate and install six additional lintels welded to the existing C channels to all of the Southern overhead doors. Change Order 12 in the amount of \$11,001.37 to fabricate and install a 6" backwater valve on a new 6" lateral pipe installed in a 48" concrete vault and additional core drilling and shaping of the bench walls within the local sewer authority's catch basin. Total amended contract price is \$15,000,182.80.

Introduced by: Specht/Tursi

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2025
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**

10. New Business

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

Damiani: Yes. Under new business resolution to permanently appoint a Solid Waste Compliance Aid. On December 24, 2023 by Resolution No. 81 of 2023, Harrison Peck was provisionally appointed to the Solid Waste Compliance Aide to Rockland Green and whereas, it is the desire of the Board of Rockland Green to permanently appoint Harrison Peck to the position of Solid Waste Compliance Aide. Therefore, be it resolved that Rockland Green hereby appoints Harrison Peck as Solid Waste Compliance Aide to Rockland Green effective October 23, 2025, with a salary to remain the same. Be it further resolved that this resolution be sent to the Rockland County Department of Personnel in order to effectuate the appointment.

Introduced by: Specht/Hopstein

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**RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2025
PERMANENT APPOINTMENT
OF SOLID WASTE COMPLIANCE AIDE**

Phillips: This is not a new position; this is somebody that we hired a while ago and has been working provisionally and has passed the test and now we are making him permanent.

Damiani: Correct.

11. Commissioner Comments

No comments offered.

12. Public Comment

Phillips: Is there anyone from the public that would like to speak tonight.

Nixie Gueits

Phillips: Motion to close public comments.

Specht: Moved

Hoehmann: Seconded

Phillips: Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Powers: I would like to close the meeting with a moment of silence for Vince Altieri.

Motion to adjourn?

Specht: Moved

Hoehmann: Seconded

Phillips: Thank you everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty