

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 5:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Paul

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

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hofstein
Commissioner Hood
Commissioner Kohut
Commissioner Moroney via phone
Commissioner Malowitz

Present

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

Absent

Commissioner Hopstein
Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Kenny

Staff

Jeremy Apotheker, Jerry Damiani, Lawrence Garvey, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Ron Ludwig, Ken Murphy

Others

Stephanie Kosmos, Teno West

4. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Specht

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2025
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
APRIL 22, 2025

5. Introduced by: Kohut/Soskin

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2025
AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE STANDARD SWEEPER EQUIPMENT**

Phillips: Next is authorization to purchase standard sweeper equipment which is a Johnson V65T standard build sweeper in the amount not to exceed \$378,284.

6. Introduced By: Powers/Sheridan

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION No. 24 of 2025
AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Phillips: Authorizing disposal of surplus equipment. This is a proforma resolution we do all the time. We have one 1998 transformer and 2010 Komatsu.

7. Introduced by: Hood/Paul

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 25 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**

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, New York. Executive Director gives us a brief description of the change orders.

Damiani: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Change Order 3 in the amount of \$5,465.69 is associated with extending depth of the elevator pit in the new animal shelter by six inches. Change Order 4 in the amount of \$14,940.45 is attributed to installing a vapor barrier under the anticipated new slab at the new shelter. Total change order amount \$20,406.14 with a total amended contract price to O'Connor Construction \$14,795,306.14.

8. New Business

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

Damiani: To inform the Commissioner's that Rockland Green will commence its' annual Feet on the Street on Monday, June 30th. If any of the villages or towns have any recycling issues within their municipality, please let the Education Department know or inform Suzanne and we will work on getting our staff out there ahead of the truck to tag the recycling bins of unacceptable material.

About a year and a half ago, the prior operator stood here and informed everyone at Rockland Green and those in attendance that they were awarded an award through Best Friends Animal Society considered a no-kill shelter. I am happy to announce through our efforts with our new operator Four Legs Good that our shelter has achieved the same rate of over 97%. That is a testament to how dedicated Four Legs Good and the staff that shows up every day to support animal welfare of Rockland County.

Phillips: It is great to hear that. I think we've come a long, long way in one year's time.

9. Commissioner Comments

No comments offered.

10. Public Comment

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

Arlene Kahn
Robin B
Patty Savage
Sylvia Reiss
Jennifer Dunn
Nixie Gueits
Wendy Portney

Phillips: Is there anyone else that would like to speak? Since there are no other comments, I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. As I said earlier, it is so important to have united front. I am going to ask you to do us a favor. I know there was trepidation in the beginning when we had moved to take over building a new animal shelter and then going out and trying to find a new contractor. We are human beings we have to run for office therefore our reputation is everything. Anybody that is an elected official, their reputation is everything. There are certain people out there that run internet news sites, and they distort the truth. They completely fabricate things and say things. If you ever read something like that contact us. There is no insulation between residents and their Town Supervisor or residents and their Town Mayors or residents with their Legislators. You see us in the supermarkets and at all kinds of different events. You see us at churches and synagogues. You can walk right up to us. If you read something that sounds out of place, contact us. Reach out to Nixie, Michael or Dawn. Get the information first-hand because you are our resources. You are the ones that can quell any type of fabricated story or any type of rumor that has no truth behind it. I think you are going to be extremely proud of the shelter when it is complete. It has been a long, long time coming. This shelter is going to provide all the medical things that we should have had years ago. I think you are going to be very happy with the new shelter, and I think this team effort that we pull together bipartisan has been really unique and let's keep going down that road together.

Phillips: Motion to close public comments.

Hoehmann: Moved

Turso: Seconded

Phillips: Tonight, we would like to close the meeting in memory of one of our employees, Izzy Eisenbach, who had a tragedy happen this past week. His four-year-old daughter was hit by a drunk driver and perished. Her name was Golda Eisenbach. We will close this meeting by the full Board and seconded by the full Board in her memory.

Motion to adjourn?

Full Board: Moved

Full Board: Seconded

Phillips: Thank you everyone for coming out.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty