



**ROCKLAND COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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*Howard T. Phillips, Jr.*  
Chairman

*Anna Roppolo*  
Executive Director



**Present**

**Chairman Phillips**  
**Commissioner Grant (arrived 5:10)**  
**Commissioner Hoehmann**  
**Commissioner Hofstein**  
**Commissioner Jobson (arrived 5:05)**  
**Commissioner Kohut**  
**Commissioner Lynn**  
**Commissioner Monaghan**  
**Commissioner Moroney**  
**Commissioner Sherwood**  
**Commissioner Soskin**  
**Commissioner Stewart**  
**Commissioner Ullman (arrived 5:06)**

**Absent**

**Commissioner Noto**  
**Commissioner Paul**  
**Commissioner Schoenberger**  
**Commissioner Wieder**

**Staff**

**H. Benado**  
**K. Braunfotel**  
**G. Damiani**  
**J. Dodrill**  
**H. Flores**  
**N. Gelok**  
**J. Goldstein**  
**S. Haggerty**  
**D. Louis**  
**R. Ludwig**  
**A. Medrano**  
**D. O'Donnell**  
**A. Roppolo**  
**D. Samuel**  
**K. Scales**  
**J. Sheridan**  
**G. Zenteno**

**Others**

**J. Heath**  
**T. West**

The Chairman called to order the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors meeting for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Commissioner Hofstein

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Roll call by Clerk. There is a quorum.

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**Introduced by: Monaghan/Hoehmann**

**Unan.**

**October 26, 2017**

**RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2017  
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

**RESOLVED**, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting September 28, 2017, as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

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## Executive Director Report

**Roppolo:** As an update to last month's discussion, the Authority has been receiving concrete from the Tappan Zee Bridge deconstruction. We had not been previously notified by the contractor about receiving the concrete from the bridge. An initial load received by Sessler Wrecking on October 13, 2017 was not in compliance with the Authority's rules and regulations. Sessler Wrecking, the contractor for disposal of the concrete, was contacted and informed of the regulations and was asked specific questions regarding the contract, the duration of the project, the number of tons of concrete for the project, any potential subcontractors, pertinent permitting questions all questions that the Authority normally iron out with the contractor prior to a large deconstruction project. The Authority requires this information because we are subject to daily and annual permitting limits dictated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Noncompliance of the permit limits potentially opens the Authority up to fines by the Department of Environmental Conservation. On October 16, 2017 we received a letter from Sessler's counsel with regard to the rules and regulations. On October 19, 2017 West Group Law responded to Sessler's counsel requesting the additional information as well. Yesterday, West Law Group contacted Sessler's counsel and they requested that we set up a meeting. We have been receiving loads at the facility which have been evaluated. Since evaluating the loads we are recommending that a \$25 surcharge be imposed on processing high strength concrete due to increased maintenance costs. If everyone agrees, this will be an amendment to Resolution #8 and we would like this surcharge to be effective October 27, 2017.

Mr. Goldstein will be reviewing the budget with you but before we do I would like to highlight some items:

- The 2018 user fees have been reduced by 9.5%.
- The 2018 ad valorem fee has been reduced by 1.5%.
- As was discussed and projected last year, the takeover of the Clarkstown Transfer Station has provided for an approximate \$1,000,000 savings in the transfer station user fee.
- The number of budgeted positions in 2018 increased by three
- The Authority will be paying off the 2006 bonds which will provide for approximately \$700,000 reduction in the 2018 debt service budget.
- Salaries represents 5% of total budget.
- The 2018 budget also includes additional operational support to the towns and villages in the form of increased allocations of recycling bins.
- The 2018 budget includes the \$35 rebate for recyclables for all towns and villages despite anticipated market downturn due to China's National Sword initiative which was discussed at the last Board meeting.

The Authority staff works very diligently to find effective and efficient ways to keep operating costs at a minimum. Whether it is taking over a transfer station, after carefully analyzing business models, or

holding our contractors to task related to equipment maintenance or finding markets for our glass aggregate, thus saving the Authority millions of dollars in disposal costs, or renegotiating contracts to reduce costs or taking on additional work in house that were formerly performed by outside contractors.

**Phillips:** What does this exactly have to do with our monthly report? Where are you going with this?

**Roppolo:** I am getting to it.

**Phillips:** Would you get to it quickly please.

**Roppolo:** Or paying down/refinancing debt or educating residents on the new services provided by the Authority; staff has always risen to the challenge. I am pleased to report that the Authority staff's efforts; under the overarching goals set by the Board, has been recognized not only by the State but by other counties in New York State. I recently was invited to attend a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation roundtable discussion on the proposed food scrap legislation and after the discussion was told by several members of the Department of Environmental Conservation and a staff member of the Association of Counties that the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority is considered the most progressive solid waste authority in the state. I'd like to thank the Board for their continued support in our initiatives and the staff who carry out those initiatives.

**Phillips:** I would like to go into Executive Session regarding personnel.

**Hoehmann:** Moved  
**Moroney:** Seconded

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**Phillips:** Motion to come out of Executive Session.

**Hoehmann:** Moved  
**Moroney:** Seconded

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**Public Hearing:** To fix and determine the rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the use of availability of facilities and services of the Authority for the year 2018.

**Phillips:** Is there anyone in the public that would like to comment on this public hearing?

No public comment was offered.

**Phillips:** Motion to close the public hearing.

**Hoehmann:** Moved

**Soskin:** Seconded

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**Introduced by:** Kohut/Lynn

**Unan.**

**October 26, 2017**

**Resolution No. 51 of 2017  
SETTING THE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL RECYCLABLES REVENUE PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR 2018**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Authority 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, the Authority wishes to share the revenue it receives from the sale of the recyclables; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority will pay to each Rockland municipality which has entered into an Intermunicipal Recyclables Management Agreement with the Authority the sum of \$35.00 per ton for each ton of recyclable materials that such municipality delivers to the Authority during the Year 2018.

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**Braunfotel:** There is an issue now as a result of the deconstruction of the Tappan Zee Bridge. The Authority is receiving concrete that is in an excess of 3,500 psi.

**Phillips:** The Authority is going to put a surcharge of \$25 on concrete over 3,500 psi.

**Braunfotel:** Correct. The \$25 surcharge is going to be effective October 27, 2017. The issue is that we are receiving concrete with over 9,000 psi.

**Phillips:** It is highly unusual that we receive anything with that psi strength.

Introduced by: Jobson/Stewart

Unan.

October 26, 2017

**Resolution No. 52 of 2017**  
**ADOPTION OF RATES, RENTALS, FEES OR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OR AVAILABILITY**  
**OF THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF**  
**THE AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is a public benefit corporation, duly organized and existing under Title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, as amended ("Public Authorities Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority 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 the Authority to set its rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of the Authority's facilities and services for the year 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2053-g of the Public Authorities Law, the Authority 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 26, 2017, for the purpose of setting the Authority's rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of its facilities and services for the year 2018; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority Board hereby adopts the rates, rentals, fees or other charges for the use or availability of the Authority's facilities and services for the year 2018, annexed hereto and made a part of this Resolution as Exhibit "A"; 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 County Solid Waste Management Authority's facilities and services for the year 2018.

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**Phillips:** We are going to adopt the budget as is with the exception of the salary schedule. We will look at the salary schedule for the next meeting.

**Introduced by: Hoehmann/Moroney**

**Unan.**

**October 26, 2017**

**Resolution No. 53 of 2017  
ADOPTION OF THE AUTHORITY BUDGET  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is a public benefit corporation, duly organized and existing under title 13-M of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, as amended ("Public Authorities Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority 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 Authority 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**, the Authority, after due deliberation and duly noticed public hearing held on October 26, 2017, did review and discuss a budget setting forth the projected revenues and expenditures of the Authority for the fiscal year 2018; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority hereby adopts the budget of the Authority for the fiscal year 2018, annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution as Exhibit "A".

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Introduced by: Kohut/Lynn

Unan.

October 26, 2017

**Resolution No. 54 of 2017  
APPOINTING A NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO RENDER A REPORT  
AND RECOMMEND OFFICERS FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the authority is a public benefit corporation, duly organized and existing under title 13-M at the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, as amended ("Public Authorities Law"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2053-e of the Public Authorities Law, the Authority enacted the Organizational By-Laws of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority ("By-Laws"); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.3 of the By-Laws, as amended requires the Authority to select a Nominating Committee at its October 2017 meeting to propose nominees for the next slate of officers to be elected at the annual meeting of the Authority in January 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has duly considered the matter; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority hereby appoints the following members as members of the Nominating Committee;

Commissioner Hoehmann	Commissioner Schoenberger
Commissioner Lynn	Commissioner Monaghan
Commissioner Moroney	Commissioner Soskin

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Nominating Committee render its report and make its recommendations to the Board at the December 2017 meeting, proposing Members to be appointed as officers at the January 2018 annual meeting. These officers include:

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Treasurer  
Deputy Treasurer  
Secretary

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**New Business**

**Roppolo:** A bid was put out for reconstruction of the transfer station because the administration portion of the transfer station has been settling. Currently in Haverstraw, when trucks go over the scale they have to go upstairs to see the weighmaster. We need to move the weighmaster downstairs. There were seven bids picked up, two people at the pre-proposal conference and one bid received which was well in excess of the budgeted amount that was calculated by our engineers. The engineer recommends we reject the bid and go out to bid in January of next year when there might be more proposers who are willing to bid and get better rates.

**Phillips:** The six other people that picked up the bid, are we reaching out to them and find out why they did not submit a bid.

**Roppolo:** Yes.

**Kohut:** Would it be easier than reconstructing the building, to put an office trailer on the other side of the scale? Would that be quicker, easier and cheaper?

**Roppolo:** The original intension of the construction since there was so much settlement on that part of the building everything needs to be redone.

Introduced by: Lynn/Moroney

Unan.

October 26, 2017

**RESOLUTION No. 55 OF 2017  
REJECT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR (RFP-2017-10)  
FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO FURNISH AND INSTALL THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
LOCATED AT THE BOWLINE TRANSFER STATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority solicited proposals RFP-2017-10 ("RFP") for construction services to furnish and install the administration and maintenance building located at the Bowline Transfer Station; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority issued a Request for Proposals for such services on March 27, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2017 one proposal was received in response to the RFP from HVB Construction, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon reviews by the consulting engineers it is recommended that the proposal be rejected; and now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority hereby rejects RFP-2017-10 in accordance with its terms in order to allow the Authority to reassess the scope of services.



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**Phillips:** We are going to set up a committee to review the employee handbook. The committee members will be:

Commissioner Phillips  
Commissioner Hoehmann  
Commissioner Hofstein  
Commissioner Kohut  
Commissioner Lynn  
Commissioner Moroney

**Grant:** Moved

**Jobson:** Seconded

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**Phillips:** Do we have any other new business? Since there is no other new business and no public comment being offered, do we have a motion to adjourn?

**Hoehmann:** Moved

**Hofstein:** Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Haggerty