



**ROCKLAND COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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Chairman

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1. The Chairman called to order the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Board meeting for Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Specht

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

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Day
Commissioner Grant
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hofstein (arrived 5:10)
Commissioner Kohut
Commissioner Lynn
Commissioner McGowan
Commissioner Monaghan
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Powers
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht

Absent

Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Moroney
Commissioner Wieder
Commissioner Yeger

Staff

Helene Benado, Keith Braunfotel, Janet Burnet, Jerry Damiani, Jackie Dodrill, Noreen Gelok, Eden Goldman, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Anna Roppolo, Angelo Rubino, Debra Samuels, Kerri Scales, Jen Sheridan

Others

Sonia Cairo, Zena Langer, Steven Torres, Anthony Tortora, Teno West

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4. **Introduced by: Lynn/Grant****Unan.****February 28, 2019**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2019
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
JANUARY 24, 2019**

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting January 24, 2019 as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

5. **Executive Director's Report**

Roppolo: The staff and I have been reviewing scope of work needed at the Haverstraw and Clarkstown transfer station tip floors. Each year the Authority is required to have an engineer inspect the tip floors at each station and send the report to New York State DEC. The inspection report indicated repairs are required at each facility. The repair at Haverstraw will be less expensive than the Clarkstown Facility and I will ask Jerry Damiani to give you an update on the repairs.

Damiani: Good evening. As Anna indicated, the Haverstraw Facility is due for tip floor repair. The Haverstraw Facility is the smallest transfer station of the three that the Authority owns. Last year Haverstraw received over 43,000 tons of MSW and C&D combined an increase of 14% from 2017. As far as our solid waste management permit, condition #12 requires the Authority to conduct tip floor inspections. On January 27, 2019 the Authority engineers, GHD Engineers, inspected the Haverstraw Facility and identified some areas of concern. On the initial inspection, they reviewed certain conditions surface exposure to water penetration, surface drainage and structural deformation. Regarding the repair recommended by GHD there is 520 linear feet of cracks and expansion growth that need to be repaired. The Authority will move forward with a request for proposal for release on March 4 and will come to the Board for approval on March 21. We expect it to be under \$50,000 and there should be no closing of the facility.

Phillips: Very good, any questions for Jerry? Anna, do you have more to report?

Roppolo: We had a minor fire in the compactor in the Materials Recovery Facility. Our contractor has indicated that the fire likely ignited due to a lithium battery disposed of in a curbside recycling bin. As a reminder, all batteries should be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Pomona. The Materials Recovery Facility baler was replaced with a reconditioned baler because the other baler was beyond repair. The Authority will be responsible for the costs over an above \$25,000 as stated in the current contract. The Authority's share will be approximately \$13,000 to \$20,000. Kerri and I met with our contractor WeCare Denali to discuss a series of pilot studies for roof pads containing a mixture of bio-solid, compost, glass, mulch and combinations thereof. The purpose of the pilot is to use a viable soil mix, which could utilize all of our commodities and eventually be sold. In addition, the intent to have area soil blends to utilize while growing plants in the greenhouse. The intent is for growth of the plants with the various blends via projects that will be overseen by the Rockland County Conservation Corps. A resolution for your

consideration is on tonight's agenda. The Authority will continue to provide other outlets and products that educates everyone on the use of the compost for better water retention and soil health.

I participated in a New York State DEC solid waste management plan stakeholders meeting. The State is updating their solid waste management plan and asked stakeholders to attend meetings to discuss opportunities and concerns for the next ten years. In addition, Kerri and I met with Cornerstone Engineers to provide support for the biennial update to the Authority's solid waste management plan a requirement by the New York State DEC. Cornerstone is the engineering firm that initially contracted for the solid waste management plan and has provided support for each update every two years as required.

We were notified today that the Authority will be meeting with proposers for the Wesley Hills RFP next week and I will keep you apprised of how progress continues.

Work with the school has been on going as well and I would like Kerri to give the Board a brief overview as to where we stand.

Scales: Good evening. We started our green schools program about three years ago with Hospitality Green. In year one we had three school and in year two we picked up another four schools and now, we are working with an additional four this year. We start the program at the elementary level and we follow the kids as they work their way up to high school. We are trying to not get our feet into too many school districts because otherwise we are not going to be able to keep up with the kids as they go up. We have now moved into the middle schools. We are finding that it is not cool to be sitting around with sash or with rubber gloves at a sorting station. The sorting station at the cafeteria is still an element, but it doesn't necessarily have to be manned the same way. These are savvy environmentally focused students that want to make an impact not just in their community but worldwide. What we are seeing is the majority of focus is on plastics like water bottles and single-use plastics in which the U.N has designated as a focus for this year. The students are very interested in that so we have been working with that to see where the students want to see us going with this. We also trying to pull in that it is not just for the green team it could be for students that are involved in community service, etc. In the fall, we are going to take a model that has proven to be successful without diluting it. I would like to reach more schools. We are figuring out a way to take the program and break it down into mini models and have the schools talk about their programs and how they achieved the success in their school. We have some feedback coming from the schools that are involved now to share their successes.

Kohut: In the schools, are they doing a compost program? I wasn't sure how far the program went.

Scales: We started year one mostly in the cafeteria because that is where we could make the biggest impact and it is in one area. We can get a reduction in volume through the trays and we do food share programs and get the bottles and cans out of the garbage. We have been able to reduce the volume from 14 bags of garbage down to 1 or 2 per lunch period which is really great. Composting is difficult; so we are trying to accomplish easier things right now. If the schools want us to and they think they are right for that type of program, we can help them out with composting. But, right now what we are trying to do is really deal with food rescue and not just learning about the end of how to compost, but why aren't we getting this food to the people who need it. The schools are starting with these food share programs where they are learning how to rotate milks and they take all the products that they didn't eat from lunch because they

can't go back into the cafeteria. They give products to the kids that need it during the day or to take home with them. But, composting is on the map.

Phillips: That sounds great.

Roppolo: I just want to add, at the stakeholders meeting, education and outreach was one of the topics for the next ten years. We have encouraged this department to reach out to the State Department of Education to help our efforts here locally and around the State that the program we have here should be incorporated into the daily routine. I know teachers have a lot to do during the day, but I think that if DEC works with the Department of Education to be able to give them specific guidelines and specific lesson plans it will help all of us.

Phillips: Thank you very much. Move to accept the Executive Director's report.

Kohut: Moved

Soskin: Seconded

6. **Phillips:** Appointing the Commissioners to the Executive Committee of the Authority. We have just one change. We have all the same officers except for the Deputy Treasurer. We are going to have Commissioner Kohut for Deputy Treasurer.

Introduced by: Specht/Monaghan

Unan.

February 28, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2019
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2019**

WHEREAS, Officers of the Authority Board are chosen each year at the Authority's annual January meeting; and

WHEREAS, the following Authority Board Members served as Officers in the year 2018:

Chairman:	Howard Phillips
Vice-Chairman:	George Hoehmann
Vice-Chairman:	Patrick Moroney
Secretary:	Michael Specht
Treasurer:	Philip Soskin
Deputy Treasurer:	Ilan Schoenberger

WHEREAS, the Authority Board has held its Annual Meeting and selected the Officers to serve in the year 2019; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Officers of the Authority for the year 2019 shall be as follows:

Chairman:	Howard Phillips
Vice-Chairman:	George Hoehmann
Vice-Chairman:	Patrick Moroney
Secretary:	Michael Specht
Treasurer:	Philip Soskin
Deputy Treasurer:	Michael Kohut

Such Officers shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified at the next Annual Meeting in January 2020.

Braunfotel: Since we are talking about the Committees, last time we were here we enacted the Governance Committee and the Committee is comprised of a number of members and Commissioner Soskin would like to become a member of the Governance Committee. As well as the spelling be corrected on Commissioner Power's name.

Introduced by: Hoehmann/Paul

Unan.

February 28, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2019
AMEND RESOLUTION 4 OF 2019
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2019**

WHEREAS, the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005 (the "Act") requires the Authority Board to establish a governance committee of independent members, who should advise on any matter incident to the function of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the Authority Board to establish a governance committee of independent members, which shall keep the Board informed of current best governance practices; review corporate governance trends; update the Authority's corporate governance principles; and advise appointing authorities on the skills and experiences required of potential board members; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board desires to comply with the provisions of the Act; now therefore be it

WHEREAS, that the Authority Board established a governance committee in accordance with Section 2824 of the Public Authorities Accountability Act of 2005; and be it further

WHEREAS, Commissioner Soskin requests to join the Governance Committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Governance Committee for the year 2019 shall be as follows:

Comm. Howard Phillips
Comm. Larry Lynn
Comm. Mike Kohut
Comm. Stephen Powers
Comm. George Hoehmann
Comm. Phil Soskin

7. **Introduced By: Powers/Grant****Unan.****February 28, 2019**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2019
AUTHORIZING
THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, ACTING ON
BEHALF OF THE YOUTH BUREAU/ROCKLAND CONSERVATION & SERVICE CORPS FOR
SUMMER MEMBER PROGRAM SERVICES**

WHEREAS, one of the programs through which the Rockland County Youth Bureau coordinates community service is through Rockland Conservation & Service Corps (RC&SC), the federally created program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Services; and

WHEREAS, RC&SC members participate in a service-oriented, educational and environmentally beneficial program of community service to improve life in Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, the County has proposed to provide the services of these RC&SC members to the Authority during the summer season 2019, to provide environmental education and outreach and work related to the implementation of the Authority's Solid Waste Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Authority has been greatly benefitted by the services of RC&SC members in previous summers, most recently during the summer season 2018, and again needs their assistance with community education programs relative to recycling, composting, hazardous waste disposal, sustainability, and in various other projects described in the attached summary; and

WHEREAS, RC&SC members would receive a minimal stipend while participating in the program, to be funded in part by the Authority; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Authority has determined to enter into an agreement with the County of Rockland, acting on behalf of the Youth Bureau/ RC&SC, for the provision of up to three RC&SC members' services through August 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute an agreement in a form approved by General Counsel, to provide for the services of not more than two (2) RC&SC members, for a program total not to exceed 250 service hours for each member, at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.

Funding Source: 6512-00 Community Partnerships

8. **Phillips:** Authorizing the Authority to support the Keep Rockland Beautiful “Great American Cleanup”. We have been supporting this event for years. Anna how much did we give last year?

Roppolo: We typically give \$2,500.

Introduced by: Hofstein/McGowan

Unan.

February 28, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2019
AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL
“GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP”**

WHEREAS, the Authority has received a request from Keep Rockland Beautiful, Inc. (“KRB”) to support the “Great American Clean Up” taking place in Spring 2019; and

WHEREAS, KRB has proposed to recognize the Authority’s support in the following ways: the Authority logo will be displayed on the back of t-shirts given to volunteers; the Authority logo will be placed on banners for volunteer recruitment; listing the Authority on the KRB website and all social media outlets, including but not limited to email blasts, Facebook and Twitter; the KRB website will include a link to the Authority’s website; the Authority will be listed as a partner in all events and presentations related to the Spring 2019 cleanup; and the Authority’s brochures and literature will be included in volunteer packets; and

WHEREAS, KRB cleanup crews will bag recyclables separately to be delivered to the Authority’s Materials Recovery Facility; and

WHEREAS, within sixty days following the event, will provide the Authority with a report on the number of bags of waste and recycling collected as a result of the cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to be a supporter of the 2019 event; and

WHEREAS, the above terms will be memorialized in a letter agreement between the Authority and KRB; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Authority will support the Keep Rockland Beautiful “Great American Clean Up” taking place in the spring 2019 for an amount of \$2,500.

Source of Funds: Community Partnerships 6512-00

Cairo: Thank you. We are excited the “Great American Cleanup” is well under way for 2019. I am proud to say we have the support of all the Towns and that is not just through financial support, but a whole lot of value in time support. Our campaign coordinator and I were just at the Highway Superintendent’s meeting and had a chance to thank them and tell them how integral their operations are to bringing all the collected bags to Hillburn to be properly disposed of. We continue to separate out the recyclables and to educate the volunteers so that those bags are completely uncontaminated so there is no chance of them

mistaken for trash. We have now 20 plus cleanup events scheduled so volunteers can go out at any time they like. For the last 6-7 years, we have been providing support for cleanup leaders who lead community cleanup events throughout the County and these are a way to bring neighbors together. I see a number of individuals here who support Town cleanup events and also Village cleanup events. The events have been growing and developing groups in the communities, the cleanup events continue to be great vehicle for educating volunteers about waste reduction and removing things from our streets, it effects storm drains, and it effects storm water run-off and what a storm drain is. Many people don't know where the water goes once it goes down a sewer drain. We continue to educate our community and get them involved in community service and in the long-run stewardship of the environment.

Phillips: On behalf of all the members that is mostly made up of elected officials, we want to thank you and your organization. Everywhere Keep Rockland Beautiful goes, it is amazing the number of bags you see along the roads. You are doing a great job and and all the students that are participating on these cleanup days, it really is helping to keep our community clean. Thank you.

Cairo: Thank you very much.

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

Unan.

February 28, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2019
PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF ANGELO RUBINO
AS WEIGHER II TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 31 of 2018, Angelo Rubino was provisionally appointed to the position of Weigher II to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Rubino is on Civil Service List #18168 (OC) and it is the Authority's desire to permanently appointment this employee to the position of Weigher II; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Authority Board of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority hereby appoints Angelo Rubino as Weigher II to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority as a permanent employee, subject to a term of probation of twenty-six (26) weeks, with a salary to remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Rockland County Department of Personnel in order to effectuate his appointment.

RESOLUTION NO. 18 of 2019
AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF AN ABOVE GROUND
TRUCK SCALE AT THE HILLBURN TRANSFER STATION

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the "Authority") is a Public Authority Corporation, duly organized and existing under the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Act, (the "Act") and set forth under Title 13-M of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Hillburn Transfer Station scales had a critical failure in December 2018, and

WHEREAS, the scale is at the end of its useful life, and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2019, Atlantic Scale Company, Inc. submitted quote No. 60076-1 a Mettler Toledo Model 7560SD-070-1-PDS Digital Truck Scale for an above ground installation with a lead time of eight weeks, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the new scale with all the special features included would be in an amount not to exceed \$54,050.00, so therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Authority ratifies the procurement of necessary goods on an emergency basis as outlined in the RCSWMA Procurement Policy.

Fund Source: System Improvement Fund

Soskin: What was the cost approximately?

Phillips: Was there any cost other than the \$54,050?

Kohut: Is there additional cost for electrical hook-up?

Damiani: We will be utilizing the load cells. The cabling however, today when they removed the cables a few feet of the cables were damaged. That will be an additional charge. We start to demolish the scale tomorrow at 6 a.m.

11. **New Business**

Phillips: We do want to go into Executive Session. Is there anyone in the public that would like to bring anything before the Authority Board comments, suggestions or recommendations? Let the record note that no public comment was offered. Motion to go into Executive Session.

Braunfotel: The purpose to go into Executive Session is to discuss personnel.

Hoehmann: Moved

Specht: Seconded

Phillips: Motion to come out of Executive Session and to adjourn?

Lynn: Moved

Specht: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty