



**ROCKLAND COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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**Howard T. Phillips, Jr.**  
Chairman

**Gerard M. Damiani, Jr.**  
Executive Director



Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Board meeting for Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via Teleconference

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Roll call by clerk. There is a quorum.

**Present**

**Chairman Phillips**  
**Commissioner Hoehmann**  
**Commissioner Hofstein**  
**Commissioner Jobson**  
**Commissioner Kenny**  
**Commissioner Kohut**  
**Commissioner Lynn**

**Present**

**Commissioner McGowan**  
**Commissioner Monaghan**  
**Commissioner Moroney**  
**Commissioner Paul**  
**Commissioner Powers**  
**Commissioner Soskin**  
**Commissioner Specht**

**Absent**

**Commissioner Hood**  
**Commissioner Wieder**  
**Commissioner Yeger**

**Staff**

Keith Braunfotel, Jerry Damiani, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Debbie Samuels, Jen Sheridan

**Others**

Ann DeLucco, Paul Goetz, Teno West

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**Phillips:** I am going to ask Mr. Braunfotel to make a statement.

**Braunfotel:** As everyone is aware, the Solid Waste Management Authority by its' by-laws and by public mandate is not allowed to meet telephonically or by any other means. Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 that requirement has been suspended by the Governors' order to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceedings and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. For the record, the call in number was distributed via email to the public as well as publicized as usual.

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**Introduced by: Hoehmann/Hofstein**

**Unan.**

**March 26, 2020**

**RESOLUTION No. 36 OF 2020**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

**RESOLVED**, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting February 27, 2020 as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

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**Introduced by: Kohut/Jobson**

**Unan.**

**March 26, 2020**

**RESOLUTION No. 37 of 2020**

**ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE AND APPROVING 2019  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2800(3) of the New York Public Authorities Law requires that the annual financial statements be approved by the Authority Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached audited financial statements were prepared by BST & Co. CPAs, LLP for the period ended December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s Audit Committee met on March 12, 2020, reviewed the attached 2019 Financial Statements, and has recommended to the Authority Board that it be approved; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority Board hereby adopts the recommendation of the Audit Committee and approves the attached audited financial statements prepared by BST & Co. CPSs, LLP, for the period ended December 31, 2019.

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**Phillips:** Jeremy do we have the auditors on the phone?

**Goldstein:** Yes, we have Paul Goetz and Ann DeLucco from BST & Co. and they are here to discuss the results of the audit and the overall financial health of the Authority.

**Goetz:** To give you a brief overview of the conduct of the audit and open it up to questions any members may have. We conducted our audit beginning in December 2019 and we finished on March 12, 2020 when we met with the Audit Committee and several members of management to discuss the conduct of the audit. The audit that is part of your packet today resulted in an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Authority for the year ended December 31, 2019. We went over the with the members of the Audit Committee pretty detailed aspects of the audit. Some findings or recommendations that we had as a result of the audit we thought that those were very well received by management. We communicated to the Audit Committee we felt that the audit was very positive. This is our fourth year with the Authority and we have seen a lot of good changes and implementations of recommendations and we are pleased with the results. I want to remind the Authority that pursuant to the Public Authority's Law the audit must be filed with the ABO by March 31, 2020.

**Goldstein:** We put the financial statement on our website after the Board meeting and all the information is already entered into the ABO system I just have to submit.

**Phillips:** Are there any members with questions or comments on the audit? For the record is there anyone from the public that would like to comment on this resolution regarding the audit? Let the record note that no public comment was offered.

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Introduced by: Lynn/Powers

Unan.

March 26, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2020  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE IN-COUNTY ACCEPTABLE  
WASTE DELIVERY AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority entered in to acceptable waste delivery agreements with the following municipalities: Town Ramapo, Villages of Spring Valley, Grand View -on Hudson, Hillburn, and Suffern . The initial term of the agreements was January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. The agreement was amended on March 31, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreements automatically renewed for additional one-year terms. Termination occurs if either party, within sixty (60) days of year end, provides written notice to terminate; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreements provided for a \$9.00 per ton rebate to be paid to municipalities that deliver or cause to be delivered residential waste to the Transfer Station; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for a municipality to be entitled to receive such rebate, a municipality shall have entered into a municipal solid waste delivery agreement with the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has determined that the acceptable waste delivery agreements are no longer equitable; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Authority that all acceptable waste delivery agreements shall be terminated effective as of January 1, 2021; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Interim Executive Director of the Authority, is hereby authorized to deliver any and all termination notices to Town Ramapo, Villages of Spring Valley, Grand View -on Hudson, Hillburn, and Suffern parties to the agreement.

**Braunfotel:** These are some agreements that date back to 2004. Back in 2004 the Authority changed the tip fee from \$57 a ton to \$76 a ton. These agreements automatically renewed every year provided there was no action. To date we went back and we discussed this with our auditors and we discussed this with our Board and these agreements are no longer necessary. We discussed these with each town and village and they understand that the new contracts are for \$76 a ton and we are going to discontinue the rebate beginning January 1, 2021.

**Phillips:** This gives the municipalities ample time until next year. Are there any questions on the motion?

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**Introduced by: Paul/Soskin**

**Unan.**

**March 26, 2020**

**Resolution No. of 2020  
AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF AN EXCAVATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority Board has resolved to amend the Procurement Policy to provide for the procurement of goods and services through cooperative purchasing, commonly referred to as “piggybacking,” based on competitive processes undertaken by other municipal subdivisions and public entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has decided to “piggyback” on Sourcewell Contract 032119-VCE; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority requests to purchase a 2020 Volvo EC300EL from Vantage Equipment for the amount of \$252,610.00; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Authority is hereby authorized to purchase the 2020 Volvo EC300EL from Vantage Equipment, LLC Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$252,610.00.

Source of Funds: Capitol Fund

**Phillips:** Jerry can you give a brief explanation?

**Damiani:** Back in June 2019 we awarded the Yard Waste Operations and Maintenance Agreement to Denali WeCare and there was specific rolling stock that was identified that would have to be replaced. At that time they identified two wheel loaders and an excavator. We have purchased one wheel loader and we are looking to move forward and purchase and replace the existing 2007 Komatsu excavator with a 2020 Volvo excavator to assist in processing yard waste at the West Nyack facility for a total cost not to exceed \$252,610 and this is off of the Sourcewell contract which is a public co-op that we can purchase off of. I received three quotes and Volvo is the lowest.

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**Introduced: Specht/Kenny**

**Unan.**

**March 26, 2020**

**RESOLUTION No. 40 OF 2020**

**CANCELATION OF APRIL 23, 2020 MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman may elect to cancel or reschedule any single regular monthly meeting for lack of any business to be transacted or anticipated lack of a quorum, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the regular monthly meeting, originally scheduled for April 23, 2020 shall be canceled.

**Phillips:** We are keeping all facility's running and I have confidence in the staff. The staff has been in touch with me constantly. Commissioner Soskin and Commissioner Kohut have been picking up the checks to sign off on.

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**Phillips:** Jerry give us an update on operations.

**Damiani:** Based on the Governors' Executive Order we removed all non-essential employees from the administrative offices. The employees are checking their emails and they are available by phone. Jeremy has full authority to call his staff from the Finance Department to process checks. Our facilities are fully operational. Our scale house has enough disinfectant, gloves, paper towels, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes on hand. The Authority has twelve gallons of New York State hand sanitizer.

**Phillips:** All the staff has been told to keep their distances?

**Damiani:** We have been sending out email blasts as early as February with updates from the CDC and the State to take the necessary precautionary measures. We limited access to the Administrative Offices two weeks ago and we are confident on our part to protect our employees.

**Phillips:** Any update on the Materials Recovery Facility?

**Damiani:** Today we started demoing the equipment out of the MRF and we completed the asbestos abatement removal so that project is on schedule. Our RFP for the Operation and Maintenance of the Concrete Crushing Facility is still on schedule. RFEI respondent questions are due April 2<sup>nd</sup> so we are on schedule. Our architect Michael Shilale will have a draft plan with a concept for the Education and Outreach Department.

**Phillips:** Do we have a new sign on the door of the Authority.

**Damiani:** We have a laminated sign on the front door and Kerri Scales is working on the signage for the building.

**Phillips:** Just remind everyone our new name is?

**Damiani:** Rockland Green.

**Phillips:** And in smaller letters we have the three r's.

**Damiani:** Yes, reduce, recycle and recover.

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**Phillips:** I want to brief everyone, I received a call from a number of carters they are looking to see if we are going to do something for them because they are saying people are not paying their bills. I told them that is across every single industry there has to be some kind of evidence. There is a whole hornet nest of problems once you go down that road. We don't know if there is anything we can do and they

have to try to get their money. If retail is not open they are not getting any money but they are not producing any garbage either.

I want to complement Jeremy, he did a very good job on the audit. I also have to say that the staff is up to speed with the Accounting Department.

**Goldstein:** Yes, I would agree. We have had some turnover in the last year and a half, but we are in a good place now.

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**Phillips:** Any questions from the Commissioners?

**Hoehmann:** Can I just say for the record I want to thank you for your leadership of the Authority during this time of change and you're working closely with the staff to keep us informed. It is a pleasure working with you and all the members of the Board. There certainly have been a lot of changes and I think a lot for the good. I want to thank you for your leadership in that regard.

**Phillips:** I appreciate it and I want to say to everybody it is my pleasure working on the Solid Waste Authority now Rockland Green. We keep politics out and we have always done what is best for the people. Let's continue to do that because we work very well together. Do we have any other new business? Let the record note there is no other new business and no public comment was offered. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

**Moroney:** Moved

**Kohut:** Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Haggerty