

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday April 18, 2024, at 5:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Kenny

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

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hofstein via phone
Commissioner Hood
Commissioner Kenny
Commissioner Kohut

Present

Commissioner Malowitz
Commissioner Moroney
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Powers
Commissioner Sheridan
Commissioner Wieder

Absent

Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Monaghan
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht
Commissioner Tursi

Staff

Jeremy Apotheker, Jerry Damiani, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Ken Murphy

Others

Stephanie Kosmos, Teno West

Phillips: Thank you everyone for being here tonight. The Chair would like to recognize that we have in the audience tonight the Honorable Charles Apotheker and his wife. Thank you for coming out.

4. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Kenny

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**RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2024
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

5. Introduced by: Kohut/Hood

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2024

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO
THE CONTRACT FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS –
ELECTRICAL AT THE MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY
IN HILLBURN, NEW YORK**

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, could you give us a brief explanation?

Damiani: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the fire suppression room, the sprinkler motor starter for the compressor failed. We replaced it with a 5-horsepower combination with disconnect. The original motor failed due to change in power distribution.

6. Introduced by: RG Board/ RG Board

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RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2024

**PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF JEREMY APOTHEKER
AS COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS TO ROCKLAND GREEN**

Phillips: Jeremy, congratulations, and good luck.

7. Introduced by: Powers/Moroney

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RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2024

**ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF LABORER
TO ROCKLAND GREEN**

8. New Business

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

Damiani: As we continue to develop innovative programs under Animal Management, Rockland Green would like to adopt a new initiative in providing “Access to Care” to those underserved communities.

Under the program the client pays all fees identified on the corresponding clinic fees schedule. Catskill Veterinary Services, LLC. would also distribute medications if required or write prescriptions for the clients to obtain medications through a third party. The ASPCA has concluded that community veterinary care is an important means of keeping pets with their families, thus reducing the strain on local shelters.

All payment and billing are managed through Catskill Veterinary Services, LLC as potential clients will be required to pre-register for the clinic. Cost impact to Rockland Green is minimum as our only direct cost would be to publicize the event, provide a secure location that has proper HVAC, proper lighting, and enough tables (six to eight) to allow the DVM's to complete the exam, vaccinate or provide non-invasive treatment.

On average, Catskill Veterinary Services, LLC can vaccinate and examine two hundred animals within a four-hour period.

In addition to providing "Access to Care" to those in our community that are in need. The clinic also provides an avenue in reducing the spread of various diseases and viruses such as Heartworm, Canine Parvo and Feline Panleukopenia, in addition to controlling the flea and tick populations.

Phillips: I think this is a very good idea. Do any Commissioners have a question on this? It is something that is aiding and is a minimal expense.

Paul: Moved

Malowitz: Seconded

Phillips: Is there anything else, Mr. Executive Director?

Damiani: An update on some of the events that are scheduled. The Repair Café is scheduled for April 20th at STAC. This is a pop-up event for specific items, jewelry, and light fixtures. April 27th is a full Repair Café and that will be at the New City Street School Community Center.

Our next trap, neuter and vaccinate event is scheduled for May 2nd.

The next HHW weekend collection event is scheduled for May 11th.

To give you an idea of how we are doing at the shelter. A quick fact the length of stay a measure that is determined on how long an animal actually in the shelter environment has been significantly reduced by Four Legs Good. On average, we are seeing a reduction in 70% for the dog's length of stay at the shelter. Cats reduction is over 30%.

We are currently in the Spring cleanup for Passover collection program. At the Hillburn Transfer Station for Passover related garbage is up 57% compared to last year.

Food scrap drop-off program in Orangetown this year alone has generated over 18 tons of food scraps and Clarkstown is just over 7 tons. Since we went online July 1st with our new Materials Recovery Facility, we have accepted over 30,000 tons of recyclables that are set out at the curb. We have processed and marketed over 29,000 tons of materials.

Phillips: When we did the site visit and looked at the new MRF, I think it was very insightful and everyone appreciated it. The architect plans for the new shelter, what is the status?

Damiani: I expect to receive the complete set of construction drawings by April 22nd.

Phillips: We will review them and hopefully will be going out to bid in May. With the Spring coming up, how are residents supposed to dispose of their grass.

Damiani: Grass can be continued to be brought down the West Nyack Yard Waste Facility.

9. Commissioner's Comments

No comments offered.

10. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Phillips: Commissioner Soskin is not here tonight because his brother passed away. We will close the meeting in memory of his brother. Motion to adjourn?

Weider: Moved
Hood: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty