

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday January 25, 2024, at 5:12 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hood

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

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hofstein
Commissioner Hood
Commissioner Kenny
Commissioner Kohut
Commissioner Malowitz

Present

Commissioner Monaghan
Commissioner Moroney via phone
Commissioner Powers
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht
Commissioner Tursi
Commissioner Wieder

Absent

Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Sheridan

Staff

Jeremy Apotheker, Jerry Damiani, August Deleon, Yisroel Eisenbach, Lawrence Garvey, Noreen Gelok, Jeremy Goldstein, Kyle Goodman, Suzanne Haggerty, Ken Murphy

Others

Lee Apotheker, Jerrell Clapp, Zachary Colon, Stephanie Kosmos, Teno West

Phillips: Welcome aboard to our new members.

4. Introduced by: Specht/Kenny

Unan.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2024
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
DECEMBER 14, 2023

Phillips: We have one change.

Powers: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a correction. The minutes have me abstaining on Item 5 and I abstained on Item 7.

5. Introduced by: Kohut/Hood

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION No. 2 of 2024
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF ROCKLAND GREEN FOR THE YEAR 2024**

Phillips: Appointing Commissioners to the Executive Committee. We have myself as Chair, Vice-Chair Commissioner Hoehmann, Vice-Chair Commissioner Specht, Secretary Commissioner Moroney, Treasurer Commissioner Soskin and Deputy Treasurer Commissioner Kohut.

6. Introduced by: Hofstein/Powers

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2024
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 2024
PURSUANT TO THE 2009 AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW**

Phillips: Appointing the Finance Committee. Right now, we have myself, Commissioner Wieder, Commissioner Monaghan, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Hoehmann and Commissioner Kohut. Do any of the other Commissioners wish to be on the Finance Committee?

Soskin: Yes.

7. Introduced by: Wieder/Kenny

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2024
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2024
PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES' ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2005**

Phillips: Appointing the Audit Committee. Right now, we have myself, Commissioner Hofstein, Commissioner Specht, Commissioner Soskin, Commissioner Hoehmann and Commissioner Kohut. Do any other Commissioners wish to be on the Audit Committee?

8. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Specht

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2024
APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 2024
PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES' ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2005**

Phillips: Appointing the Governance Committee. Myself, Commissioner Kohut, Commissioner Powers, Commissioner Hoehmann and Commissioner Soskin. Does anyone else wish to be on the Governance Committee?

9. Introduced By: Malowitz/Tursi

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 6 of 2024
ADOPTION OF ROCKLAND GREEN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

Damiani: "Our mission is to develop the education, programs, and technology to lead the waste prevention, recovery, responsible disposal movement, and animal management services in Rockland County."

10. Introduced by: Kohut/Hood

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2024
AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF
THE WEST GROUP LAW PLLC
FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO ROCKLAND GREEN**

11. Introduced by: Soskin/Kohut

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION No. 8 OF 2024
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RRT DESIGN &
CONSTRUCTIONS FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES
AT THE HILLBURN MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY**

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director give us a brief explanation on this consultant, so everyone is aware of them.

Damiani: RRT will be used to continue on-call services related to the Materials Recovery Facility operations and inspections as well as we explore alternative waste disposal. They will be our engineer on record.

12. Introduced By: Kenny/Monaghan

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION No. 9 of 2024
AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF
STERLING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, P.C.
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Phillips: Next, we have authorize retention of Sterling Environmental Engineering for engineering services. Mr. Executive Director gives a brief explanation.

Damiani: Sterling provides oversight for our permit renewals, issues with the DEC compliance related to operating of our facilities as well as implementation of our MS4 program.

13. Introduced by: Tursi/Malowitz

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2024
AUTHORIZING RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN & RESEARCH
FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Damiani: Environmental Design & Research for landscape architecture and environmental services provides oversight to our biosolids facility as well as our yard waste operations. They assist Rockland Green with capital planning and implementing that capital improvement.

14. Introduced by: Soskin/Kohut

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2024
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING
CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
D&B ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS, P.C.**

Damiani: We will continue D&B as we continue to build out our organics recycling program.

15. Introduced By: Wieder/Kenny

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2024
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ROCKLAND GREEN
AND/OR DESIGNATED STAFF TO ATTEND LIVE CONFERENCES PERTAINING TO
THE MANAGEMENT/ FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL WASTE SYSTEMS**

16. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Specht

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**RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2024
AUTHORIZATION FOR ROCKLAND GREEN TO SUPPORT THE KEEP ROCKLAND
BEAUTIFUL "GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP"**

17. Introduced by: Wieder/Kenny

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2024
AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE FOUNDATION FOR AXLE TRUCK SCALE
AT THE HILLBURN TRANSFER STATION
RFP NO. 2023-13**

Damiani: Rockland Green received two proposals, one from Infrastructure Repair Services in the amount of \$176,017 and A-Tech Concrete in the amount of \$124,350 to install an axle scale in the load-out pit of the Hillburn Transfer Station that will reduce multiple trips down to the scale house at the other end of Torne Valley Road. We were able to come to an agreement with A-Tech Concrete in an amount not to exceed \$119,975.

18. Introduced by: Specht/Monaghan

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2024
ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR
LANDFILL DISPOSAL SERVICES**

Damiani: This RFP is related to long-term disposal services. We received two proposals, one from Waste Management of New York and Casella Waste Systems. Both are more than qualified, but when you go through the evaluation report there is significant savings that will be achieved for the benefit of Rockland Green if we continue to rely on the New York State landfill model that we have been using for over ten years now. Those savings when you look at Casella hauling and landfill disposal option staying within New York and the Waste Management hauling and landfill disposal option the majority of the waste going to Pennsylvania with a small portion of the waste, 47,000 tons directed to an upstate New York landfill the significant savings over the contract term is well over \$6.6 million. When we looked at that and we looked at the operational constraints, two of our existing facilities Clarkstown and Hillburn it only makes sense to look at the Casella landfill disposal option. Even though they are a little bit more money than Waste Management disposal option when you factor in the cost to get that waste up there, remember we generate over 363,000 tons of MSW and shipped out over 10,000 trailer loads last year. When you factor in that cost and what we were able to achieve through negotiations with MBI, the price point shows a significant difference in the model of staying in New York versus running most of our waste to Pennsylvania over the next five years.

Phillips: It is actually cheaper than for the taxpayer.

Damiani: Yes, over \$6 million.

Phillips: Sooner or later, we are going to have to look for an alternative to dispose of our waste. We are probably going to be looking somewhere down the road at waste to energy type of plant. Hopefully, we can get by right now with this.

19. Introduced By: Hoehmann/Hofstein Unan. January 25, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2024
ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR
HAULING SERVICES FOR THE CLARKSTOWN TRANSFER STATION**

20. Introduced by: Rockland Green Board Unan. January 25, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2024
PROMOTING KYLE GOODMAN FOM MEO I TO MEO II
ANNUAL SALARY \$72,500.00**

21. Introduced By: Rockland Green Board Unan. January 25, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2024
PROMOTE AUGUSTO DELEON FROM LABORER TO MEO I
ANNUAL SALARY \$56,000.00**

22. Introduced by: Rockland Green Board Unan. January 25, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2024
APPOINT LABORER TO ROCKLAND GREEN
ANNUAL SALARY \$48,500.00**

23. Introduced by: Rockland Green Board Unan. January 25, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2024
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF LABORER
TO ROCKLAND GREEN**

24. Introduced by: Rockland Green Board Unan. January 25, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2024
APPOINT LABORER TO ROCKLAND GREEN
ANNUAL SALARY \$48,500.00**

25. New Business

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

Damiani: No new business.

26. Phillips: Do any of the Commissioners have any comments?

No Commissioner comments offered.

27. Comment from Public

Phillips: Since there are no other public comments do we have a motion to adjourn? Thank you everyone for coming out.

Monaghan: Moved

Hoehmann: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty