

5. Introduced by: Specht/Hoehmann

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March 26, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2024
ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE AND APPROVING 2023
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Phillips: Mr. Goldstein, would you like to make a brief presentation, and do we have somebody that would also like to speak on behalf of the audit?

Goldstein: Yes, we do Mr. Chairman thank you. Tonight, we have Ann DeLucco from BST who has been our independent auditor for many years now. She is here to report the findings of the audit. They were out for fieldwork in the middle of February.

DeLucco: As Jeremy said, I am Ann DeLucco, Partner from BST. You should have the audited financial statements in front of you. We did go through these with the Audit Committee about two weeks ago. As I go through this please interrupt me if you have any questions. I am going to go through highlights. In regard to the conduct of the audit, we completed our work in February, and we were onsite for about a week. It goes very smoothly, and we get full cooperation from the staff. There were no significant or unusual transactions to report, no disagreements, or difficulties. There were also no new GASB's to adopt this year. Accounting principles were the same this year to last year. The information for the financial statements that we got from management, we didn't have to correct with any audit adjustments. We appreciate that cooperation and that clean audit from the staff. In terms of the financial statements, there is an unmodified audit opinion which is the highest level of assurance that auditors can give. This is the clean opinion and essentially means that there are no material misstatements. Looking at the numbers, it was another strong year for the Authority. Overall, net income was \$8.8 million and last year was \$9.6 million so fairly consistent from year to year. That net income can be attributable to a few items. In terms of the tipping fees there was about a 1% increase in tonnage from last year. The ad valorem and user fees increased and also the new animal shelter unit charge levied was about \$1.7 million. Those were the overall increases in revenue. Some increases in cost. Of course, the animal shelter cost for the third-party operator, legal cost did increase and then the fact that the MRF was under construction because there was the moving of recyclables to a new facility. Overall, this resulted in again a strong financial position. The net position overall was \$66 million with \$31 million of that is unrestricted. That is generally liquid a net position that could be used for operations or the future. Regarding net assets and liabilities, there were no significant changes and no new revenue bonds issued during the year. The principal that was supposed to be paid was paid. That was \$5.8 million. Overall, about \$45 million is left in revenue bonds. In terms of the Materials Recovery Facility was partly operational during the year about \$39 million has been spent through December on that facility and expected to be fully operational any day now. The net pension liability. This is the Authority's portion of the net underfunding of the State's retirement system which is about 90% funded. As participants in that plan, you do have a portion of that liability. Last year it was an asset but now due to market fluctuations at the end of March of last year the market was tanking, so the assets decreased in the plan so now you are back in a liability position in that situation. But overall, it is still a very strong position for the Authority. We certainly do appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve you. I am happy to answer any questions from the Board.

Phillips: Are there any questions from the Commissioners? Once again Mr. Goldstein has done an excellent job along with our staff and the Executive Director of watching all of our pennies. We had some challenges in

2023 and 2022 and we are doing really well. We are in great financial condition and appreciate your work and giving us an excellent review of all of our finances.

6. **Introduced By: Kohut/Soskin**

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RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2024

**AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY
LEGISLATURE OF THE INTENT TO ACQUIRE AN
INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY PARCELS
UNDERLYING THE EKLECCO EASEMENTS**

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

Damiani: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Rockland Green through this resolution as required under the Public Authority’s Law to notify the Rockland County Legislature of our intent to acquire an interest in property. Four separate parcels above and beyond what was originally identified in 2007 through the year the assignment of the easement agreements dated back from 1998 when the Town of Clarkstown owned the transfer station in West Nyack.

Phillips: As the Executive Director has stated, we have used this property for quite some time now and we are moving ahead with this. It is good for the Authority, and I think Rockland Green is only going to benefit from this.

7. **Introduced by: Monaghan/Malowitz**

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RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2024

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION UPGRADES
AT THE COCOMPOSTING FACILITY
RFP NO. 2024-03**

Phillips: Mr. Executive Director, please give another brief explanation.

Damiani: This is our second phase of completion of the improvements for the fire suppression related to the biosolids facility under RFP 2024-03. We received one proposal from Campbell Fire protection for the replacement of 2,900 linear feet of fire suppression of an inch and a half sprinkler piping and seventy-five feet of four-inch sprinkler piping. We are replacing that with stainless steel 304SS piping because of the corrosive environment within the facility.

8. New Business

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

Damiani: Just an update on the MRF capital improvements. We have issued certificates for final completion for contracts 3, 4 and 6. Contract 3 Lombardo Plumbing, Contract 4 Hausser HVAC system and Contract 6 W&M Fire Suppression system. We are working towards final completion of Contract 5 Rockland Electric where there are outstanding punch-list items. Contract 1 under the equipment design build systems and Contract 2 for Butler we completed the acceptance test the week of February 12 and we are reviewing that data now. Three out of the six contracts have achieved final completion.

Phillips: Any updates on RG Cares?

Damiani: Yes. We will be partnering with a Bill Kolb Jr. Subaru in Orangeburg through the national program Subaru Loves Pets in partnership with the ASPCA for an adoption event in October 2024. Funding made available up to \$4,000 plus an additional \$3,100 through the dealership. We are very proud to work with our consultant partners at Four Legs Good and Bill Kolb, Jr working towards this adoption event in October. We are also working with Catskill Veterinarian Services to offer access to the TARA clinic in the month of May. It will be a four-hour clinic and Catskill Veterinarian Services will provide low-cost affordable veterinarian services. There will be no cost to Rockland Green or RG Cares.

Phillips: How are we doing with our other program with cats and trapping and neutering?

Damiani: I think we are doing a great job with Four Legs Good, our partner there. In 2024 under the TNVR initiative we spayed and neutered over 203 feral cats. In 2024 we spayed over 113 females and from what I am told through the consultants that prevented the birth in the first year of over 4,407 kittens.

9. Commissioner's Comments

No comments offered.

10. Public Comments

Dawn Bernstein

Phillips: Would anyone else in the public like to speak? Since there are no other public comments, motion to close public hearing.

Hoehmann: Moved

Specht: Seconded

Phillips: Motion to adjourn?

Kenny: Moved

Monaghan: Seconded

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

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty