

1. Chairman Phillips called to order the Rockland Green Board meeting for Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 5:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Jobson

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

Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hofstein (via phone)
Commissioner Hopstein
Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Kenny
Commissioner Kohut
Commissioner Malowitz

Present

Commissioner Monaghan
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Powers
Commissioner Sheridan
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht
Commissioner Tursi

Absent

Commissioner Hood
Commissioner Moroney

Staff

Jeremy Apotheker, Jerry Damiani, Izzy Eisenbach, Lawrence Garvey, Noreen Gelok, Jeremy Goldstein, Suzanne Haggerty, Dee Louis, Ken Murphy

Others

Ann DeLucco, Stephanie Kosmos, Teno West

Phillips: Welcome, everyone. Glad to have everyone here tonight. Let's first congratulate Commissioner Tursi on his re-election. We would also like to welcome our new member, Commissioner Hopstein.

4. Introduced by: Hoehmann/Specht

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2025
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
JANUARY 23, 2025**

5. Introduced by: Kohut/Soskin

Unan.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2025
ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE AND APPROVING 2023
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Goldstein: Ann DeLucco, partner from BST, is here to speak about the conduct and the results of the audit.

DeLucco: As Jeremy said, I am a partner at BST your auditors. I am going to do a high-level overview of the financial statements. We reviewed the statements with the audit committee last week in detail and the committee approved them. After that meeting, the financial statements were finalized. The audit conduct we completed the audit work in February, and we were onsite for about a week and the process was very smooth and we got full cooperation from Rockland Green, and we greatly appreciate that. There are no significant or unusual transactions to report. No difficulties or disagreements that happened during the audit. There was one new accounting announcement that was applicable for Rockland Green, which was GASB 101, which has to do with compensated absences like sick, vacation or personal time off. It has to do with what you accrue for and ultimately had no material impact on Rockland Green. There were no audit adjustments that we had to make. The reason that it is important for you as board members is because the information that you are getting from Jeremy and his team throughout the year is accurate. It is not as if we are coming in and making a lot of corrections to get the numbers that you see in front of you.

Regarding the financial statements, there is an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that the auditors can give. Essentially meaning there are no material misstatements to be in compliance with general and specific accounting principles.

It was another strong year for the Authority. Net income was \$10.5 million and last year net income was \$8.8 million for a \$2 million increase. That net income increased your net position to \$77 million at the end of 2024.

Tipping fees of course make up a majority of your revenue. It is about 44% of your revenue. The tipping fees increased last year, and your tonnage was very similar to the previous year, but you did increase the rate on municipal solid waste from \$76 to \$99 so that did increase your tipping fees despite tonnage remaining consistent with the prior period.

Of course, the other major source of revenue is your user fees and the ad valorem, which is about \$35 million and that was right in line with the budget.

On the expense side again largely in line with the budget. The largest cost is the transfer station fees. That is the O&M cost of the transfer stations and disposal and hauling at the landfills. That is about \$38 million all combined with an increase of about 4%.

The other thing to report on is the income statement you did have interest expense of about \$1.58 million on your bonds and BAN. That was largely offset by all the interest earnings that you had, which were about \$1.6 million. That really kind of netted out to cover all that interest cost. As I said, the net position is \$77 million. Of that \$36 million is unrestricted so that could be used for whatever you could use in the future operation wise, facility improvements or projects in the future.

The other couple of big things that happened during the year was the issuance of bonds. The Authority issued \$18 million of bonds. That was largely to repay the BAN last year and also to cover the cost of the renovations of the animal shelter. In addition to the bonds, you did make all of your required bond payments, which were \$6.6 million. Now at the end of December you have about \$60 million in bonds outstanding.

We are happy the MRF is in service after a couple of years that \$41 million was finally placed into service and fully operational and the revenue sharing with the operator is functioning as designed. The other thing to point out to you is that there are two significant estimates in these financial statements which are the net pension liability and the OPEB liability. Those are both actuarially determined. They are based on assumptions and other demographic information and interest rates or market fluctuations.

As I said, these were finalized last week, so we are well before the deadline of March 31st to get these submitted. I do appreciate that we are back to serve you and appreciate all the efforts that goes into the audit.

Phillips: Thank you and it was an excellent audit. Are there any Commissioners that would like to ask any questions? Thank you, Ann.,

6. **Introduced by: Jobson/Monaghan**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2025
AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE
2025 KOMATSU PC290LC-11 HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR**

Phillips: What are we doing with this piece of equipment and how are we paying for it?

Damiani: The new excavator will replace an existing 2010 excavator that has processed over 708,000 tons of concrete and asphalt in its in-service life, and it has over 20,000 operating hours on it. Funding is unrestricted funds.

Phillips: So, we are actually taking from the surplus.

7. **Introduced by: Paul/Kenny**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2025
RATIFY AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TIP FLOOR REPAIRS
AT THE HAVERSTRAW & HILLBURN TRANSFER STATIONS
RFP NO. 2025-01**

Phillips: Executive Director explain why we are constantly redoing these floors and mention about the new product that we are using.

Damiani: Obviously, the transfer station is heavily utilized with a lot of heavy equipment and a lot of impact on the tip floors. We have used this product over and over again at our other facilities, Clarkstown Transfer Station as well as the Hillburn Transfer Station. The special conditions found within our operating permits, specifically Rockland Green's transfer stations, require Permit E to conduct annual inspections of tip floors to determine the conditions of each and make the required repairs. During our inspections in August of last year, it was identified that the Hillburn and Haverstraw facilities required repairs to ensure that there is no potential to release contaminants leachate into the environment.

Seeking authorization of RFP 2025-01 awarding to Infrastructure Repair Services in the amount of \$213,596 which is less than the original proposal submitted by \$4,423.10 to repair approximately 12,000 square feet of tip floor area at the Hillburn Transfer Station because some of the rebar is showing and approximately 150 linear feet of existing cracks within a 19-inch slab at the Haverstraw Facility.

We have transitioned over to Eucofloor 404 product in lieu of traditional high strength concrete design mixes because within one day of curing, Eucofloor 404 achieves an 8,500 psi. After ninety days it is over 16,000 psi.

8. Tabled

9. New Business

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

Damiani: I just want to remind the Board of the events in March. At the last meeting I informed the Board that the event calendar is on our website. March 22nd and March 30th, we have our shredding events. On March 22nd at the Town of Clarkstown and March 30th at the Town of Ramapo. Events for April are, April 3rd there is a TNVR clinic in Haverstraw, April 16th is weekend collection event at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility and April 12th is the shredding event in the Town of Orangetown.

Phillips: Any update on our animal shelter?

Damiani: Contractor is onsite, and he has removed the existing interior concrete slab. We are just waiting on a few RFI's and submittals to be reviewed by our consultants. This way they can give directions to the contractor O'Connor.

Phillips: We should mention that one of our employees had to go in for an operation. Keith Braunfotel and we will express our wishes for a very quick recovery.

10. Commissioner Comments

No comments offered.

11. Public Comment

Phillips: Is there anyone in the public that would like to bring any comments, suggestions, or recommendations before the Board?

Nixie Gueits
Jennifer Dunn
Taly Ron

Phillips: Motion to close the public comments.

Hoehmann: Moved

Specht: Seconded

Phillips: Motion to adjourn?

Malowitz: Moved

Jobson: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty