

AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2025**Approved**

Board Members Present: Chairman Kenneth Long (via Zoom), Vice Chairman Vincent Bono, Richard Redmond, Steven Boucher, Robert Comis, James D'Onofrio, James Franco, Barbara Freeman, Nancy Novak (via Zoom) and James Williams

Authority Staff Present: Joshua Olbrys, Jodi Tuttle, Emily Albright, Joseph Artessa, Eileen Brinck, Justin Fitch, Hailey Hutchinson, Pat Lisandrelli and Andrew Opperman

Others Present: Authority Counsel Kevin Martin and Richard Bristol of Bristol's Roll-Off Services

Vice Chairman Bono called the September 15, 2025, Authority Board meeting to order at 4:33 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Comis, seconded by Ms. Freeman, and passed to approve the June 16, 2025, Authority Minutes. [10 Ayes; 0 Nays]

Richard Bristol of Bristol's Roll-Off Services spoke during the public comment period. Mr. Bristol expressed his concern regarding management's response to a recent complaint he had submitted regarding an Authority employee. Vice Chairman Bono explained to Mr. Bristol that the Board typically leaves personnel matters to the discretion of management and informed Mr. Bristol that the Board was provided a copy of his communications with Executive Director Olbrys. Vice Chairman Bono told Mr. Bristol that the Board would further discuss his concerns.

Mr. Olbrys explained that Resolutions No. 21 and No. 22 would approve the Reduced Tip Fee Applications submitted by the Towns of Trenton and Forestport, respectively.

Resolution No. 21 was introduced by Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and passed to approve the Town of Trenton's application for Reduced Tip Fees for Disposal of Disaster Debris caused by the winter storms that occurred in February 2025. [10 Ayes; 0 Nays]

Resolution No. 22 was introduced by Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and passed to approve the Town of Forestport's application for Reduced Tip Fees for Disposal of Disaster Debris caused by the winter storms that occurred in February 2025. [10 Ayes; 0 Nays]

Landfill Operations Manager Justin Fitch provided an update on the construction of Cell 8 at the Authority's Regional Landfill.

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Mohawk Valley Materials won the two-year contract and began construction of Cell 8 in April of 2024. Work completed in 2024 included the relocation of an access road, installation of a drainage swale, stripping/stockpiling of topsoil, and bulk excavation. Installation of the liner system began this year. Mr. Fitch reviewed the many different layers that make up the liner system and provided the Board with samples of the liner material.

Mr. Olbrys reported that the Authority continues to assist the five villages in the Mohawk Valley with their waste and recyclables' collection programs. The Authority's role is to oversee the bid process, handle the collection of payments, pay the contractors/haulers, deliver and order garbage bags, field customer complaints, and oversee the contractor to make sure they are abiding by the terms in the contract. Four of the five contracts expire in 2025 and went up for re-bid. The contract terms will be for three years, with two additional extension years. The Villages of Dolgeville and Herkimer will keep the same service and hauler, Spohn's Disposal Service, as the previous contract. Prices increased 30% in Dolgeville, and 60% in Herkimer. The Village of Ilion will maintain the same service but changed haulers from Spohn's Disposal Service to Wheelock Disposal Service. Pricing increased 40% in the Village of Ilion. Mr. Olbrys explained that the price increases are due to inflation, and stated that even with the increase, pricing remains at market value. Bids for the Village of Frankfort are due on Thursday, September 18th.

Mr. Olbrys stated that the 2026 budget timeline is on track. The Finance Committee was given the first draft of the proposed 2026 budget and updated five-year financial plan at the Committee meeting preceding this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and unanimously passed to schedule a public hearing on the proposed 2026 Authority budget for November 17, 2025.

At 5:05 PM a motion was made by Mr. Comis, seconded by Mr. D'Onofrio, and passed to go into executive session to discuss proposed litigation.

At 5:37 PM a motion was made by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Franco, and passed to come out of executive session.

At 5:37 PM, with no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Franco, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodi M. Tuttle
Authority Secretary