

**ROCKLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF TOWERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday November 28, 2023**

A Meeting of the Rockland County Board of Towers was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in the Legislative Committee Room, 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.

**Members Present:**

Michele C. Durso,  
Sgt. Christopher Bax  
Sgt. Andres Sanchez  
Ricardo Fijor  
James P. Needham

**Members Absent:**

**None**

**Others Present:**

William Hartnagel, Esq  
Samantha Rivera  
Kimberly Von Ronn, Esq  
William Salerno T-21388  
James DeStaso T-21404  
James Maher T-21417

Meeting called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chair Michele C. Durso.

**MOTION**

By Member Sgt. C. Bax, second by Member Sgt. A. Sanchez to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held September 26, 2023. All in favor.

**Discussion – Fuel Surcharge**

Discussion: W. Hartnagel, Esq spoke with the County Executive Office regarding the fuel surcharge. Director Von Ronn, Esq requested the board draft a formal proposal to bring to the County Executive’s office for review. Member J. Needham suggested following the New York State Thruway Authority’s chart for fuel surcharges based on the price of diesel fuel. Board also discussed alternative jurisdictions with fuel surcharges including New Jersey Turnpike Authority Garden State Parkway. Member J. Needham explained that the surcharge will only apply if the price of diesel goes above a certain rate. Board agrees that the surcharge will be based on the

US Department of Energy's price of self-service diesel fuel determined on the date that Chapter 394 was adopted, August 13, 2021. This surcharge will be applied to the base towing fee and mileage beyond the first mile.

**Public Participation**

James Destaso, T-21404, suggested that the fuel surcharge be included in the price per mile as to simplify invoicing for Consumers.

With the agenda completed in its entirety, the Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

**The next regularly scheduled Meeting is on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 3pm, in the Legislative Committee Room at 11 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele C. Durso  
Chairperson