

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on September 9, 2014 at 7:03 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey. The necessary notice of this meeting was published according to the law.

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. William Hudzik, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Ms. Laura Szwak, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Fletcher Platt, Mr. Richard Plambeck, and Mr. Christopher Dour.

Mr. James Barry entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ABSENT: Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

Also present was Glenn Schweizer, Executive Director; John P. Scarmozza, P.E., Chief Engineer; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brent Carney, Esq., Maraziti, Falcon LLP; Larry Gindoff, Solid Waste Coordinator; Kathleen Hourihan, District Recycling Coordinator and Freeholder-liaison David Scapicchio.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session and Regular Meeting dated August 12, 2014.

MOTION: Mr. Plambeck made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session and Regular Meeting of August 12, 2014 and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Dour

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating, Water Operating and Capital Accounts for the month of August 2014. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for the Solid Waste and Water Divisions, as well as the investment report for the month of August in which there was no activity. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

MOTION: Dr. Nusbaum made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Platt seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher explained that the following Resolutions are two budget amendments one for solid waste and one for water. The MUA is funding line items that are either currently unfavorable vs. budget or forecasted to be unfavorable vs. budget by the end of the year with line items that are favorable vs. budget. All changes have a zero impact on the overall budget. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of same:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-42  
 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2014 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY  
 MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8  
SOLID WASTE DIVISION

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations; and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the Authority's budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2014 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Salaries – Oper.	\$2,126,581.00	\$2,119,581.00
Special Projects	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
NJ – PERS	\$ 313,881.00	\$ 271,881.00
Engineering	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Cultural Ctr. Rent	\$ 48,650.00	\$ 18,560.00
Cultural Ctr. Utilities	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
Dover Ind. Park – Rent	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
Training	\$ 14,015.00	\$ 12,015.00

<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Office Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Legal Consultation	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 185,000.00
Employer – FICA	\$ 214,516.00	\$ 218,516.00
Salaries & Wages – Admin.	\$ 701,779.00	\$ 708,779.00

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2014.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
 UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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 Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Plambeck made a Motion to amend the 2014 Fiscal Budget of the MCMUA – Solid Waste Division and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

Mr. Plambeck questioned the \$125,000 line item for Office Supplies and Mr. Kaletcher replied that when we prepared the 2014 budget, we were not sure that we were going to move so we budgeted typical amounts without the move. He advised that the move cost us approximately \$100,000 overall so we needed to fund that deficit with other areas in our budget, so the moving costs were coded to the Office Supply line item. Ms. Szwak asked if the decrease in the Salary Operating Line Item was due to attrition and Mr. Kaletcher replied that we have had some employees who had to go on disability unexpectedly and also there have been gaps where an employee has left and it has taken time to fill that position so those few months without paying that salary is a savings.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 14-43  
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2014 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8  
WATER DIVISION

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations; and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the Authority’s budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2014 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Electricity	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 710,000.00
Facility Maintenance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Legal Consultation	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Dental Insurance	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 4,445.00
Salaries – Admin.	\$ 271,243.00	\$ 278,243.00

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2014.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Plambeck made a Motion to amend the 2014 Fiscal Budget of the MCMUA – Water Division and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(Mr. James Barry entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

Chairman Dour asked for the Board’s approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 14-44

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the bills as shown on the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS all having been approved by the Board of officials where legally required, be and the same are hereby paid. The SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS designated as Bill Resolution No. 14-44 containing 7 pages for a total of \$2,823,015.10 dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

CAPITAL FUNDS	1100-1103	\$ 4,805.38
WATER OPERATING FUNDS	2592-2634	197,110.54
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	4589-4676	<u>2,621,099.18</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,823,015.10</b>

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that all vouchers listed above have been reviewed and found to be in proper form for payment, and I have compared the SCHEDULE OR WARRANTS to the vouchers for payment and have determined it to be correct.

DATE: September 9, 2014

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

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Christopher Dour, Chairman

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: September 9, 2014

DATE: September 9, 2014

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

**MOTION:** Mr. Platt made a Motion that the vouchers be approved for payment and Mr. Plambeck seconded the Motion.

Freeholder-liaison Scapicchio asked if the payment to the Morris Township Tax Collector is for taxes and Mr. Schweizer replied yes; it is for the property taxes for the two properties we still own on Whitehead Road. Mr. Scapicchio asked isn't the MUA tax exempt and Mr. Schweizer replied no, not on water property.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 8      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher advised the Board that the reverse on-line auction with EMEX for electricity generation costs is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Schweizer mentioned with regard to Item No. 2 of the correspondence regarding the Morris Commons lawsuit, the Motion for Summary Judgment that the MUA is seeking is being heard on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and is hoping that Brent Carney is successful in getting the MUA out of this lawsuit.

Also in the additional correspondence, is a news article regarding the recycling company, Green Sky, has closed its recycling facility in Clifton very abruptly with very little if no notice to its customers which left many towns, particularly in Passaic and Bergen County scrambling and four towns in Morris County: Morris Township, Morristown, Parsippany and Lincoln Park. He mentioned that some of these towns are already under contract with ReCommunity and others are having discussions with them. Ms. Hourihan added that ReCommunity is trying to make room for the Morris County towns and the towns nearby. Mr. Schweizer mentioned that we had always hoped that the larger towns that have traditionally gone out-of-county with their marketing of recyclables would use the ReCommunity facility both to help the facility itself but also for an economic gain for the MUA. He also mentioned that the whole intent of establishing the facility in Mine Hill was to accommodate Morris County municipalities.

Ms. Szwak asked where is Frank Pinto going? Mr. Schweizer replied that Frank is going to work for Ben Spinelli, in a start-up consultant firm, essentially doing preservation trust which he had done in Morris County for many years prior to being in Human Services.

Memorandum dated August 28, 2014 from John Bonanni advising that Frank Pinto, Director of Human Services, will be leaving the County at the end of August.

Order filed August 29, 2014 regarding Morris Commons, L.L.C. v. Township of Rockaway and Township of Rockaway Planning Board.

Letter dated August 21, 2014 to Joseph Bertoni, Acting Commissioner, N.J. Department of Transportation, from Debra A. Dellagiacom, Assistant Traffic Engineer, County of Morris regarding signage request on Route 206 in Roxbury for 168 Gold Mine Road, Mount Olive.

Letter dated August 13, 2014 to Thomas Ciccarone, Administrator, Township of Chatham, from Glenn Schweizer advising that the Morris County M.U.A. agrees to partner with Chatham Township, the Open Space Institute and the Morris County Park Commission in the acquisition of the Giralda Farms property and agrees to contribute \$1,250,000 towards the project.

Letter dated August 14, 2014 to Hon. Ann F. Grossi, Esq., Morris County Clerk, from Diane M. Ketchum, Clerk of the Board, forwarding a certified Freeholder resolution adopted August 13, 2014 requesting a Public Question regarding an amendment to the Morris County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund be placed on the November 4, 2014 official ballot.

Letter dated September 5, 2014 to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection from Anthony Milonas, Supervisor of Water Operations, regarding T1 Reports for the Morris County M.U.A. for the month of August 2014.

Letter dated September 5, 2014 to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection from Anthony Milonas, Supervisor of Water Operations, regarding the Disinfectant Residuals Report for M.U.A. for the month of August 2014.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Druetzler commented that the water sales are doing very well and Mr. Scarmozza replied yes, we are 200 million gallons over last year at this time. Mr. Plambeck asked if that was due to the water main break? Mr. Scarmozza advised that the break was right along the 24" main which caused the rapid draining of the tanks. He advised that it was about three hours between the time Randolph was aware of the break and when they got everything shut down. He mentioned that they also lost quite a bit of road in the process.

Mr. Platt mentioned that he saw an email that there is going to be a meeting with DEP and asked if Glenn is going to report on that? Mr. Schweizer informed the Board that we have a meeting with DEP this Thursday and that he, John and Frank Getchell of Leggette, Brashears & Graham plan to

talk about the modeling effort and the future of the Rockaway Well. Mr. Platt asked if there is any agenda or do you expect a decision at the meeting? Mr. Schweizer replied that he expects one and won't leave without a very clear signal from the Department on whether there is any hope for this project based on the information that has been submitted to them.

## **PROJECT STATUS:**

### **1. Roof Repair Project, Contract No. 36**

- A. B&D Engineers completed the plans and specifications for the well house and pumping station roof repair project. The Project will be advertised on September 3<sup>rd</sup> for receipt of bids on September 25<sup>th</sup>; it will be one contract but done in two phases for budgetary reasons. The first phase includes the two Flanders Valley Wells and Mt. Arlington Pumping Station, with Alamatong Wells 1,2,5 & 8 included in phase 2. Work on phase 1 is anticipated to start late in 2014 and continue through the winter, work on phase 2 will immediately follow the completion of phase 1 in 2015.

### **2. SCADA Upgrades**

- A. PCS met with Tony Milonas on August 28<sup>th</sup> to plan the work schedule and review the details of the proposed SCADA upgrades. The Markewicz, Mt. Arlington and Clyde Potts pumping stations will be addressed first as they are the data collection centers and control points for all activities. These locations are also the most complicated to upgrade and will require close coordination of the work to reduce facility downtime. Both the MCMUA and PCS will be working simultaneously in the pumping station SCADA enclosures to replace and integrate internal components and program their operation. The new hardware upgrades at the satellite facilities are simple and will be done ahead of PCS with pre-programmed equipment that can be integrated into the system with little disruption. The obsolete hardware will be removed by the MCMUA thereafter.

### **3. Contract No. 22R-12, Dover Chester Rd. 3 MG Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation**

- A. The one year anniversary inspection of the Dover Chester Rd. Water Storage Tank is being coordinated by Suburban Consulting Engineers. A submersible ROV will be used to inspect the condition of the coating inside the tank, while the outside will be manually inspected. Anticipating no condition requiring emptying of the tank, the Corrosion Protection system will be activated and the project will be accepted as complete.

### **4. Rehabilitation and Recoating of the F.J. Markewicz Pumping Station Ground Storage Water Tanks**

- A. The Professional Service Contract to prepare bid documents and provide construction management for the rehabilitation and recoating of the Markewicz Pumping Station Ground Storage Tanks was sent to Suburban Consulting Engineers for signatures and certificate of insurance. Upon execution of the contract the MCMUA will meet with Suburban to review the scope of service and begin identifying the required rehabilitation scope.

### **5. Contract No. 7R-14 Markewicz Pumping Station Standby generator Auxiliary Fuel Storage Tank**

- A. No bids were received for Contract 7R-14 on August 28<sup>th</sup>, the date scheduled for receiving bids on the project. As the project was heavily skewed toward materials, the administrative requirements of the public bidding laws and County may have discouraged contractors from submitting bids. Since the auxiliary fuel tank is important to the MCMUA's ability to respond to a prolonged power outage, staff is rethinking the project and may purchase the tank and accessories and install them with MCMUA personnel.

## **GENERAL**

### **1. SYSTEM**

- A. Mt Arlington was dismayed to find that their leak repair in June did nothing to reduce their July water volume as had been expected. Further leak detection efforts by the Borough identified a large leak in Lee's Park that was measured at 50 GPM. Fortunately the leak was metered and the Borough will be able to bill the MC Park Commission for the water (over 2 MG) lost during July.
- B. Randolph had a main break on August 18th that effectively drained the two 1129' tanks, causing the higher elevations throughout the Township to be without water, and drawing down the Markewicz Ground Storage Tanks to 1/3 capacity. The break occurred at 5:00 AM in an 8" main just off of Sussex Turnpike; as tank levels fell, one by one the three Markewicz pumps came on and fed the break, and one by one, seven wells came on to try and sustain the Markewicz Tanks on the suction side of the pumps. The MCMUA low tank alarm didn't go out until 6:45 AM, at about the same time Randolph became aware of the break, it took until 8:00AM for Randolph to locate and isolate the break. The MCMUA recovered the 1129' tanks by 3:00 PM and the Markewicz tanks by mid-night.

### **SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

Mr. Gindoff gave some background information on the roof maintenance project at the transfer stations. He mentioned that we had budgeted to do repairs on the roofs at both transfer stations as they are the original roofs since 1988. He reported that there are five different sections that need repair; two at Parsippany and three at Mt. Olive. We have been working with Alaimo Engineering and Bobby Ross of the MUA to come up with the best remedy. We are still working with Alaimo Engineering on whether to do partial repairs or complete roofs and won't have an update on this until the next Board meeting.

Chairman Dour asked if the air pollution system impacts this project and Mr. Gindoff replied that we are having Alaimo contemplate what makes sense in preparation of that in Parsippany. Additionally, both of these roofs have a lot of ventilation systems that need to be repaired and we are doing what is necessary. Mr. Platt asked if this work is in the capital budget and Mr. Gindoff replied we do have \$619,000 in the budget for this project. Chairman Dour asked if Alaimo is still looking at different types of roofs and Mr. Gindoff replied yes but Alaimo did a cost estimate and the elastic membrane roof was 72% the cost of the metal roof and are recommending that the MUA go with the elastic membrane roof.

Mr. Gindoff advised that Brent Carney will give the Board updates on issues involving the transfer station procurement in closed session. The MUA will be having a Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Police & Firefighters' Academy.

Mr. Gindoff reported that yesterday there was a meeting of the Open Space Trust Fund Committee and this year there are ten properties with grant applications before us so we have a lot to consider compared to last year. The site tours start this weekend on these properties and in October we start taking presentations from the applicants. Mr. Plambeck asked what the total dollars is and Mr. Gindoff replied 21 million dollars, of which there is one large project request for Giralda Farms of 10 million dollars.

### **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage** – For the month of August 2014, 31,941 tons of solid waste was accepted at the two transfer stations. This monthly tonnage represents a 7.71% decrease compared to the 34,611 tons accepted a year ago in August 2013. With the first eight months of tonnage in at the transfer stations for 2014, it is currently projected that the transfer stations will accept 382,119 tons of solid waste in total for 2014. If this prediction holds true, the transfer stations will accept 1.41% more waste than the 376,825 tons accepted in 2013. Please reference the Transfer Station Disposal Report for additional information.

**Legal Challenges to the Transfer Station Procurement** – Oral arguments are scheduled to take place on September 4, 2014 before Judge Weisenbeck regarding the MCMUA's motion for stay

pending appeal as well as Mascaro's similar motion for stay pending appeal of Judge Weisenbeck's order requiring a rebid of the transfer station contract on an expedited basis. As of the writing of this report, all briefs, opposition briefs and reply briefs have been filed with the Court in preparation for the oral arguments. Counsel will be present at the September 9 meeting to update the Board regarding the presentation of oral arguments before Judge Weisenbeck. Finally, in accordance with Judge Weisenbeck's August 21, 2014 order, in a letter dated August 26, 2014 the MCMUA wrote to the Office of State Comptroller (OSC) requesting a waiver from the 30-day review that needs to elapse prior to the MCMUA being allowed to publish for receipt of bids.

**Roof Maintenance at the Transfer Stations** – The Alaimo Group, the MCMUA's solid waste engineer, has been to the both transfer stations to evaluate the conditions of the roofs that need repair/replacement. Staff has been working with Alaimo to determine the best approach for the roof repairs. For the most part, the current roofs are the original roofs that were installed at the transfer stations when built in the late 1980's and are in need of repair and/or replacement. Ideas are being considered whether to specify "in-kind" replacement of the metal roofing systems that have lasted almost 25 years or to use a new elastomeric membrane system to apply over what would be a significantly patched roof. Additionally, consideration of how the phase the project between both transfer station is also being considered and discussed with the engineers. The Board will be kept up to date with respect to progress on this project.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**Program Participation and Events** - During August 2014, a total of 227 residents and businesses delivered waste to the permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility in Mount Olive. This is slightly up participation from the previous month of July 2014, when 223 participants used the facility. Please note the 223 participants being reported herein for July 2014 revises an incorrect participation number of 146 provided in last month's report to the Board. August 2014's participation represents a decrease from last year when 263 participants used the facility in August 2013.

The next HHW event will next event on September 13, at the Public Safety Complex and MXI will be the MCMUA's new HHW disposal day vendor and MRM will continue providing E-waste recycling services. In addition, there will be an October 18 disposal event at Chatham High School using the same vendors.

In a letter dated August 21, 2014 from Debra Dellagiacom, Morris County Division of Engineering and Transportation, to the NJDOT, a formal request was submitted to install signs on Route 206 directing people to the MCMUA's HHW facility. While there is currently a sign on the southbound direction of Route 206, there is no sign in the northbound direction. The request to NJDOT is to install a new sign in the northbound direction and to replace the existing sign in the southbound direction with a more visible sign. If approved, the Division of Engineering and Transportation has offered to purchase and install the signs on behalf of the MCMUA.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT – August 2014**

**Facility Report** – The vegetative waste figures for August 2014 were still being compiled as of the writing of this report. As such, vegetative waste recycling report for August 2104 will be presented to the Board at the September 9, 2014 meeting. The last day for seasonal deliveries of compost and mulch come to a close on September 26, 2014.

## **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Ms. Hourihan reported that the tonnage for August for Curbside is a little lower than last year considering that we added Chatham Borough and also noted in comparison the tonnage for August at the transfer stations is lower also and hopes that the tonnage will go up in September.

Mr. Plambeck passed out an updated table showing pounds per month per person for towns in the MCMUA collection program and mentioned that there are still five towns that are averaging more than 20 lbs. per person per month of recycling and the others that have both curbside and a recycling center are in the 15-20 lb. range.

Ms. Hourihan also mentioned that the DEP is starting to calculate recycling rates by municipality. Historically, the DEP only calculated recycling rates by Counties and each County calculated their own municipal rates. DEP is also looking at different recycling goals: 60% goal is taking all types of recycling into account; 50% goal only looks at MSW and they have a new category that they are calling residential where they are trying to quantify only curbside materials but take out the leaves. Dr. Nusbaum asked if that affects their formula as to dollars back to Counties or are they going to control the dollars back to the Counties and how we dispense the money to municipalities? Ms. Hourihan replied that she doesn't think they can as according to the recycling law there is a breakout into different groups; 60% of which goes back to the municipalities. She doesn't know if they are going to take the recycling rate into account and right now the DEP only pays on recycling tonnage and what category of material it is.

### **Recycling Operations**

**Revenue and Tonnage** – During July and August, staff worked with ReCommunity to finalize the monthly statements for February through July. These statements were taking so long to finalize because the computation of the payment rates changed due to the fact that building located at 103 Iron Mountain had a roof collapse on February 13 and was subsequently demolished. Prior to the roof collapse, this building processed commingled bottles and cans. Without the ability to process bottles and cans, this material is being transferred to another location for processing. Therefore, the payment calculations for bottles and cans must now rely on a prior 12 month average to determine the composition of the “shipped” material. There was a good deal of back and forth and review and revisions on the statements for February through July, so that a new calculation format can be used during the absence of processing for bottles and cans. ReCommunity estimates about another year before the building will be rebuilt. The final payments from ReCommunity for February through July are:

February 2014	\$15,809.22
March 2014	\$20,431.10
April 2014	\$22,624.43
May 2014	\$27,515.76
June 2014	\$27,629.65
July 2014	\$27,489.18

The tonnage collected by the MCMUA during August was 1,209 tons. This amount appears to be a bit lower than expected. The monthly tonnage is shown by material and by customer on the attached report.

**Purchase of New Trucks** – Staff has selected a truck upon which to base the specifications to solicit bids for the purchase a new rear-loading compactor truck. Staff is still working on preparing the bid document and had some questions on the detailed specification for the vendor. Staff plans to release the bid in early October to award a contract at the November Board meeting.

The new mini-compactor truck, the purchase of which was awarded November 2013, was delivered on Thursday, August 7. The curbside department began using it on Tuesday, August 12 and encountered an intermittent problem. The truck was returned to the dealer for repairs. The dealer corrected the problem and returned the truck to the MCMUA on Tuesday, August 26. It is now working fine.

**Roll-off Container Tarp System** – On August 8, 4 new open-top roll-off containers were delivered, two with tarping systems. These are the first containers the MCMUA has ordered with the tarping system and they were purchased to test the systems to prevent rain and snow from getting the single-stream material wet and frozen. Due to Green Fence, the quality restrictions imposed by China on material they import, moisture has become a bigger issue. The severity of the snow this past winter, resulted in ReCommunity rejecting snow covered/frozen loads delivered in open-top roll-off containers. The MCMUA plans to test this tarping system at municipal recycling centers to get feedback from municipal personal who will use the system. We plan to do a demonstration of the tarping system at our next municipal recycling coordinators meeting on September 24. Then we plan to meet to with each town individually to discuss tarping and other issues like contamination and filling containers all the way.

## **Events/Education/Miscellaneous**

**Clean Communities** – On July 30, staff attended a Clean Communities Best Practices Committee meeting and discussed a new workbook that the Union County coordinator is creating for New Jersey. Staff also watched an assembly program by a new presenter and will provide comments to the presenter. The annual Clean Communities report for Morris County for 2013 was filed online in August. **Educational Programs:** During August, the MCMUA funded 2 educational programs at the Jockey Hollow Girl Scout Camp and the Morris County Library and partially funded a program at the Green Living Festival in Washington Township. **Road Clean-ups:** There were two road clean-ups in August on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. MCMUA curbside crews cleaned a total of 18 miles of road counting both sides in Mt Olive, Roxbury and Wharton.

**Recycling Office Personnel** – Effective August 18, Cheryl Birmingham, was promoted to Assistant Recycling Specialist. Cheryl's previous title was Clerk 2. Cheryl has worked for the MCMUA for 8 years primarily assisting with answering telephones, making appointments for household hazardous waste disposal and for compost deliveries. Her new duties will be to assist with the administration of Morris County's recycling program. Cheryl is beginning to get trained for her new position while waiting for her replacement for her former Clerk position to arrive in late September. This promotion is related to the redistribution job tasks as a result of the retirement of Penny Jones in June.

Additionally, Chris Vidal, who has worked for the MCMUA for 6 years, was also promoted from Assistant Recycling Specialist to Recycling Specialist.

**Recycling Inspections/Outreach** – In August, 13 transfer station loads suspected of improperly containing mandated recyclable materials were photographed and written-up by MCMUA tipping floor inspectors.

During August, staff worked with generators and haulers to inform them of the recycling requirements in Morris County. The list below is a sample.

- Dress Barn in Parsippany
- CDB Construction which is building the new Harley Davidson store in Morris Plains
- Sonesta Suites in Parsippany and their contractor The Allied Group Construction Services.

**2013 Municipal Recycling Tonnage Reports** – As of August 27, all of the 39 municipal recycling tonnage reports for 2013 have been received.

**Event Containers** – The MCMUA's event containers for recycling and garbage were lent to the following organizations during July:

- SCOR Agility for a dog agility event at St Hubert's in Morris Township - Aug 16-17.
- Green Living Festival in Washington Township – August 16-17
- Town of Boonton Fireman Fair – August 27-Sept 2.

## **Miscellaneous Presentations/Meetings/Conference Calls/Correspondence**

- On Wednesday, August 6, staff met with Debbie Pinto of the NJDEP to discuss various issues related to recycling and solid waste management and debt in other counties.
- Also on Wednesday, August 6, staff attended the ANJR Summer Workshop in Sayreville. The topics included textile recycling, contaminants at recycling facilities, effective compliance, education and enforcement, and successful shared services programs.
- On Saturday, August 16, staff participated in Washington Township's Green Living Festival and Family Fun Day as an exhibitor.
- On Tuesday, August 19, staff met with Tom Merkel, who works for the Netcong DPW, to give him an orientation session on being a municipal recycling coordinator in Morris County. Tom will become the recycling coordinator in Netcong in the near future.
- On Saturday, August 23, staff participated in the Canal Day event in Wharton as an exhibitor.
- On Wednesday, August 27, staff had a budget meeting to prepare for 2015.

## **PUBLIC PORTION:**

There being no comment from the Public, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

On the project to sell 82 Whitehead Road known as the Black House, the attorneys for the MUA and Morris County are working on the façade easement which we need to prepare, which is an integral part of our application. He added that our application package is ready to submit to the State Historic Preservation Office and we are just waiting for the façade easement to be drafted and agreed upon between us and the County. Once consensus of the easement is reached, then the application will be submitted. Mr. Schweizer mentioned that the County will hold the façade easement. Traditionally they do not hold them but they said they would. There seems to be only one issue which is the length of holding the easement.

Freeholder-liaison Scapicchio asked Mr. Schweizer's thoughts and concerns with the municipalities that are now using the packers with automated lift systems to pick up the garbage cans. He commented that it seems to him that we are loosing a set of eyes and there could be some contaminated waste getting into some of those cans. Are you seeing any of that at the transfer stations or are the loads coming in clean from municipalities? Mr. Gindoff commented that the residential loads are not as easily viewable like the commercial loads. Mr. Scapicchio asked how many municipalities are using these packers now? Mr. Gindoff replied Hanover, Mt. Olive and Morris Township. Mr. Scapicchio said it will be interesting to see if their recycling numbers drop down at all. Mr. Schweizer added that he doesn't think the practice of what people put out is impacted by the collection vehicle. In addition, municipalities are switching to automated collection vehicles when they can because it results in a big reduction in labor costs.

There being no further Old Business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There being no New Business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Chairman Dour read the following Resolution for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. for discussion regarding pending litigation of Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. and Covanta 4Recovery LP v. Morris County M.U.A. and Mascaro Consolidated and pending appeals on those matters, as well as Morris Commons vs. Township of Rockaway and Morris County M.U.A. et al.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSIONS  
REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION INVOLVING THE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority desires to discuss various matters in connection with pending litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority is authorized to conduct a closed session in each of these instances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(5).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. A closed session will be held immediately following the Public Portion of this meeting for discussion regarding pending litigation of Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. and Covanta 4Recovery LP v. Morris County M.U.A. and Mascaro Consolidated and pending appeals on those matters, as well as Morris Commons vs. Township of Rockaway and Morris County M.U.A. et al.

2. The matters discussed during this closed session relating to pending litigation shall be recorded and duly approved by the Board but shall be held in confidence and shall not be made available for public disclosure until such time as the matter has been settled, an unappealable decision has been rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as otherwise required by law.

MOTION: Dr. Nusbaum made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. and Mr. Platt seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

The meeting returned to open session at 8:23 p.m. with a Motion made by Mr. Plambeck, seconded by Mr. Hudzik and carried unanimously.

There being no further Business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion and it was carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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