

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 7, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on April 7, 2015 at 7:05 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, Mr. James Barry, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Ms. Laura Szwak, Mr. Richard Plambeck, and Mr. Christopher Dour.

ABSENT: Mr. Fletcher Platt and 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 David Scapicchio, Freeholder-liaison.

After the flag salute, there was a Moment of Silence for former Freeholder Jack Schrier.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 10, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Plambeck made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2015 and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating, Water Operating and Capital Accounts for the month of March 2015. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for the Solid Waste and Water Divisions, as well as the investment report for the month of March 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: Mr. Barry made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Plambeck seconded the Motion.

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

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

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 15-25

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. 15-25 containing 7 pages for a total of \$2,701,501.62 dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

CAPITAL FUNDS	1117-1118	\$ 173.05
WATER OPERATING FUNDS	2833-2861	172,509.09
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	5133-5225	<u>2,528,819.49</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,701,501.62

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: April 7, 2015

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

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: April 7, 2015

DATE: April 7, 2015

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

With regard to the first two letters in the correspondence report regarding MCMUA Inadequate Water Supply, Mr. Schweizer mentioned that after our discussion at the Board Meeting last month about the DEP letter the MUA received, Andrew Holt, on behalf of the MUA, responded in kind with a review of the conversation that was had between staff and DEP. We were surprised to receive a quick response from the Department and there were three key things that were mentioned: (1) they did acknowledge that there were errors in the data provided by Southeast Morris County M.U.A. and they did make some adjustments on that; (2) they are realizing that over a course of time that the MUA is in a very unique position because we are a bulk wholesaler and a lot of the regulations are designed for utilities that are retailers and it seems they are going to take a look at this which presumably will be addressed in a separate correspondence; and (3) they make reference to a separate correspondence that is forthcoming from the Department that addresses these issues in light of the pending Southeast Morris County M.U.A. modified agreement with Wharton.

Mr. Schweizer added that we do plan to respond to DEP. Staff and Counsel will be working on correspondence back to them to ask for a prompt response, particularly to the last issue because of the position this Board has taken that we need to have this issue resolved prior to us making any unconditional approval of the proposed Southeast/Wharton agreement. This matter will be discussed more in closed session. Mr. Druetzler asked what is the bottom line, are we still waiting to hear whether we are in compliance or not and what is your feeling from the phone conversation? Mr. Schweizer replied that they listened to the arguments that were presented to them. There were three things mentioned: there was an error in the Southeast Morris County M.U.A. data so they accepted that; secondly, it was suggested that when they look at meter accuracy, typically there is a margin of error which is one percent which could get us under the inadequate status classification; and perhaps the bigger issue is they recognize that the MUA is different because municipalities and utilities are judged by the specific amount of water sold whereas the MUA is judged by the amount

of water we pledge to our customers. Since our customers never take the maximum amount and there is frequently a problem if DEP attempts to exercise their regulations. He believes that the Department is going in the right direction and he does not know if we will get a complete resolution but he believes that they are going to see a way to provide us with a status that makes it easier for us to approve of the Southeast/Wharton deal. He added that the present status of our condition is that we have pledged all of our water to all of our municipalities and we are right up against our limits. We had to readjust all our contracts at the direction and approval of DEP. Ms. Szwak asked there is no other entity in New Jersey that is like us and Mr. Scarmozza replied North Jersey District Water Supply.

Letter dated March 17, 2015 to Fred Sickles, Acting Director, NJDEP, from Andrew S. Holt, P.E., MCMUA Consulting Engineer, regarding MCMUA Inadequate Water Supply.

Letter dated April 1, 2015 to John P. Scarmozza, P.E. from Steven Pudney, P.E., Section Chief – Engineering North, Bureau of Water System Engineering, NJDEP, in reply to Andrew Holt’s letter of March 17, 2015 regarding MCMUA Inadequate Water Supply.

Letter dated March 30, 2015 to MCMUA Board Members from Richard A. Alaimo, President, Alaimo Group thanking the Authority for their reappointment as Solid Waste Engineer.

Letter dated April 2, 2015 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 March 2015.

Letter dated April 2, 2015 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 March 2015.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Plambeck commented on the water report in that Rockaway (Randolph) Township had a pretty good month as far as draw and took 10MG more than they normally do in March, is there anything specific going on? Mr. Scarmozza replied that there were a couple of main breaks in our customer municipalities. He also noticed that Wharton was up also and Mr. Scarmozza advised that they had a well down and were drafting more water on an interim basis.

Regarding the water main replacement project in Sussex Turnpike, Chairman Dour asked if Randolph is going ahead with our suggestion and Mr. Scarmozza replied no they are not. They are going to proceed with the installation of a parallel main.

Dr. Nusbaum inquired about the SCE Turbidity Study and cause of the turbidity in Alamatong Well 8. Mr. Scarmozza replied that it was mineral and posed no health threat but Safe Drinking Water Regulations make no distinction between turbidity in surface and groundwater so anything over 1 NTU cannot enter the water system. The SCE turbidity study should be completed by the end of April and will tell us if it is cost-effective to filter the water from Well 8 rather than continuing the use through blow-off which wasted about 20MG in 2014. Mr. Plambeck also raised the possibility of using settling tanks.

Mr. Scarmozza advised the Board that the DEP called for a meeting regarding Scrub Oaks Mine Well on May 11th which will be held with the MUA Staff, Highlands Counsel and DEP and they are going to discuss the possibility of developing that well.

Mr. Druetzler wished John a good and healthy retirement and thanked him for doing a super job all these years and making this a great water system for the people of Morris County.

PROJECT STATUS:

1. Roof Repair Project, Contract No. 36

- A. D&B Engineers assigned a different manager/designer to the roof repair project. The MCMUA abandoned retrofitting the buildings with sloped roofs and will just repair the existing flat roofs. The new project manager inspected the roofs to be repaired and has provided preliminary contract drawings to the MCMUA for review and comment. D&B is proposing to specify a plastic roof membrane for the replacement roof covering as they claim to have had excellent performance from the product on similar projects. The roof on the well houses and pumping station are unique in that they are relatively small areas with a lot of roof penetrations (hatches, fans, drains and exhaust pipes). D&B expects to have the project ready to bid by summer.

2. SCADA Upgrades

- A. Not much progress was made regarding the SCADA upgrades as the staff was distracted by snow removal operations. Anthony Milonas contacted PCS to schedule the software installation and programming at the Markewicz Pumping Station and coordinate the switch over to the upgraded system; however PCS recommended doing the Mt. Arlington Pumping Station prior to the peak summer season as it requires an extended downtime to replace the hardware and complete the programming. Since all of the new hardware is already in Markewicz, it will only take a few hours to complete the work there, while Mt. Arlington may involve substantial 'debugging'. As stated many times before; the 'pro' of doing the SCADA installation in house is that the staff knows the equipment and circuits, the 'con' is that day to day operating duties prevent the staff from completing the work in a timely manner.

3. Rehabilitation and Recoating of the F.J. Markewicz Pumping Station Ground Storage Water Tanks

- A. Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) provided the plans and specification for the Markewicz tanks rehabilitation and repainting for review and comment. The MCMUA staff expects to complete their review shortly and thereby stay on schedule to be ready to advertise for bids in late May. SCE reported that there appears to be a lot of tank painting work going on this year; this is not good news as reduced competition usually results in higher prices. Hopefully the 2 tank, multi-year project will be more attractive and generate more interest than a single tank project.

4. Clyde Potts Pumping Station Pump Upgrade

- A. Associated Technology reviewed the files and background information on Clyde Potts Pumping Station and has received a DR (design request) Number from JCP&L. As that process moves along, staff has been reviewing pump options and construction methods along with other station upgrades that may improve efficiency. Keep in mind that this pumping station was to be a temporary facility and was originally designed for 0.5 MGD. We've managed to squeeze a lot more performance out of it, and hopefully will get the required performance from it without too much additional cost. As an interim measure, staff spoke to SMCMUA and we may change the meter from and orifice plate to a turbine meter. This will recover between 12-15 psi in head loses and improve performance until the retrofit equipment is chosen and installed. SMCMUA has offered to purchase and install the turbine meter as is typically the seller's responsibility to own and calibrate. A turbine meter will also make it easier for all parties get the same reading from the meter totalizer.

5. RFP-14-4W Research and Assemble Background Data & Prepare an Asset Management Plan

- A. The MCMUA and Jacobs Engineering executed the professional service agreement for the Asset Management Plan and held and kickoff meeting to start the project on March 31st. At the meeting Jacobs explained their procedure for acquiring, compiling and

confirming data. They also outlined their schedule and expectations for MCMUA participation. The MCMUA showed Jacobs the project archive files and provided contact information for access to facilities.

6. Alamatong Well No. 8 Turbidity Study

- A. Water sample results from Alamatong Well No. 8 Turbidity Study were received and forwarded to Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) to analyze. SCE expects to have their report to the MCMUA regarding the feasibility of adding filtration to Well 8 by early May.

GENERAL

1. SYSTEM

- A. The Notice of Inadequate Water Supply received from NJDEP Bureau of Water System Engineering last month, created quite a stir among the litigants involved in the Rockaway water supply deficit negotiations. The matter came up at the litigation status conference with Judge Weisenbeck, and when asked if this would affect the SMCMUA/Wharton water supply solution being proposed, NJDEP personnel opined that it would not. NJDEP also said that they were reconsidering their policy regarding how the deficit was calculated and may revise their position. In the meantime, the MCMUA sent a letter to NJDEP prepared by Andrew Holt, PE that identified the issues of concern to the MCMUA and suggested changes to the policy that the MCMUA would find acceptable. There has been no reply to the MCMUA letter yet.
- B. John Scarmozza, Anthony Milonas and Andrew Holt met with representatives of Randolph Township to review a Township water main replacement project in Sussex Turnpike that would be constructed simultaneously with Morris County's Sussex Turnpike widening and realignment project. Upon reviewing the scope and timing of the work, as well as the need to involve the MCMUA 24" Sussex Turnpike transmission main in the project; the MCMUA suggested that Randolph reevaluate the need to replace their main and just rely on the MCMUA 24" main. The MCMUA suggested that their replacement main money would be better spent completing missing pipe runs within their distribution grid. The MCMUA main through the area in question has surplus capacity and since the Randolph plan requires a number of lateral connections to the MCMUA main, it was suggested that they make their side street lateral connections to the MCMUA main as planned, transfer their service connections onto the MCMUA main and abandon their main. Then use the money to complete and strengthen their service grid, thereby improving overall flow and pressure throughout the Township and providing both the Township and MUA with readily available routing alternatives in case of a strategic main break.
- C. Andrew Holt and Anthony Milonas are reviewing the hydraulic capacities of the MCMUA system as they relate to the Wharton/SMCMUA contract and Rockaway water supply plan. The MCMUA had planned that Wharton's future water supply would be delivered from an extension of the Righter Road Transmission Main along Berkshire Valley to the Rockaway Well and on into the Borough at the 918' gradient. Without the Rockaway Well it is unlikely that the main will be built, consequently the Wharton and Rockaway Township supply will continue to be delivered through the Mine Hill 1,040' gradient. Under the present delivery method, water is supplied through the Mt. Arlington P.S. 1,040' gradient pump to the Mine Hill Tank; it is suspected that under peak demand conditions the pumping capacity will be exceeded and supplemental supply will be drawn from tank storage. If the peak extends for long, then it will exceed the pumping and storage capabilities of the 1,040' gradient and will need supplemental supply from the adjacent 1,129' gradient until the peak ends and storage in the Mine Hill Tank is recovered. Mr. Holt will model this event on the MCMUA Water CAD system model and determine what, if any, improvements need to be made to the SCADA and pressure reducing/check valves in the Mine Hill Meter Pit.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Gindoff reported that March was a very good month for us and the winter thaw came and we starting to get more garbage in so we got caught up on the tonnage.

Mr. Hudzik asked what the Air Permit for Parsippany involves and Mr. Gindoff replied that it involves an upgraded air pollution control system. At this time we have a very low-tech system that needs to be upgraded. We will be going through a process with permitting and engineering to design that system. It will probably involve fans on the roof with a bag house to capture the dust. It will also require negative pressure in the building which is going to be a real challenge because it has big gaping doors. Chairman Dour asked if DEP is forcing this issue and Mr. Gindoff replied that we have been discussing this for the last five years when the Parsippany Transfer Station permit was due for renewal and this has been lingering from the DEP perspective and we have never been given the permit renewal as DEP didn't address this matter. DEP called us to schedule a meeting to discuss.

Dr. Nusbaum asked other than the dollars and the new contract we have with Mascaro, are they going to be doing anything different as far as the day-to-day operations? Mr. Gindoff replied there is nothing different. Regarding the Plan Amendment that we have to pass, the only change is the term of the contract.

Mr. Schweizer mentioned that Brent, Joe and he had a meeting with Mascaro because they wanted to discuss the position of extending the beginning date for the contract. We worked out a very favorable deal with them. They agreed to drop their appeal of the old agreement which is still pending, and they accepted the June 1st start date which was in our approved range. It was a very amicable arrangement and all parties are satisfied. We are looking forward to getting that moving as we have a great deal for the next five years.

Ms. Szwak asked have we given thought on how to rejuvenate the Household Hazardous Waste Program as the numbers seem to be going down. Mr. Gindoff replied that our Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator thought it was slowing down, however, the numbers are up quite a bit from last year. Mr. Gindoff added that participation has gone down because we have been able to spread some participants out to the municipal depots through the e-waste program. This is a great win-win that we have accomplished here in Morris County through our MRM contract, which is for the e-waste being handled in the County. The MRM contract covers e-waste at our three one-day events and our permanent facility and now we also have it at approximately 29 municipal recycling depots.

Mr. Gindoff discussed the tipping fee plan through 2018. In essence with the new contract, we had a goal to achieve which was to get our fund balance to the same place we planned on being when we budgeted this year before the new contract came into play. We planned on doing with the reductions we had in the cost, as well as incorporating a tipping fee decrease going forward. So we are looking to have a tipping fee starting on June 1st of \$94.50 a ton; \$95.56 a ton is the current tipping fee this year. We were planning on increasing the tipping fee; it wasn't supposed to be \$95.56, but with the litigation over the bid, we kept it at the 2014 rate for 2015 to date. We are proposing the rate to go down to \$94.50 for the remainder of 2015 from June forward and keep it at that rate for all of 2016. In 2017 and 2018 we plan on having increases of 1.8% and 1.77%. He explained that all the tipping fees would be lower than we had planned yet the reductions bring us to the same level of filling our fund balance that we needed to accomplish. So that is the point of these tipping fee reductions that we were able to lower the tipping fees for all the years from what was planned and come to the same ending point. Mr. Schweizer commented that these increases for 2017 and 2018 are just estimates and when we get to the end of 2015 and preparing the budget for 2016, Larry Kaletcher prepares an updated five-year plan. These estimates are worse case scenarios and depending on what happens; how costly was the air pollution control system, how many tons do we get in at the transfer station. Mr. Druetzler said this is basing it on the same amount of tonnage we have right now and Mr. Gindoff replied we are assuming 380,000 tons each year. Mr. Kaletcher commented that during our budget discussions in 2015, while we were planning to be in a position to move forward with various capital projects, like roof repair, tipping floor repair, air pollution control and various other upgrades, we still wanted to remain committed to replenishing our fund balance, which after our audit in 2013 still was negative for the Solid Waste Division. He added that we want to take time and be diligent in bringing that fund back up again. Mr. Schweizer commented that we are very fortunate to offer a reduction and hold that price for at least a year and a half. He believes our customers will be very pleased with that result.

Dr. Nusbaum mentioned that going back to the 90's, our tipping fee was higher and Mr. Schweizer replied it was \$131 and was going to go up further. Thanks to the leadership of Hy Nadel and Frank Druetzler and others, we bought the transfer stations from Chambers and we immediately dropped the rate down to \$110 and we saved 32 million dollars. Dr. Nusbaum said

that instead of telling the public that we need to raise the rates to meet expenses that are mandated by law, he suggested that a press release should be prepared by the MUA Board. Everyone is worried about their taxes and they should understand what happened back then and historically that 25 years later we are at a much lower and favorable cost to the taxpayers. He believes that this is a major issue that needs some press. Mr. Schweizer commented that historically we worked with Joe Garifo on press releases and now we will be working with Larry Ragonese, who knows our history well as he was writing stories back in 1993-1994 when we reduced the tipping fees. Mr. Schweizer agreed with Dr. Nusbaum's suggestion of doing a press release and that it is a very good idea and would be happy to do one. Once it goes into affect, a lot of people are going to be happy about it.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage – For the month of March 2015, 29,452 tons of solid waste was accepted at the two transfer stations. The March 2015 tonnage was 5.28% more than the 27,974 tons accepted a year ago in March 2014. With tonnage from January and February 2015 being less than those respective months in 2014 and the March tonnage being up for 2015, the 1st quarter of 2015 saw a modest 0.88% decrease compared to the first quarter of 2014. Based on tonnage accepted for the first three months of the year, for 2015 the annual total tonnage is currently projected to be 359,887 tons which would be 4.49% less than the 382,757 tons accepted in 2014. Please refer to the Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

Transfer Station Re-Bid – A Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) Amendment is required by NJDEP regulations to include all new disposal contracts. This pertains to the new transfer station operations, transportation and disposal contract the MCMUA executed with Mascaro. This process begins with a SWAC meeting and a SWAC recommendation to the Freeholders regarding adopting such a Plan amendment. A SWAC meeting for consideration of this matter is scheduled for April 15, 2015 and it is anticipated that the Freeholders will address the adoption of such Plan amendment around the beginning of the summer. As this planning is underway, the MCMUA will issue a notice to proceed regarding the new contract to Mascaro with a June 1, 2015 start date. Discussions with Mascaro indicate that they intend to drop the pending appeal of the judicial rulings regarding the original 2012 procurement so they can focus on serving the MCMUA under the our new 5-year agreement.

Transfer Station Mount Olive Re-Permitting – NJDEP issued a notice of deficiency dated March 23, 2015, regarding the submission of an application for renewal of the Mount Olive transfer station's solid waste permit. The deficiencies were very minor and were addressed in a response prepared by Alaimo Engineering and submitted to NJDEP on March 30, 2015.

Transfer Station - Parsippany Air Permit – On March 16, 2015, staff and Chris Warren of Alaimo Engineering met with representatives of NJDEP's air compliance office regarding the status the Parsippany transfer station's air pollution control permit. We discussed the need to update the air pollution controls at the transfer station and a plan to achieve getting a new system installed. Alaimo has started scoping out the project so they can advise the MCMUA with respect to the costs and alternatives. Additionally, this will help us be prepared to address a meeting with the NJDEP air permitting staff to go over potential concepts and updates to the system.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

Program Participation and Events - During March 2015, a total of 90 residents and businesses delivered waste to the permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility in Mount Olive. This is down in participation from the previous month of March 2014, when 109 participants used the facility yet it is up in participation compared to February 2015, when 70 participants used the permanent facility.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT – March 2015

Facility Report – The vegetative waste figures for March 2015 are provided as an attachment to this report. A little spring clean-up material began to come into the facilities in March, mainly Camp Pulaski, as the quantity of materials accepted for all of 2015 began to catch up with 2014 figures. Staff began scheduling orders for the residential delivery of truck loads of compost

and/or mulch produced at each site. We began taking orders on March 16, 2015 and deliveries being April 3 and continue through September 25, 2015.

In addition to the repair of the Scarab windrow turner used at the Parsippany compost site, staff utilized the down-time during the winter to maintain and repair equipment in preparation for the season. Many landscapers and contractors are currently being registered by staff in preparation for the sale over the spring and summer of the material produced at both sites.

OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND (OTSF)

On March 25, 2015, the re-organization meeting of the OSTF Committee for Morris County took place. During this meeting Larry Gindoff, the MCMUA representative on the committee, was elected Secretary just as he was last year. The next meeting of the OSTF Committee will be in the fall when the listing of applications seeking funding for 2015 we be provided to committee members. Site tours and deliberations will begin shortly thereafter.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Ms. Hourihan updated the Board on the Awards Event that the MUA is having this year. The event will be very different than in the past and instead of a dinner, there will be a luncheon. The event will be held at the Frelinghuysen Aboretum at noon. Ms. Hourihan advised the Board that before the luncheon, there will be a Recycling Coordinator's Meeting at 9:30 a.m. with our Municipal Coordinators and our Clean Communities Coordinators. There are some things on the agenda that might be of interest such as: J.P. Mascaro of J.P. Mascaro & Sons, who will talk about where our garbage goes in Morris County and a 25 minute video called a River's Journey, a documentary made about the Whippany River, which features George Van Orden, a retired Health Officer from Hanover Twp., who will be there to talk about it. Following the awards portion, there will also be a tour of the gardens at Frelinghuysen Aboretum. Please advise me if you will be attending the meeting or the garden tour. Also advise me if you cannot make the event, as there is a waiting list.

Mr. Plambeck mentioned that he looked at the tons by towns again and passed out the 2015 MCMUA Recycling Rates per Capita (Jan. thru March) sheet he prepared and mentioned that while most of the towns early in the year were running a little bit behind, there are still two towns that are slightly above, Hanover Township and Roxbury Township.

Ms. Szwak inquired about the result of the moisture/snow issue regarding recycling loads. Ms. Hourihan reported that they tested out the tarp, which is one option, and one town tested out the plywood system. There also is a plastic cover option that has an arch in it. They all have costs associated with them. She mentioned that they tested the tarp system with all of the towns and we want to get plywood and plastic systems tested in all the towns. We are then going to talk to the towns to find out which one they like best and get whatever system works for them. In the next couple months we want to get the testing completed and decide which ones we want to go with. Ms. Hourihan replied that she would like to get the covers for the recycling containers implemented before the snow as the moisture and the rain is an issue.

Regarding the Pesticide Plastic Container Program, Dr. Nusbaum inquired while the N.J. Department of Agriculture personnel is running the program, will there be an MUA representative there to oversee what they are doing? Ms. Hourihan replied that for the first program or two we should be there to see how it goes to make sure traffic flows. Mr. Schweizer commented there will be someone from the MUA there as it is at our transfer station and our people are on site and their activity will not go undetected.

Recycling Operations

Revenue and Tonnage – The January statement from ReCommunity for the sale of recyclable material was finalized at \$9,114. The February statement is also finalized and unfortunately, single-stream has a negative value in February. Since we began single-stream in July 2011, we

have had only one other month with a negative value for single-stream, August 2012. The February statement is a cost of \$2,983.75.

The tonnage collected by the MCMUA for recycling during March was 1,220 tons. The monthly tonnage is shown by material and by customer on the attached report.

Meeting with ReCommunity – Staff met with ReCommunity on March 13 to discuss several topics including:

- Reconstruction of building and sorting system at 103 Iron Mountain Road - Due to the roof collapse on February 13, 2014, this building was demolished and the sorting of bottles and cans halted. ReCommunity's budget plan for 2015 was to be fully operational at this site again by October 1, 2015, however, they are behind schedule on construction.
- Market pricing and reside rates
- Acceptance of plastic pesticide containers – see program description below.

Plastic Pesticide Container Collection Program – Staff plans to begin a new program, run in conjunction with the NJ Department of Agriculture (NJDA) to accept empty pesticide containers at the Mt Olive transfer station. The collection program will be regional, as material from Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren counties will also be accepted. The NJDA will advertise the program, primarily to farmers. Collection events will be held one day per month from May to October. The NJDA will run the collection event, while the MCMUA provides the site, roll-off containers and transportation to ReCommunity. ReCommunity has indicated that it will accept the pesticide containers as well as “drip tube”. The NJDA has specific instructions for acceptance of the pesticide containers. Farmers and those with a pesticide application license receive core credits for recycling the containers.

Boat Shrink Wrap Program – We are once again running the boat shrink wrap collection program at Lee's Marina. The container for collecting the wrap is in place at the marina as of March 30. We will officially begin the program sometime in April and end it mid-June. The material will be delivered to ReCommunity.

Residents Using Large Containers – Our curbside crews have commented that residents are utilizing large containers to set-out their recyclables. Our contracts limit the weight of each container to 50 pounds. During March, staff requested that some crew start to document the large containers to determine how extensive the problem is. Additionally, staff plans to sample some containers by weight to get an idea of how heavy the different sized containers are when full. In our curbside flyers, the MCMUA explains that containers must not exceed 50 pounds and recommends 32 gallon containers. The large containers are 45, 50 and 65 gallons and in a few instances even 95 gallons.

Events/Education/Miscellaneous

Clean Communities – On March 19 and 20, the NJ Clean Communities Council held its Environmental Student Exchange, this year at Waterloo Village. MCMUA staff helped out at the event. Additionally, leading up to the event, staff worked with the Frelinghuysen Middle School who was involved with the event both days. Parsippany High School also attended the first day of the event. See attached article from the March 26th *Daily Record*. **Educational Programs:** In March, the MCMUA funded 4 educational programs at schools in Randolph and Rockaway Borough and at the NJ Clean Communities Environmental Student Exchange. **Road Clean-ups:** There was one road clean-up in March on the 30th. MCMUA curbside crews cleaned a total of 4 miles of road counting both sides in Wharton and Roxbury.

Awards Event for 2015 – As mentioned last month, this year's event will be smaller than past awards events. It will be a luncheon held on Thursday, April 30 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Seating will be limited to 100 people. Staff was busy during March finalizing the caterer, the awards recipients and award plaques, speakers for the meeting portions before the luncheon and the invitation. Invitations were sent to coordinators on April 1.

Recycling Inspections/Outreach – A total of 15 transfer station loads suspected of improperly containing mandated recyclable materials were photographed and written-up by MCMUA tipping floor inspectors.

During the month, staff worked with generators and haulers to inform them of the recycling requirements in Morris County. Some of the meetings and phone calls with generators included:

- Sub Pub Deli and Publick House Tavern & Inn – both in Chester Borough
- Kings Supermarkets regarding imminent construction at the store in the Town of Boonton.
- 185 Ridgedale Ave LLC called to find out if plastic light diffusers can be recycled. A

representative from ReCommunity let us know that they are acceptable with rigid plastic and Hanover Township will allow this business to bring this material to their recycling center.

- Fratelli Beretta Food in Mt Olive – This is large construction project which was not separating corrugated cardboard. There were two loads observed at the transfer station with corrugated. The site now has a separate container for corrugated and will be getting carts for bottles and cans.

Event Containers – The MCMUA’s event containers for recycling and garbage were not lent to any organizations during March.

Miscellaneous Presentations/Meetings/Conference Calls/Correspondence

- On Tuesday, March 10, staff hosted a Municipal Recycling Coordinators meeting at the Cultural Center. Speakers included Joe Davis from the NJDEP regarding recycling tonnage reports and Robin Heston of the NJDEP who discussed TDMA’s (temporary debris management areas).
- On Thursday, March 26, staff attended the Association of New Jersey Recyclers Annual Meeting held at the at the Eco Complex in Burlington County. Speakers included representatives from ReCommunity, Sims, QRS Recycling, Trex and Sussex County.
- On Friday, March 27, staff met with representatives of Village Supermarkets which owns four ShopRite grocery stores in Morris County. Village Supermarkets called to request the meeting to discuss tips on how to improve their recycling program.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Freeholder-liaison David Scapicchio advised Glenn Schweizer that the Ort family contacted him several weeks ago and they said that for some time they were using the scales at the Mt. Olive transfer station to weigh their trucks before they loaded them with their produce to be delivered and they are no longer allowed to use those scales and asked if he knew anything about this? Mr. Schweizer replied that he was not aware that we were taking Ort, but at one point several years ago when they started the Fenimore Landfill solar project, based on a miscommunication, some of their trucks were coming into our transfer station and getting weighed. When we found out about that, we put a stop to it. Larry Gindoff added that while MCMUA does not typically allow outside interests to use our scales, the MCMUA had to stop any use of the scales that wasn’t directly related to transfer station business, so the parties related to Fenimore couldn’t claim that the MCMUA was operating a public scale and demand that the MCMUA weigh trucks going to the Fenimore Landfill. This was the reason for the change.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There being no 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 8:18 p.m. for discussion regarding pending litigation of Morris Commons LLC vs. MCMUA et als.

**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 Morris Commons LLC vs. MCMUA et als.

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: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:58 p.m. and Dr. Nusbaum seconded the Motion.

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

The meeting returned to open session at 8:17 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 8:18 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Plambeck and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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