

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on January 14, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Hill Road, Wharton, New Jersey as well as remotely using conference call software.

In Chairman Dour's absence, Ms. Maria Farris, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order and read the following:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the location, date and time of this meeting was made by posting on the MCMUA website, the Morris County Clerk's bulletin board and the officially designated newspapers for the MCMUA. The meeting may be attended in person or through remote communication in conformance with the directives of the State of New Jersey. Additional notice regarding remote public access is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Acting Chair Farris requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Mr. Larry Ragonese, and Ms. Laura Szwak

Mr. James Barry entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ABSENT: Mr. Christopher Dour and Dr. Arthur Nusbaum

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; Alexandra Knoth, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers; Michael Kobylarz, P.E. Alaimo Engineering; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator; and Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator.

Acting Chair Farris asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(Mr. Barry entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of December 2024. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for December 2024. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water year-to-date through December 2024 and an Investment Report which is showing no new

investments were purchased during the month of December 2024.

Mr. Druetzler congratulated Dr. Dorothea Kominos to her reappointment to the MUA Board. She thanked him and mentioned that Frank was the one who got her involved in the MUA.

Mr. Druetzler asked questions of Mike McAloon about the location of the generator, the fence and the work on the floor at the Mt. Arlington Booster Station, as well as the payment to the contractor, Sovereign Consulting, Inc. Mr. Druetzler asked why wasn't the generator put in the fenced in area and Mr. McAloon replied that there was an easement there and explained why there is not much room outside the facility. Mr. Druetzler disagreed and stated that he cannot support this. He also mentioned that he is not going to vote for a Change Order or for fixing the floor. Mr. McAloon offered to walk the site with Mr. Druetzler and Mr. Druetzler agreed.

Acting Chair Farris asked the Board for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 4 NAYES: Messrs. Druetzler & Ragonese ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001

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. 2025-001 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$3,789,441.41** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6834-6855	\$	111,888.93
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15582-15664	\$	3,677,552.48
		\$	3,789,441.41

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: January 14, 2025

BOARD ACTING CHAIR FARRIS APPROVAL

Maria Farris, Acting Chair

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: January 14, 2025.

DATE: January 14, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

Mr. Druetzler asked what are we doing on Howard Boulevard and Mr. McAloon replied we did a survey and we plan on soliciting a price from John Garcia, our emergency and on-call water contractor, to put in 1,000 feet of water main from that newly installed stub and pick up Cracker Barrel facility so everything will be metered at the master meter.

Mr. Ragonese asked what At Northern NJ, rear loaders, are for and Mr. Kaletcher replied that those are recycling trucks that we purchased in 2023 and were just delivered. Upon delivery, we pay the vendor.

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that No. 4 in correspondence regarding S/K Mt. Kemble Associates, L.L.C. litigation that Brad Carney will discuss in closed session. He also thanked MUA Board Members Chris Dour and Dorothea Kominos for agreeing to serve additional terms. He also mentioned that he met with our new Board Member Ronald Smith this morning and he will be joining us next month. He seemed like he will be an excellent addition to our Board.

Mr. Ragonese asked about the letter from Seth Hackman from DEP regarding solar panels. Do we have other collectors of solar panels now and Mr. Gindoff replied no; there is a tremendous shortage because of the regulatory problems of how to recycle solar panels. DEP is looking for a way to have people legally do this work because it is considered hazardous materials. He mentioned that this is the first one that is coming in for research and development program to see if we can handle it through an existing recycling facility that demanufactures e-waste and see if we can get that to work. There are very few solar panel recycling outlets in New Jersey. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we were eager to get this facility up and running and get them legitimized. They are a great facility in Lincoln Park. Mr. Marrone mentioned that this will be the third facility in New Jersey. The other two facilities are Newtech in Somerset and Commercial Recycling Solutions in Warren.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADMINISTRATION

1. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2025-14 adopted January 3, 2025 appointing Tayfun Selen, Liaison for the Municipal Utilities Authority.
2. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2025-94 appointing Christopher Dour and Dorothea Kominos to the MCMUA Board to serve a five-year term to expire on February 1, 2030, without salary. Also appointing Ronald Smith to the MCMUA Board to serve an unexpired five-year term, to expire on February 1, 2026, without salary.
3. Board of County Commissioners Letter dated January 8, 2025 appointing Ronald Smith to the Board of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

WATER

4. S/K Mt. Kemble Associates, L.L.C. Lawsuit regarding Harding Water Request to Southeast Morris County M.U.A.

SOLID WASTE

5. Delay Letter dated December 2, 2024 from Erica Otero, Schneider Electric advising of latest shipping date of April 22, 2025 for Mt. Olive Motor Control Center.
6. Letter dated December 26, 2024 to Seth Hackman, Section Chief, NJDEP, from James E. Deacon regarding Administrative Action Request for Electronic Recyclers International, Inc to allow them to receive, process, store and transfer nonhazardous end-of-life solar panels at their Lincoln Park Recycling Facility.

7. Letter dated from Janine MacGregor, Director, NJDEP Division of Sustainable Waste Management to Solid Waste Implementing Agency nullifying the April 23, 2019 Environmental Justice guidelines.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) MCMUA sold approximately 1,568 MG in 2024 which is approximately 168 MG more than budgeted and about 88 MG more than we sold in 2023.; (2) As mentioned by Larry in Correspondence, SCE has been assisting to the Mt. Kemble Associates request for water and Counsel will update the Board on this litigation during closed session.; (3) SCE prepared bid documents for the purchase of a valve maintenance trailer through a goods & service Bid contract. This equipment is critical to allow the operators to exercise all the valves and more importantly, the large diameter valves along the 24" transmission main in preparation of our PCCP Pipeline Replacement Project. The trailer will have valve operating equipment with pressure washing and vacuum capabilities for cleaning and removing debris from the valve boxes and GPS coordinate capabilities, so when turning the valve, they can get the exact location of GPS coordinates to find it in the future. We are planning to open bids on January 30 and anticipate recommending award at the next meeting.; (5) Regarding the Mine Hill Meter Replacement, we provided submittal response to the proposed plans and we offered a meeting with the Mine Hill Technical Review Team. So far to date, they have not taken us up on that meeting and we remain available to answer any questions they may have on our submittal reviews.; (6) Update on the Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, the pump and motor were delivered at the site last week. The Contractor will be finalizing all process piping, start-up and testing in the coming weeks. They still anticipate completion within the contracted duration. They submitted Payment Request No. 6 which was processed on the bill resolution. They did submit pricing for two modifications for review and consideration. One is for \$7,400 to enclose the small natural gas generator, as well as a price of \$10,200 to put a specialty floor coating within the pump room. So far, no direction has been provided to the Contractor yet. The total of that amount will exceed the remaining balance of the unforeseen contingency allowance, so we will be prepared to present a formal change order by the Board if we get the direction to proceed.

Ms. Szwak asked why does this have to be a specialty floor coating and Mr. McAloon replied that the concrete surface wears over time in this type of environment and so it is a way to have a protective coating on the concrete. Now that all the improvements have been made is the time to do this. Mr. Druetzler asked if the Water Department guys could do this floor and Mr. McAloon replied yes. Mr. McAloon mentioned that this can be discussed when we present the Change Order at the February meeting.

(6) Regarding Flanders Valley 1 & 2 Generator Improvements, the Contractor is confirming the exact shipping date of the generators which is anticipated to be mid-January. Once they arrive on site, the Contractor will get them installed, tested and put in service.; (7) Regarding the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, the Contractor is awaiting the fabrication and delivery of the Motor Control Center. The ship date has shifted to end of April 2025.; (8) The Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement Project is currently advertised. We take bids for Phase I on Thursday, January 30, and if all goes well, we will be in a position to recommend award at the February meeting.; (9) SCE is working with the Solid Waste Team on updating Parsippany Compost Facility site plan, as well a finalizing bid documents for Parsippany Transfer Station Emergency Generator.; and (10) SCE also worked with Larry Gindoff to prepare an RFP to solicit a Water Exploration Engineer. Proposed scope of the RFP will first outline a Work Plan in collaboration with MUA input. The goal is to select a Consultant, meet with the MUA and develop a Work Plan. That Work Plan will serve as a road map for second phase which would evaluate the long-range water plan assessment with detailed evaluations. Mr. Gindoff added that this would be awarded in March.

Mr. Druetzler asked if we abandoned the Water Committee, or are we ever going to have a meeting with the Water Committee on all these projects? Mr. Gindoff suggested that we have a Water Committee Meeting and Solid Waste Committee Meeting to go over these contractual and construction issues before the February Board meeting. He will be in touch with Board Members to coordinate these meetings.

Ms. Szwak asked if the Water Exploration Engineer going to be permanent staff or just a Consultant and Mr. Gindoff it is for a Consultant. Mr. Druetzler asked what is the Engineer going to do with the Plan and Mr. Gindoff replied that we can discuss this at the Water Committee Meeting, and mentioned that we have some good ideas on how to formulate the consulting work and to lead us forward that will hopefully find water for us. Mr. McAloon added that the goal of the feasibility is to work with that Consultant to develop that Work Plan and make sure that they have a clear understanding where we want them to investigate and those opportunities that could be available to them.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. MCMUA sold approximately 1,568.497 MG in 2024, which is approximately 168 MG more than the budgeted amount, and approximately 87.785 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.
- B. SCE has been assisting in the response to the Mt. Kemble Associates request for water connection. It is anticipated that MCMUA Counsel will update the Board on this litigation and the MCMUA's responses during executive session at the January meeting.
- C. SCE has prepared bid documents for purchase of a valve maintenance trailer through a goods and services bid contract. This equipment will allow the MUA personnel to effectively and precisely operate and exercise all valves in the system, but more specifically, this equipment is critical to operate the large diameter valves along the 24-inch transmission mains. This equipment will include the valve operating equipment, pressure washer and vacuum capabilities for cleaning and removing debris from valve boxes, as well as the GPS capabilities to record exact position of valves. Below is the anticipated bid schedule:

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Tuesday January 7, 2025
- Bids Due: Thursday, January 30, 2025
- Contract Award: Anticipated on Tuesday, February 11, 2025

2. Mine Hill Meter Replacement Coordination

- A. SCE has reviewed the submittals for the proposed Mine Hill meter replacement from existing turbine meters to the mag-meters. Generally, the information provided has been acceptable, however, there are a few major concerns which we have shared with Mine Hill, which include the following:
 - **Proposed Mag-Meter Operating Range:** It was noted that the existing 8-inch turbine flow meters have an operating range of 4gpm to 2,500gpm. The proposed mag-meter has a recommended flow operating range of 155 gpm to 4,850 gpm, with a low flow cut-off of 15gpm. There are concerns regarding the low flow accuracy of the proposed meter that must be demonstrated to be acceptable prior to authorizing the replacement.
 - **Installation & Testing Procedures:** Further information was requested on hydrostatic testing to ensure all connections are watertight under all operating conditions, disinfection plan and procedure to ensure work does not impact water quality, and O&M procedures to ensure long-term operation of the meters is necessary.

SCE has offered meetings with the Mine Hill technical team to review and discuss the outstanding items but to date have not been scheduled.

3. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

Sovereign Consulting, Inc. received the pump and motor on Tuesday January 7, 2025. The Contractor will be finalizing the pump and motor installation, all process piping, start-up and testing in the coming weeks. The Contractor still anticipates completion within the allocated Contract duration.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No.6 in the amount of **\$15,680.00**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

At the request of SCE and MCMUA, the Contractor has provided pricing to perform additional fence modifications in the amount of **\$7,400** to enclose the recently installed natural gas generator, as well as specialty floor coating within the pump room in the amount of **\$10,200**. The total cost of these proposed changes will exceed the remaining balance of the unforeseen contingency allowance and will require a formal change order by the Board, which is anticipated to be presented in February.

Project Completion Summary Through January 14, 2024

Contract Start Date		March 28, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	292	80%
Days Remaining:	73	20%
Original Contract Completion Date		March 28, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through January 14, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$1,105,000.00
Payment Application #1	\$281,666.66
Payment Application #2	\$27,929.70
Payment Application #3	\$157,780.00
Payment Application #4	\$141,610.00
Payment Application #5	\$98,245.00
Payment Application #6	\$15,680.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$737,664.96
Percent of Work Complete	67%
Total Retainage to Date	\$14,753.30

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. is currently confirming the exact shipping date of the generators which is anticipated to be mid-January 2025.

Project Completion Summary Through January 14, 2024

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	246	67%
Days Remaining:	119	33%
Original Contract Completion Date		May 13, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through January 14, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$520,798.00
Payment Application #1	\$19,230.54
Payment Application #2	\$34,300.00
Payment Application #3	\$42,605.50
Total Value of Work Complete	\$54,623.00
Percent of Work Complete	18.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,961.96

5. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. is awaiting the fabrication and delivery of the proposed Motor Control Center (MCC). The Contractor advised the ship date has shifted to end of April 2025.

Project Completion Summary Through January 14, 2024

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time		174 Calendar Day
		Extension
Days Elapsed:	246	60%
Days Remaining:	168	40%
Original Contract Completion Date		January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date		July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through January 14, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$159,900.00
Payment Application #1	\$7,199.08
Payment Application #2	\$1,715.00
Payment Application #3	\$17,434.20
Total Value of Work Complete	\$26,886.00
Percent of Work Complete	16.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$537.72

6. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I

SCE finalized the contract documents, coordinating with Randolph regarding the proposed service connections and anticipated paving limits for the project. This is the first section of 24-inch PCCP main, between Selma Blvd. and the Alamatong well field. Below is the anticipated bid schedule:

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Friday December 20, 2024
- Bids Due: Thursday, January 30, 2025
- Contract Award: Anticipated on Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7. Solid Waste Engineering Parsippany Transfer Station and Vegetative Waste Sites

SCE has provided an update to the Parsippany Compost Facility Site plan, anticipating the larger windrows which can be generated from the Komptech Topturn X5500.

SCE is currently finalizing the bid documents for the Parsippany Transfer Station emergency generator.

8. Water Exploration Engineer

SCE is assisting the MUA with the preparation of a RFP to solicit a Water Exploration Engineer. The proposed scope of the RFP will first outline a work plan in collaboration with MCMUA input. This work plan will serve as a road map for the second phase, which would be a long range water supply assessment which would include the detailed evaluations.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) This month's report included some comparison stats for both transfer stations and some HHW stats. Mt. Olive tonnage is higher than Par-Troy due to trench drain construction that took place at the Parsippany Transfer Station.; (2) Staff continues to work with Counsel on Transfer Station Bids. Looking to get bids back to the State OSC for final approval.; (3) Mike Kobylarz will report on the Mt. Olive Tarp Rack Replacement project.; (4) We continue to work with H2M on Roof Replacement at the Parsippany Transfer Station.; (5) This month Staff will be completing Right-To-Know Surveys for the year.; (6) Thank you to the Morris County Bridge Department for assisting us with some custom drain grates that we had made. They have been welding brackets on the back of them. Two have been installed at Mt. Olive and they are working well. If they work well, we will do

the same at Parsippany.; and (6) Regarding Vegetative Waste, we had strong leaf in-bound loads in December. The revenues from 2024 surpassed 2023 by about \$20,000 for this year due to large in-bound increases which offset the decreases for out-bound sales of materials. We received news that the new Viably windrow turner arrived this weekend and Viably should be getting the Release from the Port today or tomorrow and it will be delivered directly to Parsippany.

Mr. Druetzler asked about the damaged column at Par-Troy is a new damage and Mr. Deacon replied no. That was hit by a customer and we put a jersey barrier in front of the column and it was damaged again. He mentioned that Mascaro is responsible for all repairs, so it was an insurance claim for them and it has taken a long time. We had a meeting on Monday with Mascaro and the Director of Purchasing, Tom Cook, assured us that they got the green light from the Town to start the replacement on January 23. Mr. Deacon mentioned that is important because it is an x-factor with the roof.

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that we have been surveying the Parsippany Compost Site with the anticipation of increasing the volume. Have we increased the volume this year? Mr. Deacon replied he will let him know, as we have the plans from Suburban, we have the new equipment and the specs for the new equipment and we are going to sit down and review the General Approval. Mr. Druetzler asked if we had any increase over 2023 and Mr. Deacon replied that he didn't believe the in-bound material was much different than last year. Mr. Deacon added that is why we got the new machine. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we anticipate a little increase in capacity, but it will increase our Staff's ability to quickly lay out the rows and process the material as it comes in the super busy seasons.

Mr. Ragonese mentioned that we will be having resolutions at the February meeting for equipment for the future transfer station operations and asked if we will have more equipment coming in? Mr. Deacon replied no. Mr. Ragonese asked where will we store this equipment and Mr. Deacon replied that we room at the Transfer Stations to store this equipment. We will work with the vendor, Case, to have the equipment delivered in the Summer. Transition of equipment will take place on December 15, 2025.. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that if it wasn't us and Mascaro lost this bid to another company, they would be facing the same issue of how do you transition and it has happened with Mascaro taking over from Waste Management in the past. Mr. Ragonese asked how many people will we have to bring on and when and Mr. Deacon replied 28 and we are looking to bring them on in October. This will give time for Case to train Staff on the new equipment. Mr. Ragonese stated it would be helpful if Staff prepared some talking points for the Board showing the benefits and the savings.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we won't know the savings until this bid comes in. Much of the talk we talk about in operating the Transfer Station is the small part of the contract. The big part is this bid coming in; our bidding and procurement strategy sets us up our bid to be the best chance for success because it fosters competition like we have never been able to have before because we are eliminating operation of our Transfer Stations.

Mr. Druetzler suggested that a Solid Waste Committee Meeting should be scheduled so that everyone can get educated about what is going on and Mr. Gindoff concurred.

Mr. Kobylarz reported the following: (1) We have completed the Mt. Olive Tarp Rack design plans and specifications and are ready to be picked up. We are advertising the Project on Thursday. This system will replace the interior tarp rack system and we included in this project an exterior temporary system where we could remove and replace or install a tarp rack during the construction of the system on the interior of the building. We also added some heating units and some electrical upgrades as well. We plan on receiving bids on February 4 and awarding the contract at the next meeting. He thanked MCMUA Staff, James and Brad for the quick turnaround of review of bid documents and was able to get this out this month in a timely manner.; and (2) In regard to the Water Service for Mt. Olive, we did submit plans to N.J. American Water. We did get comments back from them. We are making revisions and will be finalizing those shortly and will get them to James for his review.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 38,182 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations for December 2024 was 0.03% less than the 38,194 tons accepted a year ago in December 2023. December 2023 tonnage compared to December 2024 tonnage was virtually the same which held true for the entire year of 2024 compared to 2023 where the 476,803 tons accepted for all of 2024 turned out to be 1.12% higher than the 471,515 tons accepted in 2023. All the waste categories in 2024 and 2023 have basically about the same component breakdown in the waste stream indicating no real change in waste generation from a quantity or waste type perspective between the two (2) years. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

December Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 14,412- 427 less tons than 2023
Total Customers- 3,442- 188 less than 2023
Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 635- 110 less than 2023

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 23,771- 416 more tons than 2023
Total Customers- 5,120- 65 more than 2023
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 365- 14 less than 2023

Annual Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 2023- 179,058, 2024- 186,760= **7,702 more** Tons this year
Total Customers- 2023- 45,792, 2024- 48,606= **2,814 more** Customers this year
Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 2023- 9,821, 2024- 10,360= **539 more** Customers this year

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 2023- 292,471, 2024- 290,050= 2,426 less Tons this year
Total Customers- 2023- 66,077, 2024- 65,384= 693 less Customers this year
Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 2023- 5,050, 2024- 5,356= **306 more** Customers this year

2025 MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids- Mentioned to the Board during previous meetings, the MCMUA staff continues the work on updating and preparing for the 2025 MCMUA Transfer Station transportation and disposal bids. The current contract with J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) is set to expire on December 15, 2025. Both Bids, Bid #2025-SW01 for Mount Olive and Bid #2025-SW02 for Parsippany, were sent to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for review on December 5. With a quick turnaround, OSC returned these Bids with attached comments/corrections on December 23 and December 31 respectfully. MCMUA staff worked with QPA Shana O'Mara to address the comments/corrections within both Bid documents sending them for Attorney review on January 2. Once received back from Counsel, staff will send back to the OSC for their final approval. Neither submission is yet approved for release/advertisement at this point per the OSC.

To secure current Governmental Sourcewell cooperative pricing for heavy equipment needed to be purchased for the operation of the transfer stations following the current JPM contract, the MCMUA staff are preparing two (2) resolutions for consideration at the February 11, 2025, meeting authorizing purchase of equipment with the intention of taking possession and paying for this equipment early in the 2025 calendar year in accordance with the 2025 budget. The Board should anticipate resolutions for the following equipment to be authorized for purchase during the February meeting:

- Eight (8) Autocar ACTT42 Class 8 single cab, single axle, light duty switcher jockey trucks. Four (4) jockey trucks per transfer station for use in moving trailers and/or containers around the facilities. *Now awaiting final compliance paperwork associated with this purchase.*
- Two (2) Industrial grade Street Sweeping trucks, to include stainless steel hoppers, cab-forward chassis, and vac/suction tube accessories for cleaning out facility catch basins.

One (1) street sweeper per transfer station. *Currently obtaining cooperative pricing for needed equipment. Demo on the Karcher Municipal Sweeper is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21 at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station.*

Transfer station vehicle and equipment purchasing will also include one (1) 14,000 lbs. hydraulic actuated dump trailer with solid tires and tarping system for use in the Mount Olive transfer station loading tunnels during cleanup procedures. Three (3) quotes were obtained and are all under the \$44,000 bid threshold. The purchase of the Mount Olive dump trailer will not require an approved Resolution from the Board.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- 2024 projects and improvements involving the Alaimo Group (Alaimo), H2M, and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Updates will be provided to the Board at the January 14 meeting:
Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- In late December 2024, Alaimo sent the MCMUA staff a complete set of plans and their updated cost estimate for the tarp rack replacement project in Mount Olive for review/comments/approval. The plan sheets included electrical drawings E1 and E2 which were confirmed by Alaimo during a site visit to Mount Olive on December 23. The “Specifications, Proposal, and Contract Documents” are now being finalized and reviewed by Counsel and staff. It was agreed that the “Time of Completion” for the project will be 120 days from the official notice to proceed. Alaimo still anticipates advertising the project for public bids in early January 2025.
- Public Water Service project- Alaimo’s preliminary plans are being prepared for an anticipated January 2025 submission to the New Jersey American Water (NJAW) Company. The “Base Mapping” has been completed, along with the “Utility Coordination”. MCMUA staff requested copies of these related documents for internal review. Alaimo has now started the “Contract Documents” line item related to this project

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- The MCMUA Operations staff met with the H2M engineering team on Tuesday, November 26 onsite in Parsippany to walk the facility, take measurements and photos, review the draft plans, and discuss factors involving the roof replacement. H2M was instructed by staff to focus on the roof replacement as its own project, separating it from the design and future installation of a covered tarp rack within Loading Bays #1 and #2 of the Parsippany station. This separation of projects now includes the total replacement of the sprinkler system, being that the new covered tarp rack structure would need to also be covered by the same sprinkler system. Details on the methane system, misting system, APC (Air Pollution Control) system’s large intake pipe, and the damaged column between tipping floor bays #6 and #7 were discussed. H2M is still on track for the potential award of this project at the February 11, 2025, meeting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Now that Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., (Mobilease) has completed the installation of our new 10’ by 44’ office trailer at the HHW facility within the Mount Olive transfer station, MCMUA staff continues to outfit and stock the interior. This includes office furniture, compliance paperwork and reference guides, PPE and safety equipment, spill kits and cleaning materials. Final steps for this office trailer include the 30-amp circuit/electrical connection that feeds the HHW operational section of the site, IT/data/Wi-Fi wiring for the County computer, and connection/install of a new fire panel that links to the facility’s two (2) haz waste storage sheds.

Program Participation Permanent Facility- At the end of calendar year 2024, the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility serviced 2,740 total customers. Of these customers, 2,472 were Morris County residents, 52 were VSQG/small businesses, and 216 total out-of-County residents. Compared to 2023, when Morris County serviced a total of 2,780 customers, 2,554 in-County residents, 40 VSQG’s, and 186 out-of-County’s. 2024’s busiest month was August where the MCMUA processed a total of 321 customers, slowest was February with 170 total. As far as December 2024 totals are concerned: 204 total customers, 172 Morris County Residents, 6 VSQG’s, and 26 out-of-County residents.

Calendar year 2024 also involved a total of eight (8) HHW manifested shipments from the permanent facility by environmental contractor MXI. A total of 187,793 lbs. (93.9 tons) of hazardous waste was properly disposed of and kept out landfills, off our transfer station tipping floors in 2024. These totals did not include a recent shipment by MXI on January 7, 2025. Comparison shipment numbers- 161,927 lbs. (81 tons) in 2022, and 209,673 lbs. (104.8 tons) in 2023. Start of 2018 to end of 2024= 1,1178,631 lbs. (589.3 tons) of HHW manifested and shipped.

Program Participation One-Day Drop-Off Events- The total for the 2024 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off Events, after four (4) successful events, equaled 2,667 vehicles, collecting and disposing of an *estimated* 141,915 lbs. (71 tons) of hazardous waste. As comparison for the Board, 2023 event totals were 2,112 vehicles, which equaled 555 more vehicles in 2024. As mentioned during the December 2024 Board meeting, 2025 MCMUA HHW One-Day Drop-Off Events will take place:

- **Saturday, May 17, 2025**, at the Jefferson Township DPW- 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong section of Jefferson Township, New Jersey 07849
- **Saturday, June 21, 2025**, at Chatham High School- 255 Lafayette Avenue, Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928
- **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, at Pequannock Valley Park- Marvin Road/PV Park Road, Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, New Jersey 07444
- **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, at the County College of Morris (CCM)- Parking Lot #1, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA Vegetative Waste staff Harry Dry and Keil Klaver have started constructing a concrete block loading ramp in the class B section of the Mount Olive facility to assist with the loading of wood chips and other class B materials. Earth Supply Transport, LLC pulled 400 cubic yards (CY) of wood chips from the Parsippany facility in late December, then January 2 and 3, 2025, another 600 CY. With both MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities having an overabundance of chips, Earth Supply will also be pulling wood chips from Mount Olive to make room inbound materials at both sites. The Vegetative Waste staff have also started to enter transaction tickets into the Paradigm system/CompuWeigh directly onsite and are now able to process credit cards as a type of payment.

MCMUA anticipates presenting a Resolution to the Board at the February 11 meeting for the purchase of four (4) additional PTZ (pan tilt zoom) cameras with four (4) RF radios (PT-420) for our two (2) Vegetative Waste facilities- two (2) for Mount Olive and two (2) for Parsippany. MCMUA staff continues to work with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) to update our NJDEP site plan to maximize material storage and processing capacity at the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility. The new Viably (Komptech) Topturn X5500 windrow turner that will replace both the 2001 Scarab 18LL-450 D4 windrow turner and the 1997 Toro Pro Grind 4000 tub grinder in Parsippany is due to hit the port on January 13, 2025. According to Komptech, typically it takes a few days to get it released from the port and then they perform a pre-delivery inspection and wash the machine. Komptech will deliver the machine directly to the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility close to the end of January/start of February. Komptech will reach out to the MCMUA staff with the exact date of delivery as it gets closer and set up the training and commissioning. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the January 14, 2025, MCMUA Board meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following: (1)

The December 2024 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$58.47/ton. This is a \$1.88 per ton increase in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from November's finalized rate of -\$56.59/ton, presented at the December board meeting.

- From the start of January to today, prices across nearly all commodities have ceased movement.

- Good for fiber pricing as pricing has halted its substantial decline for paper and cardboard into January, remaining at lows at the year's close.
- In plastics commodity pricing, the prices of #1 PET and #2 HDPE natural containers have rebounded into January, aligning with rising oil prices.
 - The price of HDPE-colored containers remained unmoved into January.
- Metal and glass pricing remains unmoved in our current market.
- As mentioned in detail in this month's report, market experts have growing concerns regarding the recovery of recyclable market values into the 2025 calendar year.
- They attribute this to several factors, but the most concerning is the presidential power shift impacting recycling operations and the tariffs expected on Mexico, Canada, and China.
- With more than half of the U.S.'s recovered scrap plastic exports sent to Canada and Mexico and nearly 40% of our recovered paper imports routed to China through Southeast Asian countries, a decline in any of these markets could drastically impact U.S. recyclable exports.
- As a result, the pricing plateau seen in the lead-up to the election is attributed to increased intake by these countries sweeping up recycled content, which helped to slow the price decline.
- In conclusion, market experts anticipate the president's initial days in the office next week will play a part in market pricing adjustments at the start of February.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division,

MCMUA General Work:

- The months of December and the beginning of January were primarily focused on planning for our 2025 calendar year for our slate of meetings, education, and inspections.
- These include our recycling and clean communities coordinator meetings, ANJR initiatives, work with the MCDPH, our food waste recovery efforts, REA Grant requirements, report submittals, support of our municipal partners and recycling efforts with the tonnage grant reporting process, and our department's educational initiatives.

MCMUA Continued Efforts on This Year's Collection Service Agreements Renewals:

- In December and January, efforts continued to renew our upcoming shared service agreements in mass, which will expire at the end of this year.
- Mendham Twp. plans to approve our new agreement for recycling collection services at this month's council meeting on the 23rd.
 - Our MUA adopting resolution will be presented to the MCMUA Board for consideration at our February meeting.
- As a general note regarding our current contract efforts with Mendham Township, I would like to highlight a significant increase in recycling generation set out for collection by the MCMUA.
- In the past year, recycling volumes rose by 110.4 tons compared to the previous year when curbside recycling generation in Morris County and the state declined.
- The success in Mendham Township is primarily credited to the switch to single-stream recycling and our direct involvement within the Township to support recycling.
- The Township administrator will highlight our partnership's positive impact when presenting the resolution for adoption at the upcoming council meeting.

- The Township of Roxbury is still considering our new proposal for depot services.
- Victory Gardens' proposal for solid waste container services is currently in effect.
 - Tonight, a resolution will be presented to purchase a smaller dedicated container for these services, replacing the temporary on-site container.
- Regarding Long Hill Township's new agreement, we have a new shared services agreement for their consideration and plan to meet with the Township this month.
- We have also entered initial discussions with Montville Township to scope out anticipated transportation services to designated markets for dual-stream collection.
- Looking at the expiration of the Morris School District's contract expiration at the end of June, we submitted a new proposal to their administrator last week and are awaiting his review.
 - As a general note, we gave them a proposal from three their usual three to five years.
- We have also begun discussions with Chester Borough about a new agreement and sent an initial draft to their DPW director who is interested in adding depot services to the contract.
- Discussions have also begun on a new agreement with Wharton Borough regarding their town and commercial district contracts. Their DPW director requests compactor services for their depot, collected through open-top containers moving to comingled for one container and fiber for the other to help reduce MUA's service cost. A draft is currently being worked out between both entities, and a proposal will be worked on this month.
- Preliminary research and discussions continue on adopting Randolph Township into our curbside recycling program, which will utilize carted collection with side loader trucks.
- Last week, we met with Pequannock, which contacted us seeking curbside recycling proposals for its contract ending in 2025. We are considering their adoption and how to fit the collection into our current list of serviced municipalities that will be renewed.

Borough of Rockaway, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections:

- As mentioned in the report, the MCMUA and the Borough of Rockaway implemented a townwide "Tag-it and Leave-it" inspection campaign in November and December.
- During this process, results showed that the Borough's residents had some of the best recycling setouts compared to other inspected municipalities, indicating more positive acknowledgments than violations among the randomly selected samples.
- This reflects the effectiveness of our combined education, recycling programs, and overall efforts during this process.
- In recognition of these endeavors, the MCMUA presented the Borough with an award issued to the Department of Public Works, which was publicized within the Borough on social media.

MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Plans its Future Initiatives:

- In December and January, the Department began collaborating with our Morris County partners on food waste reduction initiatives in two separate phases.
- The first works to divert wasted food from the commercial and institutional sectors, with the MCMUA conducting food rescue assessments at Morris County's food pantries and meal service sites.

- In doing so, the MCMUA is meeting with these organizations to understand their operations better, identify missing sectors, key barriers, and challenges, to explore how we can improve the recovery of food that otherwise would have been wasted into the hands of those in need.
- As these meetings occur, MCMUA webpage profiles for these organizations are being created to share on our MUA food waste webpage, sites will be highlighted in a created food waste prevention toolkit, and the Morris County Office of Communications will highlight MUA-created spotlights on their efforts.
- In addition, the MCMUA is exploring a partnership with the non-profit Share My Meals, a food rescue organization, to connect large corporate food donors with potential meal service recipients free of charge to help them expand their Morris County network.
- Work in this way will not only help redirect food that would have been wasted but also optimize and help publicize the enormous efforts and capabilities of those who help get it into the hands of those who need it.
- The second phase continues our work on more of the consumer side, working on a wasted food cookbook and informational guide featuring food waste prevention recipes and tips, education, and sustainability highlights across Morris County, as well as social media posts.
- All of these efforts are being completed in light of this year's Recycling Enhancement Act Grant submissions for Morris County with the State of New Jersey DEP.

Mr. Marrone asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2025-002

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 20 Yard Roll Off Container Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 040621-WQI Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) is authorized by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 to make purchases and contracts for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, and further provided that the contracting unit has made a determination that the use of a cooperative purchasing agreement will result in cost savings after all factors have been considered; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) for the MCMUA has determined that the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) is a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing system and agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit, as it is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017); and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA QPA has further determined that Sourcewell utilizes a cooperative purchasing system and agreement that complies with the competitive bidding process set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and meets the criteria of the New Jersey pay-to-play law at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has advertised and awarded cooperative purchasing agreements for a variety of goods and equipment, including Roll Off Containers; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of One (1) 20 Yard Roll Off Container through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on December 18, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of One (1) 20 Yard Roll Off Container is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$5,517.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$2,740.00 by obtaining the One (1) 20 Yard Roll Off Container from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, all required documentation, including, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; Statement of Corporate Ownership; Public Contract EEO Compliance Form (Affirmative Action) and Non-collusion Affidavit has been obtained from the vendor in accordance with New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$5,517.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-3-300-800-151.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of One (1) 20 Yard Roll Off Container in the amount of \$5,517.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farria, Acting Chairan

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize the Purchase of One (1) 20 Yard Roll Off Container Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 040621-WQI Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

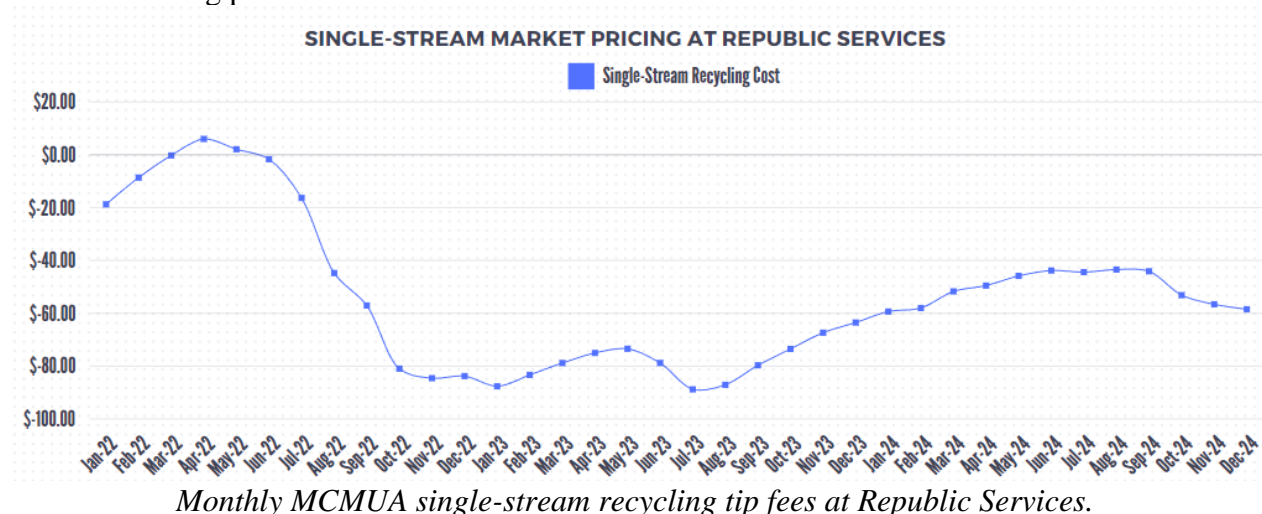
December Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

In December, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate was reported at \$58.07 per ton, which reflects a decrease of \$1.48 from the finalized rate of the previous month. As highlighted in the November report, there were significant market challenges for commingled containers and fiber markets, particularly concerning paper packaging, often called container or box board. This trend continued into December, with prices for paper and cardboard dropping by another \$5 per

ton for each commodity, and further declines are anticipated. Conversely, plastic and metal prices were notable exceptions this month. Natural HDPE and aluminum beverage cans saw double-digit percentage increases in value, while the prices of other commodities remained stable toward the end of the year.

Looking ahead to 2025, there are concerns about the recovery of recyclable market values. Factors contributing to this uncertainty include the potential impact of the U.S. presidential election on recycling operations and the considerable tariffs expected to be imposed on Mexico, Canada, and China once the president-elect takes office. This situation is critical, as over half of the recovered scrap plastic exported from the U.S. in 2024 went to North America, with Canada and Mexico being key buyers. Since 2018, China has banned scrap imports, prompting countries like India and Southeast Asia to become primary destinations for U.S. recovered paper, constituting nearly 40% of U.S. exports in 2024. These countries process the recovered paper and then resell it to China to circumvent the import ban. A decrease in Chinese demand could negatively impact U.S. exports and harm the recovered paper market. The recent decline in December’s paper pricing can be attributed to consumer goods producers and major exporters in China preparing for the election by increasing production leading up to the inauguration. Traditionally, the fourth quarter grasps weak demand for packaging; however, this year it experienced a surge in orders for paper packaging, resulting in heightened demand for recycled fiber and slowing the decline in market rates. Lastly, tariffs are being considered on certain developing nations, especially BRICS countries like India and Brazil, if they promote an alternative currency to the U.S. dollar. This could restrict the import of goods into the U.S. and further reduce demand for paper packaging.

In conclusion, while these proposed tariffs may provide some localized benefits for U.S. manufacturers, their broader impact will likely adversely affect recycling markets into 2025 and continue driving prices downward.



Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

MCMUA’s Work on Renewing Expiring and Addition of New Collection Service Agreements:

Throughout December, Marrone and Toomey continued to work to prepare for the blitz of upcoming shared service agreements expiring in 2025, which had previously been reported to the Board. The following was completed this month as follows:

Township of Mendham Recycling Services Renewal Update:

In December, the MCMUA and the Township concluded discussions on implementing a proposed new shared services agreement for curbside collection with the Township administration. While the Township had previously inquired about trash collection services for select municipally owned buildings, it is only seeking to move forward with a new recycling contract. The Township will revisit this offer for select trash collection services when their initial discussions commence later in the year before their solid waste contract expires. The Township plans to approve our new agreement for recycling collection services at its January 23rd council meeting. As for our MUA adopting resolution, this will be presented to the MCMUA Board for consideration at our February 2025 meeting.

As a general note regarding our current contract efforts, Mendham Township has seen a significant increase in recycling generation set out for collection by the MCMUA. In the past year, recycling volumes rose from 669.4 tons in 2023 to 779.8 tons in 2024, marking an impressive increase of 110.4 tons compared to the previous year. This achievement is particularly noteworthy given the decline in curbside recycling generation in Morris County and the state. The decline can be attributed to several factors, including lighter recyclables, lower participation and awareness in recycling, and a reduced range of materials accepted by partner recycling facilities. However, the success in Mendham Township is primarily credited to the switch to single-stream recycling and our direct involvement within the Township to support recycling. This change has made it easier for residents to recycle both streams during weekly collections. Additionally, collaborative efforts between the municipality, the environmental commission, and the MCMUA have helped improve education on proper recycling practices, encouraging residents to recycle more frequently and correctly. This increase in recycling contributes to a higher recycling rate for the Township, which results in a more substantial recycling grant from the NJDEP based on assessed curbside recyclables. This was reflected in last year's NJDEP recycling rate calculations, which acknowledged our ongoing efforts to enhance recycling in the area. This information has been shared with the Township's administrator, who will emphasize the positive impact of our partnership when presenting the resolution for adoption at the upcoming council meeting.

Township of Long Hill Recycling Services Renewal:

In December, the Long Hill Township Director of Public Works contacted the MCMUA regarding the expiration of our current shared services agreement. He expressed a desire to continue services under a new contract. At that time, the Director thanked us for our continued partnership to support and sustain recycling in the Township. Namely, our recycling "Tag-it and Leave-it" inspection efforts, annual presence at its Stirling Day street fair, partnership and support and help with townwide education regarding its Styrofoam recycling program, support in creating and distributing signage within the town and at its municipal depot, purchase of a signboard to post and hold recycling information at its depot, and ongoing educational support all as reasons for wishing to sign up once again with the MCMUA. The Township is looking for two proposals: one for lump sum pricing, which includes the estimated cost of marketing the recyclables collected and transportation throughout the contract, and the other, which accounts for transportation and passes along the cost of processing recyclables at its contracted partner materials recovery facility (MRF). In the coming weeks, a meeting will be set up between the Township and the MCMUA to finalize the specifics of the adoption contract.

Township of Roxbury Recycling Depot Marketing and Transportation Services Renewal Update:

In December, the MCMUA continued conversations with the Township to move toward adopting a new shared services agreement for adoption by the governing body. During that time, the MCMUA met with Roxbury in a follow-up meeting to go over the agreement, and several changes were made. A newly revised shared services agreement was produced before the Township, awaiting approval from the governing body. It is now anticipated that a resolution will be presented to the Board for consideration at its February 2025 meeting.

Morris School District Recycling Services Renewal:

In December, the MCMUA began preparations to execute a new recycling collection and marketing agreement with the Morris School District, which expires at the end of June 2025. We initiated preliminary discussions with the district to schedule a meeting to discuss the specifics of the new contract. Topics will include updating contact information, assessing assets at each location for potential replacement or repair, refining collection services, and reviewing pricing. A meeting is scheduled for early next month to review a draft proposal for adoption.

Borough of Victory Gardens Municipal Solid Waste Container Service Update:

At the MCMUA's Board meeting on December 10th, resolution 2024-100 was approved. This resolution authorizes a five-year agreement between the Borough of Victory Gardens and the MCMUA to transport and dispose of road-cleanup debris staged in a roll-off at its DPW yard. MCMUA delivered a temporary container to commence these services starting January 1, 2025. On January 6, 2025, Marrone visited the Borough to review the container, provide customer

service, and go over the agreement operations. The MCMUA Board will be presented with a resolution to approve the purchase of a dedicated 20 CY roll-off container specifically for the operations outlined in this agreement. The cost of this container is included in the contract.

Township of Randolph Recycling Services Proposal:

On December 11, 2024, the MCMUA met with the Township Administration to discuss the potential for a shared services agreement regarding the recycling collection needed at the start of 2027. During this meeting, they discussed specific details about collection methods, current market trends, service routes, and the possibility of using carts for collection and automated “one-arm bandit” types of trucks. The Township and the MCMUA will continue to discuss the agreement's specifics and the necessary research information, and they plan to meet again in the coming months to provide a proposal for these services.

Township of Montville Recycling Services Proposal:

In early December, the Township Administrator contacted the MCMUA, providing a proposal for recycling collection services for dual-stream recycling and vegetative waste recycling services. With their current contract for these services expiring at the end of April 2025, they were looking to secure an agreement for these services early on instead of going out to bid. One requirement for this contract would be the MCMUA would have to transport materials to designated markets established by the Township. These would be Republic Services in Mine Hill for co-mingled containers under their contract, not with the MCMUA, Fiber with Ricova, out-of-county in Clifton, and vegetative waste at RER in Riverdale. Therefore, any contract procured would specifically be for collecting and transporting materials. After preliminary discussions with the administrator, a meeting will be set up for January to discuss a proposal further and determine if and what can fit into our current curbside schedule for 2025 at this time with a limited timeframe. Currently, dual stream is every Wednesday, alternating between fiber and containers each week, while vegetative waste is every Monday in the Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Township of Pequannock Recycling Services Proposal:

In early December, the Township Administrator contacted the MCMUA regarding providing a proposal for recycling collection. Their current contract expires at the end of October 2025, and they would be looking for pricing on four different options as follows: twice-per-week dual-stream recycling collection, once-per-week dual-stream recycling collection – alternating material weeks, once-per-week single-stream recycling collection, and an additional option to include the Township’s Board of Education School Facilities. The MCMUA used to collect in the Township in the previous contract cycle, but the Township selected to offer this work to Gaeta Recycling 5 years ago. A meeting with Pequannock representatives was conducted on Wednesday, January 7, to discuss the details needed to formulate a proposal.

Recycling/Clean Communities Education, Inspections, and Customer Service Support

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities’ projects, public outreach, and education programs during December 2024. This month’s correspondence provides details regarding these activities as a separate report.

Recycling and Clean Communities Projects, Public Outreach, Education, and Inspections: .

- MCMUA Plans for its first Municipal Recycling of the 2025 Calendar Year
- Morris County’s MRC’s Meet and Exceed the NJDEP’s 2024 Tonnage Grant Requirements
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Plans its Future Initiatives.
- MCMUA Attends Too Good to Waste Network Call:
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations.

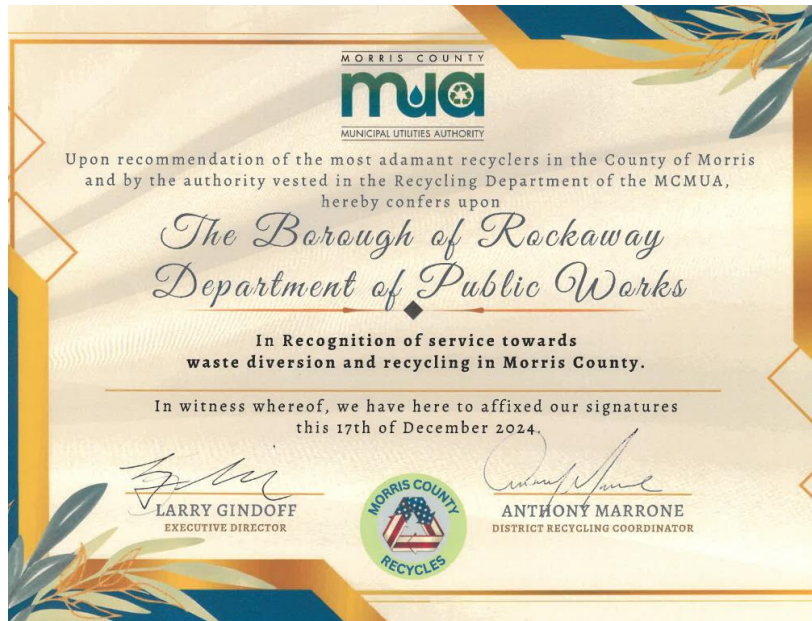
Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

Borough of Rockaway, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections:

In November and December 2024, the MCMUA and the Borough implemented a townwide "Tag-it and Leave-it" inspection campaign. Across three inspection days, the town was

divided into thirds, and the results showed that the Borough's residents had some of the best recycling setouts compared to other inspected municipalities. The joint inspections indicated more positive acknowledgments than violations among the randomly selected samples. This reflects the effectiveness of the combined education and recycling programs and the overall efforts made. According to Recycle Coach, engagement among residents who subscribed to the app increased by 36.19% during the campaign compared to before, indicating that they were actively seeking information on non-compliant items, correcting their behaviors, learning from mistakes, checking acceptable materials, reading app notifications, setting calendar reminders, and becoming more familiar with program guidelines. Additionally, app subscribers rose by 53.95% during the campaign period.

As a token of appreciation for the DPW staff's assistance and contributions, the MCMUA presented the Borough with an award issued to the DPW Director on December 17. The Director publicized this recognition on social media and through the Borough's administration. We commend their hard work in promoting recycling, which has positively impacted their municipality!



Above is a copy of the Borough's issued award recognizing their recycling efforts.

MCMUA and the New Jersey Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts:

ANJR New Professionals Network Subcommittee Efforts:

In December, Marrone, the chairman of the subcommittee for the ANJR "New Professionals Network," met with committee members during the group's monthly meeting to discuss and plan out educational opportunities with the public for the organization. The group will host two lunch-and-learn webinars in February and April, a Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) educational and hands-on training opportunity in March, and facility tours of ANJR member recycling facilities in June. Educational materials are being created to promote these free training courses and educational opportunities for interested recycling professionals within the state.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

2024 Morris County School Litter and Artwork Contest Awards Ceremony:

On Thursday, December 5, 2024, the MCMUA hosted its 2024 Poster Awards Ceremony at the Morris County Library. All participating students, teachers, and parents were invited to attend, and 35 people were present. To celebrate the students who submitted posters for the contest, a 2025 calendar featuring each poster was created, and all posters were displayed on easels at the event.

Before the awards presentation began, the MCMUA recognized a student from Frelinghuysen Middle School for her exceptional efforts in promoting recycling at her school. She had contacted the MCMUA to increase recycling initiatives and sought support to educate her peers and acquire additional recycling bins. After learning about Morris County's School

Litter Cleanup mini-grant opportunity, she took action. With guidance from her teachers, the student organized and executed the school litter cleanup grant program, fulfilling all requirements to secure a \$600 grant for new recycling bins. As recognition for her work, she was presented with a bouquet and a framed certificate.

Following this, the poster awards were presented. Four posters were recognized as winners, and each winning student received a gift card, along with the replication of their poster on a galvanized steel recycling bin, which was then donated to their respective schools. Each winning student was invited to the podium, congratulated, and provided with their award. They were also encouraged to share insights into their posters with the attendees. After each presentation, Birmingham explained how each poster aligned with the NJ Clean Communities Program's three core elements: litter abatement, education, and enforcement. Related articles were available as hard copies for attendees.

The event was a tremendous success, leaving all attendees satisfied and providing valuable opportunities for enhancements in the upcoming 2025 contest.



Pictured above is Birmingham reading and presenting the certificate to one of the award recipients.

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.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Acting Chair Farris asked the Board for a Motion to meeting to go into closed session regarding litigation in the matter of S.K. Mt. Kemble Associates and MCMUA at 8:16 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:16 p.m. and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Acting Chair Farris asked for the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:24 p.m. and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

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

There being no further business, Acting Chair Farris asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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