

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on October 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

Vice Chairwoman Farris 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.

Vice Chairwoman Farris requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Ronald Smith and Ms. Laura Szwak

ABSENT: Chairman Dour, Mr. James Barry and Mr. Larry Ragonese

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

Vice Chairwoman Farris asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting as well as the Closed Meeting Session of September 9, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of September 9, 2025, and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of September 2025. Also included are the Solid Waste and Water Comparative Balance Reports through the month of September 2025 and an Investment Report showing no new investments purchased during the month of September 2025.

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

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher stated the next two resolutions the Board's approval are for introducing 2026 MCMUA solid waste and water budgets. In providing a concise overview of the budgets, Mr. Kaletcher stated we are proposing a \$2 per ton tipping fee decrease for solid waste and a 5.49% increase in the wholesale water rate. Ms. Szwak commented that she is giving everyone a lot of credit for coming in with tipping fee decrease. Mr. Kaletcher read the title of Resolution #2025-073 and Ms. Farris asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Druetzler stated he was happy to make a motion to approve it and it was seconded by Ms. Szwak.

RESOLUTION 2025-073
2026 Authority Budget Resolution
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
SOLID WASTE BUDGET INTRODUCTION

FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2026 TO December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2026 and ending, December 31, 2026 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$59,837,684.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$60,904,684.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$1,067,000; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$1,469,401.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rates, fees and other charges in effect will produce sufficient revenues, together with all other anticipated revenues to satisfy all obligations to the holders of bonds of the Authority, to meet operating expenses, capital outlays, debt service requirements, and to provide for such reserves, all as may be required by law, regulation or terms of contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the purposes described in this section of the budget, must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on October 14, 2025 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2026 and ending, December 31, 2026 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 10, 2025.

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

(Date)

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approve Resolution #2025-073, and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher followed up and read the title of Resolution #2025-074 and Ms. Farris asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Druetzler made a motion to approve it and it was seconded by Ms. Farris.

RESOLUTION 2025-074
2026 Authority Budget Resolution
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
WATER BUDGET INTRODUCTION

FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2026 TO December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2026 and ending, December 31, 2026 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$6,247,776.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$8,484,569.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$2,236,793; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$4,735,000.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rates, fees and other charges in effect will produce sufficient revenues, together with all other anticipated revenues to satisfy all obligations to the holders of bonds of the Authority, to meet operating expenses, capital outlays, debt service requirements, and to provide for such reserves, all as may be required by law, regulation or terms of contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the purposes described in this section of the budget, must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on October 14, 2025 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2026 and ending, December 31, 2026 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 10, 2025.

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

(Date)

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approve Resolution #2025-074, and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher stated he has the Bill Resolution #2025-075 slated for approval after members review the schedule of warrants. Ms. Szwak asked about the large expense for Suburban Consulting under the water billings and it was responded that this payment covered the engineering work performed for the design of the PFAS treatment at the Flanders Valley wellfield. There is a lot of engineering currently being worked on and Mr. Gindoff stated he

anticipates more work under this task in the near future. Mr. Druetzler asked about the disbursement listed in the Treasurer’s Report to DeeEn Electric and it was stated that this was a large payment made from last month’s approved schedule of warrants and was simply highlighted in this month’s Treasurer’s report as a large capital payment.

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-075

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. 2025-075 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$5,023,145.35** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	7081-7113	\$ 123,155.79
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	16331-16415	<u>\$ 4,899,989.56</u>
		\$ 5,023,145.35

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 OF WARRANTS to the vouchers for payment and have determined it to be correct.

DATE: October 14, 2025

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Maria Farris , Vice Chairwoman

SIGNED:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

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: October 14, 2025.

DATE: October 14, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

PURCHASING (Consent Agenda #2025-076 – #2025-080)

Mr. Gindoff explained that he will be modifying the agenda of the Board meetings from hereon to have a consent agenda for approval of all the purchasing related resolutions as part of the Treasurer’s portion of the meeting. Mr. Gindoff asked Shana O’Mara, QPA to work with Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, on a memo for the Board each month explaining the resolutions in an effort to expedite the Board meetings. Mr. Gindoff explained if any Board members wish to pull a resolution for discussion and/or separate vote from the consent agenda, they are free to request it.

Ms. Farris asked for a Board member to make a motion to approve resolutions #2025-076 through #2025-080 as a consent agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve the purchasing Resolutions #2025-076 through #2025-080 as a consent agenda and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-076

Resolution Authorizing the One Year Extension of Contract for the Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance: Volvo Hoffman International, Inc.

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) awarded a Contract for the Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance: Volvo for a term of one (1) year, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for two one (1) year extensions period in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to extend the term of the original contract for the one (1) year extension period; and

WHEREAS, the amount for the one (1) year extension shall not exceed the contract amount of \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in line item 01-4-600-602-324 to pay the entire contract amount for the one (1) year extension.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The MCMUA finds that the services of Hoffman International, Inc. are being performed in an effective and efficient manner.
2. The MCMUA authorizes the one (1) year extension of the existing contract with Hoffman International, Inc., for the Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance:.
3. The one (1) year extension is not to exceed the contract amount of \$30,000.00.
4. The original contract executed on September 1, 2024, between the MCMUA and Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance, shall remain legal and binding in all respects during the one (1) year extension period.
5. A copy of this Resolution and applicable contract shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, 370 Richard Mine Rd. Wharton, NJ 07885.
6. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the MCMUA Treasurer and Hoffman International, Inc. 300 South Randolphville Rd. Piscataway, NJ 08854.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-077
RESOLUTION REJECTING BID FOR CONTRACT NO. 2025-SW05 “TUNNEL PIT
SCALE REPLACEMENT AT THE MOUNT OLIVE TRANSFER STATION” AND
AUTHORIZING READVERTISEMENT FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2025-SW05 “Tunnel Pit Scale Replacement at the Mount Olive Transfer Station” and received one (1) response to the bid solicitation on October 7, 2025 from the bidder listed below:

Mettler-Toledo, LLC	\$249,410.00
1900 Polaris Parkway	
Columbus, Ohio 43240	

WHEREAS, the bid submission from Metter-Toledo, LLC contained material defects, including, but not limited to: (1) lack of public works registration in the State of New Jersey; and (2) supplementation of the bid with the bidder’s own form of contract containing indemnification, limitations on liability and cross-default provisions that differed from the Authority’s bid documents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., material defects cannot be waived by the Authority.

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

1. The Authority hereby rejects the bid submission from Mettler-Toledo, LLC received on October 7, 2025 for Contract No. 2025-SW05 “Tunnel; Pit Scale Replacement at the Mount Olive Transfer Station” due to the material defects contained therein.
2. The Executive Director and staff are authorized and directed to readvertise for the receipt of sealed competitive bids for Contract No. 2025-SW05 “Tunnel; Pit Scale Replacement at the Mount Olive Transfer Station” pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
3. The Executive Director is authorized to release the bid security submitted on behalf of Mettler-Toledo, LLC.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and a copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file at the offices of the Authority.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

RESOLUTION #2025-078

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase Contract with Approved Somerset County Co-Op

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System "SOCCP", which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, goods or services utilizing the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA intends to enter into contracts with the following Referenced Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System contracts;

Recapping Tire & Solid Tire Replacement – Custom Bandag - CC-0016-25 - \$7,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Vendors on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED; that the governing body of the MCMUA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **October 14, 2025 to February 28, 2026**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

RESOLUTION #2025-079

Resolution Authorizing the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement: Member Participation Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on **October 14, 2025** the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
2. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
3. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

RESOLUTION #2025-080

Resolution Authorizing the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement: Member Participation North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, NJWCPS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and **WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority desires to become a member of the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, NJWCPS, effective October 14, 2025 and that such membership shall be for the period ending October 14, 2026, and each renewal thereafter of the system, unless the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority elects to formally withdraw from the system;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
2. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency, The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff had no updates on the included correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Email dated September 25, 2025 from Michael McAloon, Suburban Consulting Engineering to Wayne Corsey, Randolph Assistant Township Engineer regarding the status of the paving following the 24" water main replacement.

SOLID WASTE

1. County Commissioner Notice and Resolution regarding establishing a November 5, 2025, 7PM public hearing on the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment dated August 2025 entitled, Inclusion of Contracts for: Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Mount Olive Township and Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Solid Waste Transfer Station located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon provided the following updates: (1) Water sales of 1.3 billion gallons through September 2025 is above where we were at in 2024 and 2023; (2) We did have a meeting last week with representatives from DEP and Jefferson to talk about some of their issues with their current wells. We weren't too surprised to hear the DEP say they would not be willing to consider a permanent contract amendment between Jefferson and the MUA to get Jefferson the water they need due to Jefferson's well challenges. A temporary reprieve may be authorized to help them out, but it's up to Jefferson to redevelop some of their wells and get their system back in order. There is no further action needed for the MUA at this time as we did the best we. (3) John Garcia Construction made a repair to the 24" pipe leak which was caused by JCP&L and MUA will be fully reimbursed the cost of this leaked caused by JCP&L. (4) At the Flanders Valley generator, MUA and DeeEn Electrical are waiting for the delivery the SCR (silicon controlled rectifier), which controls the voltage applied to the motor during startup. That did ship, so we should expect to see that here very soon so we can get that piece of equipment installed and perform the final synchronization of all electrical breakers and final testing of the generators before closing out this project. (5) Underground Utilities Corp. and the PCCP retirement phase one project is in a holding pattern while they wait for some exotic materials. They're working to get out to the site to do the final cut, cap and retirement. Randolph is adamant that the road needs to be temporarily patched due to its condition prior to the winter, even though we'll be coming in a few short months after our phase two project and doing a full 2" mill and repave from curb to curb. SCE met with Randolph today but that situation still has to come to an amicable solution. (6) We are out to bid for PCCP replacement phase two. This picks up the project where we left off right near the Greenway, and continues the new 12 " main up and across Park Avenue. Phase two will replace the section of pipe that was damaged following the earthquake. (7) Work with H2M our Water Exploration Engineer, continues to progress as we recently submitted a bunch of data requests to our neighboring water systems to establish more data points to steer the search for water.

Mr. McAloon stated he had two resolutions for the Board's consideration and asked for motions for their adoption.

Resolution No. 2025-081 Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing To Amend Water Rate Of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For 2026

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("the Authority") is authorized by the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq.) to establish rents, rates, fees and other charges and to amend the same from time to time so that the revenues of the Authority will at all times be adequate to pay the expenses of operation and maintenance of the Authority system including reserves, insurance, extensions and replacements, debt service,

and to maintain such reserves or sinking funds therefor as may be required by the terms of any contract or as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to schedule a public hearing to amend the base water rate charged by the Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 14th day of October, 2025 as follows:

1. The base rate to be charged by the Authority for the provision of water is proposed to increase from \$3,480 to \$3,671 per million gallons (MG).
2. A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 10, 2025 at the regular public meeting of the Authority commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority offices, 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885.
3. The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:
 - a. publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to the hearing date; and
 - b. mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority and to each water utility, whether public or private, served by the Authority, at least 20 days prior to the hearing date.
4. 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 Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to approve Resolution #2025-081, and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-082 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 3M AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAM SETTLEMENT – SECOND PAYMENT

WHEREAS, there is multidistrict litigation (MDL) pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division regarding the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water supplies entitled In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) adopted Resolution No. 2023-054, retaining special counsel for the filing of a complaint against 3M, Dupont, BASF, Tyco Fire Products and multiple other defendants in the MDL litigation; and

WHEREAS, after the adoption of the aforementioned Resolution, on June 29, 2023, special counsel filed the complaint on behalf of the MCMUA “to recover compensatory, punitive and all other available damages, including all necessary funds to compensate Plaintiff for the costs of investigating, designing, constructing, installing, operating and maintaining the treatment facilities and equipment to remove PFAS, including, but not limited to, PFOS and PFOA, from its water supply, for all costs incurred by Plaintiff complying with any and all government and regulatory guidelines for PFAS, including, but not limited to, PFOS and PFOA, the contamination of Plaintiff’s water sources and drinking water, and to ensure that the responsible parties bear such expense, rather than Plaintiff or its taxpayers and ratepayers”; and

WHEREAS, the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina approved 3M Company’s aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) class action settlement in 2024 (the “3M AFFF Settlement”) and the Settlement Administrator has transmitted the second payment from the 3M AFFF Settlement as to MCMUA’s claims to the Keefe Law Firm; and

WHEREAS, future anticipated settlement payments from the 3M AFFF Settlement are set forth in the privileged and confidential settlement communication from the Keefe Law Firm, dated October 2, 2025.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the settlement statement entitled “Morris County MUA v. 3M, 3M AFFF Settlement – Second Payment” in which the second settlement payment from 3M to the MCMUA is in net amount of \$294,094.68 and the Keefe Law Firm, LLC is authorized to make said payment to the MCMUA.
2. Future distributions as to payments 3 through 10, as set forth in the October 2, 2025 communication from the Keefe Law Firm, are authorized without further Resolution unless there are additional expenses in excess of \$500 associated with any distribution.
3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to take any other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of his Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal

Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution #2025-082, and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Carney provided an update on Judicial Consent Order (JCO) stating the public comment period for Dupont's JCO is due by the end of the month, so we're preparing a very similar letter that went out for 3M that Larry will sign on behalf of the MCMUA and also the Chair for a comment letter. We're preparing the opposition briefing on behalf of the AEA and then anything separate for the Morris County MUA as we are somewhat unique because we're dealing not with water, but with the solid waste side of things. Mr. Carney in response to a question from Ms. Szwak stated the DEP has not issued the responses to public comment that were sent out regarding of 3M as they're still reviewing all those comments. There is a report that's being provided every 30 days to the court, which Sara is monitoring. Their next report is due at the end of this month, but DEP has not yet provided the public comment yet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of Sept 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 1,297.083 MG. This amount is approximately 102.359 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 140.826 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.
- B. SCE is assisting in the preparation of annual and capital project budgets of which discussions began this fall with MUA staff and the Budget Committee. As a follow-up to these budget discussions, Board members will be sent copies of the proposed budgets by the MUA Treasurer prior to the upcoming meeting. At the meeting, a resolution will be presented for the Board's consideration introducing the water budget so it can be submitted to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for its initial approval prior to a corresponding resolution being presented at the November meeting which formally adopts the water budget. Likewise, a resolution establishing a water rate hearing to take place at the November meeting will be presented at the October meeting for the Board's consideration and its corresponding resolution approving such water rates will be presented at the November meeting following the rate hearing.
- C. On Wednesday October 8, a meeting between Township of Jefferson (represented by Greg Cardena, Greg Wachtel, Ryan Tuttle, Ed Engelsman, John Schults, Debi Millikin, and Jim Lutz), MCMUA (represented by Larry Gindoff and Tony Milonas), SCE (represented by Mike McAloon), and NJDEP (represented by Steve Pudney, Ramesh Patel, and Robert Hudgins) was held to discuss current operational challenges with the Township of Jefferson water system. The Township is currently experiencing production issues with their peaks wells #1 and #2. The Township is advancing a project for the well rehabilitation in hopes that production rates increase to near allocation capacity; bids will

be submitted in late October. The discussion explored availability of the MUA to provide additional volumes of water to meet normal and peak system demands; more specifically, the increase in contractual amounts to enable Jefferson to obtain NJDEP Bureau of Water System Engineering (BWSE) Permit to Construct for watermain extension to supply a new development which is currently being constructed. In short, due to the MUA contracting for 100% of its allocation, NJDEP is not willing to consider a long-term permanent increase in contractual amounts, but would be willing to increase on a temporary basis while the Jefferson wells are being rehabilitated.

- D. As previously discussed, on Wednesday September 3, 2025, MCMUA received a call from JCP&L advising them of an inadvertent strike on the existing 24-inch Ductile Iron (DIP) Water Main at Selma Boulevard and Ironia Road in Randolph. JCP&L was installing a replacement utility pole and encroached too close to the mark-outs and caused a small leak.

On Thursday September 4, 2025, as part of the Emergency and On-Call Services Contract, personnel from John Garcia Construction Co. successfully completed the installation of repair clamps on the 24-inch DIP main. The repair was successfully backfilled and the work was completed. John Garcia Construction has submitted payment application in the amount of **\$13,748.69** for consideration. It is recommended payment to John Garcia in the full amount. This work was performed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Emergency and On-Call Contractor agreement. It should be noted that MCMUA will pursue the full reimbursement of these costs from JCP&L, due to the damage being directly caused by their negligence.

2. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

The MUA is working with a third party vendor (Rockwell/Turtle and Hughes) to furnish and install the failed Silicon Controlled Rectifier (SCR) device which controls the voltage applied to a motor during start-up, allowing for a gradual increase to full voltage. Due to long lead time, the replacement SCR has a ship date of 10/29; the vendor is doing everything in their power to expedite. Unfortunately, the final startup and synchronization and sequencing of the electrical breakers at the facility is awaiting the replacement of this device.

Project Completion Summary Through October 14, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	366 100%
Days Remaining:	0 0%
Original Contract Completion Date	May 13, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through October 14, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$520,798.00
Payment Application #1	\$19,230.54
Payment Application #2	\$34,300.00
Payment Application #3	\$42,605.50
Payment Application #4	\$7,840.00
Payment Application #5	\$369,082.84
Payment Application #6	\$14,084.53
Total Value of Work Complete	\$497,085.11
Percent of Work Complete	95%
Total Retainage to Date	\$9,941.70

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

Underground Utilities Corp. is currently awaiting the necessary materials to perform a wet tap and line stop; two remaining components of the project that are necessary to be completed. The wet tap to make the final connection to the existing main, and the line stop to perform the necessary isolation of the pipeline to facilitate the necessary cutting and capping of the old pipeline. Currently these materials are anticipated to arrive in early November. The work will be coordinated and scheduled.

Township of Randolph has formally requested additional temporary asphalt pavement be installed above the trenches, prior to the Phase II project, which will include a full 2” mill and repaving from edge of pavement to edge of pavement. A field meeting is being scheduled with the Contractor, as well as Randolph to further discuss scope and schedule. An update will be provided to the board once direction has been provided.

Project Completion Summary Through October 14, 2025

Contract Start Date	June 23, 2025
Original Contract Completion Time	120 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	113 94%
Days Remaining:	07 6%
Original Contract Completion Date	October 21, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through September 09, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$1,282,980.00
Payment Application #1	\$965,510.11
Payment Application #2	\$156,027.76
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,121,537.87
Percent of Work Complete	89.2%
Total Retainage to Date	\$22,888.53

4. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase II

SCE has prepared bid documents for the Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase II project. Below is the anticipated bid schedule:

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Tuesday, October 14, 2025
- Bids Due: Thursday, November 20, 2025
- Contract Award: Anticipated on Tuesday, December 09, 2025

This project is a continuation of the Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I. The project begins at the termination point of the Phase I project, and continues the installation of 12-inch watermain to approximately 200’ past Park Avenue and Pleasant Hill Road intersection. This project is critical to retire the aging 24-Inch PCCP pipeline, which had the substantial break in April of 2024. There will be a final phase of this project which completes the replacement of the final section to Dover-Chester Road.

5. Water Exploration Engineer

The H2M project team has continued the review of data provided, as well as research and investigation into existing open space locations as well as other areas which could provide viable opportunities for development of new water sources. H2M will be reaching out to neighboring water systems requesting additional information about existing well sources and allocation. A comprehensive list of these systems was circulated to MCMUA and SCE and concurrence was provided.

Project Financial Summary Through October 14, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$86,000.00
Payment Application #1	\$5,222.40
Total Value of Work Complete	\$5,222.40
Percent of Work Complete	6%

6. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. is continuing coordinating a technician from the manufacturer to remediate the damage to the new Motor Control Center (MCC) cabinet. SCE will provide an update on the status at the meeting

Project Completion Summary Through October 14, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time	174 Calendar Day Extension
Days Elapsed:	450 100%
Days Remaining:	0%
Original Contract Completion Date	January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date	July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through October 14, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$159,900.00
Payment Application #1	\$7,199.08
Payment Application #2	\$1,715.00
Payment Application #3	\$17,434.20
Payment Application #4	\$57,677.90
Total Value of Work Complete	\$26,886.00
Percent of Work Complete	53.6%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,714.82

7. NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company

Council will provide an update on the status of the Judicial Consent Order, and the successful petition to extend public comment period regarding the Settlement With The 3M Company In the Matter of NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company, et al. Case No.: 1:19-CV-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.).

3M Aqueous Film Forming Foam Settlement – Second Payment

A resolution will be presented at the meeting regarding the settlement statement of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Docket No.: 2:23-cv-03127-RMG, 3M AFFF Settlement – Second Payment.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

(1) Mr. Deacon reminded Board members of the County Commissioner’s public hearing on November 5 for the Plan amendment including the Mascaro transfer station transport and disposal contract in the Plan. (2) Provided transfer station tonnage numbers highlighting a projected 1.3% increase in tonnage for 2025 over 2026. (3) Morris County Division of Personnel has been providing tremendous assistance with in-person meetings with the JP Mascaro staff that we're looking to onboard come December. (4) Provided update on the successful 9/20/2025 HHW event that had 440 participants in Pequannock. (5) Provided updates on the vegetative waste figures and how they are lagging behind 2024 but hopefully and big leaf season will help out as well as the Vollers marketing contract kicking in. Both sites performed screening recently.

(6) Mr. Kobylarz reported the North Tipping Floor replacement project specifications were approved by staff and counsel and are ready to be issued after a long process and plans will hit the streets on Oct. 17 with bids to be opened on November 21. (7) There has not been much progress in NJAW working out the franchise approval with BPU. Mr. Druetzler stated we have been selling water to NJAW above our current contractual requirements to help them out in Mendham and they should be working harder to us out regarding the BPU franchise for water at the Mt. Olive transfer station. He requested Mr. Carney reach out to NJAW attorneys to request a little more effort on their end.

Mr. Deacon first asked for the Board’s approval of Resolution #2025-083 establishing public hearing regarding the solid waste rates for 2026. Mr. Druetzler made a motion to adopt #2025-083 scheduling the public hearings on solid waste rates and Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 2025-083
Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County
Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste and Vegetative Waste Fees Effective
2026

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“the Authority” or “MCMUA”) is authorized by the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1, et seq.) to establish rents, rates, fees and other charges and to amend the same from time to time so that the revenues of the Authority system including reserves, insurance, extensions and replacements, debt service, and to maintain such reserves or sinking funds therefor as may be required by the terms of any contract or as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns two transfer stations which are used for the disposal of all waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates two vegetative waste processing facilities which are used for the acceptance of vegetative waste for recycling into end products which have fees for these services and products; and

WHEREAS, the rates for the disposal of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, NJ are set forth in a Tariff, said Tariff having been approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to schedule a public hearing to amend:

1. The rates for the disposal of Waste Types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, and
2. Vegetative Waste Fees for bagged vegetative waste generated from both in and out of Morris County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey on this 14th day of October, 2025 as follows:

The rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23 and 27 is proposed to be amended from the previous tip fee of \$115.00/ton to a tip fee of \$113.00/ton. The rate of waste type 25 is proposed to remain at the previous tip fee of \$101.99/ton, except that in the event that the NJDEP approves a tariff filing or petition proposing to increase the tipping fee for waste type 25 to \$113.00/ton in which case the tipping fee for waste type 25 shall be \$113.00/ton upon the date of such approval from NJDEP.

The Rate Schedule is proposed to be amended pertaining to “Vegetative Waste Fees” as it applies to Bagged Material Surcharges as described below:

Bagged Material Surcharge: All inbound materials accepted in bags will have a \$4.00 per cubic yard surcharge added to the applicable fee for Morris County generated material and a \$5.00 per cubic yard surcharge for non-Morris County generated material. Acceptable bags shall include paper lawn/leaf type bags and must be compostable. Plastic bags are strictly prohibited. Bagged materials are only accepted at the MCMUA’s Mount Olive Vegetative Waste Facility.

- 1) A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the aforesaid rates of the MCMUA shall be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2025 at the regular public meeting of the MCMUA commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority offices, 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885.

- 2) The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:
 - a. Publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to the hearing date; and
 - b. Mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk in each municipality served by the MCMUA at least 20 days prior to the hearing date
- 3) 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 October 14, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approve Resolution #2025-083, and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Deacon asked for the Board's approval of Resolution #2025-084 accepting the work and closing out the Mt. Olive tarp rack replacement project, with Change Order #1 performed by Persistent Construction. Dr. Kominos made a motion to adopt #2025-088 and Ms. Szwak seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 2025-084 Resolution Accepting The Work For The MCMUA Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement Project, Approving Change Order No. 1(Final) And Authorizing Final Payment And Release Of Retainage To Persistent Construction Inc.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025-026 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter the "Authority") authorized the award of the Authority's "Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement Project – Contract 2024-12" (the "Contract") to Persistent Construction, Inc., having a business address of 58 Industrial Avenue, Fairview, NJ 07022 (hereinafter "Persistent Construction") in the total bid amount of \$347,700.00; and

WHEREAS, Persistent Construction successfully achieved substantial completion and final completion of the work on September 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Authority's consulting engineer, the Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers (Alaimo) evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punch list items were satisfactorily completed; and

WHEREAS, Persistent Construction successfully completed the work to the satisfaction of the Owner and Engineer, and Alaimo is satisfied that Persistent Construction furnished the necessary project closeout documents including certified payroll reports, maintenance bond, warranties and release of all liens; and

WHEREAS, no further reconciliation of un-used quantities is necessary; and

WHEREAS, a no additional cost Time Extension Change Order No. 1 (Final) has been accepted by all parties to amend the time of completion for the project as specified in said change order; and

WHEREAS, Alaimo recommends accepting the work and processing the final payment to Persistent Construction in the amount of \$41,033.50, which includes the release of retainage; and

WHEREAS, The Authority's Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Budget Account Line Item # 01-1-900-000-100 for the release of the aforementioned final payment to Persistent Construction.

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

1. The MCMUA determines that the work performed by Persistent Construction pursuant to the Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement Project – Contract 2024-12 has reached final completion and the completed work is accepted.
2. Change Order No. 1(Final) dated October 8, 2025 is hereby approved.
3. Upon receipt of the Contractor's Affidavit and Final Release of Liens executed by Persistent Construction, the Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment to Persistent Construction in the amount of \$41,033.50, which includes the release of retainage.
4. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:
By: _____
Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to approve Resolution #2025-083, and Ms. Szwak
seconded the Motion.

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

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The internal solid waste budget meeting for 2026 with the Executive Director and Treasurer (CFO) took place in the MCMUA main office conference room on Thursday, September 25. All solid waste divisions, which include the transfer stations, our HHW facility (program), the Curbside Recycling program, the vegetative waste program, and our solid waste planning department were all gone over in detail. Heavy focus, planning, and discussions took place around the MCMUA assuming operations at both transfer stations come December 16, 2025, along with the five-year budgeting plan in-line with these new transfer station contracts with J.P. Mascaro and Sons. The Board’s budget committee meeting then took place on September 30, again in the MCMUA conference room, reviewing the proposed solid waste budget followed by our Water Division. The Board will be presented with copies of the proposed budgets from the MCMUA Treasurer prior to the upcoming meeting on October 14. At the meeting, a resolution will be presented for the Board’s consideration introducing the solid waste budget so it can be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for its initial approval prior to a corresponding resolution being presented at the November 10 meeting, which formally adopts the solid waste budget. Likewise, a resolution establishing the 2026 solid waste fee hearing to take place at the November meeting will be presented at the October 14 meeting for the Board’s consideration and its corresponding resolution approving such tip fee rates and changes within our vegetative waste program will be presented at the November meeting following the rate hearing. The proposed solid waste tipping fee at both MCMUA transfer stations will **decrease** by \$2.00 per ton, from the current \$115/ton to \$113/ton in 2026. Also, to manage rising disposal costs associated with residual waste generated after our annual compost screening program, the MCMUA is proposing to increase the \$2.00 per cubic yard (CY) surcharge for all inbound materials delivered in bags. The proposed rate is to increase to a \$4.00 per CY surcharge for Morris County customers, and \$5.00 per CY for out-of-County. This surcharge will be added to the applicable fee based on the inbound material. Acceptable bags shall remain as paper lawn/leaf bags and must be compostable. Plastic bags are strictly prohibited, and these bagged materials are only accepted at the MCMUA’s Mount Olive facility.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids- Contract execution occurred on July 8, 2025, for Bid #2025-SW01 for the Mount Olive Transfer Station and Bid #2025-SW02 for the Parsippany Transfer Station. Following the execution of the contracts, the MCMUA staff conducted a Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) meeting on August 21 resulting in SWAC Resolution #01-2025, recommending the Morris County Board Commissioners amend the Plan to include the new contracts. By way of a similar MCMUA Board Resolution #2025-067 at the September 9 meeting, the Board also recommended the approval of the Plan amendment to the County Commissioners. Both resolutions were sent to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners who prepared Resolution #2025-812 and the legal notice setting the date of

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00PM for a public hearing regarding this Plan amendment at a County Commissioner meeting. A copy of these documents has been included as correspondence for the Board at the October 14 meeting.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 41,393 tons accepted at the two (2) transfer stations in September 2025 was 4.54% greater than the 39,597 tons accepted a year ago in September 2024. For the 3rd quarter of 2025, the transfer station tonnage was 1.23% greater than the 3rd quarter of 2024. Following the first nine (9) months of actually tonnage accepted in 2025, the annual tonnage total for 2025 is currently being projected to be 483,027 tons which would represent a 1.31% increase over the 476,803 tons accepted in 2024. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

September Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2024 to 2025):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 15,722- 126 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,124- 38 less than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 917- 67 more than 2024

For the 3rd quarter of 2025, the Mount Olive transfer station had 135,628 inbound tons, which was 5,666 less than 3rd Quarter 2024. Total customers- 35,636, 1,131 less than 2024, and self-generated customers- 8,117, 172 more than 2024. 2025 Yearly Projected Totals for Mount Olive 180,172 tons, which would be 6,588 tons less than 2024.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 25,670- 1,920 more tons than 2024

Total Customers- 5,882- 351 more than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 530- 97 more than 2024

For the 3rd quarter of 2025, the Parsippany transfer station had 224,419 inbound tons, which was 7,109 more than 3rd Quarter 2024. Total customers- 52,064, 3,196 more than 2024, and self-generated customers- 4,361, 739 more than 2024. 2025 Yearly Projected Totals for Parsippany 297,828 tons, which would be 7,778 tons more than 2024.

Back on August 26, the MCMUA Operations staff had proactively met with J.P. Mascaro and Sons (Mascaro) managers at the Parsippany transfer station to discuss details and changes within the new contracts come December 15, 2025. Since the meeting, Mascaro management has started the process in assisting current employees with obtaining a Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL), which are a requirement for both the Heavy Equipment Operator and the Diesel Mechanic titles under New Jersey Civil Service. Mascaro still plans to have all the major repairs at both transfer stations completed before December- APC piping, doors, air curtains, and floor washdown hydrants, paving and striping, etc., some of which have already been completed.

The MCMUA Operations team is still working closely with the Morris County Division of Personnel on the next steps for staffing the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations come December 2025. On September 24, within the offices of the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station, members from the Morris County Division of Personnel held three (3) separate meetings with Mascaro onsite staff to discuss recruitment and selection, a basic orientation of employees and the hiring process, provided details on payroll, employee benefits, and administration, among other things like the County's employee assistance program (EAP) and open enrollment. County Personnel were joined by a representative from New Jersey Division of Civil Service (CS) who went through a PowerPoint presentation on the different types of CS titles, competitive vs. non-competitive, promotions, disciplinary actions, time off, and even layoffs. The same onsite meetings occurred with the Mascaro onsite staff from Mount Olive in the transfer station conference room on September 25. Personnel are looking to schedule a final round for four (4) Mascaro employees that could not be present on these two (2) mentioned days.

Mount Olive Transfer Station Pit Scale Replacement Project- This scale system is comprised of three (3) separate weighing platforms with configurations of a 15' long platform to accommodate the truck's steering axle, a 15' long platform to accommodate the drive axle and a 15' long platform to accommodate the trailer axle. There is also approximately 20' feet of dead space between driver and trailer axle as per the existing foundation. The MCMUA staff prepared bid specifications for the replacement of these truck scales located in the loading tunnel at the Mount Olive transfer station. These scales have reached the end of their operational lifespan.

The bid includes all labor, materials, and equipment to remove the existing pit scale, then furnish and install two (2) sets of axle and gross weighing truck scales and related appurtenances. After a thorough review, the specifications were published, and the Notice to Bidders for 2025-SW05 were released on September 2, followed by a non-mandatory site visit on September 12 with only one (1) potential bidder present. The deadline for submission of written questions regarding this project was Friday, September 19. MCMUA responded to these questions with the Bid opening occurring on Tuesday, October 7 at 11:30AM at the main office. The MCMUA opened one (1) sealed bid from Mettler-Toledo, LLC. out of Columbus, Ohio with a total lump sum of \$249,410.00. With that, MCMUA staff and Council reviewed the submitted documents and prepared a resolution for the Board's consideration at the October 14 meeting, rejecting the bid from Mettler-Toledo, LLC. due to multiple material defects and authorizing the readvertisement of bids for the pit scales.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- 2024-2025 planned 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 October 14 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Motor Control Center (MCC) replacement project (2024-SW01) by electrical contractor DEE-EN, Linden, New Jersey- Update will be provided by SCE at the October 14 Board meeting.
- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Persistent Construction, Inc. (Persistent) from Fairview, New Jersey. This improvement project has now been completed, with Persistent removing the temporary tarp rack/scaffolding and the surrounding concrete "jersey" barriers located on the East side of the facility that were utilized during construction on or around September 9. Related heavy equipment was also demobilized, punch-list items all addressed. With that, Alaimo has prepared Payment Application #4 (Final), and an associated resolution for the Board's consideration at the October 14 Board meeting, closing out the contract with Persistent.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- North tipping floor/small floor at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. This project will include a full replacement of the aging floor using Euclid Chemical's EucoFloor 404 materials, improvements/replacement of the trench drain system using plasma cut steel grate currently in place at the Mount Olive facility, and installation of new safety bollards and concrete attenuators to prevent future damage by heavy equipment to the building. MCMUA staff received the final plans from Alaimo Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek on October 3. This included an updated engineer's estimate on the project to include replacing two (2) tipping floor wash-down hydrants in the area of the North floor. Update will be provided by Alaimo at the October 14 Board meeting.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement- Replacement of the 32,300 square foot (SF) standing seam metal roof, 10,000 SF of metal siding, 560 linear feet (LF) of metal gutters, and full replacement of the membrane (EPDM) roof of the transfer station offices- Arco Construction, Inc. (Arco) from West Caldwell. Arco, with assistance from the Garland Company, started and completed the field roll forming of the roof panels on September 9 through September 10. Approximately 400 full length roof panels were formed and staged within the trailer storage area on the South side of the station. These aluminum standing seam rolled metal roof panels are formed onsite due to their length so to eliminate overlap seams when installed. On September 18, a third (1/3) of the panels were crane lifted and staged on the station's roof. When Arco started dismantling the gutters on the back of the station, they found that the cap trim flashing that goes over the building's fascia was rotted/warped and had some issues. This was reported to H2M who requesting an onsite meeting to review with Arco and Garland. The consensus from the October 7 meeting in making sure this project is completed correctly is to replace approximately 485' linear feet of this flashing on the front and rear lengths of the building, along with an additional 120' linear feet on the South side, which has a slightly different system but same trim cap. H2M worked with Arco and Garland on pricing resulting in Allowance Authorization #1 from the general construction contract for \$100,000. This allowance includes both materials needed and costs for the labor to make the necessary repairs while keeping the project moving forward without delay. H2M confirmed the validity of this Arco's allowance proposal and remains in constant contact with the MCMUA.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- The MCMUA has started to train and incorporate the Solid Waste Utilitarians Raymond Dykstra, Wyatt Ozdemir, and Jose (Tony) Diaz, III into the HHW program. Having this in-house training with help staff with coverage during our one-day events and at the permanent facility. During the month of September 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 282 serviced appointments, which included 255 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG/small businesses, and 23 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in September of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 201 serviced appointments, which included 182 Morris County residents, 15 out-of-County residents, and 4 VSQG/small business. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 2,180 serviced appointments after the nine (9) months- 1,980 Morris County residents, 165 out-of-County residents, and 35 VSQG/small businesses.

On Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Pequannock Valley Park- Marvin Road/PV Park Road in the Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, the MCMUA staff and MXI Environmental Services processed 440 vehicles. No lines but a consistent flow of cars was assisted by perfect weather and no incidents. The 440 total was in line with the last few one-day events held in Pequannock: 554 in 2019 and 440 in 2023. The final 2025 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off event will take place on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, at the County College of Morris (CCM)- Parking Lot #1, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869. The first and only time CCM hosted a drop-off event in June of 2019, the MCMUA staff processed 706 vehicles.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The MCMUA sent Solid Waste Utilitarians Raymond Dykstra and Jose (Tony) Diaz, III to the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Office of Continuing Professional Education- New Jersey Compost Operator Certification Course on September 18 and 19. By completing this course, the MCMUA is up to thirteen (13) current employees holding this one-time certification. Through the MCMUA's partnership with Vollers, three (3) quotes for a screener rental were obtained. The MCMUA rented a Phoenix 2100 trommel screener from Emerald Equipment for one (1) full month- splitting operations at both sites. Mount Olive started screening all the site's compost on September 15 and finished up on September 23. From the start till September 19, staff screened 5,000 CY (cubic yards) from the windrows and produced 3,100 CY of good material. On both September 22 and 23, staff rescreened the 602 CY from the tailing/overs pile and recovered another 350 CY of material for the free pile staged near the facility's entrance gate. Total tailings/overs for disposal at the Mount Olive transfer station= 308 CY. Other stats include 61 total front-end loader (2) hours, 42 total screener hours, and 384 gallons of diesel fuel used for all three (3) pieces of equipment. Staff cleaned on and around the screener, folded it up, ready for transport to Parsippany on September 24. Parsippany started screening on the following Monday, September 29 but has had some equipment issues causing delays. Emerald Equipment Systems has already promised to extend the rental four additional days' time at their expense to compensate for these issues. The screener will still be available for two (2) full working weeks in Parsippany. As of the writing of this report, inbound lake weed to Mount Olive from Lake Hopatcong is 140 CY and Lake Musconetcong is 90 CY, with more said to be coming this week.

With all four (4) Volvo L110H front-end wheel loaders out of warranty, the MCMUA entered into a maintenance agreement with Hoffman International, Inc. to establish fixed prices for scheduled repairs throughout the year. Staff has prepared a resolution for the Board's consideration at the October 14 meeting to authorize the 1st of 2 possible 1-year extensions with Hoffman. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report and will be provided to the Board during the October 14 meeting.

Stormwater Permits, General Approval, and related Administrative Actions- MCMUA staff continues to work with both the NJDEP and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) on the following projects:

- Modification Application concerning the renewal of the Mount Olive facility's Multi-Class (B&C) Recycling Center General Approval- On August 21, MCMUA staff received an email from the NJDEP reporting that the submittal is now "administratively

complete.” Staff is now awaiting the physical copy of the NJDEP General Approval for Mount Olive.

- MCMUA staff continues to work with SCE on the required Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SPPP), Best Management Practices (BMP), and Drainage Control Plans (DCP) that need to be submitted to the NJDEP within six (6) months from the effective date of the new Wood Waste Recycling and Leaf Composting (WRC) general New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) stormwater permits.
- The MCMUA staff received the final Mount Olive and Parsippany facility Site Plans from SCE and had the physical copies all signed by the Morris County Fire Marshal’s Office (MCFM). These finalized copies have been posted onsite within the office trailers and sent to the NJDEP. The MCFM also updated the Fire Control Plan for the Parsippany facility and is currently working on updating the Mount Olive Plan.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone asked for the Board’s approval of four resolutions, #2025-085 through #2025-088, as a consent agenda authoring 5-year shared services agreements for the collection of curbside recycling from the following four municipalities:

1. Resolution #2025-085 Township of Hanover
2. Resolution #2025-086 Borough of Rockaway
3. Resolution #2025-087 Borough of Wharton
4. Resolution #2025-088 Township of Long Hill

Ms. Szwak asked about Long Hill and what changed from last month. Mr. Marrone responded they had several issues with their bid they received that they wanted us to come back to them and provide them with a revised proposal to help them out which we did. We matched their existing proposed price, so we came down about \$10,000 from what we had proposed, but we secured the work for 5 years and Long Hill is a good customer and town to work in.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to approve four resolutions, #2025-085 through #2025-088, as a consent agenda, and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: ? NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: ?

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-085

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transportation, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Township of Hanover Commencing On Or About January 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the provisions of the “New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act,” (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the “Act”), require every municipality in this State to provide for the source separation and recycling of marketable materials generated from residential premises within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Township of Hanover (“Municipality” or “Township”) has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing curbside pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the

Agreement for the provision of any service which that local unit is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, uniform shared services agreements may be awarded apart from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township of Hanover desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, and

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transportation, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Hanover commencing on or about January 1, 2026.”
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-086

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transportation, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough of Rockaway Commencing On Or About January 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the provisions of the “New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act,” (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the “Act”), require every municipality in this State to provide for the source separation and recycling of marketable materials generated from residential premises within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Borough of Rockaway (“Municipality” or “Borough”) has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing curbside pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the Agreement for the provision of any service which that local unit is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, uniform shared services agreements may be awarded apart from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Borough of Rockaway desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, and

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

5. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transportation, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Borough of Rockaway commencing on or about January 1, 2026.”
6. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
7. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-087

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough Of Wharton Commencing On Or About January 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the provisions of the “New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act,” (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the “Act”), require every municipality in this State to provide for the source separation and recycling of marketable materials generated from residential premises within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Borough of Wharton (“Municipality” or “Borough”) has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing curbside pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the Agreement for the provision of any service which that local unit is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, uniform shared services agreements may be awarded apart from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Borough of Wharton desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, and

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

9. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Borough of Wharton commencing on or about January 1, 2026.”
10. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
11. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
12. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-088

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Township of Long Hill Commencing On Or About January 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the provisions of the “New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act,” (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the “Act”), require every municipality in this State to provide for the source separation and recycling of marketable materials generated from residential premises within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Township of Long Hill (“Municipality” or “Township”) has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing curbside pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the Agreement for the provision of any service which that local unit is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, uniform shared services agreements may be awarded apart from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township of Long Hill desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, and

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

13. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Long Hill commencing on or about January 1, 2026.”
14. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
15. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
16. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

(1) The September 2025 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services was finalized at a **(Negative)** -\$83.50/ton. This represents a \$0.67 per ton increase in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from the August rate of -\$82.83 per ton. (2) Provided updates on renewals of shared services contracts. Mr. Druetzler asked who we have left and Mr. Marrone responded Boonton Township, Chester Borough, East Hanover and Mount Arlington and we are actively working with them all and have no reason to believe we will not sign them up by the end of the year. (3) In addition to all these services, several smaller commercial and institutional proposal agreements have also been drafted and are now being considered by the end parties. Of note are two separate, larger condominium complexes in East Hanover and Morris Township. (5) We are working with Harding to establish depot service as a new customer. (6) He described some of the recent projects in his division; the MCMUA conducted two successful coordinator meetings, our annual Clean Communities Coordinator Meeting at the New Jersey School of Conservation and our final meeting will be held at the end of the month at GreenChip Electronic Recycling in Brooklyn on the October 30. (7) He described the new MCMUA Municipal Recycling Enhancement Mini Grants which should be three grants in the amount of \$3,000 to help out municipal recycling. (8) Highlighted that Michelle Chavanne, MCMUA new Clean Communities Coordinator completed the Clean Communities Coordinator Certification along with 6 other Morris County Coordinators.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

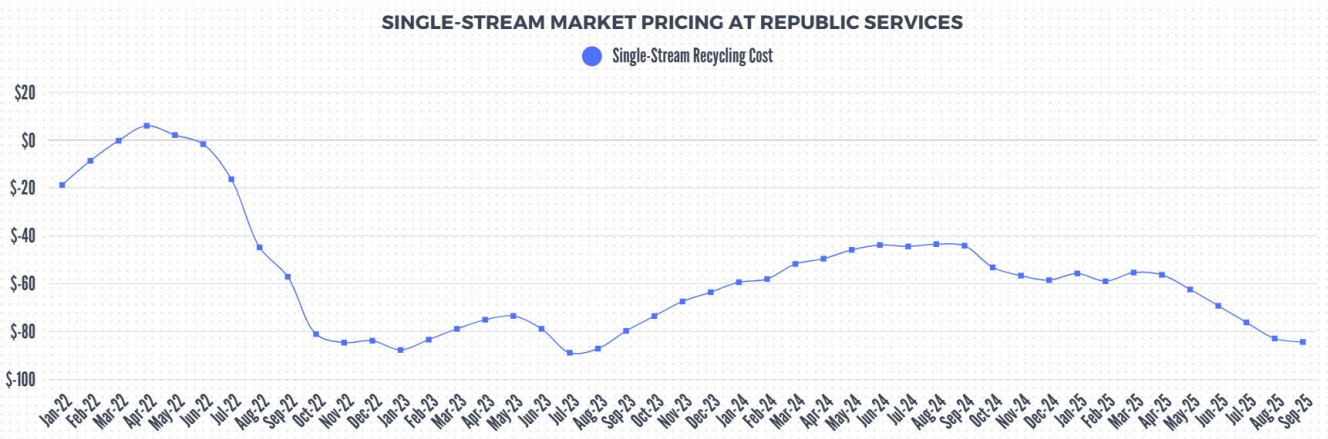
September Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

In September, the single-stream recycling rate with Republic Services was finalized at - \$83.50 per ton, reflecting a cost increase of \$0.67 from the finalized rate of -\$82.83 in the previous month.

Recycling markets experienced relatively stable pricing in September after significantly declining across all commodity categories in previous months.

At the beginning of October, fiber markets declined again by \$5 per ton for cardboard boxes and paper, continuing the month's downward trend. This decline followed an announcement by International Paper, the largest box producer in the U.S., regarding its plans to close two mills in Georgia by year-end. The company cited reduced box shipments due to weaker consumer spending, issues in the housing market, and e-commerce companies like Amazon shifting toward lighter packaging. The exit of International Paper is expected to eliminate nearly 9% of U.S. containerboard capacity, with industry analysts predicting an additional decline of 2.5% to 3% in U.S. box shipments by the end of the year. In addition to fiber markets, the plastics sector is also declining. It continues to face an influx of low-cost virgin and recycled resin imports, especially concerning PET, while sluggish housing markets and construction trends keep HDPE and polypropylene prices down.

Experts remain optimistic about a production recovery expected in early 2026, a shift from their previous estimate of late 2025. They see a silver lining: companies delaying significant investments this year may create pent-up demand for recycled materials as soon as next year.



Monthly MCMUA single-stream recycling tip fees at Republic Services.

Resolution(s) for Board Consideration

In September, Marrone and Toomey finalized new shared services agreements for the public entities listed below, which will expire at the end of 2025.

Resolutions for (4) Recycling Shared Services Agreements:

Long Hill Township

Recently, the MRC for Long Hill contacted Marrone to inform the MCMUA that, after meeting with Grand Sanitation, the Township determined that the bid proposed by Grand Sanitation did not cover all aspects of the work needed by the Township and in the end the MCMUA offered a slightly cheaper proposal, which the municipality has accepted.

The MCMUA Board will be asked to consider adopting a resolution authorizing executing a five-year agreement between the MCMUA and the Township of Long Hill to provide recycling collection and marketing for both curbside and the recycling depot, beginning January 1, 2026. The annual price will be \$190,000.00 for the first year, with a 2% increase yearly.

Hanover Township

The MCMUA Board will be asked to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the execution of a five-year shared services agreement between the MCMUA and the Township of Hanover to collect and market recyclable materials, beginning January 1, 2026. The annual price will be \$344,473.00 for the first year, with an increase of 2% each year.

Rockaway Borough

The MCMUA Board will be asked to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the execution of a five-year shared services agreement between the MCMUA and the Borough of Rockaway for the collection and marketing of recyclable materials, beginning January 1, 2026. The annual price will be \$138,477.00 for the first year, increasing by 2% yearly.

Wharton Borough

The MCMUA Board will be asked to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the execution of a five-year shared services agreement between the MCMUA and the Borough of Wharton to collect and market recyclable materials, beginning January 1, 2026. The annual price will be \$137,074.00 for the first year, with an increase of 2% each year.

Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities in Progress

MCMUA Finalizes New Shared Service Agreements with Existing Partners and Brings on New Clients:

In September, Marrone and Toomey focused on finalizing the remaining shared service agreements set to expire at the end of 2025, as previously reported to the Board. Along with the resolutions that were considered for adoption above, the following additional work was accomplished this month:

Township of Roxbury Recycling Depot and Curbside Collection SSA Proposal:

On September 10, Toomey and Deacon attended the bid opening for the Township and provided a shared services agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials. There was one bidder at the time of the opening, Blue Diamond, which bid the following for year one:

- Option 1 – trash collection with dual stream recycling: \$3,096,000
- Option 2 – trash collection with single stream recycling: \$3,096,000
- Option 3 – just trash collection: \$3,096,000

Bidding in this manner obscures the cost of recycling within the price of trash collection. It is unlikely that Roxbury will agree to the additional expense for recycling proposed by the MCMUA, which amounts to \$246,000 for the first year. However, the MCMUA is still waiting for an official response from the Township regarding this decision and will follow up in the coming days to request a written decision for our records.

In addition to our proposal for curbside recycling collection, the MCMUA also has a proposal pending with the Township concerning a new recycling depot agreement, which is set to expire at the end of the year. We will follow up on this matter for approval, as both proposals are separate and not dependent on one another.

Township of East Hanover Recycling Depot and Curbside Collection SSA Proposal:

Due to expire at the end of 2026, the Township is reviewing a new draft of our shared services agreement which includes changes to the way the hauling from the depot is managed due to an under-utilized stationary compactor currently sitting at the depot.

Township of Harding Recycling Depot SSA Proposal:

In September, the MCMUA was approached by Harding Township and its DPW Superintendent to provide them with a proposal for recycling collection services at their municipal recycling center. The Township currently uses in-house and contracted vendors to transport materials from the depot to the market. They want to consolidate these services under one contract with the MCMUA, freeing up their Public Works staff. After several conversations, they have requested a compactor for single-stream recycling, one open-top container for rigid plastics, one for scrap metal, and one additional container for overflow. The electrical system at the site would require upgrades to utilize one of the MCMUA-owned compactors, such as the one to be removed from East Hanover. When the municipality decides on the compactor, the MCMUA recycling department will prepare a quote for the additional services.

General Municipal Recycling Services New SSA Updates:

In September, Marrone and Toomey followed up on their submitted shared service agreement proposals and continued discussions with the following municipalities: Boonton Township, Chester Borough, Mount Arlington for depot service, and the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills to finalize their draft agreement involving the shared staffing and equipment services. These agreements are still being decided upon and reviewed by their respective towns and are pending approval from their governing bodies.

General Commercial/Institutional Recycling Service SSA Renewal Updates:

As a carryover from the previous month, the Hanover Park Condominiums in East Hanover continued its weekly service in September. On several occasions, Marrone and Toomey spoke with the property manager and the complex board of directors on and off-site to review collection services, educate them on proper recycling services regarding our program, and label all containers purchased by the complex. With the height of the rear load dumpsters that the complex purchased still an issue for our collection crews, both parties discussed several solutions, including installing ramps, creating gradual slopes for containers to be wheeled down for collection, and replacing the current rear-loading containers with front-loading ones. The option currently before the complex is the latter option under consideration with their board to resolve this issue and ensure ease of collection with our crew. The MCMUA hoped to have this matter come to a final determination by the end of September; however, the property manager they were working with left the position, setting the association's determination back. A new manager was recently appointed and has taken over the case from the previous two managers working on the situation, who also left their previous positions.

The MCMUA responded to The Collections at Morristown Condominium Association's request for curbside recycling services. We provided them with a tentative collection schedule and pricing options for the management company's consideration. The management company has unofficially approved our proposal, and we are currently drafting a five-year agreement contract for their signature.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs in September 2025. Details regarding these activities are provided in a supplemental report.

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

- MCMUA Trains the Wharton Board of Education Custodial Staff on Recycling
- MCMUA Attends the Denville Green Team Sustainability Event
- MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations
- MCMUA at the Sustainability Fair of the Chatham's
- MCMUA Attends the ANJEE Annual Autumn Outdoor Conference
- MCMUA at the Boonton Day Event in Boonton Town
- MCMUA at the Morristown Festival on the Green
- MCMUA, New Jersey County Recycling Coordinator, and ANJR Joint Efforts
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans Its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course
- Morris Hills Students Interview the MCMUA for their Service-Learning Projects
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Clean Communities Professionals Course
- MCMUA and Roxbury Collaborations regarding the Nixon School Green Fair
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Announces Call for Submissions for its Municipal Recycling Enhancement Mini Grants:

On October 2, the Solid Waste Planning Division announced a call for applications for new recycling education and outreach projects aimed at increasing the collection rates of recyclable materials and decreasing the disposal rates of municipal solid waste. Funded through the MCMUA's own REA grant funds, the MCMUA is offering mini-grants of up to \$3,000 to three municipalities for recycling and waste prevention projects to support this initiative. This funding can cover either part of a project or the entire project. The Municipal Recycling Coordinators of each town will be responsible for developing project proposals, which must be approved by the municipal business administrator or mayor before submission to the MCMUA for consideration. All projects must be completed within the 2025 calendar year, although

extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. For this project, municipalities will initially cover project expenses and will later bill the MCMUA for reimbursement upon providing proof of payment. Proposals for new recycling projects must be submitted by October 31 to be eligible for the grant. As of the writing of this report, several towns have already reached out the MCMUA about potential projects they are looking to fund and for advice on how to put these potential projects into motion if funding is approved.

MCMUA's Third Municipal Recycling Coordinator Meeting of 2025:

On September 30, the MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division co-hosted the Five County Recycling Workshop at the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority Meadowlands Environment Center for the second consecutive year. This event was designed for Municipal Recycling Coordinators to learn and network beyond their individual counties. Overall, the attendees had positive feedback about the presentations and what was shared.



MCMUA Prepares for its Fourth and Final Municipal Recycling Coordinator Meeting of 2025:

In September, the MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Team worked to finalize the details of its last recycling coordinator meeting with GreenChip Recycling in Brooklyn, scheduled for October 30. Much of Morris County's E-waste is currently managed at this GreenChip Facility. A charter bus will transport all attendees to the GreenChip electronics recycling facility in Greenpoint. Participants will receive a presentation and tour at the facility, followed by a visit to the neighboring Allocco Recycling facility, which specializes in scrap metal recycling and construction aggregates. Allocco also operates a marine transfer station.

NJDEP 30-Day Audit for submitted 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant Data:

In September, the NJDEP notified the MCMUA that it had completed its review of its municipalities' data set for the 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant applications, with the disposal data from each of New Jersey's disposal facilities for each municipality for that same year. With their initial data entry complete, our municipalities have a 30-day review period to review the compiled data for accuracy and submit any discrepancies with supporting documentation to the NJDEP by October 23. The MCMUA has already assisted several Morris County municipalities in answering questions and clarifying information with their reviews. Marrone is also providing a deep dive into both sets of numbers for disposal and recycling for all municipalities' data to ensure correct recycling rates, which will positively affect grant funding allocation in the coming year.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Roadway Cleanups with MCMUA Contractor Adopt-A-Highway:

On September 17, Civitella and Chavanne organized a county road cleanup with Adopt-A-Highway, MCMUA's cleanup contractor. The event occurred on North Road in Chester Township, where seven volunteers worked for two hours to clean up 2.5 miles of road. During the cleanup, they collected fourteen bags of litter, eight bags of recyclable materials, four pounds of metal, and ten pounds of wood. Additionally, two more cleanups are scheduled for October in Morris Township and Parsippany-Troy Hills Township.

MCMUA General Program Revisions and Efforts to Improve the Clean Communities Program:

Morris County Clean Communities Program Webpage Redesign & Resources:

In September, Chavanne successfully revised and uploaded the new webpages for the Clean Communities program: the general program webpage, the Clean Communities Coordinator webpage, and the public grant information webpage.

Morris County Clean Communities Program Mini Grant Program Enhancement and Expansion:

In September, the Morris County Clean Communities Program published a total of three mini grants created for the 2025-2026 Clean Communities Grant period. These grants include:

- School Cleanup Mini Grant
- Non-Profit Cleanup Mini Grant
- Public Education Program Mini Grant

The school cleanup mini-grant offers schools \$500 upon the successful completion of a cleanup project. Non-profit organizations can also apply for funding through the non-profit cleanup mini-grant, which is awarded based on the number of cleanups they conduct. Funding for non-profits is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is contingent upon the annual budget. This system uses a tiered approach that considers both the number of cleanups and public education activities.

Additionally, the public education mini-grant is available to any public entity that seeks funding for an educational program. Eligible organizations include schools, libraries, public fairs, and more. Programs must be accessible to the public, and applicants can request either partial or full reimbursement, also on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to partial reimbursements to maximize the number of programs available to the public.

In October, the program plans to finalize guidelines and applications for its Art Contest for schools and the general public throughout Morris County. The contest will include various categories, such as multi-media art design, recycled art design, 2D art design, and an elementary design, along with separate contests for mural artwork and dumpster artwork. This structure is intended to foster community involvement and raise awareness of environmental issues among students.

Morris County Clean Communities Annual Municipal Coordinator Meeting:

On September 17, the MCMUA held its annual Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator meeting at the NJ School of Conservation, with 32 attendees present. The meeting commenced with Chavanne leading and organizing the presentation and morning materials, with support from Marrone, Toomey, and Eramo. The focus of the meeting was to showcase the new Clean Communities Coordinator materials, which are designed to help coordinators stay organized and informed for the 2025 Clean Communities grant. These materials included:

- A walkthrough of the new Clean Communities website
- An index of the coordinator handbook
- A guide for completing the annual statistical report
- A budget and activity tracker

After the initial presentation, attendees broke into three groups to participate in planned classes: Turtle Hurdles, Fish Ecology, and Water Ecology. The Turtle Hurdles session involved learning about turtle ecology through a tagging game. The Fish Ecology class included fishing while exploring fish ecology, and Water Ecology focused on learning about water quality by examining water organisms. Overall, the meeting was very well received, with attendees expressing their appreciation for the new resources and the updated website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Gindoff and Ms. Szwak provided a quick briefing on the Open Space Trust Fund deliberations and recommendations that were anticipated for the meeting of October 15. Mr. Gindoff stated there may be some recommendations from that committee that the MCMUA fund certain of

the projects leaving funding available for other projects to be provided by the County's fund for those not as applicable for MCMUA funding. As such there may be resolutions before the MCMUA in either November or December authoring such open space grand funding. Ms. Szwak stated there were about \$7 million in funding requests and the County funding availability in this round is about \$4 million covering 492 acres thereby leaving this deficit this year.

There being no other 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:

There was no closed session

There being no further business, Vice Chairwoman Farris asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Ms. Farris and carried unanimously.

Larry Gindoff
Executive Director

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