

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on February 7, 2023 at 7:11 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

Chairwoman Kominos 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.

Chairwoman Kominos requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Ms. Laura Szwak and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry and Mr. William Hudzik.

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

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2023 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 January 2023. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions for the month of January 2023 and an investment report which shows that no new investments were purchased during the month of January 2023. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-028

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. 2023-028 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,865,113.65** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6140-6170	\$ 494,631.81
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	13689-13854	\$ <u>4,370,481.84</u>
		\$ 4,865,113.65

CERTIFICATION

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

DATE: February 7, 2023

BOARD CHAIRWOMAN APPROVAL

Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

SIGNED: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: February 7, 2023.

DATE: February 7, 2023

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he had no updates on the correspondence and there were no questions on the correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADMINISTRATION

1. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2023-167 adopted January 25, 2023 appointing James Barry to serve without salary, for a 5-year term to expire on 02/01/28.

WATER

2. Letter dated December 8, 2022 to Larry Gindoff from Steven M. Dalton, Esq., Giordano, Halleran & Cielsa, requesting written statement of consent of approval of proposed amendment for development of property in Denville by Glenmont Commons Developers, LLC – Casterline Estates.

SOLID WASTE

3. Letter dated January 5, 2023 to Kaled Madin, Township Clerk of Parsippany-Troy Hills, copied to Larry Gindoff, from Anthony Fontana, Chief, Bureau of Solid Waste Permitting, NJDEP regarding Solid Waste Permit Renewal for Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station.
4. Letter dated January 24, 2023 to Debra Milikin, Business Administrator for Township of Jefferson, from Thomas Schoonmaker, Managing Member of Jefferson Recycling regarding site modification request, as well as related correspondence.

RECYCLING

5. Recycling Report Supplement – January 2023.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon mentioned he appreciated the reappointment for another successful year. He reported the following: (1) We are slightly behind on the amount of water sold through January same as last year and will continue to report on that every month; (2) The Division of Local Government Services has been in contact with the Township of Mine Hill regarding the water billings' outstanding balance. As a reminder, formal correspondence was sent to the Division of Local Government Services, as well as Mine Hill, requesting assistance to get that issue resolved. They have been in communication with Mine Hill and we did send a follow-up response to them today before the meeting. We are hopeful that we could work swiftly to get this resolved and move forward.; (3) John Garcia completed the emergency repair on the 24" Sussex Turnpike transmission main, as well as the demolition of the Clyde Potts Booster Pump this month.; (4) DEP and the MUA did reach a Settlement Agreement for a Notice of Non-Compliance back in 2020. This was a failure to collect an inorganic sample through a period of January 17 to December 19. During this time, our well was out of service due to pumping and VFD replacement, but they still required a sample. The settlement amount is equivalent of laboratory costs.; (5) Glenmont Commons Developers applied to DEP for a modification to the Northeast Quality Management Plan. As part of that process, they are required to obtain a written statement of consent from all governing bodies, the MUA being included. It is a pretty straightforward project and it has minor impact to the MUA's system. No action is necessary from the Board at this time, unless you want to draft a resolution supporting it or not supporting it..

Mr. Gindoff asked the Board if they have any thoughts about it. Mr. Druetzler commented that he checked out the location and he has no problem with it. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he didn't think we should have too much of an issue with it. He is going to contact the person he has been communicating with and advise him that the Board is not going to adopt a resolution, but we are not against it and they can move forward with that thought.

(6) Regarding the Pole Barn, the Contractors made great progress over the past few weeks. From getting it framed to the exterior shell completed in a week and a half. Photos will be shared at the next meeting so you can see the progress. They did submit for consideration Payment Application No. 1. We found that reflective of the work completed and it was included on the disbursement payments. The Contractor did propose modification to our initial scope of work to make sure there is insulation in the walls and ceilings of the annex, a different green post installed in the ground, some modification of the interior and exterior improvements to replace the pavement for a 6" concrete slab. This is being considered no cost and time extension and we prepared the request for consideration by the Board.

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

Resolution No. 2023-029
Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Change Order No. 1
To Contract 2022-W02, MCMUA Well No. 7 Pole Barn

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") and Dutchman Contracting LLC., having a business address of 278 N. Ridge Rd, Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569 ("Dutchman") entered into an agreement on September 22, 2022 to perform the construction of the Well No. 7 Pole Barn in accordance with a contract that was subject to public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor proposed modification to the initial scope of work of the original contract to complete insulation in all four walls and ceiling of the annex, utilization of Green posts installed in ground, elimination of interior and exterior paving improvements, installation of 6" concrete slab within the building, saw cutting of existing concrete slab/walkway, conduit utilized between both buildings and in wet areas, and utilization of metal clad (MC) cable, as identified in (the "Change Order No. 1 Work"); and

WHEREAS, the Change Order No. 1 Work results in a no cost change in the contract price and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. ("SCE") evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 Work and the no cost change in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Change Order is not in excess of 20% of the total bid price; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is satisfied that proposed Change Order No. 1 is justified and meets the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and change order regulations promulgated thereto, N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.3 and N.J.A.C. 11.8; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account Number 02-6-300-800-015 for Change Order No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the approval of Change Order No. 1 provide that no cost change in the contract price and no time extension for the completion of the work is full compensation for the work required to be performed pursuant to Change Order No. 1 and Dutchman, its officers, employees, successors and assigns, release the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, its members, officers, employees, and consultants of any and all claims, including, but not limited to disruption, delay, loss of productivity, idle and standby time for persons and equipment, home office overhead, extended or disrupted performance, additional mobilizations, remobilizations, indirect or impact claims, loss of profit, together with any other damages, that relate in any way to the work described in Change Order No. 1.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 with Dutchman Contracting LLC., having a business address of 278 N. Ridge Rd, Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569 no cost change in the contract price and no time extension for the work described in Change Order No. 1.
2. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution and Change Order No. 1.
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 February 7, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize Change Order No. 1 To Contract No. 2022-W02, MCMUA Well No. 7 Pole Barn, For Dutchman Contracting, LLC and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

Mr. Dour mentioned this seems like straightforward changes, why wasn't the insulation in the walls and ceiling included in the first place and since they are putting 6" slab in on the floor, can we assume that they are required by Building Code to put insulation under the slab? Mr. McAloon replied being that the majority of the room is not heated, the insulation under the slab is not needed for this building application. Mr. Dour asked why then are we insulating the walls and the ceiling and Mr. McAloon replied that is only in the annex.

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

(7) We drafted and circulated an agreement to Mt. Arlington for the updated water supply agreement that has been transmitted to them. We await any final comments prior to adopting. Mr. Carney mentioned that he received a voicemail this morning from their lawyer and returned the call.; (8) With regard to Flanders Valley Wells No. 1 and No. 2, the Pre-Construction Meeting was held last Friday and we are in the process of issuing the formal Notice To Proceed. This project does have some long lead time items for electrical equipment, so we want to start the process. The Contractor did confirm that some of that equipment has 7 to 8 month lead time, but they are prepared to get the process started to get it going as quick as possible.; and (9) Regarding the Route 80/Howard Boulevard project, we received formal notice from them that they would not be considering betterment of approximately 1,300 linear feet of their project, so we are working with them for design of about 100 foot relocation of the existing water main to accommodate the project. We had a goal of replacing the whole 1300 linear foot stretch of the 16" main, but that was rejected by NJDOT.

Mr. Druetzler asked will we pay for it and Mr. McAloon replied no, the segments that they are going to relocate to accommodate their project will be at their cost. Mr. Druetzler asked did you expect them to pay for it or us to pay for it? Mr. McAloon replied that we were clear that because it is a betterment, MUA would have to pay a portion of that. Mr. Druetzler asked what if we paid for the whole thing, and Mr. McAloon replied that their design schedule is so tight, they need to be at final design by June and go out to bid. Mr. Druetzler recommended that Mike McAloon push NJDOT to do it and wouldn't take "no" for an answer. Say we are not going to sign off unless you do this; we are willing to pay for it. Mr. McAloon mentioned that they were concerned about their overall schedule, but we can revisit that.

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board if that had any other questions for Mike McAloon. Mr. Druetzler had two questions. He mentioned that the letter that we are sending to Mine Hill is an excellent letter and all Board Members should get this letter, as it fully explains the entire situation and excellent proofs. The letter should also be sent to the Town Attorney and Mr. Carney said it would handle that. He also asked if they do put in the meter, do we keep our meters also? Mr. McAloon recommended that we all agree whatever the technology of the

meter is, the result of this meter will be the billing meter, and if they want it installed, they certainly can pay for it. The other thing Mr. Druetzler asked was on the Clyde Potts Booster Pump, is that complete now? Mr. McAloon replied the chamber remains in place and we removed the pump and motor and replaced with a spool piece. It has the ability to be re-occupied in the future.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of January, MCMUA sold approximately 119.49 MG. This amount is approximately 3.5 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022. SMCMUA usage saw a significant drop from around 0.779 MG to 0.390 MG.
- B. The Division of Local Government Services has been in contact with Mine Hill regarding the Water Billings outstanding balance. Additionally, representatives of Mine Hill provided correspondence in response to our request to the Division of Local Government Services. SCE is in the process of preparing a formal response.
- C. On Tuesday January 24, John Garcia Construction completed the replacement of the existing manhole frame and cover on the 24-inch Sussex Turnpike Transmission main air relief valve near Washington Valley Road. The existing frame and cover had failed, which was creating potential impacts to vehicles on this road.
- D. John Garcia Construction also completed the miscellaneous demolition of the existing Clyde Potts booster pump. The Contractor removed the pump and motor, as well as electrical conductors and the roadside cabinet.
- E. NJDEP and the MCMUA have reached a Settlement Agreement regarding the Notice of Non-Compliance dated January 16, 2020 for failure to collect the required Inorganics samples during the January 2017 through December 2019 monitoring period. During this time existing Well No. 8 was out of service due to pump replacement and VFD installation. The settlement amount of \$2,521.00 is approximately the costs of laboratory analysis for these compounds.

2. Glenmont Commons Developers

Block: 10002, Lot 3, Denville Township

Parsippany-Troy Hills Township STP Sewer Service Area

Glenmont Commons Developers has applied to NJDEP for a site specific amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan. Accordingly, this developer is required to request a written statement of consent from the governing body of the MCMUA for the proposed plan amendment.

As part of the process, if the MCMUA does not submit a resolution supporting, or a resolution not supporting this amendment, the DEP retains the option of considering approval of the proposed amendment without resolution for consideration.

3. Well No. 7 Pole Barn

The Contractor has received material delivery for the framing materials, roof trusses, metal siding and the roofing. The Contractor has begun the framing of the pole barn and will continue with the framing and installation of the metal siding and roof. The Contractor anticipates having the exterior shell completed prior to the board meeting.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #1, in the amount of \$163,969.68. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work complete and recommends payment.

The Contractor proposed modification to the initial scope of work of the original contract to complete insulation in all four walls and ceiling of the annex, utilization of Green posts installed in ground, elimination of interior and exterior paving improvements, installation of 6” concrete slab within the building, saw cutting of existing concrete slab/walkway, conduit utilized between both buildings and in wet areas, and utilization of metal clad (MC) cable for a no cost and no time extension. SCE has reviewed this proposed modification and finds this is acceptable. SCE will present for board consideration this change order at the meeting.

Project Completion Summary Through February 7, 2023

Contract Start Date	October 24, 2022
Original Contract Completion Time	180 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	109 60%
Days Remaining:	71 40%
Original Contract Completion Date	April 23, 2023

Project Financial Summary Through February 7, 2023

Original Contract Amount	\$323,229.00
Current Contract Amount	\$323,229.00
Anticipated Payment #1	\$163,969.68
Total Value of Work Complete	\$167,316.00
Percent of Work Complete	51.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$3,346.32

4. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

Internal meetings have been scheduled and coordinated regarding final updates to the agreement. We anticipate sending the DRAFT agreement to Mt. Arlington prior to the board meeting.

5. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

The pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for Friday February 3, 2023 at 10:00AM with **DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc.**. We are hopeful to issue the Notice to Proceed and being the shop drawing preparation and coordination of long lead time purchases for this project.

Project Completion Summary Through February 7, 2023

Contract Start Date	Anticipated February 3, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	0%
Days Remaining:	40%
Original Contract Completion Date	Anticipated February 3, 2024

Project Financial Summary Through February 7, 2023

Original Contract Amount	\$413,452.00
Current Contract Amount	\$0.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$0.00
Percent of Work Complete	0%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

6. NJDOT Rt 80 Howard Blvd. Project

NJDOT's design consulting engineer has circulated preliminary plans of the project. This project does include new stormwater improvements along the Howard Blvd. and RT 80 corridor. The MUA's 12-inch distribution main does require relocation to avoid conflict with the proposed stormwater improvements, as well as other sections that require temporary support during stormwater installation. There is potential to replace approximately 1,300 linear feet of this main with a larger 16-inch diameter main as part of our future improvements.

A design review meeting is being scheduled with NJDOT and its design consultants to further discuss. We are hopeful to share the outcome during our Board Meeting

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) The camera system has been updated by J.P. Mascaro in Parsippany and they are hoping to schedule Mt. Olive this week.; (2) After meeting with Staff, it has been decided to go out to bid for outdated Motor Control Centers at both transfer stations. The Motor Control Centers are from the original construction of the stations and have recently become an issue and a liability. With the removal, we will be looking to install updated multi-circuited electrical panels that meet current electrical codes. Staff is currently working in-house on the bid for both stations. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we anticipate that to be before the Board next month. Mr. Druetzler asked if that will reduce the electrical bill and Mr. Deacon replied probably not. Mr. Gindoff mentioned it is more of a safety issue and getting outdated system removed.; (2) The HHW 2023 Flyer has been completed and distributed.; (3) Congratulated Chris Kimker of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office on his retirement.. Chris was responsible for the implementation of the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) and the Morris County Hazardous Materials Hazmat Team. During his time with the Health Department, he worked closely with the Morris County MUA, especially with our solid waste enforcement program. The same collaboration continued when he joined the Prosecutor's Office in 2004. Mr. Deacon mentioned that he interned with him and thanked him for his guidance.

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

Resolution No. 2023-030

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Approving A Vendor Service Contract with Air Purifiers Inc. On A 'Non-Fair And Open' Basis Pursuant To The Local Public Contracts Law And the 'Pay-To-Play' Law

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to acquire a Maintenance Agreement for the Air Pollution Control System located at the Parsippany Transfer Station pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 on a 'non-fair and open' contract pursuant to the provisions of the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play" Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, competitive quotations were solicited in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2022, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Air Purifiers Inc., having a business address of One Pine St. Rockaway, NJ 07866 submitted a proposal for the work to be performed at rates as set forth below:

2 – Year Contract
Quarterly Service \$1,440.00
Annual Filter Cartridges \$17,000.00
Bi-Annual Carbon Filters \$20,192.00
Total \$38,623.00

WHEREAS, Air Purifiers, Inc.'s quote was most advantageous to the MCMUA Maintenance Agreement needs, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall be for one year, commencing on March 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS,

1. The known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed \$17,500.00;
2. The required Business Entity Disclosure Certification form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
3. The required Political Contribution Disclosure form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
4. The contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.
5. In lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is as set forth in this resolution per N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4 (a) 3.

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available from Budget account number 01-5-900-958-151 for the work to be performed.

WHEREAS, all responses to the MCMUA solicitation of competitive quotes are on file at the Authority and available for review upon request; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it authorizes the execution of a vender service contract with Air Purifiers, Inc., as set forth below as most advantageous, price and other factors considered in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 under a ‘non-fair and open’ basis:

Vendor Name:	Air Purifiers, Inc.
Account Number:	01-5-900-958-151
Estimated Cost of Services:	\$38,623.00 (not to exceed)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Air Purifiers, Inc. for the Maintenance Agreement for the Air Pollution Control System located at the Parsippany Transfer Station, based on the 2022 Proposal received by the Authority on September 12, 2022, available in the offices of the Authority, and incorporated by reference and made part hereof, for a term of two (2) years.
2. The Contract is awarded subject to the submission of all insurance certificates required by the Contract, in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County, and all other documentation required by the Contract, and shall commence upon the execution of a written Contract by both parties.
3. The MCMUA’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
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 January 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to approve a Vendor Service Contract With Air Purifiers Inc. On A ‘Non-Fair and Open’ Basis Pursuant To The Local Public Contracts Law And The ‘Pay-To-Play’ Law and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Lemanowicz thanked the Board for the reappointment and also personally thank you for welcoming him into this position. Have been here for a couple of years and it’s been a pleasure working with all of you. He updated the Board on the following: (1) The Mt. Olive tipping floor has been completed. There are two issues we are working on now. One is with respect to the grates. The grate bolts were apparently hitting the concrete and causing some concrete to pop out. They had the Contractor there and decided on a fix for that. The other item has to do with the trench invert. This is the trench drain along the doors. They were designed like the ones in Parsippany, however, due to the supply chain issues, we went to a wider trench. Also realizing that Mt. Olive does not have the water pressure or volume that Parsippany has, that reduced volume and pressure and with the wider trench, makes it more difficult to clean out the trench, so we decided to add a new invert and make the inside of the trench steeper. We found a material to do that with and we are getting pricing from the Contractor to install that. We will also do the grate repairs at the same time this work is being done. This Change Order will be brought before the Board at the meeting next month.; (2) There is an issue at Parsippany-Troy Hills where a grate popped out. We met with Mascaro and gave them some information and they indicated that they were going to have their people look at it and suggest something. We have not seen any response that which was about a month ago.; (3) The Parsippany-Troy Hills Permit is administratively complete and we haven’t had an update from the DEP since then.; (4) The Emergency Action Plans they are almost done.; and (5) With respect to the water and sewer connections for the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, we do have a few months of readings that can fairly, accurately represent the use of water for washdown and use of water for other uses in the building. We are now going to take those numbers and estimate the annual usage understanding that the structured building is not open 24/7, holidays and freeze days where they don’t washdown, and hopefully save ourselves some money on the connection fee that was originally calculated using the DEP standard numbers for this facility.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MCMUA staff has completed the 2022 New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Right to Know (RTK) surveys for all the MCMUA facilities/site locations. All RTK Central Files have been updated with the correct contact information and all the related Safety Data Sheets (SDS’s) are made available to MCMUA employees. All the surveys were submitted online to the NJDOH and the Morris County Division of Public Health, serving as Morris County’s Lead Agency, has been updated.

On Thursday, January 19, the MCMUA Solid Waste Operations staff traveled to the Clarkstown transfer station in Rockland County, New York to view a new style Mettler Toledo truck scale being installed at the facility. Atlantic Scale, Inc. contacted MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder to invite him and the Operations team to view the VTS231 style scale that includes removable panels that are non-load bearing and are for personnel traffic only. Each scale module has three (3) of these removable panels down the center that weigh roughly 200 lbs. a piece. The purpose of the panels is that they can be lifted by two (2) people and include handles that drop in flush with the deck, all for easier cleaning and routine maintenance underneath. The MCMUA viewed these new Mettler Toledo scales as preparation for future replacement of the two (2) pit scales at the Mount Olive transfer station. Routine maintenance of the pit scales is important to their overall operations, keeping the load cells and cables free of debris and mud. Removable center plates would simplify the process and reduce downtime. In the meantime, the MCMUA Operations staff continues to plan and research a pre-improvement phase, which would be to remove all the old steel and beams that run along the sides of the current pit scales and replace with new angle irons and steel plates. This improvement will assist with the cleaning and maintenance of the current decks, as well as possible new pit scale steel decks in the future.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- For January 2023, a total of 37,567 tons was accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Due to the unseasonable warm weather without any snow, January 2023 tonnage was 15.01% percent higher than the 32,663 tons accepted a year ago in January 2022. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison stats below for additional information.

January Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 14,106- 2,189 more than 2022

Total Customers- 3,314- 349 more than 2022

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 620- 192 more than 2022

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 23,460- 2,715 more than 2022

Total Customers- 5,036- 500 more than 2022

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 278- 12 more than 2022

Transfer Station Site Improvements- The MCMUA has been actively communicating with J.P. Mascaro and Sons management on a few pending items. First, is the status/progress on the repair of the damaged trench drain system at our Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. The MCMUA is also seeking a proposal on the transfer of tires from Parsippany using a Mascaro trailer. Last, MCMUA staff are looking to find a market for the recycling of boat shrink wrap.

Mr. Brent Fulin, the new J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) onsite Manager for the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station, continues to make improvements at the facility. Starting on January 4, JPM Fulin has worked closely with the MCMUA Managers to correct items listed on multiple pending inspection lists. Some recent improvements of noting that have been handled by JPM are new/repared site lighting (tipping floors and outside) at both stations, electrical improvements at both stations, new Cat 5 cables being installed for the Mascaro camera systems at both stations, and the install of a new entrance gate operator for the outbound gate in Mount Olive. JPM Fulin is now attending the monthly JPM/MCMUA Monday morning virtual meetings where issues and lessons learned are discussed. Mascaro has recently increased the presence of their upper management at both facilities.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Trench Drains- On Wednesday morning, January 11, MCMUA management, J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) management, and engineers from both JPM and Alaimo met onsite to physically view and review the condition of the damaged trench drain system. As a result of the leg injury that occurred in the damaged drains on December 20, 2022, MCMUA staff filled the open sections of trench drains with 1 1/2" sized clean stone to reduce the safety hazard. This temporary fix to the safety issue is just until the drains can be fixed properly and professionally. Pictures and measurements were taken, options for repairs

and replacement were discussed, and timelines were arranged during this onsite meeting. The MCMUA staff will continue to work with the Mascaro managers, their Professional Engineer Mr. Ryan Inch, and Alaimo's Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz on a permanent solution to this ongoing issue.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- Further updates and current project status on the following will be provided to the Board at the February 7 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz:

- Mount Olive Transfer Station Water/Sewer Connection Assessment- MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle is currently sending a water usage report to Alaimo's Jim Hampson every Monday morning.
- Emergency Action Plans (EAP's) for the Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station, the Mount Olive Transfer Station, and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF)- MCMUA staff completed Phase #2, all three (3) written plans, which were then submitted to Alaimo's Colin McLain on January 18 for final approval and for the addition of Alaimo's Life Safety and Egress Maps as attachments.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal- Alaimo's Tom Cappetti continues to work with the NJDEP on the renewal application. The MCMUA was copied on correspondence concerning this application between the NJDEP and the Parsippany Township Clerk on January 5, 2023. This has been attached as correspondence for the February 7 Board meeting.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station Tipping Floor/Trench Drain Improvement Project- On Wednesday, January 18, MCMUA staff, Alaimo Engineering, and Persistent Construction met onsite in Mount Olive to review improvements concerning the overall pitch of the new trench drain. The MCMUA staff had raised concerns about the recent difficulties found in cleaning the new drains. The trench drain was sloped in substantial compliance with the design drawings, and at the same slope as the Parsippany-Troy Hills facility. However, as mentioned at previous Board meetings, due to supply-line issues the trench at Mount Olive is 15" wide where the trench at Parsippany is 8" wide. The wider trench holds more solids and requires more water to float the materials so that they flow toward the trash collection basket for removal. Also, due to the lack of access to a public water supply, the Mount Olive facility is serviced by an individual, private well. This limits both water volume and pressure that is available for cleaning the floor and the trench drains. The facility is provided with a booster pump(s) to increase pressure for cleaning. However, more volume would help float the debris through the trench drain, similar to the current practices at Parsippany transfer. After review, Alaimo has recommended that the slope of the trench drain invert should be increased to encourage the movement of debris in the trench. It was recommended that the invert be raised by the addition of a mortar base by 4" and slope uniformly toward the discharge point. It is estimated that this will increase the trench drain slope from approximately 0.5% to 0.86%. The materials for this invert adjustment are being reviewed and will be discussed before final approval. Also discussed on January 18, was that the trench drain bolts were causing the concrete "blow-outs" under the drain frames. The blow-outs were believed to be caused by the bolt pushing against the concrete as it passed through the frame, and/or by the bolt pushing on debris within the bolt hole that pushed on the concrete. The solution provided by Alaimo is for Persistent Construction to return to the site to clean and patch the areas of concrete blow-out. The material will be specified by the EUCO-Top vendor to assure compatibility with the current materials.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Jefferson Recycling, LLC- Potential Plan Modification- On January 24, the MCMUA was copied on a response letter from Jefferson Recycling to the Township of Jefferson in reference to Resolution #22-272. The Township's Resolution disapproved the request for a modification, having some issues concerning the site plan that was submitted. Jefferson Recycling responded to their list of concerns, eight (8) total, with a formal response and will be issuing a new updated site plan to the Township. This letter has been attached as correspondence for the February 7 Board meeting.

Dan Como and Sons, Inc.- The Mulch Depot- Located on #3 Como Court, Block 41, Lot 1, Montville Township, New Jersey, request for formal Plan Inclusion as a class B/C or "Multi-

Class” facility from an exempt “Leaf Composting Facility”. Since the official Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) site visit and meeting on Tuesday, December 6, the MCMUA has been communicating with the Montville Township Administrator, Township Engineer, and the Director of Water and Sewer Utilities on their concerns for potential impact on the ground water quality. Montville requested to be included as a stakeholder in the process from the start. Montville Township has secured a proposal from their hydrogeologist and are moving forward with a groundwater investigation to determine potential effects of this operation on the municipal water supply.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In January of 2023, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 197 serviced appointments, which included 175 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG/small businesses, and 18 out-of-County residents.

MCMUA HHW staff met in the Borough of Riverdale with MXI Director of Special Programs, Mr. Marc Kodrowski, on Wednesday, January 18 to review the proposed HHW one-day drop-off event site mentioned at previous Board meetings. MXI Kodrowski and MCMUA staff found and agreed that Freedom Park in Riverdale, and the access roadways leading in and out, would not be suitable for the large volumes of vehicles that come through an HHW event. As a result, the MCMUA has arranged and coordinated with Pequannock Township for the use of Pequannock Valley Park off of Marvin Road on Saturday, October 21, to host our final 2023 event. MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams has updated Ms. Doreen Clark of the Riverdale Green Team on this change. Ms. Clark had expressed concerns about servicing the northern end of Morris County- Butler, Kinnelon, Riverdale, Lincoln Park, and Pequannock Township, which is why the MCMUA will be asking her assistance to promote the October 21, 2023 event. The Pequannock Valley Park location has been proven to fit our needs during an event day and was last used on October 19, 2019, servicing 554 vehicles.

Now that the Pequannock location has been coordinated and confirmed, MCMUA staff are finalizing the “2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event Days” flyer to distribute to our municipal partners and County departments. All events will take place on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, rain or shine. Details on all the 2023 HHW one-day drop-off events are as follows:

- Saturday, May 20, 2023- Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA) 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054;
- Saturday, June 17, 2023- MCPSTA;
- Saturday, September 16, 2023- MCPSTA;
- Saturday, October 21, 2023- Pequannock Valley Park, Marvin Road, Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, New Jersey 07444.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

On Friday, January 27, MCMUA staff, County IT, and members from Paradigm (by phone) worked to install credit card machines at both of the MCMUA vegetative waste facilities in Mount Olive and Parsippany. These Elavon ISC 250 I-Touch credit card machines are similar to the units currently installed within our transfer station scale houses. Training on both the machines and the Paradigm system itself for all of the vegetative waste staff will occur in the beginning of February 2023. The MCMUA will then have a “soft opening” with one (1) customer at both sites to make sure everyone understands the process, and that both Elavon and the MCMUA Accounting department are receiving correct deposits and reports.

MCMUA Mount Olive Compost Supervisor Harry Dry continues to make significant improvements with the class B section of his facility. The area where logs and larger tree parts are processed is now in good working order. Access roads, including the fire road that leads to the main entrance gate, have all been resurfaced. Both facilities have started to see Christmas trees and are still seeing inbound leaves, even in January. The vegetative waste staff is now gearing up for the 2023 compost and mulch residential delivery season. Both locations have stockpiled screened materials, quality products ready to meet our customer’s needs. Additional

vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the February 7 meeting.

Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing- MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams attended a virtual meeting with Naturcycle, LLC. on Monday, January 9 to discuss plans for 2023, and wrap up projects from 2022. Naturcycle provided data covering material sales going back several years and indicated that the revenue share value per cubic yard is consistent with 2021's efforts. Although the total volume is also similar, the data also shows that total outbound volume has decreased at the Mount Olive Compost Facility, which is consistent with our feedback from that facility's supervisor. The Naturcycle Managers both agreed that they intend to focus more on Mount Olive material sales during 2023. On-going projects in New York City along with Elizabeth, New Jersey will continue into the new year, and both facilities will be recertified with the OMRI (Mount Olive) and STA (Parsippany) programs this summer. Also discussed during the meeting were lingering costs from this past Fall's shared screener rental project, specifically disposal of tailings/debris filtered out by the screener.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

Regarding the pricing for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services, the finalized rate for the Month of January 2023 was calculated to be a (Negative) -\$82.00/ton on 1,395.01 tons delivered. This is a positive increase of \$1.73 per ton from the December rate of a negative \$83.73 per ton.

- This month marks the start of the second year of the MCMUA's five-year recycling contract with Republic Services.
- Each year, the tipping fee increases incrementally towards the last year of the contract. Built into the agreement, it mirrors estimated increases associated with the MCMUA's tipping fees.
- If the old tipping fee pricing assessed from Republic were still in play, the MCMUA would be paying Republic Services a further reduced per-ton rate of 5 dollars and nine cents less than what is being paid this month.

Providing an overview of recycling markets for January, overall pricing for recycling markets has remained stable throughout January and mirrored pricing in December for all material categories except for PET (#1 Plastics) which has continued to climb since September, and aluminum cans, which increased by approximately 14% from last month.

However, PET only comprises 4.16% of our composition and aluminum 0.87%, so these pricing increases are negligible in terms of our overall recycling cost.

Regarding Projects for the Recycling Division:

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In January 2023, the Recycling Administrative Team continued work on planning for, gauging interest in, and developing a program to recycle boat shrink wrap generated from within the County of Morris.

- On January 26, 2023, Cheryl and I, along with a group of interested parties, met to discuss the specifics of funding, collecting, and running a local program for recycling this material for the upcoming season.
- The solution proposed exists with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation administering the collection program, and funding for it would be through recycling fees with participating marinas.
 - Marinas would be the gatekeepers for the recycling program to ensure acceptable content for recycling, become trained and educated on what to and not accept, with the Foundation policing the program and the MCMUA providing educational support.

- The Roxbury Township Department of Public Works has offered their Depot as a drop-off location and a rear load compactor to compact material brought into the depot.
- The MCMUA will assist the Township in setting up an online appointment-based system for organized drop-off during the week.
- When the compactor truck is full, the Township will drive the material down to a designated collection site for bailing and pick up at an end market.
- Yesterday, February 6th, a follow-up meeting was held with Direct Waste, the collection site, and Trex, the end market, to work out the logistics of bailing at the Direct Waste Facility in Newark and arrange for Trex to pick up the material and transport it to Virginia.
 - Trex only has two collection sites in NJ, Direct waste in Newark and a site in Burlington.
- Tomorrow, February 8th, an alternative meeting has been arranged for a secondary option.
 - Ultra-Poly Corporation in Portland, PA., which is the same time and distance as the Newark location.
 - Their proposal, which was recently received, is more advantageous than the Trex proposal and might serve as a better option for both boat shrink wrap and plastic film for those municipalities also looking for an additional recycling stream at their depots.

MCMUA Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) Virtual Meeting:

- On January 27, 2023, the MCMUA hosted its first MRC Meeting of the calendar year dedicated solely to assisting Morris County's Recycling Coordinators with their 2022 NJDEP Municipal Tonnage Grant Reporting.
 - This goes towards our goal of recycling at least 50% of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) stream and 60% of the total solid waste (TSW) stream.
 - While Morris County's recycling efforts boast positive results.
 - Figures calculated by the NJDEPs last report in 2019 show Morris County's 43% municipal solid waste (MSW) recycling rate is amongst the best in northern New Jersey.
 - Additionally, Morris County's 60% total recycling rate is at New Jersey's overall 60% recycling rate goal.
 - This year, the MCMUA provided more in-depth training for Morris County's coordinators to increase reporting. Many of which are newer to the role and in need of this training.
 - In addition to the regular presentation by the NJDEP on completing the respective years recycling tonnage grant application, presentations also featured Executive Director Larry Gindoff and Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Christine Vidal
 - Who provided a comprehensive review of the MCMUA website, step-by-step instructions on the additional services and resources provided to them, a detailed explanation of the Solid Waste Management Plan, obligations for recycling coordinators within the plans text, guidance on how to find and approach businesses and institutions for tonnage reports, as well as procuring additional recycling sources by working with municipal departments.
 - Additionally, the MCMUA will be available to support every municipality by either coming directly to them or having them come to the office to review their reports and personally assist them as needed.
 - Following this, the MCMUA has already begun reaching out to prominent recycling vendors for reports not obtained in previous years to support our municipality's recycling reporting efforts for posting on our website.

MCMUA Applies for Food Waste Reduction, Recovery, and Recycling Grants:

- In January 2023, the Recycling Administrative Team applied for direct assistance and financial support to develop strategies that foster and promote food waste reduction, recovery, and recycling within the County of Morris with two separate non-profit entities.
 - The first is with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NDRC) for their Food Matters Regional Grant Initiative.
 - The second is with the Center for Ecotechnology (CET), awarded EPA and USDA grants to further no-cost, direct, and customized assistance through its wasted food solutions program with partner organizations.
 - Working with both organizations through a partnership will provide the MCMUA with a roadmap to strengthen its efforts to reduce, recover, and recycle wasted food.
 - Specifically, these will allow us to review the current marketplace landscape in Morris County, make new connections in engaging with stakeholders, uncover both short- and long-term actions leading to increased activity, get food to distribution agencies for those who need it before it becomes waste, support the local food redistribution network and reduce wasted food, fund startups and provide technical assistance to organizations undertaking food waste recycling, and provide education to consumers about this whole process.
 - Our first meeting with CET was held on February 3, 2023, with was very informative. A follow-up meeting is set for this Friday, the morning of February 10th to follow up to discuss these options further.
 - The first meeting with the NDRC is set for the afternoon of February 10th to learn about opportunities they can provide and reduce overlap between the two organizations.

MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials:

Lastly, I wanted to highlight the work outlined in this month’s supplemental report that the Recycling Administrative Team completed this past month.

- As noted, you will see increased work on outreach, inspections, and additional educational materials for implementation, all supporting our efforts to improve our recycling rate in Morris County.
- Inspections performed range from recycling compliance inspections at construction sites along with necessary education, assessments with our county office recycling program, public outreach to various groups, and a wide variety of supporting educational materials from door hangers, decals, and informational signs and cards.
- So, many improvements to see on the supplemental report this month.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-031
Resolution Authorizing The Auction/Sale/Disposition Of Equipment**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) owns Equipment, which has been used primarily at the Curbside Department, as further described below:

- MUA 2-45, 2002 Mack Front Load Garbage Truck

WHEREAS, the Equipment has been determined to no longer be of use to the MCMUA since it is old and beyond economically feasible repair; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to sell/dispose of the Equipment, as is, where is; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA, desires to post the Equipment on an “on-line” web site, such as Municibid - Online Government Auctions, for auction and sale to the highest bidder, and/or to sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price, and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer, and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment; 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 post and sell the Equipment for auction on an “on-line” web site, such as Municibid - Online Government Auctions, to the highest bidder, and/or sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price, and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer, and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment at the time deemed appropriate.
2. 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 February 7, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize the Auction/Sale/
Disposition Of Equipment and Mr. Dour seconded
the Motion.

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

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

January Recycling Update:

The initial per ton rate for single-stream recycling during January 2023 was calculated at a negative \$87.64 per ton. This is a further decrease of \$3.17 per ton from the December rate of a negative \$84.47 per ton. This month marks the start of the second year of the MCMUA’s five-year recycling contract with Republic Services. Each year, the tipping fee increases incrementally towards the last year of the contract. Built into the agreement, it mirrors increases associated with the MCMUA’s tipping fees. As a result, the 2022 tipping fee with Republic Services was \$113.21, and this year it rose to \$118.30 per ton, a \$5.09 increase. If the old tipping fee pricing were still in play, the MCMUA would be paying Republic Services -\$82.24 per ton for single-stream recycling instead of the new rate of -\$87.64 per ton.

Overall pricing for recycling markets has remained stable throughout January and mirrored pricing in December for all material categories except for PET (#1 Plastics) which has continued to climb since September, and aluminum cans, which increased by approximately 14% from last month. However, PET only comprises 4.16% of our composition and aluminum 0.87%, so these pricing increases are negligible in terms of our overall recycling cost. Concerning market trends for other curbside recyclables, pricing remains the same this month. The current state of the economy and the overstock of recycled content have stayed the same during the holiday season and are the primary reasons for stale pricing.

Shared Service Agreements

Borough of Morris Plains:

On January 11, 2023, Executive Director Larry Gindoff, Treasurer Larry Kaletcher, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone, and Assistant Recycling Coordinator Christine Vidal met with Morris Plains representatives to discuss an increased charge for adding 295 units to the shared service agreement. The current agreement states that when 110 units are added to the contract, the MUA and the Borough will meet to discuss and renegotiate a new price to incorporate the increase in service. At the time of writing this report, the town has 107 new units occupied, and the Borough will let us know when reaching the 110-unit threshold.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs during January 2023. In addition, this month's correspondence provides details regarding these activities as a separate report.

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

- Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Recycling Outreach and Education
- Borough of Morris Plains, Recycling Inspections and Education
- Township of Mount Olive, Recycling Inspections and Education
- Borough of Netcong, Recycling Inspections and Education
- Township of Hanover, Recycling Inspections and Education
- MCMUA Participation with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR)
- MCMUA and Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators
- M.O.R.E (Morris County Office Recycling Excels) Program Recycling Inspections
- MCMUA and MCDPH Joint Single-Use Plastic Bag Inspections
- MCMUA Presentation at All Saints Academy Private School in Parsippany-Troy Hills
- MCMUA Presentation at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown
- Township of Montville, MRC Education, and Outreach
- Borough of Mountain Lakes, MRC Education, and Outreach
- Township of East Hanover, Recycling Inspections and Outreach Education
- MCMUA Recycling and Finance Department Curbside Operations Cross-Training
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials
- MCMUA County Recycling Administrative Support and Partnership, NJ Sustainability in Motion Conference

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Public Recycling Education, Virtual Tour of Republic Services:

On January 18, 2023, the Recycling Administration offered a virtual recycling roundtable open to the public, featuring a recycling educational PowerPoint showing acceptable and unacceptable materials, explanations of what goes where, services the MCMUA offers, the MCMUA virtual MRF tour, and a question-and-answer period. A solicitation ran in the County of Morris newsletter and was distributed amongst our Municipal Recycling Coordinators to invite the public to attend. District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal presented along with Eric Gabrielson, Operations Manager of Republic Services. Gabrielson narrated the tour, answered questions from the public, and sat for

an interview with our MCMUA staff, answering a series of operations and material-specific questions. Those in attendance very well received it.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In January 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone continued work on planning for, gauging interest in, and developing a program to recycle boat shrink wrap generated within the County of Morris. On January 26, 2023, Marrone, District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham, Sussex County's District Recycling Coordinator, Roxbury Township's Municipal Recycling Coordinator, representatives from the non-profit Lake Hopatcong Foundation, the NJDEP, and the program manager for New Jersey Sea Grant, met to work out the specifics of funding, collecting, and running a local program for the recycling of this material for the upcoming season. The solution proposed by the MCMUA and agreed upon by the group exists with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation administering the collection program; funding would be through recycling fees with marinas participating in the recycling program. The fund is vital to provide stability to the program as recycling markets change, and potential problems may force unforeseen issues with running the program. This could be applied as an upfront fee collected during winterization or through direct purchases with the participating marinas. These marinas would be the gatekeepers for the recycling program to ensure acceptable content for recycling and become trained and educated on what to and not accept with the Foundation policing the program. Aside from the publicity of this material being recycled in the program, the Marinas will be diverting disposal costs associated with the material. The Roxbury Township Department of Public Works has offered their Depot as a drop-off location and a rear load compactor to compact material brought into the depot. The MCMUA will assist the Township in setting up an online appointment-based system for organized drop-off during the week. When the compactor truck is full, the Township will utilize its DPW workers to drive the material down to a designated collection site for bailing and pickup by Trex. It should be noted that Marrone stressed the importance of clean and uncontaminated recyclables being procured for the program and emphasized the ever-changing markets and associated costs with recycling. Marrone has a follow-up meeting scheduled with Direct Waste and Trex on February 6, 2023, to work out the logistics of bailing at the Direct Waste Facility in Newark and arrange for Trex to pick up the material and transport it to Virginia.

MCMUA Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) Virtual Meeting:

On January 27, 2023, the MCMUA hosted its first MRC Meeting of the calendar year. It was dedicated solely to assisting Morris County's Recycling Coordinators with the 2022 NJDEP Municipal Tonnage Grant Reporting. There were educational presentations about the program, collecting recycling information from generators, expected reporting requirements and obligations, and helping the MCMUA. This goes towards our goal of recycling at least 50% of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) stream and 60% of the total solid waste (TSW) stream. This year, the MCMUA provided more in-depth training for Morris County's coordinators. In addition to the regular presentation by the NJDEP on completing the respective years recycling tonnage grant application, Executive Director Larry Gindoff provided a comprehensive review of the MCMUA website with step-by-step instructions on the additional services and resources provided along with a detailed explanation of the Solid Waste Management Plan and obligations for recycling coordinators within its text. In addition, Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Christine Vidal spoke on how to find and approach businesses and institutions for tonnage reports and procuring additional recycling sources by working with municipal departments. After the meeting, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone informed the audience that the MCMUA was available to support each municipality by either coming directly to them or having them come to the office to review their reports and personally assist them as needed. In addition, the MCMUA has already begun reaching out to prominent recycling vendors for reports not obtained in previous years to support our municipalities recycling reporting efforts while performing additional audits of all submitted statements which come in at the time of their submittal to the NJDEP for accuracy and follow-up if needed.

MCMUA Interview on Solid Waste and Recycling for ABC News Article:

In January 2023, The MCMUA was contacted by ABC News, looking to run a story on solid waste and recycling in the State of New Jersey. The contacting reporter was explicitly interested

in how the process pertained to the County of Morris and wanted to interview a representative of our staff. District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone sat for an interview and explained the History of Solid Waste in New Jersey, our Solid Waste Management Plan, source separation and mandated recyclables, waste flow, inspections, our MCMUA curbside operations, our County's specific comprehensive approach to managing solid waste, and how we are designated as Morris County's environmental resource. The reporter was so enthralled that a second interview was set up for February 2, 2023, for further edification and a possible story for Earth Day 2023.

MCMUA Applies for Food Waste Reduction, Recovery, and Recycling Grants:

In January 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone applied for direct assistance and financial support to develop strategies that foster and promote food waste reduction, recovery, and recycling within the County of Morris with two separate non-profit entities. The first was with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NDRC) for their Food Matters Regional Initiative. This group is seeking to partner with selected communities. It is willing to fund waste studies, provide technical assistance, create tailored education, provide funding to support recycling initiatives in a pilot program, etc. A meeting is set for February 10, 2023, to review how the MCMUA and NDRC can work together to further these goals. The second group Marrone applied for assistance with was the Center for Ecotechnology (CET), which awarded an EPA grant to further no-cost, direct, and customized assistance through its wasted food solutions program with partner organizations. They have previously worked directly with the NDRC to provide additional assistance through their Food Matters grants, as mentioned above. In addition, they can give direct hands-on services offering more planning and funding for wasted food solution services. An MCMUA partnership through CET can connect into several areas, such as engaging with stakeholders in the wasted food landscape, food distribution agencies, food rescue organizations, and other organizations providing food relief in Morris County to support the local food redistribution network and reduce wasted food. This could have an additional partnership with the Morris County Division of Public Health, aligning with their goals. Another possible project they offer would be to provide financial startup support and technical assistance to organizations undertaking food waste recycling pilots or setting up "food waste challenges." This program could be used to fund the County College of Morris Food Waste Recycling program previously mentioned in past board reports that lacked the start-up funds to get off the ground. A meeting is set for February 3, 2023, to scope how the MCMUA and NDRC can work together.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

MCMUA Administrative Support, NJ Food Council Bag Redistribution Committee:

On January 13, 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham attended the New Jersey Food Councils Project Committee supporting the Current New Jersey Bag Ban Law. Both Marrone and Birmingham, along with a select group of knowledgeable, experienced, and influential leaders holding positions in both the public and private sectors, worked towards an innovative bag collection and redistribution solution that satisfies affected businesses, governmental entities, Food Banks, non-profits, and shoppers by utilizing existing local infrastructure and partnerships. NJ State Senator Smith had formulated a four-prong approach to handle redistribution, but his bill has been put on hold pending the solution developed by this group. The plan, determined at this meeting, was to set up and utilize local recycling drop-off sites to collect reusable bags and use an awarding company to pick up, clean, sanitize, repair, and redistribute the collected reusable bags. The redistributed bags would go to food pantries, banks, and other in-need groups, such as senior and low-income groups. One company already doing this work on a smaller scale is Goatote, which gave a presentation about its company and services. Goatote is a reusable bag system that allows people to check out clean reusable bags and return them when finished using one of their convenient stand-alone kiosks. Shoppers can pay per use or a monthly subscription.

JoAnn Gemenden, New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) Executive Director, informed the group that she has amended her spending guidelines for the Clean Communities program to utilize these services. Also, NJCCC approved a pilot program for the Town of Secaucus's Food Pantry to host two drop-off locations serviced by Goatote for a pilot program. Should the program be successful, NJCCC will host four County site locations. One of which both Marrone and Birmingham suggested for implementation would be at the Interfaith Food

Pantry located in Central Park of Morris County, pending approval of the site location. After the meeting, Birmingham visited the Interfaith Food Pantry on Executive Drive in Morris Plains to gauge their participation in a pilot program as suggested and, in the interim, asked about their need for reusable bags from the MCMUA's current supply. Birmingham has also contacted additional locations that may need bags and has created an informational flyer for various businesses to use, requesting people to donate their clean reusable bags to the implementing place. The next NJ Food Council meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:

The Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program is on hold until the Spring of 2023 with the cleanup contractor, Adopt-A-Highway. During this month, planning efforts were performed, and on-site visits to several hotspot areas for illegal dumping and littering were completed in preparation for cleanup efforts in the coming months.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Chairwoman Kominos asked if there are any comments from the Public. Pete Manotti from CBRE, commented he was interested in the RFP for Appraisal Services. Mr. Gindoff informed him that we did not award that proposal to your firm. The RFP For Appraisal Services was awarded to Sterling, DiSanto & Associates. Mr. Gindoff expressed appreciation for their submittal. Pete Manotti appreciated the consideration, and mentioned that if we ever need anything in terms of evaluation and advisory services, please don't hesitate to reach out to him.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

There being no Closed Session, this portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Guadagno and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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