

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on April 9, 2024 at 7:05 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 Chairman Dour 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 Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Larry Ragonese, and Ms. Laura Szwak.

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, and Mr. Michael Guadagno.

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

Vice Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to approve the Minutes, as amended, and the Closed Session Minutes of March 12, 2024 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

Ms. Szwak mentioned two minor changes. In the Solid Waste Report on Page 10, at the end of (2) of Mr. Kobylarz' report, the word "Safety" after the word "Labor" should be deleted and replaced with "Waiver". Also, on Page 9, line 3, the Spring of "204" should be Spring of "2024".

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 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 March 2024. Highlighted on the disbursements on the Water Division Report is the purchase of a 9-month CD with Blue Foundry Bank. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions for the first quarter of 2024. The investment report is showing three transactions: (1) Two Solid Waste Connect Bank CDs reach maturity on March 25, 2024. These were both renewed for 17 months at a rate of 4.75%.; then there was a new Water Division investment for 9 months, also at a rate of 4.75%.

Both institutions are listed in the MUA’s Cash Management Plan and a part of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 2024-040

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase Contracts with Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCECCPS Contract Vendors for 2024 (Electricians and HVAC)

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey 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 Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System “ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System”, 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 ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

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

- Electrical Services: Time & Material – MTB Electric, LLC \$7,000.00
- Electrical Services: Time & Material - Troller Electric, LLC \$40,000.00
- HVAC: Time & Material – In-Line Air Conditioning Company \$15,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ 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 **April 9, 2024 to December 31, 2024.**

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 April 9, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize the Purchase Contracts with Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCECCPS Contract Vendors for 2024 (Electricians and HVAC) and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler asked, what is the total cost? Mr. Gindoff replied that we have two electrician vendors, one for \$7,000 and one for \$40,000, and a HVAC vendor for \$15,000. This is for electrical and HVAC work, not only to cover work we did on the office moving in, but also for some work that we would anticipate throughout the year, as opposed to having to hire an electrician or HVAC.

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

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

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-041

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. 2024-041 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$3, 968,830.34** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6562-6585	\$	186,590.20
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14880-14961	\$	<u>3,782,240.14</u>
		\$	3,968,830.34

CERTIFICATION

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

DATE: April 9, 2024

BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Christopher Dour, Vice Chairman

SIGNED: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: April 9, 2024.

DATE: April 9, 2024

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: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned there is no additional correspondence. He mentioned there is only one item of correspondence this month, which is a map prepared by Atlantic County, which shows the relative tipping fees around the State. It shows that we are on the higher end, but in line with most of northern New Jersey.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

SOLID WASTE

1. New Jersey Solid Waste Disposal Fees 2024.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon mentioned that he has an amended first page of his report covering the Pleasant Hill Road Watermain Break, copies of which were passed out to the Board and Staff. Mr. McAloon briefed the Board on the activity from the start of the break on April 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. to the completion of the repair on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Gindoff commented that just watching Tony Milonas and Sean Casey of our office work through these problems with Mike McAloon was really inspirational to see the hard work of Tony. Tony never gave up on the problem and was trying to figure it out to the last second how to make sure we don't expand this boil water emergency outside of Randolph, keep it contained there and get this system back working in a timely fashion. Tony and Sean were there for almost 36 hours straight and Mike was back and forth to his office doing the DEP submissions. It was great to see the commitment of Mike and our Staff work on that and the people of Randolph were incredibly cooperative at just working the problem, as well as the County. Mr. Gindoff praised Mike and our guys; really impressive.

Ms. Szwak asked if we receive any comments from residents of being sick or hardship of some sort and Mr. Gindoff replied, no; and mentioned his phone number was released for as the MUA contact for anyone to call and he must have spoken to 100 residents over this term and they were all a delight. Mr. Druetzler asked about the residents that suffered from the leak there and houses with damage. Mr. Gindoff mentioned there were houses with damage and haven't heard from them yet. Mr. McAloon mentioned there were six houses with damage. We are scheduling a meeting to coordinate some of the damage issues. Mr. Gindoff added that some had structural damage and others had property damage.

Ms. Farris asked if it was confirmed that the break occurred as a result of the earthquake. Mr. Gindoff replied, it was not confirmed, but it happened about 1 ½ hours after the earthquake.

Mr. Carney asked about the use of J. Fletcher Creamer is on an emergency basis and we don't have a total cost yet. Mr. Gindoff explained that we had an emergency contractor, John Garcia, who we brought out to the site and who we have under contract, but we made a proper call on this to bring in more expert people during this tricky time, J. Fletcher Creamer, who we don't have a contract with. We are still waiting on the pricing for all the work they did and until we have those numbers, we don't have the final total to put before the Board to ask permission to pay that. We anticipate to have a resolution at next month's meeting declaring an emergency that we had and

also a memo from me describing the emergency, as well as the costs to pay J. Fletcher Creamer for the emergency services they provided.

Mr. Druetzler asked how old was the pipe? Mr. McAloon replied 1973. Mr. Ragonese asked if there was anything you saw in the repair that would indicate any other weaknesses. Mr. McAloon mentioned that we would like to have a Water Committee meeting to dive into more detail and what our next steps are going to be. Would like to keep it for discussion later once we have time to do more investigation. Ms. Farris commented that it was a successful operation and was done very quickly. Luckily, we had the parts otherwise, it would probably be weeks. Mr. McAloon replied yes. Unfortunately we did not have weeks, as indicated, there were portions of Randolph where we were floating off the tank and as people were using water, it drops the pressure so that is why we had to expand the boil water advisory, cause others outside the immediate impact area that were starting to see that lower than normal pressure. We were probably minutes away from having to issue it to more communities. We are very thankful it got repaired put back in service.

Mr. McAloon continued with his report and reported on the following: (1) We will be discussing Mine Hill in closed session.; (2) Good news with Stierli Court, they are wrapping up with that work and grouting the well shut.; (3) Had some meetings on the Route 80 project.; (4) Regarding Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, Sovereign Consulting was issued a Notice To Proceed. They have some long lead items. We are working on reviewing the shop drawings and scheduling a Pre-Construction Meeting.; (5) Regarding Flanders Valley Wells 1 and 2 Generator Replacements, we got signed contracts back from De-En Electrical Contracting and once signed, we will schedule a Pre-Construction meeting.; (6) Unfortunately, we are still awaiting close-out documents from Astro Electrical Contractor, so we are not in a position to fully close them out and release retainage at this point until all documents are in place.; (7) Similarly on the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, we got the signed contracts, and will schedule that Pre-Construction Meeting with the Contractor.; and finally, Alamatong Wellfield Testing and Sampling, the kick-off meeting with Uhl & Associates was held and they are working through the schedule and other logistical items.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of March 2024, MCMUA sold approximately 111.899 MG. This amount is approximately 4.88 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023 and approximately 31.424 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022.

2. Mine Hill Outstanding Water Balance

A meeting was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 between representatives from the MUA and Mine Hill. A summary of this meeting will be provided during closed session.

3. 100 Stierli Court Water Connection

The Contractor has successfully completed the installation of the meter pipe, pressure and bacteriological testing. The facility is currently working to schedule the grouting of the existing well shut, to eliminate potential cross connection with the newly installed service.

4. NJDOT – Route 80 Bridges Over Howard Blvd.

The contractor continues to prepare and submit shop drawings for the proposed watermain materials to be installed as part of that project. There have been several meetings with NJDOT as well as their Contractor, Union Paving regarding the proposed watermain installation work. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024.

5. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

SCE received the signed Contracts back from **Sovereign Consulting, Inc.**, whose offices are located in Robbinsville, NJ. SCE has setup a ShareFile which will be utilized during construction to track submittals and all construction related documents. Due to long lead items, the Notice to Proceed was prepared and executed by the Contractor with a start date of March 28, 2024.

Project Completion Summary Through April 09, 2024

Contract Start Date		March 28, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	12	3%
Days Remaining:	353	97%
Original Contract Completion Date		March 28, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through April 09, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$1,105,000.00
Current Contract Amount	\$1,105,000.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$0.00
Percent of Work Complete	100%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

6. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

SCE has prepared and distributed the Contracts for **Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.**, whose offices are located in Linden, NJ. Once the Contracts are signed, the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled and a notice to proceed will be issued.

7. Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC, is in the process of preparing submission of all necessary project closeout items.

While it was anticipated project closeout will occur at the April meeting, we are still awaiting critical manufacturers warranty certificates and maintenance bond documents. Once confirmation of all necessary documents has been received.

8. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

SCE has prepared and distributed the Contracts for **Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.**, whose offices are located in Linden, NJ. Once the Contracts are signed, the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled and a notice to proceed will be issued.

9. Alamatong Wellfield Testing and Sampling Test Wells

The project kick-off meeting was held on Thursday, March 14 between Uhl & Associates and the MCMUA. During the meeting several logistical items were discussed and the work is being scheduled in the coming weeks.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (1) The report reflects the tonnage for the month of March, currently a 6.93 increase compared to 2023 after three months. Projected total is now 504,331 tons for 2024.; (2) Both transfer stations recently had both DEP and County CEHA Health Department inspections. Both were handled by our managers, Brett Synder and Justin Doyle, and they went well. DEP was impressed up in Mt. Olive.; (3) Justin Doyle received new signage that we will start installing at Mt. Olive. A contractor was at Mt. Olive today to review some concrete

work improvements that we are looking to do throughout the site at Mt. Olive .; (4) The HHW section of the report provides the Board with some stats on some weights on the Hazmat shipments through MXI to do some comparisons.; and (5) Regarding Vegetative Waste, the new Parsippany Compost Office Trailer is in place and has passed Township inspections. We will now be getting some furniture, and once in place, we will get IT to come out to connect County network and phones.

Mr. Deacon explained that the following Resolution is for a new Cantilever Gate at the Parsippany Compost Facility and asked for the Board's approval of same:

Resolution No. 2024-042
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Use of
Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - Purchasing Contract with
Challenger Fence Inc.

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, 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 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council "MCCPC", 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 MCCPC contracts; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA intends to enter into a contract with the following Referenced MCCPC Vendor through this resolution and the properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current MCCPC contract:

Challenger Fence Inc. Supply & Install Cantilever Gates w/Hardware Contract #53
\$6,000.00 Line Item #01-4-900-958-151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from the approved MCCPC Vendor on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual MCCPC contract; 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 **April 9, 2024** to **December 31, 2024**.

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize the Use Of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - Purchasing Contract with Challenger Fence Inc. and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Deacon recognized Larry Gindoff for the handling of the Water Main Break over the weekend. Our Director fielded over 100 phone calls from residents on his personal cell phone. Kudos to Larry!

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) In regards to the Mt. Olive Tipping Floor, discussion was had with Otto DeJaeger of Infrastructure. He is still awaiting the results of the core samples that were taken and sent to the manufacturer of the Euclid materials hadn't received their report yet. In the meantime, he has received the Euclid material in his warehouse and anticipate they should be able to start the repair shortly. Hopefully the project will be completed before the next meeting.; (2) In regards to Water Service Permit, we did have a team meeting with a reviewer from DEP in regards to the Public Health and Safety Waiver aspect of the permit. According to her, the application documents of all are complete. She has reviewed them and is preparing a report to be submitted to her supervisor for expectation of review and approval.

Mr. Dour asked once they approve it, we are done? Mr. Kobylarz replied that we are done with DEP Highlands Permitting aspect of it. The next steps would be to start discussions with the town, Mt. Olive, and enter into a Interlocal Agreement with them and the water purveyor, N.J. American, and get that process started. In the meantime, we could discuss, as far as moving forward, any of the design work. Hopefully, we will hear something shortly on that.

(3) In regards to the Parsippany trench drain replacement, we had a couple site meetings with the parties involved, and we are getting very close to agreement on the cost agreement percentages for each party and the finalization of the trench drain itself. We took cores of the tipping floor to determine the maximum depth we could go with the trench drain. We found that the original design was right. We were concerned we may not have enough room. We have the Contractor revising their design to shorten it up to make sure we have room and it won't conflict with the column footing. That was an important step in order to confirm and move this project along.; and (4) Regarding the Mt. Olive Tarp Rack System Replacement, we are working on the design of that project. We are expecting project completion plans, bids to be complete by the end of May; ready to go out to bid.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Northeast Products, Inc. (old Nature's Choice/Stump Factory in Roxbury) class B Recycling Center (PI #133630) in Roxbury Township is interested in modifying its facility to include leaf

composting at the site. This change does not need SWAC review and/or County Commissioner approval, the request falls under the Administrative Action (AA) allowances under “Act. #5- The modification of an existing facility including acceptance of additional waste types, on-site operational changes and expansions of facility buffer zones or expansions into buffer zones for ancillary operational activities.” On Thursday, March 14, the MCMUA hand delivered our official request letter to the Township of Roxbury Clerk, Ms. Amy Rhead, accompanied by correspondence from Northeast’s Environmental Consultant, Mr. Julio Galarza, and a copy of the “Hybrid Class B/C Recycling Site Plan”. This plan depicts the reduced volume of composted materials for class B to 3,720 cubic yards (CY) and the area for processed/unprocessed class C materials to 9,960 CY. If approved by Township Officials, the MCMUA has asked for a copy of a resolution at one of their meetings.

WSP USA, representing the Stericycle Shred-It facility located at 81 Walsh Drive in Parsippany Township had approached the MCMUA about obtaining a class A recycling approval for this existing paper shredding recycling center and inclusion in the County Solid Waste Management Plan via the approved “Blanket Inclusion Process”. On Friday, March 15 the MCMUA received WSP’s revised application addressing comments made by staff on its initial application from February. Now that the MCMUA staff has received a complete submittal, WSP Stericycle Shred-It can start its mandatory noticing requirements- two (2) notices in the papers as well as notices to 200’ property owners around the facility. If no significant comments are received, the MCMUA will then schedule with the Morris County Board of Commissioners to adopt a formal resolution including the Shred-It facility in the County Plan as a class A. This also does not need SWAC review.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

With assistance from MCMUA Human Resources (HR) Officer Frederck Wilson, the MCMUA Supervisors and Managers have scheduled a meeting on Thursday, April 11, with Ms. Jill Binkoski and Ms. Heidi Peer of Morris County Labor Relations and Personnel Department. Ms. Binkoski and Ms. Peer have been with the County for a while, but are both new to their positions and want to introduce themselves to the Authority. The meeting will allow the MCMUA Managers to ask questions related to their respective operations and address any issues they come across during the work week. The MCMUA staff is looking forward to this opportunity.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 37,508 tons accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in March 2024 was virtually the same tonnage as the 37,342 tons accepted a year ago in March of 2023. For the first quarter of 2024, the tonnage accepted was 2.18% greater than the tonnage accepted in the first quarter of 2023. The annual total for 2024 is now projected to be 504,331 tons which represents a 6.93% increase over the 471,515 tons accepted for all of 2023. It should be noted that the error cited in the February 2024 report by Board Member Frank Druetzler related to 1994 tonnage has been corrected in this month’s report and should be correct in all reports moving forward. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

March Monthly Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 14,232- 662 more than 2023

Total Customers- 3,707- 283 more than 2023

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 786- 156 more than 2023

First (1st) Quarter of 2024 at Mount Olive- 41,155 tons, which is 1,928 more tons than 2023, Total Customers 10,334, which is 536 more customers than 2023, and Self-Generated Customers 1,888, which is 61 more than last year.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 23,277- 496 less than 2023

Total Customers- 5,245- 191 less than 2023

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 480- 101 more than 2023

First (1st) Quarter of 2024 at Parsippany- 67,480 tons, which is 386 more tons than 2023, Total Customers 14,946, which is 182 less customers than 2023, and Self-Generated Customers 1,149, which is 195 more than last year.

Transfer Station Site Improvements- Mount Olive Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle picked up all new signage for his facility on Friday, March 15. This new signage will gradually be installed to assist our customers and inspectors navigate the facility. Once completed, staff will complete some additional line striping and finalize the Alaimo official “Line Striping Plan” for Mount Olive. Mount Olive Manager Doyle is also working with Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder on finalizing similar signage needed in Parsippany to increase safe traffic and heavy equipment flow around the site. Parsippany Manager Snyder has installed new collapsible gate valve “lock-out tag-out” covers on the trench drain 14” Trumbull hand wheel flow valves that lead to the sanitary sewer and emergency underground holding respectively. MCMUA staff are assisting J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) staff with a thorough cleaning and power washing the Mount Olive transfer station tunnel, to include the walls and floors. MCMUA Operations Manager Bobby Ross has requested that Effective Sign Works apply for a variance with the Township of Parsippany to have the new dual sided digital sign placed 11’ feet from the curblin on New Road, instead of the instructed 20’ feet where the view would be obstructed by trees and other signage around the area of this intersection. Both MCMUA Transfer Station Managers have generated and issued their “Spring Repair Lists” to JPM Management to start working on. Additional mulch from our Vegetative Waste facilities is planned to be delivered to the Parsippany station to dress up the area by the newly planted arborvitae when the weather becomes favorable. JPM conducted interviews for the vacant Onsite Manager position down in Parsippany. The selected candidate is set to start on Tuesday, April 9. And last, on April 2 Packetalk sent some technicians to review Parsippany transfer one final time to get a handle on materials, mostly the EMT conduit and cat6 shielded cables, needed to install the five (5) PTZ-3160-HD30 cameras previously approved by the Board. Final paperwork is being completed for an electrician to install an extension bracket to outside light pole for the new camera at Mount Olive that will oversee the parking lot, tunnel, and South end of the facility.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- The Solid, Hazardous, and Vegetative Waste Report from February 13 provided the MCMUA Board with a basic “roadmap” of 2024 projects and improvements involving both the Alaimo Group (Alaimo) and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) especially at the two (2) transfer stations. Updates from Alaimo Senior Project Manager Michael Kobylarz and SCE Senior Project Manager Michael McAloon will be provided to the Board at the April 9 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Delaminated concrete apron, Infrastructure Repair Services, LLC. (IRS), and Euclid Chemical planned for early Spring 2024.
- Full replacement and improvements to the steel tarp rack system in 2024. New 64’ foot long hot-dipped galvanized steel, that will be painted in a safety yellow color.
- Motor Control Center (MCC) improvement project, the removal of all the outdated/inoperable electrical panels and components. DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc., Linden, New Jersey.
- Public water connection, Highlands Commission and NJDEP approval.
- The final transfer station and Household Hazardous Waste facility (HHWF) pricing list from Alaimo’s structural review/inspection in August of 2023 to plan for 2025 calendar year budget.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- Closeout of the Motor Control Center (MCC) improvement project, the removal of all the outdated/inoperable electrical panels and components now 100% complete, Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC.
- J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM), Peerless Concrete, IRS, and Euclid Chemical full replacement of the damaged trench drain system, protective safety bollards, and concrete attenuators planned for early Spring 2024.
- The 2024 transfer station roof replacement project, approximately 32,200 square feet of existing roof, fascia, wall system, and associated 10,000 square feet of “Z” girts. On

April 2 the MCMUA received Alaimo's revised, or second, proposal for professional engineering services related to this project. Due to these costs being significantly above the threshold established in a resolution adopted on May 9, 2017, staff recommends that the MCMUA go out for RFP (request for proposal) for engineering services related to the Parsippany roof replacement to the scope of this work.

- NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit to include in the increase of 1978 TPD and the discontinuation of the Methane System.
- Scheduling an onsite meeting with Alaimo to review Stormwater, the active New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit, and update the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) as part of the annual certification.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams continues to work and coordinate with Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., and their subcontractor Magic Touch on the future installation of a new 10' by 44' office trailer at the HHW facility within the Mount Olive transfer station. Pending any delays, the MCMUA is expected to receive this trailer in early to mid-May 2024.

Program Participation- In March of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 207 serviced appointments, which included 191 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG/small businesses, and 12 out-of-County residents. Very similar to March of 2023, the permanent HHWF had a total of 205 serviced appointments, which included 185 Morris County residents, 14 out-of-County residents, and 6 VSQG/small businesses. This means, March of 2024 exceeded March 2023 totals by only 2 serviced appointments. Total appointments for calendar year 2024 now equal 588, compared to 2023 at 530 serviced customers.

The following is a tally of weight in pound (lbs.) of hazardous materials that have been manifested and shipped for proper disposal by environmental contractor, MXI, from the MCMUA's permanent facility in Mount Olive:

- 2019- 190,104 Total
- 2020- 165,245 Total
- 2021- 187,069 Total
- 2022- 161,927 Total
- 2023- 209,673 Total.
- In 2024, MXI performed two (2) hazardous waste shipments, totaling 44,718 lbs.

Reminder for the Board at the April 9 meeting, the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program has **rescheduled** the first Drop-Off Event Day for 2024 from Saturday, May 11 to **Saturday, May 18**. The finalized MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste One-Day Drop-Off Events for 2024, two (2) in the spring and two (2) in early fall, rain or shine, 9:00AM to 2:00PM:

- **Saturday, May 18, 2024-** Morris County Public Safety Academy (MCPSTA), 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
- Saturday, June 22, 2024- MCPSTA
- Saturday, September 14, 2024- MCPSTA
- Saturday, October 26, 2024- MCPSTA

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The MCMUA Vegetative Waste Program is currently working with NaturCycle, LLC to coordinate a screener rental for the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility later this month. This project is demand-driven as the intention is to generate enough screened compost to satisfy a pending order for at least 1,500 cubic yards (CY) of material, while still reserving ample product to meet our residential delivery demand. Ultimately, the goal is to screen at least 2,500 CY worth of material during the week beginning Monday, April 29. As per past rental agreements, the MCMUA and NaturCycle will split rental costs and tailings disposals, while the MCMUA will cover labor and fuel. Anticipated profit for this project is approximately \$9,500 to \$10,000.

As of Monday, March 25, the residential delivery program of double-ground wood mulch and compost is well underway. At the time of this report, MCMUA staff is close to 50 total deliveries. Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams completed and submitted

the annual NJDEP Recycling Facility Tonnage Reports for both Mount Olive/Camp Pulaski and Parsippany. Interviews continue for the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator Position at the Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility with the MCMUA receiving close to twenty (20) applications of interested candidates. Staff plans on making a selection soon. Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., and their subcontractor Magic Touch have finished the installation of the new 10' by 44' office trailer at the Parsippany vegetative waste facility. This installation included proper footings, two (2) sets of entrance steps, a bottom protective skirt, and connections to electric. Conduit for County network and phone was handled in-house by the Operations staff. Mobilease is now working with Parsippany Township on the final Certificate of Occupancy (CO) after passing inspections for electric and building permits. Once the final CO is received, staff will start outfitting the trailer's interior and contact County IT for their assistance. Additional information on this project along with additional vegetative waste flow information found in the Vegetative Waste Report will be provided at the April 9 MCMUA Board meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

Regarding the March 2024 pricing for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services, the finalized numbers have yet to be published by Republic Services which were due today. As a result, the April board report will provide a finalized estimate for pricing and tonnage. Therefore, the preliminary rate for single-stream recycling stands at -\$51.71, calculated by the MUA. This is an anticipated positive increase in pricing of \$6.30 per ton from the previous month.

- March 2024 marks the eighth consecutive month of an overall positive trend for curbside recyclables, with virtually all grades improving even into the beginning of April.
- While fiber markets remain the highlight, with cardboard and paper commodities leading the way in favorable pricing, with curbside plastic materials are also making their comeback.
- Moving into the beginning of the year's second quarter, pricing for single-stream commodities show a steady trajectory for continued recovery, with market experts forecasting the same.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division, I would like to highlight a few items of note:

MCMUA Welcomes its Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator:

- As covered in this month's report, on March 18, 2024, the Solid Waste Planning Team welcomed Alessia Eramo to the MCMUA as its new part-time Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator.
- Mrs. Eramo brings a wide range of experience to the team in civil and environmental engineering, environmental consulting in water and solid waste management, and has a keen involvement in local government, serving on several boards and commissions.
- Already working on various projects, she is eager to learn about MCMUA's existing efforts and where to improve them working towards increasing our recycling goals for the county.
- I have no doubt her experience will be a valued asset to the Authority, and I can expect great things from her soon!

Recycling Shared Service Agreement Efforts and Education:

- In addition to the positive work in the report on these efforts, I received word from Washington Township today that we should proceed with a draft of the 5-year shared services agreement for their consideration.
- In addition, we were applauded for our proposed plan to assist with reducing recycling services fees at the depot and help to increase recycling participation through optimizing efforts.
 - Through joint education and onsite supervision from the DPW staff, we will move away from single-stream recycling at the depot and focus on dedicated containers

for three commodity types of cardboard, mixed paper, and co-mingled containers to take effect in stages.

- We already have created sign boards for each commodity type, which we will put into production next month, and the DPW will enforce the same onsite.
- With all three commodities either paying for collected materials or at a lower price than single stream in our current market, this will be beneficial in the long term for increasing recycling participation in the Township.
- I also had the opportunity to speak with Morris County Vocational School District this afternoon.
 - They are very interested in reviewing our proposal for trash and recycling collection services we will provide them next week. We will then meet with them to discuss and tailor the proposal to their needs before the bid opening date.
- In addition to this, we are also discussing revising our current contract with the Morris County Park Commission at Hedden Park, to be amended to include temporary containers for trash and recycling throughout its entire park system.

Solid Waste Planning Collaboration with the 2024 Boat Shrink Wrap Program:

- The Marinas program is up and running without any issues, and we filled our first container yesterday at Lee's County Marina.
- We have publicly announced our first recycling drop-off day, which will be open to the public on May 4, 2024, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Jefferson Township Health Center in Lake Hopatcong.

MCMUAs Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

- During March and into April, we have stepped up efforts to assist our Morris County municipalities by
 - Working with the MCDPH to create new educational materials on recycling reporting requirements for our MRCs.
 - Soliciting for and collecting recycling reports from end facilities.
 - Distributing them to municipal recycling coordinators and posting them to our webpage.
 - Offering personalized assistance to our municipal coordinators regarding this process.
 - We also increased our direct one-on-one assistance and training newer coordinators during this timeframe who are not licensed and unable to sign reports for the municipality.
 - The MCMUA will also sign these reports after their review, which is valuable for ensuring recycling is reported and sustained for the current year while alleviating fees the township would incur from its recycling grant funds.

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

Resolution No. 2024-043

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of a Fleet Management System Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 020221-GEO Purchasing Contract for 2024

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

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) for the MCMUA has determined that the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) is a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing system and agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit, as it is a service cooperative created by

the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017); and

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

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has advertised and awarded cooperative purchasing agreements for a variety of goods and equipment, including Fleet Management Systems; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase a Fleet Management System through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on April 8, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of a Fleet Management System is available for purchase through Eagle Wireless in the total amount of Initial Install \$21,232.00 with Recurring Monthly Cost \$1,527.20 totaling \$32,240.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$5,689.60 by obtaining the Fleet Management System from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$32,240.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-1-600-602-324.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of a Fleet Management System in the amount of \$32,240.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize the Purchase Of A Fleet Management System Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 020221 – GEO Purchasing Contract For 2024 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2024-044

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Four (4) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and Two (2) 40 Yard Roll Off Containers Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 040621 - WQI Purchasing Contract for 2024

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of four (4) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and two (2) 40 Yard Roll Off Containers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on March 18, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of four (4) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and two (2) 40 Yard Roll Off Containers is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$38,682.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$15,468.00 by obtaining the four (4) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and two (2) 40 Yard Roll Off Containers from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$38,682.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of four (4) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and two (2) 40 Yard Roll Off Containers in the amount of \$38,682.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize the Purchase Of Four (4) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and Two (2) 40 Yard Roll Off Containers Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 040621 – WQ1 Purchasing Contract For 2024 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

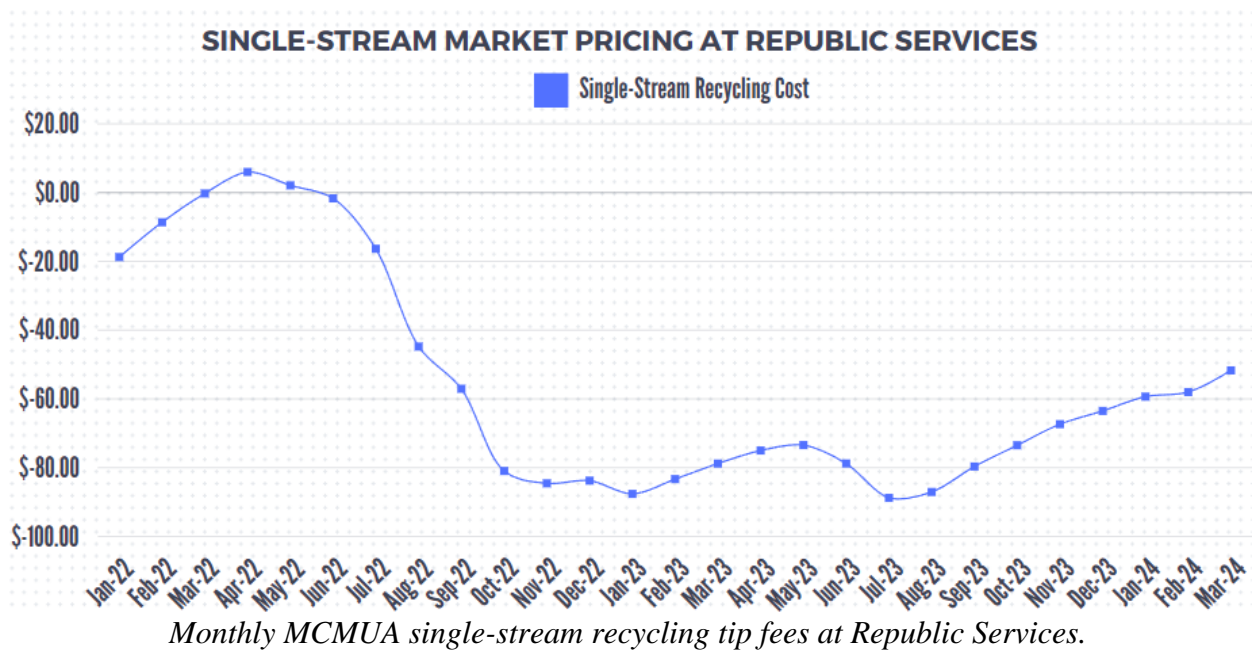
ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

March Recycling Update:

In March 2024, the preliminary rate for single-stream recycling was -\$51.71, a positive increase of \$6.30 per ton from the previous month. Entering Spring, curbside grades are slowly improving, with March marking the eighth consecutive month of an overall positive trend. Fiber markets remain the highlight, with cardboard and paper commodities leading the way in favorable pricing for the entire single-stream mix. Cardboard pricing has exceeded \$100 per ton this month, while residential papers average around \$85 per ton. Pricing for curbside plastic materials has also increased over the past month due to a limited post-consumer recycled resin supply, which has become a critical constraint for buyers. This follows last month’s similar report for fiber markets, which also showed the same issues in finding suitable, clean, and sustained recycled content streams in manufacturing new content. According to market experts, many plastics manufacturing companies across the country have reported an average of 9.4% post-consumer recycled resin in their products last year. This percentage is inadequate for meeting the minimum recycled content standards required by New Jersey's Recycled Content Law (P.L. 2021, c. 391), which came into effect earlier this year. Therefore, with scarcity of supply continuing to drive up pricing as the year progresses to meet these requirements, it is expected that this will also play a role in continued recovery.



Resolution(s) for Board Consideration

A resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration at the April meeting authorizing the purchase of four (4) 30 yard roll off containers and two (2) 40 yard roll off containers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System in the aggregate amount of \$38,682.00.

Resolution 2024-043 will be presented to the Board for its consideration authorizing the purchase of new GPS, video cameras and routing services for the MCMUA Curbside Recycling and Vegetative Waste Programs. For the past several years, the MCMUA has been utilizing GPS and on-truck video services provided by Verizon’s Reveal service. After using it for this amount of time, the MCMUA realized it would best serve our collection and delivery trucks to improve the GPS service beyond the capabilities of our existing Verizon system. Utilizing the capabilities of Eagle Wireless’s GPS services, which is available through an approved Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program, will afford the MCMUA the ability to significantly improve its video coverage while also developing new smart routing capabilities for the recycling collection routes to make collection more efficient and reliable. With frequent turn-over of drivers it would serve the MCMUA’s collection program to develop improved routing and mapping capabilities for our drivers so they work better as a team while completing their routes from block to block and from town to town.

Resolution 2024-044 will be presented to the Board for its consideration authorizing the purchase of new recycling roll-off containers. During the 2024 budgeting process, the MCMUA assessed the need with its current and prospective future contracts and it was determined newer containers were needed to maintain operations effectively with our Curbside Recycling Division and meet the proposed demand for newer agreements forecasted for the new year. The proposed containers will replace those currently in rotation, no longer able to be feasibly maintained, and have reached the end of their useful life. The proposed purchase is for four (4) x 30 cubic yard rectangular open top roll off dumpsters and two (2) x 40 cubic yard roll off dumpsters.

Recycling Contract Customer Service Efforts and Education

Town of Boonton Recycling Inspection Preparation and Shared Services Agreement Work:

In March 2024, Marrone met with the Town of Boonton DPW Director to discuss the previous month’s compiled list of recommendations and edits following our joint meeting in February on recycling. Marrone was advised that the current agreement will now include the addition of (1) 40 CY open roll-off container for tree parts/brush, which will be brought to our vegetative waste recycling facilities into the current contract. Following this discussion, Marrone arranged for (2) A-Frame educational signs to be delivered to the depot for grass and leaves and another for brush to provide onsite education following the new change. Marrone will follow up again in April to see if any other changes or assistance is needed.

Township of Washington Shared Services Agreement Work:

In March 2024, Marrone and Toomey finalized the MCMUA updated shared services agreement for servicing the Township of Washington's municipal depot, expiring on June 30, 2024, and scheduled to meet with the Township representatives on March 25. During the meeting, Marrone provided an overview of the proposal and informed the Township of the MCMUA requirement that all new contracts be established for five years. At the time of discussion, Marrone presented the opportunity for the depot to reduce costs and streamline operations by amending recycling operations and redesignating current containers as dedicated commodity types. For example, one of the current three 30 cubic yard rectangular open-top roll-off dumpsters designated for single-stream recyclables will become a dedicated cardboard container, allowing the municipality to generate revenue from the material. The MCMUA and the Township will then revisit the issue once again in six months to see how the public is fairing and audit the material once again to determine the composition and see if a second single-stream container could be replaced with one for a mixed paper container which is also fetching a revenue per ton. This would make the remaining single-stream container the only item at a cost, a comingled container for bottles and cans with a lower cost for recycling. With prices able to offset the cost of recycling once again, the MCMUA will push the possibility of allowing open access to the depot as a free resource to residents and no longer by paid subscription. The contract will also resume services of (1) 30 cubic yard rectangular enclosed dumpsters to recycle rigid plastics. The Township was amendable to these changes and will make a final decision on the proposal at the next Council meeting and inform the MCMUA of their willingness to move forward with a signed shared services agreement to continue with a new contract.

In addition to discussing the proposal, Marrone made several additional suggestions for the depot and their DPW operations for future discussion to reduce costs and optimize operations. After the meeting, Marrone and Toomey met with the DPW director to discuss the municipal tonnage grant reporting process and aided with tracking down additional tonnage to report on. With Washington Township previously being a town with one of the lowest recycling rates, our continued efforts to assist with recycling operations have made the MCMUA a welcomed and respected resource with the DPW staff at the Township was open to and highly appreciative of the assistance provided on our part.

Morris County Vocational School District Shared Services Agreement Proposal:

On March 28, 2024, Marrone was alerted to Morris County Vocational School District's (MCVSD) posted bid for trash and recycling collection and hauling services at their Denville location at 400 East Main Street. After reviewing the bid specifications and discussing the matter internally, Marrone and Toomey contacted MCVSD via phone to alert them to the MCMUA's interest in responding to their service inquiry. At that time, the School Business Administrators' office was informed of our interest in responding through a shared services agreement for their request, and we were educated on our resume of service and our exemption from bidding requirements under the local public contracts law. Moreover, Marrone requested the opportunity for the MCMUA to meet and review their specific needs and work out a service agreement for their operation. The MCVSD was pleased with the information provided and valued the call, informing us that they would get back to us with a date to set up a subsequent meeting after the holiday. After the call, Marrone provided the MCVSD with an email outlining several points of conversation and a written statement of our intention to present a proposal for consideration and a requested meeting. On Wednesday,

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

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

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

- Parsippany Troy-Hills High School Student Education
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Food Matters Monthly Meeting
- MCMUA Schedules Class A Recycling Facility Tours for MRCs

- MCMUA Recycling Education Outreach with our Morris County Municipal Depots
- MCMUA Sponsored Internship with Morris County Vocational School District
- MCMUA and MCDPH Joint Recycling Education and Compliance Inspections
- MCMUA and Morris County Office of Communications Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Welcomes its New Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator to its Team:

On Monday, March 18, 2024, the Solid Waste Planning Team welcomed Alessia Eramo to the MCMUA as its new part-time Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator. Eramo holds a doctorate in civil and environmental engineering and has worked as an environmental consultant with expertise in a wide range of environmental issues, including water and solid waste management. Her experience will be a valued asset to the Authority. In addition to her work experience and education, she has a keen involvement in local government, serving on several boards and commissions within her municipality of residence. Already working on various projects, she is eager to learn about the MCMUA's existing efforts and where to improve them. We look forward to working with her and the new direction she will bring to reduce waste further and improve Morris County's recycling program. We are confident in her ability to do well and can expect great things from her soon!



Dr. Alessia Eramo, MCMUA's new Recycling Program Education and Training Administrator

MCMUA Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

During March 2024, Marrone and Birmingham continued assisting our Morris County municipalities by soliciting for and collecting recycling reports from end facilities, distributing them to municipal recycling coordinators, and posting them to the MCMUA webpage for the 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) reporting period. The MCMUA has received a significant increase in reports from previous years, with more expected into the latter part of the month. In addition, the MCMUA also offered personalized assistance to four municipal coordinators in answering questions regarding reporting, filing, and cataloging information obtained. These municipalities that received direct one-on-one assistance and training from the MCMUA were Chatham Borough, Chester Township, Hanover Township, and Mendham Borough, all of which had new coordinators during this timeframe. Each had an MRC retire during the timescale of Municipal Tonnage Grant reporting, and an MCMUA employee who is licensed as a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) will be required to sign off on their reports for them to be accepted by the NJDEP. The MCMUA currently has four employees who hold and maintain a CRP license: Marrone, Birmingham, McNulty, and Wilson. Toomey and Eramo are on the wait list along with the three municipal coordinators seeking to maintain their licenses with the Rutgers class, which is currently on a two-year waiting list. Providing this resource to our municipalities is valuable to ensuring recycling is reported and sustained in Morris County while also being a much-welcomed relief to our municipalities. With these municipalities considering paying an outside agent to prepare and sign off on each tonnage report, the MCMUA stepped in and offered to train the new replacements in the role and sign off on their reports, saving each the cost which can still be utilized to run their recycling programs. Moreover, the understood agreement is that they would apply their education to their new roles, actively

soliciting recycling reports and visiting generators to collect as much recycling tonnage as possible. These would bolster their grants and garner a higher recycling rate, tasks the hired consultant would charge a premium for or not take on at all.

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

Morris County Assistance with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers:

On March 6-8, 2024, Marrone and Birmingham attended the Sustainability in Motion Conference held in Atlantic City. Both actively participated in preparing, setting up, and running the conference in its second year. The conference is a partnership between the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) and the New Jersey Clean Communities Council to bring together participants from both fields and learn to better work with sustainability at the forefront of decision-making. Educational content focused on sustainability, recycling, litter abatement, materials management, and other environmental concerns.

Throughout March 2024, Marrone attended, participated in, and helped organize several education and planning efforts for the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) as an Executive Board Member. In addition, Marrone created several promotional and educational pieces for ANJR to garner and utilize support for the organization moving forward. The MCMUA also offered to host the 2024 ANJR “Swap and Share” educational event this year for a second year at the Morris County Library on May 9, 2024. At that time, the MCMUA will present effective education strategies and tips for improving municipal recycling programs.

In late March, the Association informed Marrone that the Executive Board chose to nominate him for an elected position within the organization due to his past and present achievements and future goals for the organization. Those elected positions typically provide guidance, set strategy, and oversee management for the organization. The official election will occur at the ANJR Annual Meeting on April 23rd. The slate of nominations and a biography of each nominee will be sent to the entire membership along with other notices during the first week of April 2024 to be voted on.



Marrone with fellow ANJR Board Members at the Sustainability in Motion Conference.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In March 2024, Marrone continued work on planning for, gauging interest in, and developing a program to recycle boat shrink wrap generated within the County of Morris for a second year. Over the month, Marrone worked with various public and private parties, the owner of Ultra-Poly Corporation, who will recycle the collected materials, and the non-profit Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) to finalize details for implementing the 2024 pilot boat shrink-wrap recycling program with an April 1st start date.

Once again, this program will be offered free of charge for both residents and businesses due to the combined efforts of all individuals involved in the program solely by leveraging a managed, dedicated, and sustained stream of a premium product to be recycled directly with the recycler

and cutting out the intermediary processor who will also gain a profit off of the sale of the “recyclate” with other manufacturers to meet their minimum recycled content goals.

MCMUA’s Second Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) Meeting of 2024:

In February, Morris County and four neighboring counties met several times to coordinate a jointly held municipal recycling coordinator workshop to share information and learn about hot topics in the industry. The five counties hosting the meeting are Morris, Bergen, Essex, Passaic, and Hudson, to be held in West Orange.

On March 27, 2024, the five counties’ recycling coordinators hosted a combined municipal recycling coordinator meeting for their MRCs. Of the topics discussed, which included market, recycling facility, and legislative updates, Marrone presented on behalf of the MCMUA on how to improve and ensure the accuracy of content housed on municipal websites. An REA grant requirement to cover, Marrone discussed certain areas such as how to make educational materials conveyed easy to find, follow, and understand for the public, ensure it adheres to the guidelines of the materials recycling facility where materials are brought, updated to possess the correct information, ensure externally linked information is also accurate for any event flyers and materials, and other tips for creating new educational materials. The event allowed enhanced participation and discussions with a larger group in a personable setting. Morris County had 16 of its MRCs present at this meeting. After the meeting, several out-of-county municipalities approached the MCMUA to utilize our household hazardous waste services for out-of-county residents and vegetative waste drop-off services for our vegetative waste recycling facilities. They also asked for general advice on recycling matters.

2022 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Deliverables:

After a significant waiting period, the NJDEP opened the reporting requirements for submitting the 2022 REA Tax Fund Grant financial reporting deliverables. Marrone and Toomey worked on compiling the financial documents required for the REA Grant financial reports and successfully submitted these materials to the NJDEP for review and approval. However, the NJDEP System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) reporting system is still experiencing several issues, which have delayed submitting progress reports and financial reports. Marrone and Toomey have continuously communicated with the NJDEP staff to work through these issues and are prepared to complete the REA grant reports as soon as the problems have been resolved within the State reporting system. Due to these issues experienced for all County submittals, the 2023 REA Grant application process has been delayed and is still unavailable until these issues are corrected.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:

The Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program is on hold until April 2024 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. As a result, three cleanups are planned for on Morris County Roadways, with two around our Transfer Stations, pending the contractor's schedule. Birmingham also visited Berkshire Valley Road in Roxbury, West Dewey Ave. in Wharton, and Hillsdale Ave. in Flanders, scheduled to be cleaned in May 2024.

2024 Morris County School Litter and Artwork Contest:

In March 2024, Birmingham worked on revising the mini-grant applications from last year's litter cleanup and artwork contest program for Morris County's public and private schools. This program is a part of the MCMUA's Clean Communities Program. One significant change for this year's applications is the inclusion of private schools and an expanded artwork contest for the public. Additionally, schools wishing their students to participate in the program can request funding through the MCMUA Clean Communities program to purchase art supplies to ensure students can easily participate while gathering submissions. The school application packets were mailed in late March, and the submission deadline is June 30th.

MCMUA's Award Nomination for the 2024 NJ Clean Communities Awards:

In January 2024, Donna Macalle-Holly, the Grants and Program Director at Lake Hopatcong Foundation, was nominated for the NJ Clean Waterway/Stormwater award and selected by the NJ Clean Communities Council based on her past and present experiences. On March 7, 2024, during the 2024 Sustainability in Motion Conference in Atlantic City, she was presented with her award, and both Birmingham and Marrone were in attendance to accept her award. Following the event, the MCMUA provided a press release on the ceremony to the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, which was featured in its weekly newsletter on March 15, 2024.



Recognizing Donna Macalle-Holly, a champion for clean waterways

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By: Holly Odgers

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our own grants and program director, Donna Macalle-Holly, whose outstanding dedication to environmental stewardship has earned her the esteemed 2024 NJ Clean Communities Clean Waterways Award!

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) nominated Donna for this prestigious award, recognizing her exceptional leadership in coordinating our November 4, 2023, Lake-Wide Community Cleanup on Lake Hopatcong. The success of this cleanup effort, which involved nearly 600 volunteers and the removal of 28,000 pounds of trash, including more than 900 tires, is a testament to Donna's dedication and hard work.

While the Lake-Wide Community Cleanup is truly a community effort, it was conceived by Donna in 2013. She recognized the 5-foot drawdown held every five years on Lake Hopatcong as a unique opportunity to clear litter from the shores and exposed lakebed. Last year marked the third iteration of this impactful initiative, led each time by Donna, a testament to her ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship.

Congratulations, Donna, on this well-deserved honor! Your commitment to reducing litter and promoting environmental education has made a profound impact on Lake Hopatcong and throughout our community!

Photo: (left to right) New Jersey Clean Communities (NJCC) Vice Chairman John Wohlschlag, LHF Grants and Program Director Donna Macalle-Holly, NJCC Chair Linda Doherty, and NJCC Executive Director Julian Giamberini

Pictured above right is Macalle-Holly with Birmingham and Marrone. Above left is the article in the newsletter describing her achievements and celebrating her award.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Regner mentioned to the Board that the Financial Disclosure Statement email was sent out on April 1, 2024 from Laura Roberts of the County Clerk's Office and should be submitted before the end of April.

There being no further 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:

Executive Director Gindoff asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:02 p.m. regarding litigation in the MCMUA vs Mine Hill billing matter.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:02 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Ms. Szwak.

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

Vice Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to into open session at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:30 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Druetzler.

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

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Szwak made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ragonese and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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