MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 14, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on May 14, 2024 at 7:02 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.

Chairman Guadagno 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.

Chairman Guadagno requested a roll call.

<u>PRESENT</u>: Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Dr. Dorothea Kominos,

Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Larry Ragonese, and Mr. Michael Guadagno.

Ms. Laura Szwak entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry and Ms. Maria Farris.

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.

Chairman Guadagno mentioned that he is tendering his resignation from the MUA as of this meeting, and is making a Motion to recommend Christopher Dour as Chairman. This Motion was seconded by Mr. Druetzler and carried unanimously. Executive Director Gindoff thanked Mike for all his work, effort and help he gave the MUA. Mr. Guadagno said he had to leave for personal reasons and said you are a great Board. The Board wished him well.

(Mr. Michael Guadagno exited the meeting.)

Executive Director Gindoff congratulated Chris Dour on his appointment and thanked him for serving as Chairman. As far as the Vice Chair, unless anyone wants to assume the position, Mr. Gindoff recommended that we go without it until we need one. Mr. Carney mentioned that is totally up to the Board and they can nominate a Vice Chair at any time. The Board concurred. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he would prepare a Resolution for Mike Guadagno for next month.

Marilyn Regner informed the Board of the passing of former MUA Board Member William Hudzik.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session

Minutes of April 9, 2024 and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 3 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Messrs. Druetzler & Nusbaum

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of April 2024. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions for the month of April, 2024 and an Investment Report which shows no new investments for the month of April 2024.

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

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report

and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher explained that due to the unexpected and unbudgeted pipeline repair, \$250,000.00 is being moved out of Water Operations and Maintenance Reserve and moving it to a Pipe and/or Infrastructure Repair line item to code all expenses and asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution to amend the 2024 Fiscal Budget for the Water Division:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-045 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 WATER DIVISION

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority's budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2024 budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations: From: To:

Operations & Mtce. Reserve \$ 666,637.00 \$ 416,637.00

<u>Increase Appropriations:</u> <u>From:</u> <u>To:</u>

Miscellaneous COPS (Pipeline Repair) \$ 938,800.00 \$1,188,800.00

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2024.

	MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
ATTEST:	By: Christopher Dour, Chairman
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Amend the 2024 Fiscal Budget

for the MCMUA Water Division and Mr. Ragonese seconded

the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher explained that the next resolution is an extension of the February Reorganization Meeting resolution that appoints our QPA. This resolution allows the QPA to award contracts between the Pay-To-Play threshold and the bid threshold and asked for the Board's approval of the same:

Resolution No. 2024-046

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing Shana O'Mara as the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) to Award Contracts Over \$17,500.00 and Under the Bid Threshold of \$44,000.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-3(a), the threshold at which contracts as defined pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A 40A 1101 et seq ("LPCL") may be subject to competitive bidding if they are in excess of the amount designated by the Governor of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-3(c); and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority affirmed on February 13, 2024 Resolution 2024-016 appointing Shana O'Mara as Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority's QPA; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2023 Chapter 30, allows the QPA to award directly either through a fair and open or enhanced disclosure method as appropriate such contracts which exceed the limits set forth in P.L. 2004, c 10, s.3, but do not exceed the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:11-3(a); and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold which was enacted to increase efficiency and adjust for changes in purchasing and business dynamics, and the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority further wishes to confirm that statutory general delegation of this purchasing power to Shana O'Mara the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority's appointed QPA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Council, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows: Shana O'Mara shall be and is hereby confirmed as Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority's QPA and as such she shall be and is hereby authorized to exercise the contracting powers granted in pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-3, including to prepare, sign and execute such documents as needed for purposes of such an award.

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 May 14, 2024.

	MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
ATTEST:	By:Christopher Dour, Chairman
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to Authorize Shana O'Mara As The

Qualified Purchasing Agent To Award Contracts Over \$17,500.00 and Under the Bid Threshold of \$44,000.00 and Mr. Ragonese

seconded the Motion.

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

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

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-047

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. 2024-047 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4, 249,354.16** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6586-6614	\$	331,920.34
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14962-15039	\$	3,917,433.82
		\$	4.249,354.16

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: May 14, 2024	BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL	
	Christopher Dour, Chairman	
SIGNED:Marilyn Regner, Secretary	_	
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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: May 14, 2024.

DATE: May 14, 2024	
	Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there are two large items to pay for the water main repair break in the amount of approximately \$95,000 to J. Fletcher Creamer, which will be addressed in the Emergency resolution in the Engineer's Report and \$109,000 to John Garcia, our emergency contractor.

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

Mr. Kaletcher informed the Board that regarding the 2023 Audit, we will be receiving the Audits within the next two weeks. Upon receipt, we will forward them to the Board for their review. Man Lee from Nisivoccia LLP will be present at the June Board Meeting to report on the Audit and answer and questions the Board may have.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned there is no additional correspondence. He mentioned that items in the Correspondence will be addressed later in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

- 1. <u>Letter</u> dated May 6, 2024 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, from Michael McAloon, Senior Project Manager, Suburban Consulting Engineers, regarding Water Division Emergency and On-Call Services Payment Recommendation for J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.
- 2. <u>Letter</u> dated May 7, 2024 to Honorable Rosemary E. Ramsay, J.S.C., Morris County Courthouse, from Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP regarding Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority v. Township of Mine Hill., advising that the MCMUA desires to withdraw its pending Motion for Summary Judgment.

SOLID WASTE

3. <u>Permit</u> approved on April 18, 2024 by the NJDEP, Division of Land Resource Protection for Block 4500, Lot 5; (Right-of-Way of Gold Mine Road), Mount Olive Township for extension of an existing water main for the purpose of emergency fire suppression at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station under Highlands Preservation Area Approval (HPAA) With Waiver.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) John Garcia submitted their payment for the work performed under the Emergency and On-Call Service Contract associated with the 24" PCCP emergency. SCE has reviewed the contractor's request and finds it reflective of the effort to complete this work and recommends payment. He presented an Emergency Declaration Resolution and Memo for the Board's consideration authorizing payment to J. Fletcher Creamer in the amount of \$95,057.02. This is for the work associated with their portion of their 24" PCCP repair associated with the water main break at 64 Pleasant Hill Road.

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

Resolution No. 2024-048 Resolution Awarding Emergency Services To Repair Existing 24-Inch PCCP Pipeline Near 65 Pleasant Hill Road

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter the "Authority") owns and operates a system for the distribution of potable water located within the district of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation developed with respect to a leak on the existing 24-Inch PCCP (Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe) near 65 Pleasant Hill Road that affected public health, safety and welfare and required immediate repair; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer (Suburban), the Executive Director authorized the acquisition of emergency services and equipment from J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., having a business address of 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, in order to provide for the emergency repair of the existing 24-inch PCCP pipe and restore normal operation of the system which is essential for the distribution of water in the Authority's service area; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-6, a contract may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate performance of the services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is satisfied that, for the reasons articulated in the written memorandum from the Executive Director, attached hereto and made a part hereof, the proposed emergency contract is justified and meets the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the emergency repair performed by J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. which included mobilizing to the site, extending excavation and placement of additional clean stone for trench box placement and working area, cutting and removing broken 24" PCCP main, cleaning adjacent joint and installing 24" PCCP adapters and 24" DIP with two 24" sleeves, making a service tap and reconnecting service to a residential home, removing the trench box and backfilling to spring line of the pipe and demobilization is \$95,057.02; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available in Budget Line Item 02-6-600-602-324 for the payment of \$95,057.02 to Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 14th day of May, 2024 as follows:

- 1. The Authority ratifies the actions taken to meet the emergency condition and the award of the contract on file at the offices of the Authority for the provision of emergency services and material by J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, NJ 07601 and authorizes payment to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. not to exceed the amount of \$95,057.02 for the efforts to complete the emergency leak repair at 65 Pleasant Hill Road.
- 2. 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 May 14, 2024.

	MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
	By: Christopher Dour, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	

MOTION: Ms. Druetzler made a Motion To Award Emergency Services

To Repair Existing 24-Inch PCCP Pipeline Near 65 Pleasant

Hill Road and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the Pipe Repair appropriation, Account No. 02-6-600-602-324 listed to cover the expenditures included in the "Resolution Awarding Emergency Services Contract To Repair Existing 24-inch PCCP Pipeline Near 65 Pleasant Hill Road."

DATE: May 9, 2024	
•	Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

(2) A Water Committee Meeting was held on May 1, 2024 to discuss the next steps associated with that pipeline. During the meeting, it was discussed that SCE will evaluate design options for replacement of this pipeline potentially as part of the Alamatong Well #1 and Well #2 PFAS project. Also discussed during this meeting was the Mine Hill outstanding water balance, which will be discussed in closed session.; (3) Regarding the General System, through the month of April 2024, MCMUA sold approximately 440.923 MG; slightly less than 2023 and 2022.; (4) Regarding the Stierli Court Water Connection, we are happy to report that the facility has grouted their existing well shut to eliminate potential cross connection with their newly installed service. They did provide the formal closure report and there is no further action required and this project is considered complete.; (5) Union Paving is deep into the bridge replacement project. We have been coordinating with them the necessary water main relocation and protection to accommodate the new stormwater improvements as part of that project. They are looking at late summer start time on the water main, and we stressed to them the importance of holding off on doing that during peak summer time when Lake Hopatcong and Mt. Arlington are all taking a lot of water and we are coordinating with them daily.; and (6) Regarding Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, we had a Pre-Construction Meeting with Sovereign Consulting. We began reviewing the shop drawings. There are some pretty substantial lead times associated with the VFD's and the new pumps, so they do plan on mobilizing to the site and starting on the exterior work while the long lead time items are fabricated.; (7) The Pre-Construction Meeting for Flanders Valley 1 & 2 Generator Replacement Project was held on Monday, May 6, 2024. They indicated the generator lead times are approximately 42 weeks, so we stressed to them the importance of submitting the shop drawings so we could release that equipment.; and (8) Astro Electrical has finally submitted the all the close-out documents and we are prepared to release final payment of \$5,565.22.

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

Resolution No. 2024-049 Resolution Accepting The Work Of Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC For Contract No. 2023-SW01 "Parsippany Motor Control Center Improvements"

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") and Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC., 1415 E. Elizabeth Ave., Linden, New Jersey 07036 ("Astro" or the "Contractor") entered into an agreement on July 13, 2023 to perform the replacement of the Motor Control Center at Parsippany Transfer Station 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 successfully completed the work on Friday, February 26, 2024: and

WHEREAS, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. ("SCE") evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punchlist items were satisfactorily addressed; and

WHEREAS, Astro successfully completed the work to the satisfaction of the Owner and Engineer, and furnished the necessary project closeout documents including certified payroll reports, and release of all liens; and

WHEREAS, due to a reconciliation of un-used quantities that were not needed for the work, Change Order No. 1 results in a decrease in the final contract price by \$9,454.78 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, SCE evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 and the aforementioned decrease in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which decreases the contract price in the amount of \$9,454.78 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends processing the final payment to Astro in the amount of \$5,565.22, which includes the release of retainage; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account number 01-1-900-000-128 for the release of the final payment and retainage to Astro.

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

- 1. The MCMUA determines that the work performed by Astro pursuant to Contract 2023-W01 has reached final completion and the completed work is accepted.
- 2. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment to Astro in the amount of \$5,565.22, which includes the release of retainage in the amount of \$1,600.90.
- 3. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
- 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 May 14, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

	By:
ATTEST:	Christopher Dour, Chairman
By: Mari	lyn Regner, Secretary
MOTION:	Dr. Kominos made a Motion To Accept Work of Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC For Contract No. 2023-SW01, "Parsippany Motor Control Center Improvements" and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. <u>Pleasant Hill Road – Watermain Break</u>

- A. As previously detailed, the work John Garcia Construction performed to repair the 24-inch PCCP (Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe) was performed under the emergency and on-call service contract. In accordance with the terms and conditions of that contract agreement, John Garcia has submitted payment in the amount of \$109,015.10. SCE has reviewed the Contractors request and finds this is reflective of the effort to complete this work, and recommends payment.
- B. Include with the board report package included the emergency declaration memo which outlined the work performed by J. Fletcher Creamer. In accordance with the emergency declaration memo, an invoice in the amount of \$95,057.02 was submitted. SCE has reviewed the Contractor request and finds this reflective of the effort to complete this work, and recommends payment. SCE will present an emergency declaration resolution and associated memo for the board's consideration authorizing the payment to J. Fletcher Creamer.
- C. A Water Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday May 1, 2024 to discuss the next steps associated with the existing 24-inch PCCP. During the meeting, it was discussed that SCE will evaluate design options for the replacement of this pipeline, potentially as part of the Alamatong Well #1 and Well #2 PFAS project.

2. General System:

A. Through the month of April 2024, MCMUA sold approximately 440.923 MG. This amount is approximately 5.961 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023 and approximately 35.699 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022.

3. Mine Hill Outstanding Water Balance

A Water Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. A summary of this meeting will be provided during closed session.

4. 100 Stierli Court Water Connection

The facility has grouted the existing well shut, to eliminate potential cross connection with the newly installed service and provided the formal closure report. No further action is necessary, and this project is considered complete.

5. NJDOT – Route 80 Bridges Over Howard Blvd.

SCE has prepared a design memo and circulated to NJDOT regarding the proposed shutdown and connection plan for the work associated with the watermain relocation necessary for the installation of the stormwater infrastructure as part of the NJDOT project. SCE will review the submittals once received.

6. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

The pre-construction meeting was held on Friday April 26 with representatives from *Sovereign Consulting, Inc.* SCE has setup a ShareFile which will be utilized during construction to track submittals and all construction related documents. The contractor plans on mobilizing to the site to complete all of the exterior work while the long lead time items are fabricated.

Project Completion Summary Through May 14, 2024

Contract Start Date		March 28, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	47	13%
Days Remaining:	318	87%
Original Contract Completion Date		March 28, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through May 14, 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

7. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

The pre-construction meeting was held on Monday May 6, 2024 with representatives from *Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc*. The lead times on the generators are approximately 42-weeks. The Contractor will prepare and submit shop drawings for the equipment so it can be released for fabrication. We will continuously track the progress of the equipment.

8. Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC, has successfully completed the installation of the MCC for the Parsippany Transfer station, as well as all open punch list and closeout work

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #4, in the amount of \$5,565.22 which reflects the value of work completed, as well as release of retainage. Additionally, as part of the close out of this contract, change order #1 is presented which provides a \$9,454.78 credit on the project for un-used allowances which were incorporated into the project. SCE has prepared resolution for the board's consideration accepting work and authorizing final payment and release of retainage.

9. <u>Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements</u>

The pre-construction meeting was held on Monday May 6, 2024 with representatives from *Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc*. The lead times on the Motor Control Center is approximately 26 weeks. The Contractor will prepare and submit shop drawings for the equipment so it can be released for fabrication. We will continuously track the progress of the equipment.

10. Alamatong Wellfield Testing and Sampling Test Wells

Through discussions with UHL & Associates, it is anticipated that the drilling work will commence beginning the week of June 3rd and continue for two (2) weeks. The third week will consist of performing the pump tests which will confirm well capacity. The recommendation report would be anticipated by August 2024.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (1) Reminder that our 1st One-Day HHW Event is this Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Morris County Public Safety Academy in Parsippany; (2) The HHW Permanent Facility site is ready for the arrival of our new office trailer

and we should have a schedule for that trailer by the end of this week.; (3) We did have some delays on the screening project at Parsippany Compost. As of Monday, the Diamond-Z is on site at the Mt. Olive Compost site. Staff is well into grinding our tree parts and brush. Due to the substantial amount of material, the MUA budgeted for 10 working days for that grinder. Thanks to Parsippany Forestry for the assist with the grinder.; (4) Thanks to County IT for getting our Vegetative Waste trailers set up with computers, network and phones. County IT will on site in Parsippany tomorrow to get our credit machines installed with the Paradigm software.; (5) The report reflects the tonnage for April, currently 6.28% increase compared to 2023 after 4 months. Now projected at 501,270 tons for 2024. We had a very busy April now continuing into May. The comparison stats shows increases in tonnage, total customers and cash customers/residential for both stations in April was up.; (6) With regard to transfer station improvements, the signage at Mt. Olive looks great and landscaping at Mt. Olive and Parsippany. The camera system was installed the last two weekends at Mt. Olive. Thank you to Brett Snyder for overseeing this project. We need to be set up on the Law and Public Safety Platform and finish with the additional camera at Mt. Olive and that will complete that project.; (7) Operations Manager Bobby Ross is working on getting a licensed plumber to install a new water meter in Parsippany and next week the Fire Marshall's contractor will install the backflow preventer.; (8) De-En Electrical Contracting was provided the Notice to Proceed for the Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center. This project should be completed by January 2025.

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

Resolution No. 2024-050

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase Contracts with Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Contract Vendor for 2024

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;

Trucks Class 4-8 – Sanitation Equipment 23/24-04 \$6,000.00 Concrete Repair Systems – Ocean Construction 22/23-33 \$60,000.00

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 **May 1, 2024** to **February 28, 2025.**

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 May 14, 2024.

	MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
	By:Christopher Dour, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Marilyn Reg	ner, Secretary
MOTION:	Dr. Kominos made a Motion to Authorize the Purchase Contracts With Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Contract Vendor for 2024 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

(Ms. Szwak entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) In regard to the Mt. Olive facility, the weather didn't cooperate for the apron replacement work scheduled last weekend. They going to end up replacing the entire apron based on the soundings that were performed. Work will be done on Friday and Saturday to order to minimize the impacts on the facility.; (2) Also in regards to Mt. Olive, we did receive the Highlands Preservation Area approval with the Public Health and Safety Waiver issued on April 18 by NJDEP. That authorizes the water main extension and we will be reaching out to Mt. Olive Township to extend the franchise area of N.J. American Water Company.

Chairman Dour asked how long do you expect that to take and Mr. Kobylarz replied to negotiate with the town and N.J. American and then get it approved by BPU, we are looking at a couple of months.

(3) With regard to the Par-Troy Facility, we are still planning on having the Trench Drain Replacement project done by Spring. We did the core samples and found that we have to adjust the design of the trench drain itself. We found that the elevation to the column footings would conflict with the trench drain, so we shorten it up to make it fit. We approved shop drawings based on the revised trench drains and sent them back to Peerless, the manufacturer, on April 17 so we are waiting for an update from Peerless and Tom Cook as well, as far as moving this project forward.; (4) The Solid Waste Facility Permit was issued by DEP on April 18 and that approves the increased capacity to 1,978 tons per day, upon issuance of modified Air Permit, which would allow for that increase. We are currently working with Air Permitting Program with DEP to obtain that approval.

Mr. Druetzler asked why do we have to negotiate with N.J. American Water and the town, Mr. Kobylarz replied that the property is not within the service area. It is a formality of extending the service area and getting that franchise area changed and it takes a little time.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MCMUA Transfer Station Managers Brett Snyder and Justin Doyle, along with Hazardous and

Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams, attended the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) New Jersey Spring Conference on May 2 and May 3 at the Golden Nugget Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City. This year's session included guest speakers who presented on diverse topics such as food waste, solar panel recycling, and PaintCare legislation. The conference also afforded the MCMUA staff an opportunity to network with other County representatives as well as vendors in the solid waste industry. MCMUA attendance was made possible by a concerted effort of the remaining members of the Operations team during their absence, so that all programs could continue uninterrupted.

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. The MCMUA made some preparations for the arrival of this office trailer during the month of April. The tools and supplies inside the current trailer are being moved to the new equipment storage shed for Mount Olive transfer located by the Shop Area. Some trees were removed within the HHWF property making the switch from old to new easier for Mobilease when they're ready. The MCMUA staff is expecting to receive this trailer in late May 2024.

Manager Adams also coordinated shipments throughout the month of April keeping the site as clean and clear as possible. This included materials other than the basic HHW shipment by MXI Environmental Services. Materials like cooking oils, lead acid batteries, BBQ propane cylinders, fire extinguishers, and used consumer electronics (e-waste) have all been handled.

Program Participation- At the end of April 2024, the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility serviced 818 total customers for the year. 756 of these customers were Morris County residents, 21 were VSQG/small businesses, and 41 total out-of-County residents. Compared to the end of April 2023, when Morris County serviced a total of 777 customers, 712 in-County residents, 16 VSQG's, and 49 out-of-County. The program has serviced 41 more customers this year compared to last year. As far as April 2024 stats are concerned: 230 total customers, 215 Morris County Residents, 6 VSQG's, and 9 out-of-County residents.

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 lbs. Total
- 2020- 165,245 lbs. Total
- 2021- 187,069 lbs. Total
- 2022- 161,927 lbs. Total
- 2023- 209,673 lbs. Total
- To date in 2024, MXI performed three (3) hazardous waste shipments, 69,860 lbs. Total.

The first 2024 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off Event Day is quickly approaching, **Saturday, May 18**, rain or shine, 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Morris County Public Safety Academy (MCPSTA), 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054. The second event is again scheduled at the MCPSTA on June 22. Fall 2024 events include Saturday, September 14, 2024- MCPSTA and Saturday, October 26, 2024- MCPSTA.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The anticipated screener project for Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility has been postponed until early June to allow for brush/tree parts grinding services (Parsippany Forestry) over the next few weeks at Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility to proceed unhindered. In the interest of making the best of the situation, MCMUA Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams collaborated with colleagues Marilyn Regner and Site Supervisors Keith Bibeault and Harry Dry to take advantage of additional openings in the schedule with the screener being delayed. The remainder of the week has been filled with residential deliveries to take advantage of this opportunity thanks to efforts by all involved. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the May 14 MCMUA Board meeting.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 41,204 tons of solid waste disposed of at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in April 2024 was 12.99% greater than the 36,465 tons accepted in April 2023. The big difference in monthly tons between April 2024 and April 2023 seems to be that last year's tonnage was lower than expected more so than 2024's tonnage being extraordinarily high. It is currently projected that for 2024 the annual disposal tonnage will be 501,270 tons which would represent a 6.28% increase over the 471,515 tons accepted for all of 2023. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

April Monthly Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 15,988- 2,392 more than 2023 Total Customers- 4,144- 515 more than 2023 Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 908- 26 more than 2023

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 25,216- 2,342 more than 2023 Total Customers- 5,653- 365 more than 2023 Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 472- 4 more than 2023

Transfer Station Site Improvements- Mount Olive Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle has started the process of installing/mounting all the new signage for his facility throughout the month of April and now into May. This new signage will assist our customers and inspectors to navigate the facility, while promoting health and safety to prevent incidents. Once completed, staff will complete some additional line striping and finalize the official "Line Striping Plan" for Mount Olive prepared by Alaimo. Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder has finalized similar signage needed to Parsippany assist with proper traffic and flow around the site. Trees were removed near the new flagpole in Mount Olive outside the HHW facility retainage wall, with the area now neatly landscaped. J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) staff have completed the comprehensive cleaning and power-washing of the Mount Olive transfer station loading tunnel, which included all the walls, floors, and ramps. The same will start on the main tipping floor the week of May 13. At this point, JPM has the MCMUA spring clean-up/repair list basically complete for the Mount Olive transfer station facility. The MCMUA Operations staff arranged for some additional wood chips from our Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility to be delivered to the Parsippany station to properly landscape the area by the newly planted arborvitaes outside of the North tipping floor. On May 4 and 5 down at Parsippany, technicians completed the installation of the EMT conduit and cat6 shielded cables needed for the five (5) PTZ-3160-HD30 cameras previously approved by the Board. A hired electrician ran power to a light pole for one (1) new camera at Mount Olive that will oversee the parking lot, tunnel, and South end of the facility. Final installation of the actual Point Tilt Zoom (PTZ) cameras in Parsippany is now scheduled for May 11 and 12. MCMUA staff continue to work with Effective Sign Works to have the new dual sided digital sign placed 11' feet from the curbline on New Road, seeking approval from Township of Parsippany. Finally, JPM's new onsite Manager for the Parsippany transfer station, Mr. Samuel (Sam) Eng, started on Tuesday, April 9 and has hit the ground running.

The MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station staff has been working with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) and Parsippany Township Public Works- Water Department on installation of a new 3" by 17" long Mach 10 water meter downstairs in the pump room. The MCMUA will now ask the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office contractor to complete the proper installation of the meter. When the meter is installed, Parsippany will come back out to replace the MIU radio, radio wire, and inspect the contractor's work. When the project is completed and approved, the MCMUA will look to repair/replace the system's "basket strainer", located directly beneath the Mach meter, which has major signs of corrosion.

The MCMUA has prepared Resolution No. 2024-050 for the Board's consideration at the May 14 meeting. The Resolution is for using the ESCNJ cooperating purchasing program to work with Ocean Construction, LLC. from Williamstown, New Jersey to perform concrete repair work and/or replacement throughout our Mount Olive transfer station facility property. The following

is some support detail for the Board when considering the Resolution No. 2024-050:

- Concrete step replacement outside the station's pump room with two (2) treads and landings, 7" risers, 12" treads, all to match the existing layout.
- Concrete repair for both the inbound and outbound truck scales. 3' by 10' by 17 ½" thick slab with galvanized angle for the top edges.
- A concrete pad for the Kohler emergency generator and 500-gallon propane fuel tank near the facility's scale house. Includes installation of four (4) new safety bollards protecting both.
- Repairs to the drain inlet near the facility's retention pond with new concrete blocks and surrounding asphalt.

Resolution No. 2024-050 will also include a blanket purchase order (PO) for ancillary equipment and supplies needed from Sanitation Equipment Company, Inc. for our Curbside Division as further described in the Recycling Coordinator's Report.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- 2024 projects and improvements involving both the Alaimo Group (Alaimo) and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) at the two (2) MCMUA 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 May 13 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Apron floor "soundings" were performed on April 23 by personnel from Infrastructure Repair Services, LLC (IRS). It was determined that approximately 80% of the Euclid Chemical 404 material had delaminated from the concrete subfloor. Based on these results, IRS believed that the entire apron surface coating is to be removed/resurfaced with the Euclid material. The repairs/replacement on the delaminated concrete apron by IRS and Euclid Chemical was planned for May 10 through May 12. Due to unfavorable weather conditions, the project has been delayed. IRS will work with Alaimo and the MCMUA to schedule and complete this project in the near future. This work is covered under Euclid's warranty.
- On April 18, 2024, the MCMUA and Alaimo received the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection- Division of Land Protection- Highlands Preservation Area Approval with Waiver (N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 for Public Health and Safety). This Permit has been included as correspondence for the Board's review at the May 14 meeting and filed with the Morris County Clerk's Office. It authorizes the water main extension for the Mount Olive transfer station. The next step is to coordinate with Mount Olive Township to extend the franchise area of the New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWCo), who owns the nearest water main in the area approximately 800' West of the facility on Gold Mine Road. A Franchise Agreement is necessary to allow NJAWCo to serve the transfer station. An executed agreement would be submitted to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for their review/approval prior to the construction of the main. If approved, Alaimo will begin to design the water main extension and connection into the current onsite system, put it out to bid, and then get it constructed.
- The Motor Control Center (MCC) improvement project, which entails the removal of all the outdated/inoperable electrical panels and components, is now underway. SCE and the MCMUA Operations staff held a pre-construction meeting on Monday, May 6 with contractor DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. out of Linden, New Jersey. The notice to proceed has been issued for the Mount Olive transfer station MCC. Due to extended lead times, 240 continuous calendar days, the project completion date is currently planned for early January 2025.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- During the May 14 Board meeting SCE will present the final closeout documentation for Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC. and the Motor Control Center (MCC) improvement project. SCE has prepared Resolution No. 2024-049 for the Board accepting the work and authorizing final payment to Astro Electrical, in the amount of \$5,565.22.
- J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM), Peerless Concrete, IRS, and Euclid Chemical are still scheduled for a full replacement of the damaged trench drain system in Spring of 2024.

The core samples taken a few weeks back confirmed that the depth to the top of column footing was not sufficient for the proposed trench drains. Based on this information, the floor drain depth was reduced and the shop drawing revised/approved to commence manufacture of the trench drains. Approved shop drawings were sent to Peerless on April 17, 2024. Alaimo requested an update on the manufacture of the trench drains and are now awaiting a response. The replacement of the related protective safety bollards and concrete attenuators will take place at a later date.

• NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit- The MCMUA received word that the renewal with modification of the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station was approved and signed by the NJDEP on April 18, 2024. The original signed document was sent via Certified Mail to the attention of Executive Director Larry Gindoff. The document approves the increase of capacity to 1,978 tons per day (TPD) upon the issuance of a modified air Permit (for the higher capacity) by the Department's Air Permitting program. Alaimo is now working on "Requirement #55" regarding the reference to requiring the modified air permit with respect to the increase in capacity.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

The April 2024 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) - \$49.51/ton. For a positive increase in pricing of \$1.58 per ton from the previous month.

- Entering April, curbside grades continue to show positive, yet sluggish, signs of improvement.
- This month's highlight is pricing for curbside plastic materials, which has continued its gradual increase over the last few months due to a limited supply of post-consumer recycled resin.
- Plastics have become a critical constraint for buyers, much like fiber in past months, trading at prices over what was paid out since last summer.
- Despite the news on the dormancy of fiber markets, experts are optimistic and continue to forecast sustained pricing into the third quarter.

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

Recycling Shared Service Agreement Efforts and Education:

- In addition to the positive work described in the April report on these efforts, we received word from the Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD) this past Friday afternoon to proceed with a 5-year shared services agreement for trash disposal and recycling collection.
- Due to the late timing of their verbal service award to the MCMUA, we were unable to meet the deadline to present a resolution to the Board for tonight's meeting or propose a resolution for the necessary equipment to service that location, requiring a necessary posting period.
- Both resolutions will be placed for the Board's approval at the June meeting.
- When the business administrator verbally awarded the contract, the MCMUA was applauded for its proposed plan and upcoming efforts to educate and increase recycling participation at the school with the new contract and work toward streamlining efforts not previously done under the other contract.
- Currently, the site only recycles corrugated cardboard through its current contract and has a complicated disposal process, which the MCMUA seeks to improve.

MCMUAs Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

- April 30 was the deadline for our Morris County municipalities to submit their Municipal Tonnage Grant reports to the NJDEP, and as of May 1, all municipalities submitted their reports.
- At this time, I would like to acknowledge Cheryl Birmingham from our division for her dedication and unwavering efforts to support our Municipal Recycling Coordinators during this period.

- Serving as a staunch resource for all our 39 coordinators, Cheryl helped them to fill out their reports, provided advice, reviewed submittals, found missing recycling reports, navigated appropriate tonnage, provided one-on-one personalized assistance, signed several municipalities reports, and served as a welcoming voice during a stressful time to discuss requirements ensuring compliance with the process. So, a big thank you to Cheryl!
- In addition to these efforts to increase our recycling goals, I have worked with our county health department to obtain recycling reports from our Class A recycling facilities, which have consistently failed to report over the years and brought them into compliance.
- Next week, Alessia and Brianna will begin a deep dive into the submitted reports and make necessary suggestions and additions to our municipality's reports for submission before the June 15 revision date.
- Because of efforts like these, Morris County stands as a leader and trusted resource for recycling amongst its peers throughout the state. This helps us achieve our statemandated goals of at least a 50% MSW and 60% total recycling rates.

MCMUA Board Recycling Facility Tours:

- This past month, in addition to our monthly municipal recycling coordinator tours, the Recycling Division scheduled a recycling facility tour for our Board Members at Republic Services in Mine Hill, followed by a site visit of our HHW and Mount Olive Vegetative Recycling Facilities.
- Members Ragonese and Szwak, joined by the Recycling Division, traveling on a faithful three-hour tour of recycling fun and education across Morris County.
- We learned about the inner workings of our various programs and operations, and fortunately, everyone made it back, and no one was lost.

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

- In April and May, the Marinas recycling program continued without issue and is in full swing.
- So far, three fully compacted containers have exited their Morris County collection sites and have been recycled at Ultra-Poly in Pennsylvania.
- With two more containers scheduled for final compaction and pull this week, the program has yielded over 6 tons of recycled materials, an increase from last year's totals during this time.
- In addition to our marina recycling program, our first public recycling drop-off day was on May 4 at the Jefferson Township Health Center in Lake Hopatcong.
 - The event yielded over 39 individuals who came multiple times to drop off enough material to fill one full container of compacted material.
- The event was so successful that a second date is scheduled for June 1 to help clean up the end of the opening season material.
- The program typically dies down in the beginning to mid-June and will conclude at the end of June.
- All materials are being shredded and pelletized at Ultra Poly's Pennsylvania facility and sold to a local manufacturer using the feedstock to produce plastic garbage bags, decking, and lawn furniture for full circularity in this process.

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

Resolution No. 2024-051

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement For Transporting And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Township Of Washington Commencing On Or About July 1, 2024

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Township of Washington has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and WHEREAS, the Morris

County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing transportation services and providing markets for disposition of Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$ $\underline{40:14B-1}$ $\underline{\text{et}}$ $\underline{\text{seq.}}$ and $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$ $\underline{40:14B-20(14)}$, the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in an agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the marketing of recyclable materials recovered through a recycling program is exempt from public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(a)(3)(b), any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, by the Municipality, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:65-5(c), the agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of appropriate resolutions by all the parties thereto, and execution of agreements authorized thereunder as set forth in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township of Washington desire to enter into a new agreement to provide for the Transporting and Marketing of Recyclable Materials commencing July 1, 2024 for five (5) years until June 30, 2029.

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

- 1. The Executive Director of is authorized to execute said Agreement in substantially similar form as that on file in the office of the MCMUA.
- 2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-5(2) and <u>N.J.S.A</u> 40A:11-5(1)(s) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
- 3. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect 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 May 14, 2024.

	MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
	By:
	Christopher Dour, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize Execution Of An

Agreement For Transporting And Marketing Of Recyclable

Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Township of Washington Commencing On Or About

July 1, 2024 and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2024-052

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of The First Amended Agreement Providing For Collection And Disposal Of Waste Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities

Authority And The County Of Morris

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22 adopted September 13, 2022, the MCMUA authorized an "Agreement Providing for Collection and Disposal of Waste Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the County of Morris Commencing on or about January 1, 2023" ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the parties Executed the Agreement between September 14, 2022 and September 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the parties have performed pursuant to this Agreement since that time and at this time desire to make the change for additional garbage collection services; and

WHEREAS, the additional garbage collection services include one additional weekly garbage collection location at the Daytop Building at 320 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, for an additional \$100 per month cost to the County from May through December, increasing the 2024 annual collection cost to \$80,326.16, and increasing each subsequent year based on a 2% increase from this cost; and

WHEREAS, such relevant and necessary amendments have accordingly been made to the "First Amendment to Agreement Providing for Collection and Disposal of Waste Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the County of Morris" ("First Amendment") to reflect this change; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the County of Morris desire to execute such "First Amendment" at this time, and

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

- 1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said First Amendment, more specifically entitled "First Amendment to Agreement Providing for Collection and Disposal of Waste Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the County of Morris.", as attached, with the County.
- 2. The Authority's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other action necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
- 3. 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 May 14, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

	By:
	Christopher Dour, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize Execution of First

Amended Agreement Providing For Collection And Disposal Of Waste Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The County of Morris and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2024-053 Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of A Spending Plan For A 2023 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007, c. 311 et seq. provides for the awarding of Recycling Enhancement Tax Fund entitlements by the Department of Environmental Protection to designated Solid Waste Management Districts to assist them in the preparation, revision and implementation of comprehensive solid waste management and recycling plans; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority desires such financial assistance to fulfill its responsibilities under the Solid Waste Management Act and the Recycling Enhancement Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- That a Spending Plan be submitted to the Solid and Hazardous Waste
 Management Program for a 2023 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement in the amount of \$356,400.00.
- 2. That the Executive Director of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Larry Gindoff, and any successors to that position; the Morris County District Recycling Coordinator, Anthony Marrone, and any successors to that position; and the Chief Financial Officer of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Larry Kaletcher, and any successors to that position are hereby authorized and directed to

execute and file such spending plans and agreements; to provide additional information, furnish such documents; to execute such documents as are required; to make amendments to the spending agreements, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the Morris County Solid Waste Management District.

- 3. The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was designated by the Morris County Board of Commissioners as the implementing agency to perform the Recycling Enhancement Tax Entitlements on March 25, 2009.
- 4. The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority does hereby hold the State of New Jersey and its departments and agencies harmless from any dangers, losses, and claims which may arise directly or indirectly from the execution of the Entitlement.
- 5. The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority hereby accepts the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and the guidelines promulgated under it.
- 6. This Resolutions 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 May 14, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILTIES AUTHORITY

ATTEST:	By: Christopher Dour, Chairman
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize The Filing Of A Spending

Plan For A 2023 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement

and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

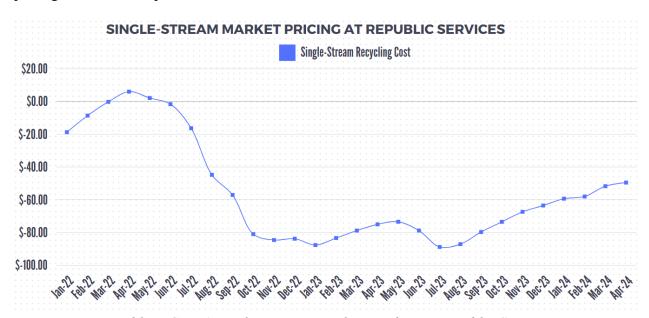
Recycling Tonnage and Value

March Recycling Update:

With the finalized figures for March 2024 pricing of Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services unavailable at the time of the April MCMUA Board Meeting, this report includes the finalized numbers for pricing and tonnage. These amounts show a positive increase of \$6.92 from the previous month, bringing the rate to -\$51.09 per ton.

April Recycling Update:

In April 2024, the finalized rate for single-stream recycling is \$-49.51, a positive increase of \$1.58 per ton from the previous month. Entering Spring, curbside grades are slowing down but still improving, with April marking the ninth consecutive month of an overall positive trend. Fiber markets remain high but have plateaued, with cardboard and paper commodities still leading in favorable pricing for the entire single-stream mix. Cardboard pricing is steady at \$110 per ton this month, while residential papers are at \$82.50 per ton. Pricing for curbside plastic materials has also increased gradually over the past month due to a limited post-consumer recycled resin supply, which has become a critical constraint for buyers, most trading for prices they haven't reached since last summer. Market experts are currently forecasting sustained pricing into the third quarter.



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

Resolutions for Board Consideration

Purchase of Curbside Sanitation Equipment Through the ESCNJ:

At the May 2024 meeting, a resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration authorizing the use of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) cooperative pricing system for the purchase of \$6,000 worth of spare parts and repair equipment needed to service the mechanical needs for curbside's sanitation equipment and vehicles e.g. winches, hydraulic systems, etc. This authorization will be contained within the same ESCNJ resolution, authorizing \$60,000 worth of concrete repair work at the Mt. Olive transfer station.

Township of Washington Recycling Depot Shared Services Agreement Resolution:

In mid-April 2024, Marrone was informed that the Township had reviewed the provided proposal from the previous month and wished to adopt a new five-year shared services agreement renewal at its next Council meeting. With the confirmation of the Township's willingness to move forward with a new agreement, a resolution will be placed before the MCMUA Board at its May meeting. This will allow for transportation and the marketing of recyclable materials from its Recycling Depot located at 54 Rock Road. MCMUA-allocated equipment for this location will include (2) 30 cubic yard containers for single-stream recycling, (1) 30 cubic yard containers for rigid plastics. This is the first time the MCMUA has successfully been able to enter into a 5-year contract with Washington Township for this work which should save staff time and effort that was typically spent renewing this agreement each year.

First Amendment to the County Trash Collection Contract Resolution:

In late April 2024, Marrone was contacted by the Assistant Superintendent of Morris County Buildings and Grounds to include an additional location to our existing shared services agreement where we collect trash and recycling from various county buildings. The location to

be included will be the Daytop Building at 320 West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany. This will be a once-a-week collection, and the MCMUA will provide a container for service, charging an additional \$100 per month. The MCMUA will also provide recycling collection services and supply a container but will not charge for this service as recycling collection is provided free for the County from the MCMUA. The Buildings and Grounds Department was agreeable to these terms, and we worked with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners to amend the proposed shared services agreement and to get the Commissioners prepared to adopt a resolution authorizing this amendment.

2023 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Grant Tax Fund Entitlement Resolution:

On April 22, 2024, the MCMUA received the 2023 Procedural Guide for funding made available to the counties under the Recycling Enhancement Act Grant. This grant entitlement was awarded \$356,400.00, broken down as \$296,881.20 for Solid Waste Activities, funding the MCMUA HHW Mount Olive Facility and HHW event operation days, and \$59,518.10 for Public Information and Education Activities, funding various solid waste planning outreach actions principally spent on our two part-time salaries for both Cumberton and Eramo. This is an increase of \$8,100 from the previous year.

A resolution authorizing the MCMUA's spending plan will be presented to the Board for its consideration, as the MCMUA must pass a resolution to execute a spending plan to receive this grant amount from the State. A similar resolution must now also be adopted from the County of Morris annually per new NJDEP guidelines, reaffirming the role of the MCMUA as Morris County's designated solid waste implementing agency to administer Morris County's REA grant. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners was sent a sample enabling resolution for adoption at the Commissioner's next meeting, which will be included in the MCMUA's grant application.

Morris County Vocational School District Shared Services Agreement Resolution:

In March 2024, Marrone was alerted to the 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 to alert them to the MCMUA's interest in responding to their service inquiry. After some initial questions and investigations, a proposal for a shared services agreement was submitted on April 26 for consideration.

On May 1, 2024, after the scheduled bid opening, the MCVSD business Administrator contacted Marrone to express their wish to proceed with our proposal and meet with us to discuss contract terms before their May $10^{\rm th}$ Board Meeting.

On May 7, 2024, a meeting was set up with their Administrative and Facilities Management Team along with Marrone, Toomey, Simmons, and Nunn of the MCMUA. At that time, both parties discussed the terms and details of the contract to be adopted. Marrone and Toomey also offered to train the facilities management staff on proper recycling procedures before the start of the new school year at the end of August to help facilitate operations at this location. As a result of this meeting, it is anticipated that this deal will be finalized in time for the Board's consideration at its June 2024 meeting of a resolution authorizing a three-year agreement with the option for two one-year extensions.

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

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

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

- Mount Olive Twp., Sandshore Elementary School Education
- MCMUA Schedules Class A Recycling Facility Tours for MRCs and MCMUA Board
- MCMUA Recycling Education Outreach with Morris County Municipal Depots

- Morris County Library and MCMUA Education Partnership
- MCMUA and MCDPH Joint Education and Compliance Inspections
- Atlantic Coast Recycling Materials Recycling Facility Reopening
- Township of Long Hill, MCMUA at the 2024 Stirling Day Street Fair
- Township of Mendham, MCMUA at the 2024 Earth Day Festival
- MCMUA at the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Class
- MCMUA Recycling Ambassador Program
- Township of Jefferson, Jefferson High School Environmental Academy 2024
 EcoFest
- MCMUA Recycling Administrative Staff Training, NJ Sustainable Jersey Summit
- Township of Hanover, MCMUA/WRWAC Earth Day Festival
- Recycling Depot and Convenience Center Signage and Location-Specific Information
- MCMUA Vegetative Waste Recycling Materials Delivery Truck Signage
- MCMUA Vegetative Waste Recycling Material Compost and Much Sample Design
- MCMUA Multifamily Apartment Bag Redesign
- MCMUA and Morris County Office of Communications Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

During April 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. This year, the MCMUA received and posted 48 reports, a significant increase from previous years, with additional late reporters expected at the beginning of May. The MCMUA also offered personalized assistance to seven municipal coordinators in answering questions regarding reporting, filing, and cataloging information obtained, as well as providing direct one-on-one assistance and training from the MCMUA during this timeframe. Nearly half of our coordinators asked for their reports to be reviewed before submission to the NJDEP. Those coordinators who were provided direct assistance were either new to the role or had limited experience in prior report submissions during the reporting timeframe. This year, the MCMUA saw a significant turnover of MRCs where their replacements did not hold a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) license, and others currently in the role were waiting for admission into the Rutgers course, which has a lengthy waiting list. This presents an issue as only a CRP can sign off on a municipality report for its acceptance by the NJDEP. Luckily, the MCMUA 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 four other 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.

As of April 30, 2024, all 39 Morris County Municipalities submitted their 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant Applications to the NJDEP by 03:20 PM. The MCMUA will continue to obtain recycling tonnage reports and work towards boosting Morris County's recycling rate until June 15, 2024, the deadline for the MRCs to resubmit updated tonnage reports. Starting Monday, May 13, 2024, Cumberton and Eramo will begin reviewing each of our MRC's reporting submissions for accuracy and missing tonnage to help boost our recycling rates and collect missing grants.

As a reminder, we reviewed 12 out of 39 of our municipality's reports last year, allowing an additional 25,803.14 tons to be claimed for an estimated \$29,002.38 of extra grant money. This would have increased the MSW recycling rate from 43% to 48%, closer to our 50% goal. As seen above, increased efforts in this fashion are expected to triple our efforts for 2024.

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

ANJR Annual Meeting:

On April 23, 2024, Solid Waste Planning Division members attended the ANJR Annual Meeting at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown, NJ. This was an informative and educational event with networking opportunities for attendees. The meeting included presentations on lithium-ion battery recycling, electrification of heavy industrial equipment, updates from the NJDEP, new features on Recycle Coach, successes of the Plastic Bag Ban, updates on a proposed bottle deposit bill, food waste recycling at Trenton Renewables, and a report from the Recycling Partnership on the state of residential recycling. Also, this meeting held an election for the proposed slate for 2024, and Morris County District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone was unanimously elected to the Board of Directors for a 2-year term with the Association.

Morris County Assistance with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers:

Throughout April 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 and now Elected Member. Marrone assisted in creating promotional and educational pieces for ANJR to garner and utilize support for the organization moving forward. The MCMUA prepared for the 2024 ANJR "Swap and Share" Northern educational event this year, which it was asked to host 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 and highlight its programs over the past year while supporting and providing guidance to other recycling programs throughout the state.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In April 2024, Marrone continued work with Morris County's boat shrink wrap recycling program for generated materials within the county 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 boat shrink-wrap recycling program. With a start date of April 1st (2), 30 CY Open Top Roll-Off Containers were provided by Ultra-Poly Corp. and are now open to participating Marinas with 24/7 accessibility. These two containers are at Lee's County Park Marina and Jefferson Twp. Health Center. To reduce program costs, a compaction company, Smash My Trash, is being utilized to compact the shrink wrap to limit container pulls. In addition, the (2) public drop-off days are planned, with one on May 4th and the other on June 1st. So far, the program has resulted in over 3 tons of material being recycled and two more container pulls pending totals. In addition to efforts in Morris County, Marrone has been working with Sussex County's Recycling Coordinator to help expand and grow the program to help its sustenance in the long term, which also has two similar drop-off sites in Sussex County. At this time, all materials are being shredded and pelletized at Ultra Poly's Pennsylvania facility and sold to a local manufacturer using the feedstock to produce plastic garbage bags, decking, and lawn furniture for full circularity in this process.



Smash My Trash demonstrated capabilities to program administration in early April 2024.

On May 4, 2024, Marrone worked with the LHF and Ultra-Poly Corp to host its first public drop-off for recycling of plastic boat wrap. Before the event, the MCMUA and the LHF

ran a series of public service announcements on preparing the material for recycling and adequately providing awareness for the event. On the day of the event, the LHF Executive Director, Ultra-Poly Corp. Director of Sustainability and Marrone worked the event to collect program participant data, help participants unload materials from their vehicles into the container, and educate them on the recycling process. The event garnered over 39 individuals who participated, with many coming more than once with multiple boat owners' materials filling one 30 CY container. Due to the event's success and many boat owners still having their boats unopened for the season, a second recycling event day will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024.





Shown above are photos from the May 4th recycling drop-off event.

MCMUA Sponsored Internship Projects with Morris County's Vocational School District:

In April 2024, Linas Lizabnik, an intern from the School District's Environmental Academy, completed his internship with the MCMUA. With 120 hours completed, he will graduate from the MCVSD's Environmental Academy in June. He will attend Rutgers University in the fall, majoring in computer science with a minor in business. During his internship, Lizabnik worked on creating and updating materials for the MCMUA Clean Communities program, wrote the computer code for a new Clean Communities subpage on the MCMUA's website, and various other recycling program materials.

Following the conclusion of Lizabnik's internship, Marrone, Toomey, and Eramo worked on brainstorming a new internship description and outline of work for a new intern in the Recycling Program for the 2024-2025 school year with the MCVSD. The internship will develop a capstone project focused on reducing food waste in Morris County through various methods and work directly with Eramo on initiatives. Example ideas for a project include an upcycling cookbook with recipes using commonly discarded kitchen scraps, developing a no-waste meal plan, filming a cooking series that demonstrates the use of rescued food or food scraps, interviewing Morris County's food rescue organizations, organizing a wasted food cooking challenge with the culinary school, and coming up with targeted solutions to address food waste and a variety of other food waste prevention projects. The internship description will be distributed to the MCVSD internship site supervisor in June for distribution to the student base.

2022 and 2023 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Deliverables:

In April 2024, after a significant waiting period, the NJDEP made several repairs to its System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) online reporting program, allowing for the MCMUA to submit its semiannual, final, and financial reports with the 2022 REA Tax Fund Grant. As a result, Marrone and Toomey worked on submission deliverables required to close out our grant. However, the NJDEP System is still experiencing several issues, which have again delayed the submittal process. Marrone and Toomey regularly communicate with the NJDEP staff to work through these issues and finalize our grant requirements. At this time, both our semiannual and final financial reports have been submitted and are under review. The final report deliverables are in the process of submission pending fixes of the online reporting system preventing its final submission.

On April 22, 2024, the NJDEP released its 2023 REA Tax Fund Grant Guide for review and submission of County solid waste grant applications. Marrone and Toomey are compiling information for submission by the June 21, 2024, deadline.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:

In April 2024, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program began for the 2024 season with Adopt-A-Highway Litter Removal Service of America, Inc. (AAH), the cleanup contractor for MCMUA to conduct cleanups on County roads in 2024. The following cleanups were completed in April:

On April 19, 2024, the AAH crew cleaned the roads around the Parsippany Transfer Station. The following roads were cleaned: Edwards Road, 0.9 miles; New Road, 0.2 miles; Ridgedale Avenue, 0.9 miles in Parsippany and 0.3 miles in East Hanover; and the on and off ramps for Route 280. Parsippany Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder also assisted in bringing a large number of litter-filled bags to the transfer station. His efforts reduced the number of trips the AAH crew makes to the Armory to drop off truckloads of litter and increase cleanup times. The total miles are 2.5 on both sides of the road (5 linear). Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 69
- Bags of recyclables, 35
- Large items: 2 tires, 80 pounds of scrap metal, 60 pounds of wood, car front end, one bicycle, and a variety of HHW.

On April 26, the AAH crew conducted a road cleanup in Roxbury Township. They cleaned Berkshire Valley Road (BVR) and Dewey Avenue, including the MUA Property, 1.4 miles. They also cleaned BVR from the intersection with North Dell Avenue to the NJ Natural Gas property, 1.1 miles. The total miles are 2.5 on both sides of the road (5 linear). Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 40
- Bags of recyclables, 22
- Large items, five tires, one fire extinguisher.

On April 8, 2024, Birmingham, Marrone, and Toomey conducted a litter cleanup on the grounds of the MCMUA new office in Wharton. Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup from throughout the grounds as follows:

- Bags of trash, 11
- Bags of recyclables, 3
- Various large items were blown from the trash dumpsters from the industrial complex across Richard Mine Road.

2024 Morris County School Litter and Artwork Contest:

In April 2024, Birmingham mailed the school application packets for the Clean Communities mini-grant program for this year's litter cleanup and artwork contest at Morris County's public and private schools. So far, nine schools have entered the artwork contest, and another 13 have signed up to participate in their school's litter cleanup. Several schools have applied for funding to purchase art supplies to ensure students can easily participate. All schools that have contacted MCMUA wishing to participate in the litter cleanup have asked for supplies and a clean communities banner for a completion photograph to close out the grant criteria. The application period runs until June 30, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Director Gindoff asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:03 p.m. regarding litigation in the MCMUA vs Mine Hill billing matter and PFAS litigation.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion for the meeting to go into

closed session at 8:03 p.m. and the Motion was seconded

by Dr. Kominos.

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

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to into open session at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session

at 8:37 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Ragonese.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.,

seconded by Mr. Druetzler and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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