

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on June 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

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.

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. James Barry, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Larry Ragonese, Ms. Laura Szwak and Mr. Christopher Dour

ABSENT: NONE

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 Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024.

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of May 14, 2024 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Farris

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of May 2024. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions for the month of May, 2024. The main Investment Report is showing the maturity of a Certificate of Deposit with Provident Bank and that CD was renewed for another 13 months at a rate of 4.4%.

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

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

Chairman Dour thanked Mr. Kaletcher for all the money he is investing and making for the MUA.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher welcomed Man Lee from our auditors, Nisivoccia LLP, to discuss the 2023 MCMUA Audit. She mentioned that she is here to present a summary of the financial audit results of December 31, 2023 and will give some of the highlights and answer any questions you may have. As of December 31, 2023, you have a total of \$118 million dollars in assets, of that you have 80 million dollars between cash and investments. On the liability side, you have approximately just under 54 million dollars in liability. A lot of that is in net pension liability and OPEB liability. Between those two, that is approximately 46 million dollars in liability. The net position is 51.7 million dollars, of that 31.7 million dollars in investment and capital assets, which is all the upgrades that have been done to your multiple facilities and equipment and you are left with 30 million dollars in unrestricted net position. Compared to the prior year, that is about an 11 million dollar increase in unrestricted net position. The total overall net position, including investment and capital assets increased about 9.6 million dollars. The reason for the big increase, you have nearly 2.7 million dollars in investment earnings, so that is all your interest earnings. Compared to the prior year 2022 that is almost a 2.2 million dollar increase. You sold a section the watermain pipeline in Mendham to N.J. American Water, which you got a little over one million dollars in sales proceeds from that; the biggest increase in other revenues is in the tipping fees of about 2.4 million in 2022 results. You are in a nice healthy spot right now and doing great financially thanks to both Larrys, both Mikes and their team.

Chairman Dour asked if there were any recommendations and Man Lee replied there are no recommendations; everyone is doing a great job.

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that we have to replace a water line, should we take money and put it in a fund to cover that cost? Mr. Kaletcher replied that we have a renewal and replacement designation for our fund balance. Man Lee replied that if you have money in the reserve that you can support, then that is where you can take it from.

Mr. Ragonese asked if we anticipate that the tipping fee increase will continue this year and Mr. Gindoff replied, yes it will, as we have such uncertainty in the future because we are coming to the final year of our existing contract and we have had fixed pricing in our costing and am sure we are going to get a big increase in our cost in our next round of disposal contracting we go through and also fuel adjustment costs.

Mr. Kaletcher thanked Man Lee for joining us tonight and appreciates your help. Man Lee thanked the MUA for having her and if anyone has any questions, please reach out to her.

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion to accept the 2023 MCMUA Audit.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to accept the 2023 MCMUA Audit and Dr. Nusbaum seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher took this opportunity to thank his staff who gives 110% everyday; Shana O'Mara, QPA and handles Accounts Payable, Anita Singewald, Transfer Station Account Manager and handles all billing Accounts Receivable, and Cody Micek, who answer phones for various departments and handling setting up new Transfer Station Accounts. They are all contributors to this clean audit and thank them very much. The Board thanked Larry Kaletcher.

Mr. Kaletcher informed the Board that during the month of May, the MUA received its 2024 Clean Communities Grant fund. The following resolution recognizes the 2024 Clean Communities grant into the 2024 Solid Waste budget and asked for the Board's approval of same:

RESOLUTION 2024-054
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION 2024 FISCAL BUDGET
FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO
N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8

2024 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, the Morris County M.U.A. on June 11, 2024 is amending the Solid Waste Division budget to include the 2024 Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$128,041.91 and

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

WHEREAS, said Executive Director may approve the amendment of the authority's budgeted revenue and 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:

Increase Amended Revenue:
2024 Clean Communities Grant \$128,041.91

Increase Amended Appropriations:
2024 Clean Communities Grant \$128,041.91

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Amend the Solid Waste Division 2024 Fiscal Budget and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

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

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-055

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. 2024-055 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,511,004.44** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6615-6642	\$	303,964.55
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15040-15104	\$	<u>4,207,039.89</u>
		\$	4,511,004.44

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: June 11, 2024

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Christopher Dour, 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: June 11, 2024.

DATE: June 11, 2024

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

With regard to the water main break, Chairman Dour asked is there anything we are going to see in the future on that? Mr. Gindoff replied he doesn't think so; short of replacing the 24" main, so there is a bill from Suburban for the survey work they are doing for the replacement. As far as the break goes, we had the payment to J. Garcia, J. Fletcher Creamer and this one to Randolph.

Chairman Dour asked Mike McAloon if Randolph knows we are doing this, so they don't pave the road and Mike McAloon replied that we will definitely reach out to Randolph and discuss the schedule.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned there are no updates on correspondence. He mentioned that items in the Correspondence will be addressed later in the meeting. We will be discussing the Mine Hill matter in closed session.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Letters dated May 29, 2024 to Honorable Rosemary Ramsay, J.S.C., P.J.Civ., Superior Court of New Jersey from Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP, representing Plaintiff, Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, and James T. Bryce, Esq., Murphy McKeon P.C., representing Defendant, Township of Mine Hill, requesting a 30 day adjournment of the Non-binding Arbitration Hearing scheduled for June 13, 2024 in the matter of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority v. Township of Mine Hill.

SOLID WASTE

2. Email dated May 16, 2024 to County Administrator Deena Leary, John Napolitano, Esq., County Counsel and Commissioner Tayfun Selen from James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, regarding request by WSP USA for approval of a Class “A” recycling facility inclusion in the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan for its paper shredding facility in Parsippany.
3. Email dated May 17, 2024 from John Shepard, Township Manager, Township of Roxbury, to Larry Gindoff regarding possible Plan Amendment for Northeast Products.
4. Letter dated May 21, 2024 to James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, from Dana Lawson, Chief of Bureau of Recycling & Hazardous Waste Management advising of issuance of Multi-Class B & C Recycling Center General Approval Renewal for Parsippany Compost Facility located at 500 West Hanover Avenue.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) Continuing to track water sales. We are slightly below the volume from 2023 and 2022, but that is to be anticipated. One thing to note in doing our analysis, the water sold to Mine Hill has increased 23% in comparison to the previous month.; (2) DEP performed a routine Sanitary Survey and compliance inspection of all the water system locations. Good news is the only items that needed to be addressed is some administrative paperwork items, so Tony was able to quickly address the deficiencies and provide photographic documentation back to the Compliance officer and no penalties are anticipated.; (3) Suburban completed the biennial certification for the Farley Waterworks property at 1 Mill Pond Road, Roxbury Twp. This is a property that has a deed notice and Remedial Action Permit associated with soil impacts on the property. The permit requires the retention of an LSRP and biennial certification reports every two years to ensure that the engineering controls are intact and remain protective of human health and environment. We performed our inspection and everything looked good. No issues were observed and we completed the submission. There was a small fee associated with the change in address and Suburban is working on processing that fee for the submission. The next certification is due in 2026; (4) We will discuss Mine Hill in closed session.; (5) Regarding NJDOT/Route 80 Bridges Over Howard Boulevard, things are progressing. We reviewed all the shop drawings for all the water main equipment. He is going to request inspection of all the materials before they are installed.; (6) With regard to Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, Sovereign Consulting has started the work at Mt. Arlington Booster Station. They did the hydrant by-pass, as well as started the work for the bridge crane. No payment application submitted from them, but will anticipate one soon.; (7) De-En Electrical Contracting submitted shop drawings for both Flanders Valley 1 & 2 and the Mt. Olive Transfer Station projects and submitted applications for bonds and insurance. Both payments were recommended by Suburban and processed at the meeting.; (8) Talking with Vince Uhl, Alamatong Well 1 & 2 Test Wells are scheduled the end of June and anticipated two weeks after the sample wells are drilled, a pump test will be performed to confirm well capacity, as well as any water quality impacts. As a result of weather delays, this is now being shifted to the third week in June. We are still proceeding, The Water Committee is evaluating a project that potentially combines a portion of the 24” PCCP Replacement with the PFAS essential treatment plant for Alamatong Well 1 & 2. Funds are budgeted for 2024 and it would be good to know what water quality issues we are up against. We are not anticipating nothing outside our current water quality. If we find something really advanced or impactful from water quality standpoint, we won’t advance developing those sample wells to production wells. We will continue with our existing wells.; and (8) We began our field survey for the replacement of the 24” PCCP Project. We are starting from Selma Blvd. and working our way towards Park Avenue. Once we identify the existing conditions, we are going to make budgetary numbers for pricing and make a decision on what those limits are and what the improvements are going to work out there.

The Board congratulated Mike on the birth of his daughter, Marlee May.

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of May 2024, MCMUA sold approximately 566.788 MG. This amount is approximately 23.275 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023 and approximately 39.047 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022. It should be noted that the total amount sold during the month of May to MINE HILL has increased nearly 23% in comparison to the previous month, from around 6.290 MG to 8.132 MG.
- B. On Thursday May 9, 2024, NJDEP performed a routine Sanitary Survey and compliance inspection of the water system. Generally all things were in order, with a few minor administrative items that needed to be addressed including update of a Boil Water Advisory Log, Water Quality Impact Log, and update of the valve exercising inventory sheet. One physical repair was needed to replace / reseal the screen on the Markewicz Tank #1 overflow line. The MUA's Water Superintendent addressed all of these deficiencies, and provided photographic documentation back to the Compliance and Enforcement officer. No penalties are anticipated.

2. Farley Waterworks Property (1 Mill Pond Road)

The Farley Waterworks property (1 Mill Pond Road, Roxbury Twp) has a deed notice and remedial action permit associated with soil impacts on the property. The permit requires the retention of an LSRP and biennial certification reports every 2 years to ensure the deed notice engineering controls are intact and remain protective of human health and the environment. SCE inspected the property and prepared and submitted a biennial certification for 2024. No issues were encountered with the engineer controls, however, with the change of address, there is a need to update the Remedial Action Permit (RAP) through a formal modification of the permit. There is a fee of \$1,320 associated with the administrative review of this permit modification which is currently being processed. The next biennial certification is due in 2026.

3. Mine Hill Outstanding Water Balance

Further discussion regarding this status will be provided during closed session.

4. 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 has completed the review of the submittals. Coordination on the proposed work date will be facilitated between NJDOT, the Contractor, SCE and MCMUA.

5. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

Sovereign Consulting, Inc. has prepared and submitted shop drawings for the major work components. SCE has processed and approved the shop drawings accordingly.

Site work is scheduled to being on Thursday Jun 6, 2024 with the installation of the hydrants to facilitate a hydrant to hydrant by-pass setup in the event of future emergencies. The long lead equipment is being ordered and a critical path schedule will be prepared once fabrication and delivery dates are further identified.

Project Completion Summary Through June 11, 2024

Contract Start Date	March 28, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	75 20%
Days Remaining:	290 80%
Original Contract Completion Date	March 28, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through June 11, 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

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. The Contractor has submitted payment request in the amount of **\$19,230.54** associated with the bonds and insurance for the project which includes both Flanders Valley Well #1 and #2. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

7. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

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. The Contractor has submitted payment request in the amount of **\$7,199.08** associated with the bonds and insurance for the project. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

8. 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.

9. 24-Inch PCCP Replacement

Following the MCMUA Water Committee Meeting, SCE has submitted a proposal to begin the partial boundary and roadway topographic survey of the 24-inch PCCP limits for the initial project phase which was identified as Selma Blvd. to Park Avenue. From the field survey, SCE will evaluate existing conditions, including utility conflicts and develop a plan and profile for the replacement pipe. SCE will evaluate the cost impacts, and work to maximize available capital budgets. It is anticipated this project could potentially include a raw water transmission main for a center PFAS water treatment facility at either Alamatong Well #1 or #2. As the design is advanced we will update the board on the options and cost impacts.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

- Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (1) Congratulations to Mike and his family.;
- (2) With regards to Vegetative Waste, we were unable to get the physical report out with the Board

packet. Some basic highlights, it is identical to last year. It was a pretty successful year in Vegetative Waste. Inbound reports are slightly up in May 2024 compared to May 2023.; Outbound commercial sales slightly down. Residential deliveries slightly down. Cost for Kirk Allen services is basically the same. We completed the grinding operation at Mt. Olive in May and we started our screening operation in Parsippany this week. All this while residential deliveries continue, thanks to Marilyn and Kirk Allen Trucking for stepping up during these much needed projects at our Vegetative Waste sites. The report mentions getting Keil Klaver CDL trained so he can assist with those deliveries.; (3) As far as HHW, Staff completed their Veolia training for the year on May 20-22, 2024.; (4) Reminder that our second HHW One-Day Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at the Academy from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first event we processed 682 vehicles.; (5) The HHW Permanent Facility saw its fourth shipment for the year on Friday, June 7. Appointments continue to be booked up, with Friday being our busiest day.; (6) As far as the Transfer Station, the report reflects the tonnage for May, currently 5.32% increase compared to 2023. Our projected total now is 496,749 tons for 2024. Mt. Olive Transfer Station continues to see higher volumes, both in waste and in customers; especially self-residential cash customers on Saturday.; and (7) The next improvement in pump room at Par-Troy Transfer Station is to install the town's water meter. We are waiting on schedule from John Garcia, our Water Emergency Contractor, to pick it up from the town and install it. Once installed, the town will come out and inspect the work and that project is done.

Chairman Dour asked about the tonnage going up in Mt. Olive and down in Par-Troy and Mr. Gindoff replied that we don't know why. Customers and can go to either station.

(8) Looking forward to getting the Motor Control Center Project started at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station.; (9) Camera installation is complete at Parsippany with a total of five new cameras. Cameras are now operational on the County's Public Law & Safety system. Thanked Scott DiGirolamo and his team as well as County IT. Mr. Gindoff added that it is nice that we can piggyback on their very extensive system.; (9) Thanked J.P. Mascaro's two new site managers for their hard work on our Spring clean-up repair list.; (10) Completion of Mt. Olive Transfer Station apron was detailed in the report. Mike Kobylarz will report on this. Besides the crack that Infrastructure Repair apoxied, it looks good. We are happy we got the floor back first thing Monday.

Ms. Szwak asked we are using the Euclid material and it failed on both of the aprons and we are putting it back on and at the Company's expense, are they doing something different? It just failed on parts of the apron. The tipping floor didn't fail. The apron failed because of the subface below. Mr. Kobylarz added that when they removed the upper layer, a lot of moisture got in between the two layers and the people that installed think that around the edge where the Euclid material abutted the asphalt, it wasn't properly sealed and moisture got in and caused that delamination throughout the entire apron. So they took care in re-doing it and making sure the edges of the asphalt was sealed so the Euclid material could properly abut and keep the moisture out from causing the same problem. Mr. Gindoff added that the reason why we use this Euclid material is so that we can get the floors and areas back into service in a matter of days vs. weeks. He also mentioned that this work was covered under warranty and did not cost us any additional money.

(11) Regarding other transfer station projects, is hearing the date of Monday, July 15 as the start date for the replacement of the trench drains in Parsippany. The other date is tentative for Saturday, June 29, for Ocean Construction to start the concrete improvements for the scale at Mt. Olive.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) Regarding the water extension in Mt. Olive, after going through files, some correspondence indicated there was a franchise agreement that had been started between N.J. American and Mt. Olive. He reached out to Mt. Olive Administrator to see if they had one and waiting to hear back. If that is the case, hopefully that will save some time moving forward and having N.J. American move this forward, as he did find correspondence that they were aware of the project. He also reached out to them to let them know we are ready to go now and get the process moving. He will continue to follow-up on this.; and (2) With regard to the trench drain, everything has been agreed to at this point. The trench drains are under production. Mr. Deacon added that the manufacturer, Peerless, will stage and manufacture the drains all at once. Infrastructure Repair and Mascaro want to meet with us to finalize some time next week. ;

(3) Following up with DEP with regard to the methane detection system, but haven't heard much to advance that, but we still look into that to have that system.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Starting the week of May 13, and continuing well into the following week, the Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility staff, with assistance and per our shared services agreement with Parsippany Forestry, put 44 hours of run time on the Diamond Z horizontal grinder, 1,145 gallons of diesel fuel for grinder alone. All this hard work and personnel hours produced over 4,500 cubic yards (CY) of double-ground wood mulch from all the tree parts and brush piles onsite. Staff continue to turn the site's windrow piles and keep the site in well working order. The NJDEP inspected the site on May 30, with everything going well, no issues noted. The vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position in Mount Olive has been filled and the MCMUA welcomes Mr. Keil Klaver to the Solid Waste Operations team. Keil brings years of heavy equipment operator skills to the table, as well as his general knowledge of our transfer stations.

Keil will begin attending classes with EZ Wheels Driving School located on the Sussex County Community College campus located in Newton, New Jersey to obtain his Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Mr. Klaver is an active firefighter in Mount Olive Township- Budd Lake Company #1, holding the title of Captain, and Hackettstown Fire Department, and is a proud father of two children.

On May 21, the MCMUA received Parsippany's Multi-Class B&C Recycling Center General Approval Renewal from the NJDEP. This has been included as correspondence for the Board for the June 11 meeting. The anticipated compost screener session through our partnership with Naturcycle, LLC. for the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility has been scheduled for the week of June 10 through June 14. This is planned for the all the unscreened compost in Parsippany left over from the 2023 annual screening program and will be handled through McCloskey 521 screener with a ½" trommel screen provided by Cedar Hill Trucking. Some ongoing and potential joint projects with Naturcycle include, but are not reduced to, approximately 1,300 CY of compost from Parsippany for Belmont Park Retail Village, 100 CY screened compost from Parsippany for The Spiral NYC, in Manhattan, New York, and a potential erosion control project in Manhattan, New York that includes about 100 CY of compost/mulch blend from Parsippany. 120 CY of double-ground wood mulch for the Borough of Florham Park was also delivered from Parsippany in May. Most other commercial compost sales have been paused until inventory can be screened and restocked at both sites.

The residential deliveries of double-ground wood mulch and screened compost continued during the month of May, largely in part to the dedication of our third-party hauler, Kirk Allen Trucking. Kirk Allen and his professional staff continue to strengthen the delivery program, allowing the MCMUA to work through the operations like screening, grinding, turning, and basic daily site maintenance that all need to happen to keep our Vegetative facilities successful. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the June 11 MCMUA Board meeting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams, Transfer Station Managers Justin Doyle and Brett Snyder, and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon all attended the mandatory annual refresher training with Veolia Environmental Services on May 20 and May 10. First Responder Operations Level- HAZWOPER took place on Monday, followed by Hazardous Waste Management training, or RCRA training on Wednesday. The MCMUA staff stayed even longer Wednesday to successfully complete a 1.5-Hour Hazardous Materials Transportation, or DOT update. This training certifies those MCMUA managers who are responsible for both operating the HHW permanent facility and HHW events, allowing them to authorize and sign hazardous waste shipping manifests in calendar year 2024.

Program Participation- The first 2024 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off Event Day occurred on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Morris County Public Safety Academy (MCPSTA) in Parsippany. The MCMUA is happy to report a

smooth event with no incidents or accidents. The weather held off thankfully and we had a total of 682 cars through the program. The first few hours of the event were very busy, with lines thinning out by noon. This total is similar to the first 2023 event at the MCPSTA where the MCMUA and MXI Environmental Services processed 657 vehicles. The second event is just around the corner at the MCPSTA on Saturday, June 22. Fall 2024 events include Saturday, September 14, 2024- MCPSTA and Saturday, October 26, 2024- MCPSTA.

At the end of May 2024, the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility serviced 1,067 total customers for the year. Of these customers, 991 were Morris County residents, 23 were VSQG/small businesses, and 53 total out-of-County residents. Compared to the end of May 2023, when Morris County serviced a total of 1,034 customers, 950 in-County residents, 20 VSQG's, and 64 out-of-County. The program has serviced 33 more customers this year compared to last year. As far as May 2024 totals are concerned: 249 total customers, 235 Morris County Residents, 2 VSQG's, and 12 out-of-County residents. To date in 2024, MXI performed three (3) hazardous waste shipments, 69,860 lbs. Total. The fourth hazardous waste shipment date is scheduled for Friday, June 7.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 43,164 tons accepted at the two (2) transfer stations in May 2024 was 2.33% greater than the 42,180 tons accepted a year ago in May 2023. As has been the case over the past few years, construction and demolition (C&D Type 13C) materials are accounting for historically high levels, near 35% of total waste disposed. It is currently projected that for all of 2024, a total of 496,749 tons will be accepted which would represent a 5.32% 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.

May Monthly Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 17,044- 1,097 more than 2023

Total Customers- 4,356- 253 more than 2023

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 936- 3 more than 2023

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 26,119- 114 less than 2023

Total Customers- 5,839- 117 less than 2023

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 528- 32 more than 2023

Transfer Station Site Improvements- On the weekends of May 4/5 and May 11/12 down at Parsippany, technicians completed the installation of all five (5) PTZ-3160-HD30 cameras, the EMT conduit, and ran all the cat6 shielded cables needed for a complete system at the station. As mentioned at the May 14 Board meeting, an 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 last Point Tilt Zoom (PTZ) camera in Mount Olive is being scheduled to complete this improvement project. The MCMUA will work with County IT on the internal communication with the Department of Law and Public server. 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 during a Planning Department meeting. Mount Olive Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle continues the process of installing/mounting all the new signage for his facility throughout the month of 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 install some additional line striping and finalize the official "Line Striping Plan" for Mount Olive prepared by Alaimo Engineering. Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder will start installing similar signage to assist with proper flow traffic around his site. Durable Door, contracted by J.P. Mascaro, was onsite in Parsippany repairing damaged/nonfunctioning air curtains and related switches on the main tipping floor. Last, on Wednesday, May 15, J.P. Mascaro and Sons hired C3 Technologies, LLC. to complete the annual compliance and calibration of both 4000-gallon aboveground storage tanks (diesel fuel) at both stations.

On May 30, MC Fire Protection, with oversight from the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office (MCFM), replaced a deteriorated "basket strainer" within the Parsippany transfer station's fire suppression system (fire line) with a new Ames Fire and Waterworks model 3000SS stainless steel double check detector assembly backflow preventer with integral by-pass. With the successful endeavor of the changing of this valve assembly at the station now completed, the MCMUA and the MCFM had F.A.S.T.- Fire and Security Technologies come out to reattach the tamper switch(s) wiring on Wednesday, June 5. The MCMUA also received pricing and issued a purchase order to John Garcia Construction, a licensed plumber, for installing a new 3" by 17" long Mach 10 water meter downstairs in the same main pump room. When the meter is installed, Parsippany Township Public Works- Water Department will come back out to replace the water MIU (meter interface unit) radio, the radio wire, and inspect the contractor's final work.

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 June 11 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Starting Friday, May 31 after operating hours, Infrastructure Repair Service, LLC (IRS) removed the entire delaminated concrete apron from in front of tipping floor doors 1 to 4 at the Mount Olive transfer station. IRS removed approximately 3" inches of materials in preparation for a total replacement. This prep work continued well into the night at the station with oversight by Alaimo Engineering and MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle. Early morning, Saturday June 1, IRS personnel started to resurface the apron with Euclid Chemical's EucoFloor 404 materials. IRS used the MCMUA's side property to stage equipment and mix the 404. MCMUA and J.P. Mascaro and Sons' staff ensured solid waste disposal operations continued smoothly during the apron construction till close of business at 11:00AM. By 4:30PM the entire apron surface coating was resurfaced with the Euclid material and covered in poly sheeting, allowing it to dry properly the following day, Sunday. On Monday, June 3 around 6:00AM, MCMUA Assistant Operations Manager Mike Nunn removed all the poly sheeting and tarps to open the station for operations. When doing so, Assistant Operations Manager Nunn reported a superficial crack noticed in the area of door #3 directly to IRS. IRS was onsite since being notified and will address the crack with an epoxy at a later date. This replacement work was all covered under Euclid Chemical's warranty program from previous core sampling results.
- SCE and the MCMUA Operations staff held a pre-construction meeting on May 6 with contractor DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. out of Linden, New Jersey on the Motor Control Center (MCC) improvement project in Mount Olive. This project entails the removal of all the outdated/inoperable electrical panels and components located upstairs in the electrical room of the station. SCE has reviewed all submitted shop drawings from DEE-EN and is recommending application and certification payment #1 for \$7,199.08 to the Board at the June 11 meeting. Please refer to the Water Engineering report for further details. As mentioned to the Board, 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

- 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 the next month or two. The core samples had confirmed the depth to the top of column footing changing the depth of the drain itself, reducing it by a few inches. Alaimo shop drawings were revised/approved to commence manufacture of these drains. Everything was then sent to Peerless and JPM on April 17. Although the project does include additional Euclid Chemical's EucoFloor 404 materials around the drains themselves, and surrounding tipping floor and outside apron area, the full replacement of the related protective safety bollards and concrete attenuators will take place at a later date. High early strength concrete will also be used to get the tipping floor back in service in a timely manner, not to interfere with solid waste disposal operations at the station. Similar to the 2019 total

tipping floor replacement project, not to affect tip-times, the Operations staff will work around construction in stages while utilizing the North tipping floor for customers to dump.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Northeast Products, Inc. (old Nature's Choice/Stump Factory in Roxbury) class B Recycling Center (PI #133630) in Roxbury Township interested in modifying its facility to include leaf composting at the site. Included as correspondence for the Board is a copy of Roxbury Township's comments, concerns, and questions dated May 17, as well as Northeast's reply to the list dated June 4, generated by their Environmental Consultant, Mr. Julio Galarza. If approved by Township Officials, the MCMUA has asked for a copy of a resolution at one of their meetings. This will not need SWAC review and/or County Commissioner approval, as the request falls under the Administrative Action (AA) allowances.

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 paper shredding recycling center and inclusion in the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Included as correspondence for the Board at the June 11 meeting is e-mail communication with the Morris County Board of Commissioners on taking the next step to include Shred-It in the Plan via the approved "Blanket Inclusion Process". Proof of mandatory noticing requirements - two (2) notices in the papers as well as notices to 200' property owners around the facility will now be needed. If no complaints are received, the MCMUA will then schedule with the Commissioners to adopt a formal resolution including the Shred-It facility in the County Plan as a class A. This does not need SWAC review but at the appropriate time, the MCMUA will be asked to consider adopting a resolution providing a recommendation to the County Commissioners on this Plan inclusion request.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

The May 2024 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) - \$45.84/ton for a positive increase in pricing of \$3.67 per ton from the previous month.

- Entering June, the third quarter of 2024 is off to a good start, with curbside grades showing positive improvement in most commodity types across the board.
- Looking at fiber markets, cardboard remained steady at \$110 per ton for a fourth month, marking the 18th straight month of increased pricing from its bottoming out over a year ago at \$48 per ton.
- As for sorted residential paper commodities, it increased by another \$5 per ton in June to \$92.50 per ton.

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

Recycling Division's Public Outreach and Educational Efforts:

- During May and the first week of June, the Division planned for, organized, and held three meetings for our Municipal, County, and State recycling and clean communities' officials.
- The highlight was our third MRC Meeting, which featured updates and education on the MCMUAs programs and activities as well as educational presentations from all five recycling facilities our municipalities utilize.
 - While each facility gave a different presentation on their operations and issues, one common theme covered in all presentations was awareness of recycling correctly, the dangers each facility and their workers face with fires and contamination, and all the efforts they put into educating their customers.
- Also, at this meeting, the Morris County Division of Public Health presented the MCMUA with an award for our long-standing and exceptional partnership. Citing our dedication to constantly including their office in joint efforts, training and educating their

staff in and out of the field, and achieving joint goals towards recycling and solid waste, we greatly appreciate and are humbled by their presented award.

MCMUAs Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

- This Saturday, June 15th, is the resubmission deadline with the NJDEP for our Morris County Municipalities to submit their updated tonnage reports to the State.
- After today, according to our internal estimations, if every MRC makes the necessary changes we outlined and adds just the newly reported Class A facility tonnage alone we obtained to their submissions, this will bring in over 44,978.45 tons of additional reported recycling weight and potentially 274,812.13 dollars of extra grant money.
- More importantly, missing recycling numbers account for the tons needed to help us reach our recycling goals, which we have been chasing for the last few years.
- So, I recognize the Recycling Division's efforts to educate, motivate, and assist our municipal coordinators. Without their help, such feats would not be possible.

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

- With the materials collection season ending at the end of this week and the material containers scheduled for removal the next, Morris County's boat shrink wrap recycling program was considered a massive success in its second year, and our neighboring County Coordinators are looking to replicate it.
- Overall, the program featured over 16 participating marinas and two public drop-off day events at two public drop-off sites for the area's boat owners.
 - With the final numbers available for next month's report, the program has collected and recycled over 11 tons of material to date.

Borough of Morris Plains, MCMUA Participation in the 38th Annual Memorial Day Parade:

- On May 25, the MCMUA staff participated in the Borough's "famous" Memorial Day Parade.
- While we did not have the pleasure of featuring a 4-ton steel and fiberglass Idaho potato, which was directly in front of us, we were a close second in the hearts and minds of the crowd.
- During the parade, we featured two curbside recycling trucks, one vegetative recycling delivery truck with new program informational signage, and one Clean Communities program vehicle.
- This year's parade theme educated participants on our vegetative recycling program, and we successfully distributed over 300 program education flyers and 200 sample bags of mulch and compost while walking along the parade route.
- I have to say, while we were not giving out bags of potatoes, I have never seen people more excited to receive a bag of compost or mulch.

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

Resolution No. 2024-056

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Collection Of Trash And Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Morris County Vocational School District On Or About July 1, 2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to 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"), the County of Morris has adopted mandatory source separation for recyclable materials in its Solid Waste Management Plan (the "Plan") for residents, businesses, and institutions, including but not limited to schools; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) desires to assist the Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD) in waste reduction and increase recycling by providing collection and transportation of trash and recyclable materials at the MCVSD; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20(14), the MCMUA may enter into contracts 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, (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, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 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 MCVSD desire to enter into a new agreement to provide for the collection of trash and recyclable materials commencing July 1, 2024 for five (5) years until June 30, 2029. The initial annual cost of service for the MCVSD is \$45,000.00 with an annual 2% increase in cost.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute said Agreement in substantially similar form as that attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) and N.J.S.A. 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 June 11, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion Authorizing Execution Of Agreement Providing For Collection Of Trash and Recyclable Materials Between The MCMUA and Morris County Vocational School District On Or About July 1, 2024 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Resolution No. 2024-057

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) 20 Yard Roll Off Containers and Three (3) 10 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

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of Two (2) 20 Yard Roll Off Containers and Three (3) 10 Yard Roll Off Containers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on June 10, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of Two (2) 20 Yard Roll Off Containers and Three (3) 10 Yard Roll Off Containers is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$22,980.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$4,108.00 by obtaining the Two (2) 20 Yard Roll Off Containers and Three (3) 10 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 \$22,980.00 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 Two (2) 20 Yard Roll Off Containers and Three (3) 10 Yard Roll Off Containers in the amount of \$22,980.00.

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 June 11, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase of Two (2) 20 Yard Roll Off Containers and Three (3) 10 Yard Roll Off Containers Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 040621-WQ1 Purchasing Contract For 2023 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-058
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF USE AGREEMENT
WITH DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") entered into a Use Agreement with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs ("Department") for the lease of the motor services building and parking area at the Dover Armory; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to renew the Use Agreement for one year for a total annual cost of \$85,021.64; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in line item 01-3-600-626-612.

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is authorized and directed to renew the Use Agreement with the Department for the lease of the motor services building and parking area at the Dover Armory for an additional one year.
2. A copy of the Resolution shall be submitted to the MCMUA Treasurer.
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 June 11, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize Renewal Of Use Agreement With Department of the Military and Veteran Affairs and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

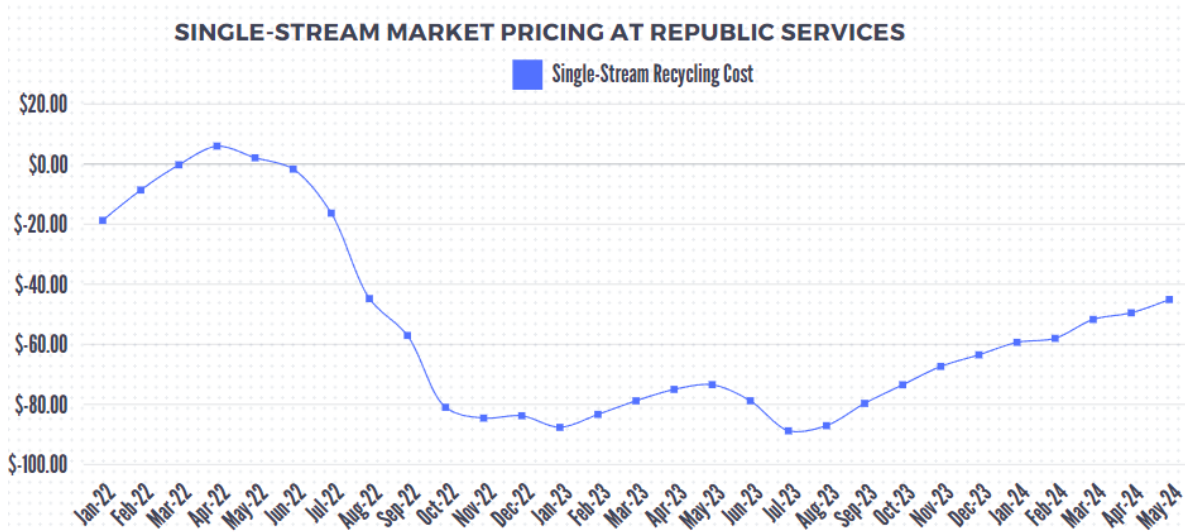
ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

May Recycling Update:

In May 2024, the preliminary rate for single-stream recycling was calculated at \$-45.08, a positive increase of \$4.43 per ton from the previous month. Towards the end of the second quarter, curbside grades continue to slow but continue to improve in certain areas, with May marking the tenth consecutive month of an overall positive trend. Fiber markets continue to trade at high values and lead with favorable pricing for the entire single-stream mix. While cardboard remained steady for the third consecutive month at \$110 per ton, sorted residential paper commodities increased to \$87.50 per ton this month. With fiber accounting for over 60% of our mix, the increase in fiber pricing is the primary reason for our overall single-stream cost this month. As for other notable pricing, curbside plastic materials have increased gradually due to a limited post-consumer recycled resin supply. According to several sources, market experts forecast sustained favorable pricing moving into the third quarter next month.



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

Resolutions for Board Consideration

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. In response, a proposal for a shared services agreement was submitted by the MCMUA on April 26 for consideration. As a result, a resolution authorizing a five-year collection agreement is being provided for the Board's consideration at this meeting.

Morris County Vocational School District Equipment Purchase:

Due to the shortened timeframe of this agreement beginning in July, Marrone and Toomey coordinated with the curbside department to devise a temporary plan for container use until the new ones are purchased and delivered. Curbside will be able to provide containers from MCMUA's existing stock during this time so that services will not be disrupted. A resolution is presented to the Board for its consideration, authorizing the use of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) cooperative pricing system to purchase containers needed to service this new location. The equipment required for purchase includes (2) 20-cubic-yard roll-off containers for bulk Type 10 and 13 Waste for a total of \$10,036.00 and (3) 10-cubic-yard front-end loading open-top containers for daily generated Type 10 Waste for a total of \$11,862.00. Funding for these initial container purchases was built into the entire life of the five-year contract.

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

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

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

- Township of Washington, Electronic Waste and Recycling Event
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Food Matters Monthly Network Meeting
- ANJEC and NJCCC Litter Cleanup Education Webinar
- MCMUA at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Block Party
- Borough of Morris Plains 38th Annual Memorial Day Parade
- MCMUA Schedules Class A Recycling Facility Tours for MRCs
- Morristown Town, Morris School District Public Pre-School Expansion and Temple B'Nai Or Recycling Education
- Town of Boonton, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections
- MCMUA Recycling Ambassador Program
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations
- MCMUA Recycling Education Outreach with our Morris County Municipal Depots
- MCMUA Municipal Curbside and Depot/Convenience Center Recycling Best Practices Education Guide

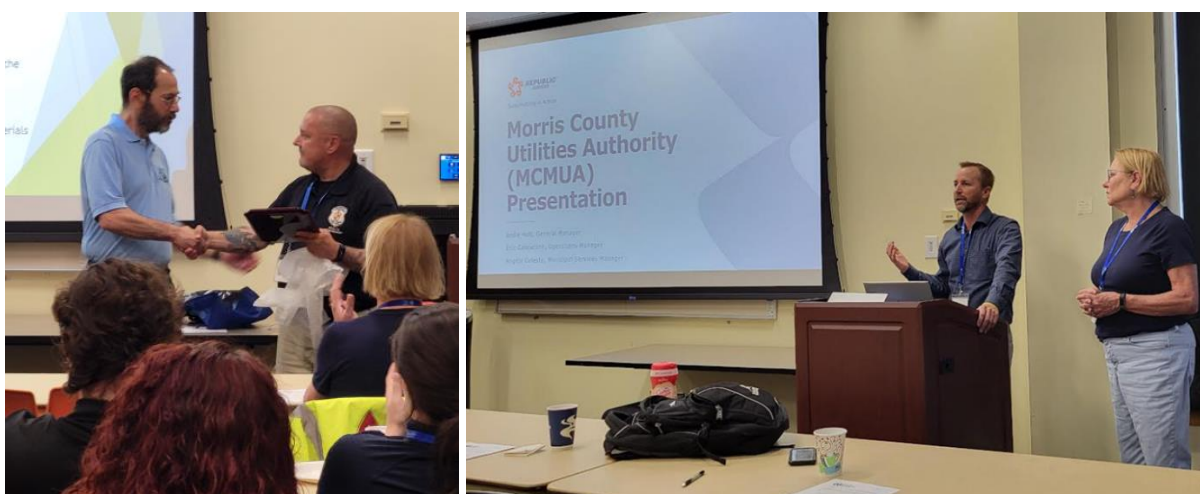
Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA's Third Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) Meeting of 2024:

On May 30, 2024, the meeting was held at the Morris County Library and began with Marrone and Toomey giving introductions and reminders to MRCs about their annual requirements, upcoming class A facility tour dates, information on CRP certification, and a brief update from ANJR on the proposed bottle bill. Marrone discussed the development of the new ANJR New Professionals network to support new professionals in the recycling industry. Eramo and Cumberton presented how they reviewed the reports and common errors found while reviewing the MTG reports for our municipalities. Deacon gave updates on the transfer stations and the household hazardous waste and vegetative recycling programs. McNulty provided program updates for our curbside program towns. Joe Schmidt from the Morris County

Department of Public Health (MCDPH) gave an update on exempt recycling facilities. At that time, the MCMUA was given an award from the MCDPH for the phenomenal partnership between the two organizations and its achievements with joint goals. Schmidt also gave MRCs some tips on education and enforcement.

Following these program updates, speakers from the various MRFs where our Morris County Municipalities bring their collected recyclables were invited to attend, present on their operations, and provide the floor for discussion. Each gave a different presentation on their facility operations, common issues encountered with potential resolutions, acceptable materials, market development, capabilities for servicing their customers, impacts of upcoming legislation, and other various topics. One common theme covered in all presentations was awareness of recycling correctly, the dangers each facility and their workers face with fires and contamination, and all the efforts they put into educating their customers. Those organizations represented were Republic Services in Mine Hill, Atlantic Coast Recycling in Passaic, Ricova/Recycle City in Clifton, Trinity Recycling in Mine Hill, and Global Recycling Solutions in Andover. Overall, the meeting was well received by all in attendance, and the MCMUA received much praise from our MRCs and the speakers after the event.



The MCDPH, shown above on the right, presents the MCMUA with an award celebrating our partnership over the years and appreciation for supporting and educating their office and the public. Above left is Republic Services Operations Manager Eric Gabrielson and Regional Manager Andie Holt speaking at the May 30th Meeting.

MCMUA 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

As a reminder from last month, as of April 30, 2024, all 39 Morris County Municipalities submitted their 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant Applications to the NJDEP. Throughout May 2024, the MCMUA began its second phase of boosting Morris County's recycling rate by following up with any outstanding recycling markets for recycling reports and reviewing each of our MRC's reporting submissions for accuracy and missing tonnage. During this time, Cumberton and Eramo split our Morris County municipalities in half. They began to review reports to help boost our recycling rates and collect missing grants until the June 15th resubmission deadline with the NJDEP for updated tonnage reports. To date, a little over half of our municipalities have been reviewed and given edits to their reports, with the rest to be completed well before the deadline. In addition, Marrone and Birmingham were able to solicit additional reports from recycling markets from last month's report, furthering our reporting efforts. After May 2024, according to our internal estimations, approximately 44,978.45 tons and over 274,812.13 dollars of potential extra grant money will be pulled in as a part of our efforts for the entirety of Morris County.

Next year, our joint reporting compliance efforts with the Morris County Division of Public Health will be focused on the remaining Class B, C, D, and exempt facilities beginning in mid-fall, educating these facilities on the importance of reporting and doing so early to ensure reporting compliance. These efforts will not only further our 50% MSW goal but significantly improve our Total Recycling Goal of 60%, which Morris County is also behind in achieving.

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

In May 2024, Marrone, Toomey, and Eramo completed work on a new internship description and outline of work for a new intern for the Solid Waste Planning Division 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 under the guidance of Eramo on multiple 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 was forwarded to the MCVSD's Structured Learning Coordinator for distribution to the student base.

MCMUA, New Jersey County Recycling Coordinator, and the New Jersey Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts:

ANJR Northern Swap and Share Meeting:

On May 9, 2024, the MCMUA hosted and presented ANJR's Northern Swap and Share educational event at the Morris County Library. Some topics of interest discussed were inspection tactics of curbside recycling setouts, boat shrink wrap recycling, bilingual educational information, new designs for decals recycling depot programs, paper shredding events, making recycling programs more accessible to different participant groups, food waste collection programs, the proposed bottle bill, ways to reach additional population groups with recycling information, Styrofoam recycling programs, and opportunities for cooperation between multiple municipalities with recycling programs.

Morris County at the New Jersey County Recycling Coordinators and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers Meeting:

On May 21, 2024, Marrone attended and participated at the New Jersey County Recycling Coordinator and ANJR Board of Directors Meeting. At the Recycling Coordinator Meeting, the agenda covered the Bottle Bill (S3147) and other legislation updates, updates from the NJDEP, and coverage of the Recycling Enhancement Act Grants; NJDEP proposed updates to the electronic waste regulations, discussion on how the different ways each county educates its residents on how to recycle their curbside materials, work on a statewide list of acceptable curbside materials, and suggestions for legislators on a proposed "Truth in Labeling" legislation.

Later in the day, Marrone attended and participated in the ANJR Board of Directors Meeting. After several months of integration, the Association's new Executive Director, New Jersey Public Strategies Information (NJ PSI), is fully integrated into all aspects of the operation. Also, at this meeting, Marrone proposed a "New Professionals Network" for young and newer professionals in the recycling industry for their consideration. Marrone, now the subcommittee's chairman, devised a mentorship program for those recycling professionals who are new to the industry and will be provided an open forum to ask questions and learn from seasoned members through various educational events and activities free of charge for ANJR members.

Legislative Update, Proposed Bottle Bill (S3147):

During the last few months, state legislators have been mulling over a new bill to create a 10-cent bottle and can-return system in New Jersey, which would mirror those already in place in several states. ANJR strongly opposes the bill due to its many logistical issues while it may also jeopardize future REA and Clean Communities funding.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In May 2024, Marrone continued work with Morris County's boat shrink wrap recycling program for generated materials within the county for a second year. As the material collection season ends, the two public drop-off sites at Lee's County Park Marina and Jefferson Twp. Health Center are beginning to slow down with materials collected for recycling during the last

week in May. In addition, the second public drop-off day planned for Saturday, June 1st, also received several participants. To date, a little over 10 tons of material has been collected for recycling, which is 1/3 more than collected last season, with fewer container pulls saving on program costs and ensuring the program can be sustained again next year. The recycling program is expected to cease operations at the end of June.

2023 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Deliverables:

Regarding the 2023 REA Grant Application, Marrone and Toomey worked on completing this application for Morris County throughout May. This involved writing personnel descriptions for all MCMUA staff meeting the grant's requirements, task summaries, and budget descriptions for the activities the MCMUA plans to do in the current grant period. These activities will be focused on improving Morris County's recycling rates and bring them closer to 50% for municipal recycling and 60% for total recycling. Task 1 of the grant will involve continuing the household hazardous waste program, including the permanent facility and the drop-off event days. The funds for this grant portion, \$296,881.20, will all go towards contracting MXI for collection, transportation, and recycling or disposal of household hazardous materials from the program. Task 2 of the grant will involve the educational activities that will be carried out to increase recycling rates, with a particular focus on the municipalities with the lowest recycling rates in the County.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:

In May 2024, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued 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 cleanup was completed this month:

On May 17, 2024, the AAH crew cleaned a portion of Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson Township. This section of road borders the Rockaway River. The crew began at Taylor Road and went north to Yellow Road. The portion of the road near Yellow Road is adjacent to Longwood Lake. The total miles are 2.6 on both sides of the road (5.2 linear). Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 28
- Bags of recyclables, 23

2024 Trash and Recycling Clear Stream Loans for Morris County Municipal Events:

In May 2024, the Morris County Clean Communities Program began its trash and recycling "Clear Stream" loan program for the 2024 season. The MCMUA offers special event recycling containers to vetted organizations for public events. These containers are easy to transport and set up, have restricted openings, and have clear bags that make them easy for people to use and understand. They encourage proper recycling practices and trash disposal to prevent litter at events and, most of all, are provided at no cost to participants. Popular with many organizations, the following groups utilized this service in May:

- The Great Swamp Watershed Association for its Annual Music Festival.
- The Historic Chester Business Association for the Chester Spring Craft Show

2024 Morris County School Litter and Artwork Contest:

In May 2024, the Clean Communities Program continues to gain steam and has received additional mini-grant program applications for this year's litter cleanup and artwork contest at Morris County's public and private schools. So far, fourteen schools have entered the artwork contest, and another sixteen 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:

Mr. Gindoff explained that we need to retain a Special Counsel for our PFAS Class action litigation which we are in and the Keefe Law Firm has been representing us as approved a couple months ago when they changed from the Wilentz Law Firm to the Keefe Law Firm. The current agreement was only for a year and it terminates after a year as a Professional Services Agreement and this Resolution renews that agreement for another one year term at the same rates and terms. Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2024-059
Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement
Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And
The Keefe Law Firm As Special Counsel In The Matter Entitled In
Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, MDL
No. 2:18-MN-2873-RMG Pending In The United States District Court
For The District of South Carolina, Charleston Division**

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

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) adopted Resolution No. 2023-054, awarding a Professional Services Agreement to the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., 125 Half Mile Road, Suite 100, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 to represent this the MCMUA in the MDL litigation; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2024, the MCMUA adopted Resolution 2024-033 authorizing the transfer of the MCMUA's file related to the MDL to the Keefe Law Firm which was handling the litigation when it was part of the Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer law firm and continues to represent the MCMUA in the aforementioned MDL; and

WHEREAS, the Keefe Law Firm, located at 2 Bridge Avenue, Bldg. 6, 2nd Floor, Suite 623, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, has submitted a legal services agreement with identical terms and conditions as the legal services agreement authorized by MCMUA Resolution No. 2023-054; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the aforementioned proposed legal service agreement, the MCMUA desires to retain the Keefe Law Firm as special counsel for the continued representation of the MCMUA in the aforementioned MDL; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Chief Financial Officer need not certify that funds are available for this purpose because the legal services agreement of the Keefe Law Firm provides that they will represent the MCMUA on a contingency fee basis and will cover all litigation costs

at no risk to the MCMUA, meaning, that if the litigation is unsuccessful, the MCMUA will not be responsible for any costs.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the professional services contract with the Keefe Law Firm as special legal counsel for a period not to exceed one (1) year in substantially the form provided, subject to receipt of the completed vendor pay to play compliance packet for goods and services and information required to be submitted to the MCMUA as required therein and all such documents required by law.
2. This contract is awarded as a “Professional Service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.
3. A notice of the adoption of this Resolution which provides for the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract shall be published in the official newspaper and shall state that the Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.
4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of his Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at a Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion Authorizing Professional Services Agreement Between the MCMUA and The Keefe Law Firm As Special Counsel and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Gindoff read the following Resolution Recognizing Michael Guadagno and asked for the Board’s approval of same:

Resolution Recognizing Michael Guadagno

Whereas, Michael Guadagno was appointed to the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority on February 1, 2021; and

Whereas, Michael served with distinction as a member of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Board for over three years; and

Whereas, Michael provided his professional experience, dedication, commitment and vision, particularly in the area of authority management and solid waste facility planning, as evidenced by serving as a Chair and member on the Morris County Solid Waste Advisory Council; and

Whereas, during his term as a Chair, Vice Chair and Board Member, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority provided services that were economically and environmentally beneficial for the residents of Morris County as a result of Michael’s guidance and direction.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, on June 11, 2024, that the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Board and Staff present this Resolution to Michael Guadagno in sincere appreciation of his significant contributions to the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, the County of Morris and its citizens.

Tayfun Selen,
Commissioner-liaison

Christopher Dour,
Chairman

Marilyn Regner,
Secretary of the Authority

Larry Gindoff,
Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion Adopting Resolution Recognizing Michael Guadagno and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

There being no further 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 8:12 p.m. regarding litigation in the MCMUA vs Mine Hill billing matter and PFAS litigation.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:12 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Ragonese.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to into open session at 8:53 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:53 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Ragonese.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ragonese and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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