

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Hill Road, Wharton, New Jersey 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, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Ragonese and Mr. Christopher Dour.

ABSENT: Mr. Frank Druetzler, Dr. Dorothea Kominos and Ms. Laura Szwak.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Dour requested MCMUA Counsel, Alexandra Knoth to conduct tonight's public hearings. Alexandra Knoth stated that the MCMUA will be conducting the following two Public Hearings this evening: (1) Public Hearing To Amend The Water Rate Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For 2025; and (2) Public Hearing To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees Effective 2025.

Ms. Knoth announced the first Public Hearing will be To Amend The Water Rate of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. The MCMUA adopted Resolution No. 2024-078 at the October 8, 2024 Board Meeting setting forth the date and time of this public hearing.

The Resolution called for the provision of notice for a Public Hearing in two newspapers 20 days prior to the hearing, as well as written notice to each of the MCMUA's water customers. Notice was given in accordance with the statute and proofs of publication and mail receipts are on file at the MCMUA office.

Ms. Knoth mentioned that we have a Stenographer, Amelinda Lopez, transcribing everything that is being said, so it is important to be mindful that we don't talk over one another. Ms. Knoth read into the record exhibits that have been pre-marked. Ms. Knoth stated that we are going to call on the Treasurer and the MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer as witnesses for presentations and testimony. Mr. Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, was sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule.

Mr. Michael McAloon, MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer, was sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule. Members of the Authority were invited to ask questions regarding the testimonies. There were no questions from the Board. Seeing no comments, Ms. Knoth opened the hearing to questions from the Public. There were no members from the Public present.

At this time, Ms. Knoth recommended that Chairman Dour ask the Board to consider Resolution No. 2024-082, which is a Resolution to Amend the Water Rate Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For 2025 increasing the wholesale water rate by 5.5%, as testified by Mr. Kaletcher and Mr. McAloon from \$3,299 per million gallons to \$3,480 per million gallons.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of Resolution No. 2024-082:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-082
RESOLUTION TO AMEND WATER RATE OF
MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Authority adopted Resolution No. 2023-078 on October 8, 2024 to schedule the public hearing for the proposed amendment of the water rate of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the base water rate from \$3,299.00 to \$3,480.00 per million gallons; and

WHEREAS, the Authority caused Notice to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 of a hearing on the proposed amended rate; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held as noticed at the Authority's Meeting on November 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, testimony regarding reasonableness and necessity of the proposed increase was submitted by Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, MCMUA and Michael McAloon, P.E., MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has considered the matter and has determined that the proposed amendment to the rate is necessary and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 12th day of November, 2024 as follows:

1. The base rate to be charged by the Authority for the provision of water is hereby amended to be \$3,480.00 per million gallons (MG).

2. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law and the amended water rate established by this Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Amend The Water Rate of the Morris County M.U.A. to \$3,480 per million gallons and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

Mr. Ragonese restated what he said last month that 5.5% is a lot and folks are dealing with high prices across the board on so many items and they are having difficulty with their own expenses. He will vote for it, but wants to look at it more closely next year because it is quite a large increase. He voted yes.

Chairman Dour noted for the record that there was no Public on the WebEx call.

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

Ms. Knoth added to the record the following three additional exhibits: Testimony of Lawrence Kaletcher, Testimony of Michael McAloon and Resolution No. 2024-082. This closes the Public Hearing on the Water Rate.

Ms. Knoth announced the second Public Hearing will be To Amend Rate Schedule of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees Effective 2025. The MCMUA adopted Resolution No. 2024-079 at the October 8, 2024 Board Meeting setting forth the date of this public hearing.

The Resolution called for the provision of notice for a Public Hearing in two newspapers, as well as written notice to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority. Notice was given in accordance with the statute and proofs of publication and mail receipts are on file at the MCMUA office.

Ms. Knoth read into the record exhibits that have been pre-marked. Ms. Knoth stated that we are going to call on the Treasurer and the Solid Waste Coordinator as witnesses for presentations and testimony. Mr. Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, was previously sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule.

Mr. James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, was sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule. Members of the Authority were invited to ask questions regarding the testimonies. There were no questions from the Board. Seeing no comments, Ms. Knoth opened the hearing to questions from the Public. There were no members from the Public present or on the WebEx call.

At this time, Ms. Knoth recommended that Chairman Dour ask the Board to consider Resolution No. 2024-083, which is a Resolution To Amend the Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees Effective 2025, as testified by Mr. Kaletcher and Mr. Deacon.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of Resolution No. 2024-083:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-083
RESOLUTION TO AMEND RATE SCHEDULE OF THE
MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
TO ADJUST SOLID WASTE FEES EFFECTIVE 2025

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

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

WHEREAS, the rates for the disposal of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, NJ may not exceed the rates that are set forth in a Tariff, said Tariff having been approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Authority adopted Resolution No. 2024-079 on October 8, 2024 to schedule a public hearing for proposed amendments of the rates to adjust solid waste fees effective 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Authority caused Notice to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 of a hearing on the proposed amended rates; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA conducted a Public Hearing, as noticed, on November 12, 2024, at which time testimony was provided by Larry Kaletcher, MCMUA Treasurer and James E. Deacon, MCMUA Solid Waste Coordinator that the adjustments in the rates for the disposal of all waste types are reasonable and necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey on this 12th day of November, 2024 as follows:

- 1) The rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, and 27 are hereby amended from the previous tip fee of \$111.25/ton to a tip fee of \$115.00/ton. The rate of waste type 25 will remain at the previous tip fee of \$101.99/ton, except that in the event that the NJDEP approves a tariff filing or petition proposing to increase tipping fee for waste type 25 to \$115.00/ton in which case the tipping fee for waste type 25 shall be \$115.00/ton upon the date of such approval from NJDEP.
- 2) This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law and the amended rates and amended fees established by this Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Amend The Rate Schedule of the Morris County M.U.A. To Adjust Solid Waste Fees Effective 2025 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

Mr. Ragonese mentioned that in the short time he has been here, he has seen only pretty remarkable work done by the Solid Waste Division. What he has seen is really terrific and he knows there is a lot that goes into it and a lot that will be happening in the future. He still would speak for the taxpayers, when he hears necessary and reasonable at 3.37%, it would be equal in gravity who would say all of us have things that are necessary and could be reasonable. He thinks they might say just watch in the future your spending and see what you could do to keep it down. He congratulated Staff on the great job and voted yes.

ROLL CALL: AYES: NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Ms. Knoth added to the record the following three additional exhibits: Testimony of Lawrence Kaletcher, Testimony of James E. Deacon and Resolution No. 2024-083. This concludes the Public Hearing.

Stenographer, Amelinda Lopez, took transcripts of the Public Hearings for the Authority. **TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORITY AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.**

The public hearings were concluded at 7:30 p.m. The Stenographer was dismissed.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff suggested that we now address all Resolutions first and then Board reports will follow.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 8, 2024:

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff called on Mr. Kaletcher to read his resolutions. Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that last week the Department of Community Affairs approved the MCMUA's 2025 Budget Introductions for adoption. The next two resolutions are for the adoption of the Solid Waste Division and the Water Division. He mentioned that nothing has changed since the budget introductions last month and asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-084
2025 SOLID WASTE
ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2025 TO December 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 has been presented for adoption before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of November 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$60,227,644.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$62,698,875.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$2,471,231.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$3,708,750.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized of \$0.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on November 12, 2024 that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2025 and, ending, December 31, 2025 is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

		<u>November 12, 2024</u>
Marilyn Regner, Secretary		Date
Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote:	1 st : MR. RAGONESE 2 nd : MS. FARRIS
	Aye	Nay Abstain Absent
MR. BARRY	X	
MR. DRUETZLER		X
MS. FARRIS	X	
DR. KOMINOS		X
DR. NUSBAUM	X	
MR. RAGONESE	X	
MS. SZWAK		X
MR. DOUR	X	

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-085
2025 WATER
ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2025 TO December 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 has been presented for adoption before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of November 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$5,751,000.00 Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$7,133,668.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$1,382,668.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$3,700,000.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized of \$0.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on November 12, 2024 that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2025 and, ending, December 31, 2025 is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

	<u>November 12, 2024</u> (Date)
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	
Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote: 1 st : MR. BARRY 2 nd : MR. RAGONESE Aye Nay Abstain Absent
MR. BARRY	X
MR. DRUETZLER	X
MS. FARRIS	X
DR. KOMINOS	X
DR. NUSBAUM	X
MR. RAGONESE	X
MS. SZWAK	X
MR. DOUR	X

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

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-086

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. 2024-086 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,565,816.74** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6770-6780	\$	358,239.15
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15418-15501	\$	<u>3,971,097.43</u>
		\$	4,329,336.58

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: November 12, 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: November 12, 2024.

DATE: November 12, 2024

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

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

**Resolution No. 2024-087
Resolution Authorizing The One-Year Extension Of Contract With
W. R. Neumann Company, Inc., Trading As Miracle Chemical Company
For The Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution To the MCMUA Water Division**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) awarded a Contract for the Delivery Of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution to the MCMUA Water Division to W. R. Neumann Company, Inc., Trading As Miracle Chemical Company (“CONTRACTOR”), for a term of one (1) year, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for two (2) one (1) year additional period in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

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

WHEREAS, the price to be paid to the contractor for the one-year extension will be based on the \$3.398/gal. price proposal for year one, as adjusted not to exceed the change in the index rate for the 12 months preceding the most recently quarterly calculation available at the time the contract is renewed, in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.).

WHEREAS, the amount for the one-year extension shall not exceed the contract amount of \$32,520.40 and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in line item 01-1-600-800-726 to pay the entire contract amount for the one (1) year extension.

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

1. The MCMUA finds that the services of Miracle Chemical Company are being performed in an effective and efficient manner.
2. The MCMUA authorizes the first one (1) year extension of the existing contract with W. R. Neumann Company, Inc. Trading As Miracle Chemical Company, for Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution to the MCMUA Water Division.
3. The one (1) year extension is not to exceed the contract amount of \$32,520.40.
4. The original contract executed on December 18, 2023, between the MCMUA and Miracle Chemical Company, shall remain legal and binding in all respects during the one (1) year extension period.
5. A copy of this Resolution and applicable contract shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, 370 Richard Mine Rd. Wharton, NJ 07885.
6. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the MCMUA Treasurer and W. R. Neumann Company, Inc., Trading as Miracle Chemical Company, 1151 B Highway #33, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize One-Year Extension Of Contract With W. R. Neumann Company, Inc., Trading as Miracle Chemical Company For Delivery Of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution To Water Division and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he is happy that this is the first time we were able to extend this contract for more than one year and we will have one more opportunity to extend the contract for one more year next year if we choose.

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

Mr. Deacon asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution for disposal of the old HHW office trailer:

Resolution No. 2024-088 Resolution Authorizing The Auction/Sale/Disposition Of Equipment

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) owns

Equipment, which has been used primarily at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station- Household Hazardous Waste Facility, as further described below:

Household Hazardous Waste Trailer

WHEREAS, this Equipment has been determined to no longer be of use to the MCMUA since these items are no longer serviceable and not cost effective to repair.

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

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

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to post and sell the Equipment for auction on an “on-line” web site, such as Municibid - Online Government Auctions, to the highest bidder and/or sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment at the time deemed appropriate.
2. This resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Dr. Nusbaum made a Motion to Authorize The Auction/Sale/
Disposition Of Equipment and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the next four resolutions are for purchase of heavy equipment for the transfer stations and asked for the Board’s approval of same:

Resolution No. 2024-089

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Five (5) Wheel Loaders Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH 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 Wheel Loaders; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of five (5) Wheel Loaders through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on November 11, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of five (5) Wheel Loaders are available for purchase through GT Mid Atlantic in the total amount of \$3,267,500.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$476,080.00 by obtaining the Wheel Loaders 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 \$3,267,500.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-1-900-000-100.

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 five (5) Wheel Loaders in the amount of \$3,267,500.00.

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 November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of Five (5) Wheel Loaders Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH Purchasing Contract for 2024 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2024-090

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) Excavators Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH 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 Excavators; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of two (2) Excavators through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on November 11, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of two (2) Excavators are available for purchase through GT Mid Atlantic in the total amount of \$820,000.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$59,293.00 by obtaining the Excavators 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 \$820,000.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-1-900-000-100.

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) Excavators in the amount of \$820,000.00.

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 November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of Two (2) Excavators Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH Purchasing Contract for 2024 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2024-091

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) Material Handler Excavators Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH 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 Material Handler Excavators; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of two (2) Material Handler Excavators through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on November 11, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of two (2) Material Handler Excavators are available for purchase through GT Mid Atlantic in the total amount of \$1,020,000.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$937,142 by obtaining the Material Handler Excavators 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 \$1,020,000.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-1-900-000-100.

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) Material Handler Excavators in the amount of \$1,020,000.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of Two (2) Material Handler Excavators Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH Purchasing Contract for 2024 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2024-092

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Three (3) Skid Steer Loaders Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH 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 Skid Steer Loaders; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of three (3) Skid Steer Loaders through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on November 11, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of three (3) Skid Steer Loaders are available for purchase through GT Mid Atlantic in the total amount of \$293,174.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$43,746.00 by obtaining the Skid Steer Loaders 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 \$293,174.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-1-900-000-100.

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 three (3) Skid Steer Loaders in the amount of \$293,174.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of Three (3) Skid Steer Loaders Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 011723-CNH Purchasing Contract for 2024 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-093
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of
a Windrow Turner Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 030923-KMP
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 Windrow Turners; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of one (1) Windrow Turner through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on November 11, 2024 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of one (1) Windrow Turner is available for purchase through Viably in the total amount of \$743,310.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$91,369.00 by obtaining the Windrow Turner 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 \$734,310.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-4-600-602-173.

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 one (1) Windrow Turner in the amount of \$734,310.00.

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 November 12, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of a Windrow Turner Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 030923-CNH Purchasing Contract for 2024 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of October 2024. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for October 2024. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water year-to-date October 2024 and an Investment Report that is showing no new investments were purchased during the month of October 2024.

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

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he had one update with the issue on the Rotondi name change. We just filed that letter with DEP and that will be in next month's correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

WATER

1. Letter dated October 1, 2024 from Vincent Uhl, PG, PH, Principal and Ashish Daw, PG, Geologist, Uhl & Associates, Inc. regarding Morris County MUA Test Well Project – Alamatong Wellfield - 2024.

SOLID WASTE

2. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2024-908 adopted October 23, 2024 for an amendment to the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan for inclusion of the Stericycle Paper Shred-It Facility.
3. Letter dated October 29, 2024 from William C. Sullivan, Esq., Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC to Larry Gindoff regarding Request for Administrative Action to the County Plan to include change of name of the Facility from S. Rotondi Sons, Inc. to S. Rotondi & Sons, LLC.

RECYCLING

4. NJDEP News Release dated October 24, 2024 entitled “Murphy Administration Honors 2024 Recycling And Sustainability Champions Through Annual Awards Program”.
5. Email dated October 26, 2024 from Kelli Ann Keyes, Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Coordinator, Township of Roxbury, to Anthony Marrone expressing gratitude for all he does and congratulations on winning the award on their boat shrink initiative.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) Through the month of October, the MCMUA sold approximately 1,333.802 MG. This is slightly higher than the amount sold in 2023 and slightly lower than the amount sold in 2022. We are on pace to slightly exceed the budget amount of 1,450 MG for this year.; (2) MCMUA Water Superintendent and SCE closely monitor the well pumping levels on a daily basis to confirm there are no major changes within the aquifers. While northern New Jersey has experienced the driest September-October in recorded history, luckily there has been no change within the aquifers to date. If necessary, we will adjust our well pumping if we see a change.; (3) SCE assisted with the Annual Capital Improvement Plans.; (4) At the Mt. Arlington Booster Station, the Contractor continued the installation of process piping; getting ready for the swing pump. The existing SCADA panel upgrades have been advanced and is anticipated to be completed in the coming weeks. The delivery date for the pump and motor has been slightly delayed. They are still anticipating arrival before Thanksgiving. The Contractor is holding the schedule for completion of all base bid items before the end of the year, except for the final site paving, which is anticipated in the spring. Payment Application No. 4 is on the bill list to be approved. The Contractor is slightly behind schedule, but once the pump and motor arrive and are installed, the work will be complete. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.; (5) Dee-En Electric has received the deliveries for the Automatic Transfer Switches for Flanders Valley No. 1 and No. 2 generators. The generators currently have a ship date of mid-January 2025.; (6) Uhl & Associates has formalized their findings report and submitted their final invoice for work complete. This was for the test wells that were drilled attempting to get into the lower glacial aquifer system, which was the intent of the project. Unfortunately, the well yields where they drilled those wells were only 25 gpm where our existing wells have a capacity of 450 gpm. Regardless of the water quality, the quantity of water is inadequate.

The Uhl Report recommended additional water quality sampling, but at this time, it is our recommendation that it is not necessary to proceed with that.

Chairman Dour questioned one of the bills mentioned a N.J. natural gas charge for the house generator set-up at 100 Howard Boulevard and Mr. McAloon replied yes; that is the Mt. Arlington Booster Station and that is for the new small natural gas generator. We decided to put in a small generator in the event of a utility outage, that generator will automatically kick on for lights and SCADA power, but it is not large enough to operate our big pumps. This is a way for Tony to keep power in the facility and be able to engage pumps as needed.

(7) At the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, Dee-En Electric has completed the installation of their transformer. Unfortunately, the delivery date for the Motor Control Center has shifted to the end of April, so we are going to be working with the Contractor to process a no cost time extension to extend the contract duration at the December meeting.; (8) Regarding the Parsippany Transfer Station sign, we completed the limited boundary and topographic survey and working to finalize the Site Plan for the sign.

Chairman Dour asked if we need a variance and Mr. McAloon replied that it is a Minor Site Plan, but they are making us come in for testimony. He does not believe it is a variance that we need; only a Minor Site Plan.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of October, MCMUA sold approximately 1,333.802 MG. This amount is approximately 64.621 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023 and approximately 40.136 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022. Total water sales are currently on pace to slightly exceed the budgeted amount of 1,450MG.
- B. MCMUA Water Superintendent and SCE closely monitor well pumping levels on a daily basis to confirm there are no major changes with the aquifers. While northern NJ has experienced the driest September-October in recorded history, there has been no change within the aquifers to date. We continue to monitor these levels and if necessary, will adjust our well pumping.
- C. SCE has assisted in the preparation of Annual Capital Improvement Plans, annual budgeting process. SCE is prepared to provide Rate Hearing Testimony for the 2025 Water Rate at the November meeting.

2. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

Sovereign Consulting, Inc. has continued the installation of process piping, for the proposed swing pump. The existing SCADA panel upgrades have been advanced, and is anticipated to be completed in the coming weeks. The delivery date for the pump and motor has been delayed, pump testing is being performed, upon approval of pump performance, it will be factory painted and shipped, anticipated to arrive on site prior to Thanksgiving. The Contractor continues to maintain a completion schedule of all base bid items prior to December 31, except for the final site paving, which is anticipated in the spring.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No.4 in the amount of **\$141,610.00**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

Project Completion Summary Through November 12, 2024

Contract Start Date	March 28, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	229 63%
Days Remaining:	136 37%

Original Contract Completion Date March 28, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through November 12, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$1,105,000.00
Payment Application #1	\$281,666.66
Payment Application #2	\$27,929.70
Payment Application #3	\$157,780.00
Payment Application #4	\$141,610.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$621,414.96
Percent of Work Complete	56%
Total Retainage to Date	\$12,428.30

3. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. has received the deliveries for the Automatic Transfer Switches for both #1 and #2. The generators currently have a ship date of mid-January 2025.

Project Completion Summary Through November 12, 2024

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	183 50%
Days Remaining:	182 50%
Original Contract Completion Date	May 13, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through November 12, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$520,798.00
Payment Application #1	\$19,230.54
Payment Application #2	\$34,300.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$54,623.00
Percent of Work Complete	10%
Total Retainage to Date	\$392.46

4. Alamatong Wellfield Testing and Sampling Test Wells

UHL & Associates has formalized the findings in a report for the Alamatong Well #1 and Well #2 test well program. The test wells were drilled into the lower glacial aquifer system, which was the intent of the project. However, the well yields achieved were approximately 25gpm, after additional well development efforts. These yields are not adequate to support the MCMUA's water distribution system, as the existing pumps have a capacity of approximately 450 gpm. The Uhl & Associates reports recommends that water quality sampling, for PFAS is pursued to further broadening the knowledge of PFAS distribution in the Alamatong Wellfield.

At this time, SCE recommends the testing and sampling of the Alamatong Test Wells #1 and #2 is not pursued. This can be revisited at a later date if desired.

Project Financial Summary Through November 12, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$140,260.00
Contract Amendment #1 (Well Development)	\$25,000.00
Payment Application #1	\$88,748.00
Payment Application #2	\$45,723.00
Payment Application #3	\$3,740
Total Value of Work Complete	\$138,211.00
Percent of Work Complete	98.5%

5. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. has completed the replacement of the existing

transformer, as well as the concrete placement for the new Motor Control Center concrete housekeeping slab. The Contractor is awaiting the fabrication and delivery of the proposed Motor Control Center (MCC). The Contractor advised the ship date has shifted to end of April 2025. We will be working with the Contractor to process a no cost time extension to the contract to extend the contract duration to account of this delay.

Project Completion Summary Through November 12, 2024

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		240 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	183	76%
Days Remaining:	57	24%
Original Contract Completion Date		January 8, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through November 12, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$159,900.00
Payment Application #1	\$7,199.08
Payment Application #2	\$1,715.00
Payment Application #3	\$17,434.20
Total Value of Work Complete	\$26,886.00
Percent of Work Complete	16.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$537.72

6. Parsippany Transfer Station Sign

SCE has performed a limited boundary and topographic survey necessary for the Site Plan Submission to Parsippany. SCE is working on preparing the necessary documents and coordinating the application submission to ensure the next available hearing.

SCE is working with Operations staff to address minor engineering tasks for both Parsippany and Mt. Olive Transfer stations & compost facilities.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) Regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan, the Shred-It Facility in Parsippany was approved by the Commissioners on October 23, 2024 at their meeting. The full packet for Plan inclusion as a Class “A” Facility was sent down to the DEP; (2) Larry Gindoff mentioned the Rotondi name change; that Administrative Action was generated today and will be mailed out tomorrow to the DEP.; (3) Regarding Vegetative Waste, 2024 revenue totals have overtaken 2023 year-to-date due to strong in-bound leaf quantities almost doubled compared to October 2023 leaf deliveries last year.; (4) The HHW Event at the Academy on October 26 went well. It was the last event in 2024 which serviced 643 vehicles. Dates and locations for next year’s events will be finalized hopefully by this week so we can get this information to the municipalities. We are officially losing the Academy for the calendar year 2025, due to construction of a new building at the end of the parking lot. The new HHW office trailer has been installed by Mobilease.; and (5) All the Transfer Station projects have been detailed in the report.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) Regarding the Mt. Olive water service, we have completed the field survey for the water main extension. Currently we are preparing the base maps and the design. We expect that to be completed in December and submitted to N.J. American for their review and approval. Once we get their approval, we can continue to go out to bid with their Contractor for that construction.; and (2) Regarding the Tarp Rack System Replacement for Parsippany, those preliminary plans were submitted on Monday for review by MUA Staff for their comments. Once we receive those comments, we will finalize those plans and put the bid documents together and plan on getting that out on the street for bidding in December.

Chairman Dour asked when is that construction going to happen before the new contract and Mr. Gindoff replied that we should be going out to bid on this and hopefully awarding this before the end of our fiscal year, so awarded before or at our February meeting. Mr. Gindoff stated that this construction will be completed before over the next contract.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

At the November 12 Board meeting, both MCMUA Treasurer/CFO Larry Kaletcher and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon will be presenting a 2025 Rate Hearing testimony regarding adjustments to the transfer station tipping fees, effective 2025. After the Public Hearing, the Board will be presented with a resolution for consideration based on this recommendation, which was detailed and approved during the October 8 Board meeting.

With the move to the new main office building, staff has started to update the MCMUA Emergency Action and Fire Prevention Plan that was previously generated for 214A Center Grove in Randolph back in 2014. Staff used the same format, updating CCM related details to the new location in Wharton. When reviewed and approved, staff will update the main office compliance binder and place this binder and the Right to Know (RTK) Central File binder downstairs next to the OSHA compliance board in the kitchen, all wall mounted.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WSP USA- The **Stericycle Shred-It** facility located at 81 Walsh Drive, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, inclusion in the County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) as an NJDEP class A recycling facility- Resolution #2024-080 at the October 8 Board meeting provided recommendation on WSP's request for Plan inclusion to the Morris County Board of County Commissioners. On October 23, MCMUA Executive Director Larry Gindoff and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon attended the Commissioner meeting. There were not any comments or questions, and no public was present concerning the Shred-It facility. As a result, attached as correspondence for the Board at the November 12 meeting is a copy of the Board of County Commissioners Resolution #2024-908, adopting a Plan Amendment formally including Stericycle Shred-It into the County Plan as a class A recycling facility. The full meeting packet is being sent by the County Commissioners directly to the NJDEP.

S. Rotondi and Sons, Inc. Multi-Class (B&C) recycling center in Chatham Borough- MCMUA staff were contacted by attorneys Scarinci and Hollenbeck who are requesting a change of name/ownership through administrative Action (AA) for S. Rotondi and Sons, Inc. to S. Rotondi and Sons, LLC. The change of name will not result in any operational changes at the facility and can be done through an AA. A copy of the request has been included as correspondence for the Board at the November 12 meeting and an AA approving this change in name will be drafted and forwarded to NJDEP requesting this minor Plan modification vis-à-vis an AA.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA staff is currently working with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) to update our NJDEP site plan to maximize material storage and processing capacity at the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility. In addition to help with site capacity, Resolution #2024-093 will be presented to the Board for its consideration at the November 12 meeting authorizing staff to purchase a new Viably Komptech Topturn X5500 windrow turner to replace both the 2001 Scarab 18LL-450 D4 windrow turner and the 1997 Toro Pro Grind 4000 tub grinder. SCE completed both vegetative waste facility's Emergency Action Plan (EAP) maps which have since been printed and posted in both office trailers. Program Manager Stephen Adams continues to pursue proposals for providing delivery services of double ground wood mulch and compost on behalf of the MCMUA in preparation for potential award at the December 10 Board meeting. This is a service currently provided by Kirk Allen Trucking, but this contract terminates before the 2025 delivery season. On October 9, MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams sent the Morris County DPW Directors the annual 2024 MCMUA Compost Facilities 2024 Leaf Season Hours, which began on Saturday, October 26. Hours for Parsippany compost will be 7:00AM to Noon, and 1:00PM to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday; and 7:00AM to Noon, and 1:00PM to 3:00PM, Saturdays. Both Vegetative Waste facilities will be open

November 5 (Election Day), November 11 (Veterans Day), and November 29 (day after Thanksgiving) and closed on November 28 (Thanksgiving Day). Leaf season is scheduled to end in Parsippany on Saturday, December 7. There are no special leaf season hours for our Mount Olive facility- Regular hours of operation are 7:00AM to Noon, and 1:00PM to 3:00PM, Monday through Friday. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the November 12 MCMUA Board meeting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., (Mobilease) and their subcontractor Magic Touch spent a majority of the month of October 2024 installing the new 10' by 44' office trailer at the HHW facility within the Mount Olive transfer station. Starting on October 2, the MCMUA Solid Waste Operations staff cleaned the old trailer out, disconnected utilities (septic, electric, fire panel, and IT equipment), and moved the old unit to the West side of the transfer station for future auction. A resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration at the November meeting authorizing the sale of the original trailer via auction. The grounds surrounding the old trailer were cleaned up, landscaped, and covered with clean QP (quarry process) stone. Old concrete was removed, all in preparation for the arrival of the new trailer on October 8. Soon after, Mobilease set the trailer in place, all utilities mentioned above were reconnected, and the steps, the ADA aluminum deck, and the 30' switchback ramp were all installed. The Township inspection occurred on October 22, with the MCMUA receiving the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) approval on October 24. Staff will now start the process of moving supplies back into the new space.

Program Participation- The fourth and final 2024 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off Event Day occurred on Saturday, October 26, from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Morris County Public Safety Academy (MCPSTA) in Parsippany. MCMUA and MXI staff processed a total of 643 vehicles during another smooth event. Totals for 2024 after four (4) successful one-day events equal 2,667 vehicles. As comparison for the Board, 2023 event totals were 2,112, which equaled 555 more vehicles this year. With potentially losing the MCPSTA as a host site in 2025 due to construction of a new County building, Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams has already begun the process of reaching out to different locations throughout Morris County. Dates for our 2025 one-day drop-off events have already been locked in with environmental contractor MXI, in the hopes of having this information ready to present at the December 10 Board meeting.

At the end of October 2024, the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility serviced 2,300 total customers for the year. Of these customers, 2,091 were Morris County residents, 38 were VSQG/small businesses, and 171 total out-of-County residents. Compared to the end of October 2023, when Morris County serviced a total of 2,351 customers, 2,166 in-County residents, 37 VSQG's, and 148 out-of-County's. As far as October 2024 totals are concerned: 181 total customers, 167 Morris County Residents, 4 VSQG's, and 10 out-of-County residents.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- October 2024 was busy at the transfer stations with 42,380 tons accepted at both sites for the month. This quantity was 0.80% greater than the 42,042 tons accepted a year ago in October 2023. With only two (2) months remaining in the year, it is being projected that for all of 2024, a total of 480,707 tons will be accepted, which would represent a 1.92% increase in tonnage over 2023. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

October Monthly Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 16,519- 410 more tons than 2023

Total Customers- 4,507- 336 more than 2023

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 941- 97 more than 2023

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 25,861- 72 less tons than 2023

Total Customers- 6,093- 222 more than 2023

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 461- 8 more than 2023

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- 2024 projects and improvements involving the Alaimo Group (Alaimo), H2M, and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Updates will be provided to the Board at the November 12 meeting:
Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- On October 29 and 30, Alaimo completed the field survey work and base mapping is now being prepared for the water main extension plans as required by New Jersey American Water Company.
- Tarp Rack System Replacement- Alaimo preliminary project plans are to be submitted to the MCMUA staff for review and comment by November 8.
- MCC- On October 18, the station received delivery of the new transformer related to the motor control center (MCC) improvement project. On October 21, DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. (DEE-EN) installed this transformer in the station's upstairs electrical room. Please refer to the Engineer's Report for details on Payment Recommendation No. 3 related to this work. SCE is also working with DEE-EN on a contract extension from early January 2025 to July 1, 2025, due to delays in receiving the Schneider Electric/Square D equipment needed to complete the replacement of the MCC within the Mount Olive transfer station. It is anticipated that a resolution authorizing a no-cost time extension change order regarding this project will be presented to the Board for its consideration at the December 10 meeting to allow for this unanticipated delay in the delivery of the long-lead time equipment for this project.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-SW07: Professional Services: Engineering oversight needed is for the replacement of the existing roof, fascia, wall system, tarp rack, modification to tipping bays, modifications for intermodal rail container use and sprinkler system at the MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. The MCMUA Operations staff have been actively working with H2M Registered Senior Architect David Didimamoff and P.E. Project Manager Patrick Cole on the Parsippany roof replacement project. The contract with H2M has been signed and copies of existing building plans and our payment schedule were sent. H2M staff were on site on October 29 with a roofing manufacture representative and utilized the manlift to inspect the roof and related supports along with current building conditions. Measurements were also taken during the time spent at the station.
- Small Floor Damaged Column Replacement- A project scope has been coordinated with J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) Director of Purchasing Thomas Cook, to replace a North tipping floor column and overhead door frame located between doors #6 and #7, along with the associated covers/trims/siding which had been damaged by multiple roll-off trucks being backed into the column. JPM has hired a building construction firm to perform the work and the MCMUA staff are currently awaiting confirmation of a start date.
- On October 22, the MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station experienced a surprise inspection by the NJDEP Bureau of Water Resource Management- Water Enforcement. The MCMUA received Notice of Violations (NOV's) based on "*failure to submit the annual certification/report that the facility is in compliance with its SPPP and the Permit*" on the 1st of the year to the Department. These NOV's date back to calendar year 2017. All other information and data needed by the NJDEP Inspector was e-mailed to his attention that afternoon and assumed to be in compliance with stormwater requirements. Due to the Parsippany transfer station having an RF- Stormwater New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Permit and being a registered EPA site, all annual SPPP's (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans), certifications, and reports must be certified and submitted by an engineer to the NJDEP. MCMUA staff will be working with Alaimo to get the submission and certifications of these SPPP's in compliance and down to NJDEP in response to the cited NOV's.
- SCE Micheal McAloon, Brian Duddy, and Joseph Caraccio continue to work with the MCMUA staff on assorted Solid Waste projects. On October 29 and 30, SCE survey crews spent both days surveying the surrounding properties around the station to assist with the digital sign installation project, options for placement of a full-site emergency generator in 2025, and assistance for ideas on optimal uses of the MCMUA leased property currently being leased to AJACO Towing and Recovery, Inc., set to expire on September 30, 2025.

2025 MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids- Mentioned to the Board during at past meetings, the MCMUA staff has started working with Counsel on updating and preparing for the 2025 MCMUA Transfer Station transportation and disposal bids. The current contract with J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) is set to expire on December 15, 2025.

To secure current Governmental Sourcewell cooperative pricing for majority of the heavy equipment needed to be purchased for the operation of the transfer stations following the current JPM contract, the MCMUA will be presented resolutions for consideration at the November 12 meeting authorizing purchase of equipment with the intention of taking possession and paying for this equipment early in the 2025 calendar year in accordance with the 2025 budget. The anticipated equipment to be authorized for purchase in November 2024 will be:

- Resolution #2024-089 is for the purchase of five (5) total Case 1121G Z Bar Front-End Wheel Loaders (3 for Parsippany TS, 2 for Mount Olive TS) with/including the waste package, solid tires, 10 cubic yard trash buckets with rubber cutting edges, long booms, integrated payload weighing systems, service/maintenance programs, equipment warranty, PDI, and freight.
- Resolution #2024-090 is for the purchase of two (2) total Case CX260E Excavators (both for Mount Olive TS) with/including the waste package, rubber track pads, 4 over 3 (4/3) rotating grapples, service/maintenance programs, equipment warranty, PDI and freight.
- Resolution #2024-091 is for the purchase of two (2) total Case CX290 Excavators (both for Parsippany TS) with/including elevated hydraulic cab risers, waste package, rubber track pads, 4 over 3 (4/3) rotating grapples, service/maintenance programs, equipment warranty, PDI and freight.
- Resolution #2024-092 is for the purchase of three (3) total Case SV280 Skid Steer Loaders (2 for Parsippany TS, 1 for Mount Olive TS) with demo front doors, solid tires, 84" buckets, equipment warranty, PDI and freight. Needed attachments for both transfer stations include two (2) 88" scrap grapple buckets, one (1) 84" angle broom, two (2) 48" pallet forks, and two (2) 84" snow blowers. *Note- The factory service/maintenance program is NOT included with the Skid Steers.*
- All equipment mentioned above comes in factory paint, Case Power Tan, and includes fire extinguishers and operational factory training for all related MCMUA staff.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following: The October 2024 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$52.58/ton. This is a \$8.49 per ton increase in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from September's finalized rate of -\$44.09/ton, presented at the October board meeting.

- From the start of October to today, prices for paper and cardboard consistently declined, with paper currently at \$20 per ton less and cardboard at \$22.50 per ton less than at the start of last month.
- In plastics commodity pricing, the prices of #1 PET and #2 HDPE colored containers decreased sharply from October to November, aligning with the falling oil price.
- The price of natural HDPE containers, however, surged sharply in November.
- Metal prices maintained their seasonal increases with rising production typical for this time of year.
- Market experts are uncertain about how much and how long the market will fall towards the end of the year, but they do expect continued decreases to continue.

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

MCMUA Continued Efforts on Next Year's Collection Service Agreements Renewals:

- In October, Maura and I continued our efforts to renew the upcoming shared service agreements, which will expire at the end of 2025, while also adding additional services where appropriate.
- Proposals for renewed curbside collection in Mendham Township and recycling depot collection in Roxbury have been prepared and are with the municipalities at this time for their consideration.
- Based on our current conversations, we hope these renewals to be presented to the Board for approval at our December meeting.

- In addition to these efforts, we are meeting with the County College of Morris this month, which is interested in obtaining a proposal for recycling and trash collection services.
- Additionally, Victory Gardens will decide tonight at its municipal meeting regarding on-call container services with the MCMUA for solid waste at its Town Hall. If approved by Victory Gardens, a resolution approving a shared services contract will likely be before the Board, also in December, for its consideration.

MCMUA at the ANJR Annual Fall Symposium and NJDEP Awards Luncheon:

- On October 23rd, the MCMUA and our Municipal Recycling Coordinators attended this event, which included speakers covering legislative updates, recycling initiatives, education, and providing additional networking opportunities.
- The MCMUA received two awards at this year's ANJR Symposium.
- Cheryl Birmingham, our District Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Specialist, was nominated for and accepted the ANJR Member of the Year award onstage.
 - With over 18 years of service to MCMUA and nearly half that time with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR), she has demonstrated strong support for waste reduction.
 - Birmingham's multiple roles and commitment to recycling and education within MCMUA assist the Authority and ANJR achieve their combined goals.
 - Please join me in congratulating her on this prestigious award and recognizing her well-deserved acknowledgment.
- Later that day, at the NJDEP Awards Luncheon, the MCMUA was recognized for reviving its Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program, which had been inactive since 2019 and relaunched in 2023.
 - In partnership with our program partners, Roxbury Township, Sussex County, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and Ultra-Poly Corporation, we were able to recycle more material in our second year than our highest year under MCMUA's 11-year run when we managed the program alone.
 - Our work to gain stakeholder support and educate the public on the importance of waste reduction and recycling was also key during this span, contributing to this increase.
- As a result, the NJDEP awarded the Source Reduction/Management/Sustainability Award to the program serving Morris and Sussex Counties.

MCMUA and Morris County Office of Communications and Digital Media Collaborations:

- In October, Steve Adams, our Hazardous Waste Manager, and I met with the Morris County Office of Communications (MCOC) to showcase our MCMUA HHW program and increase its public awareness.
- Two promotional videos featuring our Commissioner Liaison, Tayfun Selen, were filmed.
- The first discusses acceptable items, program benefits, and appointment procedures, while the second shows Selen demonstrating the disposal process at the facility.
- A press release will be published by the MCOC for this Friday, November 15, 2024, in honor of America Recycles Day.
- I want to thank Commissioner Tayfun Selen for his support for this initiative and supporting our HHW program.

RECYCLING REPORT:

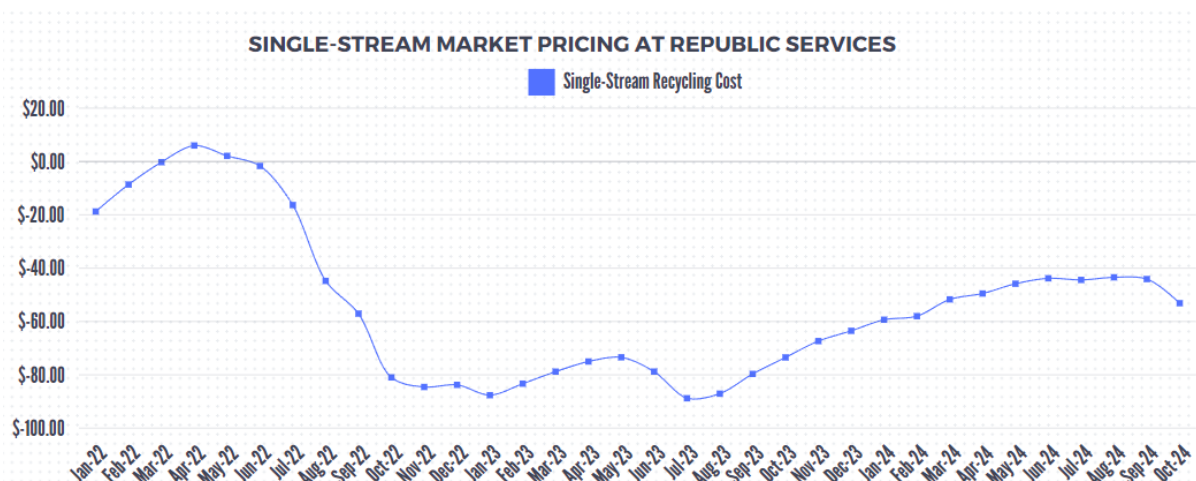
Recycling Tonnage and Value

October Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

In October, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate was reported at -\$53.14 per ton, reflecting a decrease of \$9.05 from the previous month's finalized rate. As noted in last month's report, October brought looming challenges for fiber markets, which began showing signs of weakened pricing during September. Throughout October, prices for both paper and cardboard consistently declined, ending the month with decreases of \$15 per ton and \$17.50 per ton, respectively. This pricing drop is our single stream mix's most significant shift in over sixteen months.

The decline in pricing is mainly due to a surplus of recycled fiber in the market, caused by several key factors: domestic markets overestimating capacity demands, lower production output from facilities due to reduced consumer purchasing compounded over time, ongoing low international paper exports, and the economic and political uncertainties which have all made recycled content buyers cautious.

Regarding other commodity pricing shifts, bales of #1 PET and #2 colored and natural HDPE containers saw only minor price changes this month. Conversely, metal prices, which had been in a slump for several months, have started to rise again as production begins to ramp up, as is typical for this time of year. Market experts are uncertain how much the upcoming holiday season will help stabilize the declining fiber markets. Much of the purchasing of recycled material has already been done in preparation for the holiday season, so it is unlikely to soften the impact and prevent a further market fall.



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

Curbside Materials Auction Update

On October 8th, all items approved through resolution at the September MCMUA board meeting for auction/sale/disposition were posted through the online vendor Municibid for auction. All auctions ended on October 23, 2024. The following were obtained:

- MUA 10-3 FORD F150 Automatic Pickup Truck was listed for \$1,200 and sold for \$2,040 over the asking price.
- MUA 4-24 GMC 2500 Sierra was listed for \$1,000 and sold for \$2,000 over the asking price.
- MUA 4-68 FORD F250 Super Duty with Plow was listed for \$1,500 and sold for \$1,100 over the asking price.
- MUA 3-94 2003 GMC Sonoma Pickup Truck was listed for \$1,800 and sold for \$1,100 over the asking price.

Once the bidding was concluded, all buyers were sent insurance paperwork, methods of payment, and indemnity information. When all items were received, the MCMUA scheduled a time to collect the acquired items. All checks were received and cleared throughout October, and buyers picked up all vehicles by the end of the month.

Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

MCMUA Continues Efforts on Next Year’s Collection Service Agreements Renewals:

Throughout October, Marrone and Toomey continued to work to prepare for the onslaught of upcoming shared service agreements expiring in 2025, which had previously been reported to the Board. The following was completed this month as follows:

General Preparations for Expiring Agreements and Current Updates on Renewals:

Taking full advantage of our bi-weekly meetings, Marrone has successfully reviewed three-quarters of our expiring contracts with the operations staff to ensure the correct equipment is being served, that the needs of the municipality and our team are being met, changes within the last five years have been considered for each contract revision, and services are improved as needed to streamline operations. All these efforts are already going a long way to ensuring each

agreement is assessed with the correct pricing schedule for the services performed. Renewals have already been drafted for the Township of Mendham regarding curbside collection and the Township of Roxbury for its recycling depot collection. Marrone and Toomey have already had initial discussions with each municipality's decision-makers for both municipal agreements. They await additional details from each municipality to include in each draft of their shared services agreements. These Shared Services Agreement renewals are expected to be before the board for approval at the December meeting.

County College of Morris Trash and Recycling Agreement Proposal:

In reviewing and refining our existing MCMUA agreements, Marrone and Toomey began examining a particular arrangement that requires formalization through a written agreement with the County College of Morris (CCM). Historically, the MCMUA has collected a mixed paper container from CCM free of charge, given that our administrative office was located on the campus. However, with the office relocation, we seek a more formal agreement with CCM. During discussions, both parties agreed to formalize the arrangement for these services. We also discussed creating a proposal for trash and recycling collection for the entire campus, including bulky waste, as part of a new five-year shared services agreement. The MCMUA will draft a proposal for these services and arrange a meeting to discuss our capabilities and the current services available across the campus. CCM has agreed to provide a copy of their current contract, giving the MCMUA essential details about container placements and collection locations. This information will help us create a more accurate proposal.

Furthermore, it was noted that Republic Services will not accept the mixed paper load due to the presence of shredded paper, as it is no longer included in their program. We are exploring other facilities for marketing single commodities, such as the mixed paper loads from CCM, which are not covered under our current single and dual stream contract with Republic Services. By soliciting monthly pricing from several neighboring markets, we aim to achieve a more competitive rate. This strategy will also allow us to properly refine our new contracts, expiring at the end of next year, and include containers for single commodities at partner depots.

Borough of Victory Gardens Municipal Solid Waste Container Service Proposal:

In early October, the Borough of Victory Gardens contacted the MCMUA regarding our ability to service their municipal building with a container to hold and transport generated solid waste by the Department of Public Works to our Morris County Transfer Stations, along with the ability for additional on-call container services. Pending this request, Marrone and Toomey wrote up a proposal for this service, which is being approved by the governing body for the MCMUA to proceed with a five-year shared services agreement between the two organizations.

It is expected that the MCMUA will have a new agreement before the Board for these services at the December meeting.

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

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

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

- MCMUA Presents at the Roxbury Township Nixon Elementary School Green Fair
- MCMUA and MCDPH Joint Recycling Education and Compliance Inspections
- MCMUA Participates in the Morris County Employee Health Fair
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course
- MCMUA and MCDPH Attend the Rutgers Certified Clean Communities Course
- Morris County Master Composter Program Development
- Morris County Recycling Ambassador Program Development
- MCMUA at the NJ Composting Council Organics Waste Summit
- Community Lead Testing Event, MCMUA and MCDPH Partnership
- MCMUA Sponsored Internship with Higher Learning Institutions
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Plans its Future Initiatives
- Victory Gardens, 2024 Recycling Notification and Information Assistance

- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

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

Morris County and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers Current Initiatives:

Throughout October, Marrone established and led a new ANJR committee focused on gaining insight into the current state of solar panel recycling in the public sphere. The committee aims to explore existing regulations for recycling facilities within the state, gain a deeper understanding of the marketplace for solar panels and their end-of-life options, identify recycling facilities currently approved for accepting these materials, and most importantly, support the effort to reclassify these materials from hazardous waste to universal waste. This reclassification would facilitate easier recycling through Class D recycling facilities. Currently, the designation of solar panels as hazardous waste allows for their acceptance for recycling only under a particular research development and demonstration (RD&D) permit with the NJDEP, a cumbersome process. Presently, only one facility in the state is authorized to handle this type of waste. After several meetings and discussions with state officials, we submitted a letter to the NJDEP outlining our case for relaxing regulations. This letter included a summary of critical points for distribution to our stakeholders to enhance their understanding of the current laws regarding solar panel recycling and their current hazard being no more dangerous than the current definition of electronic waste currently classified as a Class D recyclable.

ANJR Annual Fall Symposium:

On October 23rd, the MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division, The Curbside Operations Team, along with several members of the Administrative Department, attended the ANJR Annual Recycling Symposium and awards luncheon, which took place at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ. The MCMUA also reimbursed registrations for our Morris County MRCs from our municipalities seeking to attend, network with area recycling professionals, and obtain education. The event included various speakers on legislation, the work being done to produce a uniform statewide recycling list, battery recycling, automated cart recycling programs, and the behavioral science of recycling.

The MCMUA received two awards at this year's ANJR Symposium. Cheryl Birmingham, the District Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Specialist for MCMUA, was nominated and proudly accepted the ANJR Member of the Year award. With over 18 years of dedicated service to the MCMUA, Birmingham has consistently demonstrated strong support for waste reduction. It has been an active member of the Association of New Jersey Recyclers for over seven years. She regularly encourages our Morris County Recycling Coordinators to engage in recycling initiatives and helps educate them during their onboarding process. Birmingham plays multiple roles within the MCMUA, assisting our organization and ANJR in achieving their goals. The entire MCMUA team congratulates her on this prestigious award, as she truly deserves this recognition for her achievements and overall dedication to seeing recycling furthered within Morris County and the State of New Jersey.

The MCMUA was also recognized for the resurgence of its Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program, which was closed in 2011 and started back again in 2023. In partnership with Roxbury Township, Sussex County, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and Ultra-Poly Corporation for their successful recycling program, program partners were able to recycle more material during their second year running the program than the highest annual total when the MCMUA ran the program during its 11-year span. Additionally, all partners worked vigorously to consistently gain stakeholder support, educate the public on the importance of waste reduction and the benefit of recycling, and strive to maintain a program that overcomes many challenges. The NJDEP awarded the Source Reduction Management/Sustainability Award to the Morris and Sussex Counties' Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program for these reasons.



Cheryl Birmingham with her ANJR Member of the Year Award, the MCMUA, and its program partners for its NJDEP Recycling Award for its Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program.

NJDEP 30-Day Audit for submitted 2022 Municipal Tonnage Grant Data:

In late August 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) notified the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) that they had completed reviewing all municipalities' data for the 2022 Municipal Tonnage Grants application. Municipalities were provided with an “unofficial” extension to review the compiled data for accuracy and submit any discrepancies with supporting documentation to the NJDEP by the extended deadline of October 31, 2024. The MCMUA has assisted all Morris County municipalities in ensuring correct recycling rates, which will positively affect grant funding allocation in the coming year.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Clean Communities Second Municipal Coordinator Meeting of 2024:

On October 24th, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) convened its second Municipal Clean Communities Coordinator’s Meeting at the Morris County Library. Moderated by Birmingham, this meeting welcomed over 30 coordinators. Guest speakers included representatives from New Jersey Future, the Morris County Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering & Transportation, the Grand Falloons, Zoophoria NJ, and Bill Kerwood Educational Outreach Specialist. The first two presentations focused on how Clean Communities Coordinators can implement public education and outreach programs to help their municipalities fulfill MS4 Permit requirements and adopt best practices for stormwater management. The following three presentations outlined educational programs recommended by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council that can be utilized with program grant funding. The final presentation offered valuable tips on how coordinators can effectively conduct their educational presentations.



Pictured above are photos from the Clean Communities Meeting.

MCMUA and its Road Cleanup Process:

As the road clean-up season ends in November and following a few inquiries from board members regarding this process, the following informative details are being shared as an insight into the program's inner workings. The Clean Communities Act requires every municipal and county Clean Communities Program in New Jersey to include a litter cleanup component, which should make up one-third of the program's focus—the remaining two components center on enforcement and community education. We provide education, while the Morris County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is crucial in enforcing these educational efforts. We manage and fund programs in partnership with municipalities and schools. Each year, the state offers grants to support the operation of these programs. The amount of funding received determines the number of cleanup events that must be conducted within each grant cycle. With over 300 miles of county roads to maintain, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) hires a professional company to efficiently manage and conduct these cleanups across our extensive roadway network. This approach saves time that would otherwise be spent coordinating volunteers and allows for rapidly cleaning large areas, making the most effective use of Clean Communities grant funds. In addition, hiring a professional crew is the safest use of the grant as opposed to having volunteers clean the sides of roadways during busy hours and in adverse weather conditions.

The District Clean Communities Coordinator (CCC) and recycling staff conduct surveys to identify the most littered county roads. In addition, municipal CCCs and environmental groups can request cleanups, and we receive several requests from our county departments that notice littered roadways while performing their duties. The MCMUA maintains a rotating list of roadways to inspect for litter and makes a point to conduct annual cleanups near the Parsippany and Mount Olive Transfer Stations, where truck litter is particularly prevalent. Spring is the optimal time to assess roadways for litter, as it becomes most visible during that season. Our contracted cleanup crew typically operates from March to November each year.

Every March, the District CCC solicits quotes from litter abatement companies. The Adopt A Highway Litter Removal Service of America, Inc. (AAH) is usually the only company that responds and provides excellent service. Additionally, the Morris County Clean Communities Program follows a specific road cleanup procedure implemented by MCMUA whenever the District Clean Communities Coordinator cannot supervise the crew and the contracted cleanup. Each year, the Solid Waste Planning team strives to enhance the program and identify better ways to run it efficiently and safely for everyone involved.

2024 Morris County School Litter and Artwork Contest Awards Ceremony:

The Morris County Clean Communities artwork contest winners were chosen in late August. Four winning posters were selected, two from elementary school and two from middle school-aged students. The art teachers of the winning students were notified that their students' posters had won the contest. They were also informed about the awards ceremony scheduled for early December. The location was confirmed in September for the Morris County Library's public meeting room held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Each school's winner will receive a customized recycling container with the student's artwork at that time. Additionally, all poster artworks will be featured in personalized Clean Communities calendars provided to each school location along with the winners. The ceremony will cover education on the Clean Communities program, Morris County's achievements and accomplishments, a review of the posters, presentations by the students, and the acceptance of their awards.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Regner reminded the Board that the December Board Meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. and the holiday gathering will take place after the meeting. An invite will be emailed to everyone.

Larry Ragonese asked what will the MUA do about legal advertising since the Star Ledger will longer be printing and Alex Knoth replied that their firm is looking into this.

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

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

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ragonese and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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