

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on December 10, 2024 at 5:35 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, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Mr. Larry Ragonese, Ms. Laura Szwak and Mr. Christopher Dour.

ABSENT: Dr. Arthur Nusbaum.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; 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; and Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 4 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Druetzler, Dr. Kominos & Ms. Szwak

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

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

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

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

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-094**

**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. 2024-094 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,086,316.93** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6801-6833	\$	408,773.06
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15502-15581	\$	<u>3,677,543.87</u>
		\$	<b>4,086,316.93</b>

**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: December 10, 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: December 10, 2024.

DATE: December 10, 2024

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Mr. Druetzler asked under Solid Waste, are the four items for Suburban Consulting all for the sign and Mr. Gindoff replied no, it wouldn't be just for the sign. It would be for other work they are doing at the Parsippany Transfer Station, including some survey work related to Ajaco, as well as the generator siting. Also for survey work they are doing at the Vegetative Waste sites.

Mr. Druetzler asked if there is money here for the sign and Mr. Deacon replied it is part of the field survey. The field survey is going to tell us where the emergency generator is going to be placed, as well as placement of the digital sign, but most of it is for the leased properties for Ajaco that we own. Chairman Dour asked if we are surveying the entire facility or just this section? Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Suburban was doing some surveying for this section for the sign, as well as the generator location and he asked them to do some additional site work as we are approaching the Ajaco lease termination and looking at the lots so we have knowledge of site layout there. Suburban is doing a field survey for all three things. Mr. Druetzler suggested that we suspend this whole process for the sign until we get that rest of that property because you will have a better location. Mr. Gindoff replied that is a good thought. Mr. McAloon mentioned that we are

preparing a template and looking at what we could do with those lots. Certainly if there is a better location to put the sign knowing that use of that property will come back to the MUA soon with the termination of the lease. It is definitely something we could look at. Our position now is pretty good; high visibility from vehicles, so he is not quite sure where the better spot is to put it. Mr. Gindoff has no problem holding off on the sign until we decide what to do with Ajaco and there is no emergency for the sign.

Chairman Dour asked what Mail Chimp reimbursement is and Mr. Kaletcher explained that the Recycling Department has a list it distributes emails to, recycling news, updates and events and Mail Chimp is a facility that processes that for us. So this is for reimbursement and is a \$11.00 or \$12.00 monthly fee. Mr. Marrone added that it integrates with our Salesforce program.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there were three DEP approvals in the correspondence for some simple planning and there was no additional correspondence.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **SOLID WASTE**

1. Letter dated November 12, 2024 to Seth Hackman, Section Chief, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing, NJDEP, from James E. Deacon, regarding Administrative Action Request to allow S. Rotondi and Sons, Inc. to change name to S. Rotondi and Sons, LLC.
2. Letter dated November 16, 2024 to John A. Napolitano, Morris County Counsel, from Jill Aspinwall, Section Chief, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing, NJDEP, approving County Plan amendment for inclusion of Stericycle Shred-It Facility Class A Facility in Parsippany.
3. Letter dated November 19, 2024 to Thomas Schoonmaker, Sr., Manager, Jefferson Recycling LLC from Dana Lawson, Chief, Bureau of Recycling & Hazardous Waste Management approving Class B Recycling Center Renewal With Modification for changes to recycling operations at the facility.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) We exceeded our total water sales at this point, but we are right on pace through November, only 1.2M gallons short of our budgeted amount.; (2) We are working with Shana and Tony on coordinating the purchase of the valve exercising trailer through a Co-op.; (3) Regarding Mine Hill, a couple action items. We have been going back and forth on their submittals. After submittal of his report, Mike stated he was happy to see the back-up from Mine Hill on their alternative submittal that gets us much closer to the operating range that our existing meter is currently performing at. We worked with Brad to get some good language in the submittal review back to them stating if they proceed with advancing this installation, they are accepting of the meter accuracies within the operating ranges. Additionally, we had some dead ash trees removed along the roadway in Mine Hill. Kudos to the Engineering Department with helping out with that. Mr. Gindoff added that we had 31 dead ash trees on our water site on Randall Avenue in Mine Hill. Mine Hill started siting some other trees in the middle of our property under some powerlines. We reached out to JCP&L to remove the trees, but they refused to do it and Mine Hill was threatening to cite us. The County Engineering Department fortunately had some extra money in the tree contractor contract and they were able to get the contractor there to review and take down the trees at their cost.

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that there are two logs right in front on either side of the driveway at Markewicz Pump Station that he would like to have removed. Mr. McAloon replied that he would follow-up with Tony.

(4) Sovereign did advance the work out there. He saw the submittal for the pump performance

test and everything looked good so they are releasing that for paint and delivery. Hope that gets here in the very near future. While they previously reported that they would be done by December 31, 2024, it looks like it is not possible, but they are committed to getting everything done by March 20, 2024 within schedule.; (5) Regarding Flanders Valley #1 and #2, De-En Electric has completed the installation and start-up of the automatic transfer switches for both wells 1 and 2. They are waiting on the generators that currently have a ship date for mid-January and they submitted their Payment Application which was approved.; (6) At the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, we discussed at last month's meeting of presenting formal Change Order No. 1, which is a no-cost time extension of the original contract to extend the completion date to July 1, 2025 and that is associated with the delays at the fabrication of the Motor Control Center.

Mr. Druetzler commented that is extraordinarily long. Mr. McAloon replied that the problem is the ship date is April and that is a pretty tight turnaround anticipating that everything shows up on time. We got a letter from the manufacturer, we requested it, because that gear takes longer to fabricate and deliver than the generators do.

Mr. Druetzler asked if the contractor doesn't finish the job on time, are there penalties? Mr. McAloon replied yes, there are liquidated damages. Mr. Carney mentioned that usually what happens is the contractor will allege that the fault is not theirs and therefore they will have extended home office overhead expenses, which they use in Eichleay formula, which comes from a Federal case to calculate home office overhead damages. These Eichleay formula damages far exceed liquidated damages. So a zero time extension wipes out their ability to allege Eichleay formula damages and it also wipes out your ability to assess liquidated damages through the time extension. It is usually beneficial to the owner to do a zero dollar time cost extension. Mr. Carney said that as compared to Eichleay formula damages, liquidated damages are always so much smaller than extended home office overhead damages. Usually on a construction type contract if you can get a zero dollar time extension, it is beneficial to the owner because it eliminates the contractor's ability to allege extended home office overhead.

Mr. Carney further mentioned that liquidated damages are very hard to obtain. Extended engineering fees, however, are compensatory damages and those are easier to obtain than liquidated damages to the extent you have extended engineering fees. Mr. Carney explained that if the Board approves the Change Order tonight with the time extension at zero dollars, your liquidated damages would not begin until after that new date has been passed. Mr. McAloon replied correct; and there is nothing that prevents us from applying them after the new revised date if the contractor fails to perform from that date forward, we could withhold liquidated damages for overage after the revised date.

Chairman Dour mentioned if we were to say to the Contractor that we are not going to extend it any further beyond April, as the Board is concerned and would not look favorably on another extension. Mr. McAloon replied certainly; we reiterated to them they have two contracts with the MUA. The generators separately and we reiterated the importance of the high profile of these facilities and the critical nature of them so the Contractor understands and he is not happy with what he is getting back from his vendors and the amount of time that it is taking, but he is willing to work with us with the no time cost extension. We can reiterate it to him again and as soon as the equipment shows up on site to get it installed and in service as soon as possible.

Ms. Szwak asked if the Contractor got an answer from the vendor why it is going to take so long? Mr. McAloon replied that they got a letter back from them saying there are delays in the raw goods. We can share that letter from the Contractor as correspondence. Ms. Szwak asked is there anyone else that can supply this equipment if this vendor is not coming through? Mr. McAloon replied that we approved shop drawings on a lead time that was significantly less, so whatever the alternate lead time was, we wouldn't have approved that. At the time, the lead time fell within our schedule and it was the equipment we specified and on the back end we are following up with our point of contact with the vendor and asking what happened.

Mr. Gindoff added that from the Contractor's perspective, they have been prepping the site and are in position to put the equipment in as soon as it comes in.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-095**  
**Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Change Order No. 1**  
**To Contract 2024-SW01,**  
**Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) and Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., having a business address of 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036 (“DEE-EN”) entered into an agreement on April 1, 2024 to perform the Motor Control Center Improvement Project in accordance with a contract that was subject to public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract duration was a period of two hundred forty (240)-days which is a Substantial Completion Date of January 8, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor encountered unanticipated project delays specifically associated with the equipment fabrication, production and delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Change Order No. 1 Work results in a no cost time extension for a period of one hundred seventy four (174) days time extension of the contract time for the Substantial Completion; and

**WHEREAS**, the one hundred seventy four (174) days time extension of the contract time results in a new Substantial Completion Date of July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (“SCE”) evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 Work and the aforementioned no cost increase in the contract price and one hundred seventy four (174) days time extension for the Substantial Completion and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which increases the Substantial Completion Date; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA is satisfied that the proposed Change Order is justified and meets the requirements of N.J.S.A. 5:34-4.2 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-11; and

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

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 with Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., having a business address of 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036 for no cost increase and one hundred seventy four (174) days time extension for the Substantial Completion Date for the work described in Change Order No. 1, which Change Order shall include the release language cited in the last Whereas of this Resolution.
2. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution and Change Order No. 1.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize Execution of Change Order No. 1 to Contract 2024-SW01, Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

Ms. Szwak asked how long about would we expect impacts of this current drought on the aquifer and Mr. McAloon replied where we are at in North Jersey, our aquifers are a little bit more robust than some of the aquifers in South Jersey with their sandy soil composition. The aquifers with high transitivity, meaning the high amount of water travelled through them, have water feed through them helps when we do get rain, they recover very quickly. When there is drought, they deplete very quickly. Our aquifers up north, rock well, have a slower transitivity which helps us out being they are very consistent with the pumping levels. Especially the MUA wells are very robust and very resilient. We have a very robust reservoir of water that we are pulling from. We will continue to keep our eyes on it, but we are in a good position so far.

Mr. Druetzler added that is why we have to do well exploration and not wait until you are in a crisis to look for water. Mr. Druetzler asked Mr. McAloon if we have lobbied the Commissioners or Tayfun Selen because they are doing their Capital Budget for \$500,000 for PFAS. Mr. Gindoff replied that they were going to give us \$500,000 for four years beginning 2025, but they denied us this year so it has been moved ahead to start in 2026 under the caveat if we do obtain money from the PFAS litigation that would come out of it.

(6) Regarding the 24-Inch PCCP Pipeline Retirement Project, we circulated some information back with Randolph and got some information on the number of customers and services. One of the challenges is that they are going to require us to pave on any roadways we touch being they were just pave by the Gas Company. We are adjusting and structuring that bid items so we have flexibility to award additional work as part of that project. The goal is to get that out to bid and award at the February meeting so we can encumber the funds for this year.

Chairman Dour asked if we could use the County Co-Op for paving and Mr. McAloon replied certainly, but on a project like this, more important part is the schedule and the coordination. If there is an issue with the County contractor, we want to make sure that the responsibility is one-stop shop, so if we pay a contractor to put the mains in, they own those trenches and that pavement. If we use the County Co-op, that adds another layer and if there is an issue, who is responsible. Certainly, something we can explore.

**PROJECT STATUS**

*1. General System:*

- A. Through the month of Nov 2024, MCMUA sold approximately **1,448.765 MG**. This amount is approximately 76.532 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023 and approximately 31.135 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022. Through November, total water sales are only 1.235 MG below the budgeted amount of 1,450MG. We should exceed the total budgeted amount.

- B. SCE is assisting with the purchasing of the valve exercising trailer through an existing co-op.

2. Mine Hill Coordination

- A. SCE has reviewed the submittals for the proposed Mine Hill meter replacement from existing turbine meters to the mag-meters. Generally, the information provided has been

acceptable, however, there are a few major concerns which we have shared with Mine Hill, which includes the following:

- **Proposed Mag-Meter Operating Range:** It should be noted that the existing 8-inch turbine flow meters have an operating range of 4gpm to 2,500gpm. The proposed mag-meter has a recommended flow operating range of 155 gpm to 4,850 gpm, with a low flow cut-off of 15gpm. There are concerns regarding the low flow accuracy of the proposed meter that must be demonstrated to be acceptable prior to authorizing the replacement.
  - **Backup Battery Runtime:** The proposed mag-meters require electrical power in order to ensure proper function. Mine Hill is proposing the installation of an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS), however, the duration of time the UPS will operate the meters is necessary to be provided. Since the role and function of the UPS is critical to ensure measurement of flow during periods of loss of utility power, the submittal shall include information on operation and maintenance of the UPS, including recommended frequency of replacing/testing.
  - **Installation & Testing Procedures:** Further information on the hydrostatic testing to ensure all connections are watertight under all operating conditions, disinfection plan and procedure to ensure work does not impact water quality, and O&M procedures to ensure long-term operation of the meters is necessary.
- B. Following the removal of 3 dead ash trees along the roadway in Mine Hill using the MCMUA's contracted tree removal company earlier this fall, Mayor Sam Morris expressed his concerns about a wider array of dead trees under the powerlines on the interior of the Mine Hill property. With the assistance the County of Morris' Engineering Department and its specialized tree contractor, they were able to meet with Mayor Morris

in early November on site and 31 dead ash trees were marked and removed on November 14 and 15. The MCMUA truly appreciates the help of County Engineer, Chris Vitz in helping us with this issue and covering the cost of this service. These trees were under powerlines rendering the MCMUA's tree removal company unqualified to perform the work.

3. 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 completed and tested and is in satisfactory operating order. 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. While it was anticipated the pump and motor would arrive on-site prior to Thanksgiving, further delays at the factory have impacted that schedule. As a result, the Contractor does not anticipate completion of all base bid items prior to December 31. The Contractor does still anticipate completion within the allocated Contract duration.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No.4 in the amount of **\$98,245.00**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

**Project Completion Summary Through December 10, 2024**

Contract Start Date		March 28, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	257	70%
Days Remaining:	108	30%
Original Contract Completion Date		March 28, 2025

**Project Financial Summary Through December 10, 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
Payment Application #4	\$98,245.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$721,664.96
Percent of Work Complete	65%
Total Retainage to Date	\$14,433.30

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

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

The Contractor has submitted payment request No. 3 in the amount of **\$42,605.00**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

**Project Completion Summary Through December 10, 2024**

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	211	58%
Days Remaining:	151	42%
Original Contract Completion Date		May 13, 2025

**Project Financial Summary Through December 10, 2024**

Original Contract Amount	\$520,798.00
Payment Application #1	\$19,230.54
Payment Application #2	\$34,300.00
Payment Application #3	\$42,605.50
Total Value of Work Complete	\$54,623.00
Percent of Work Complete	18.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,961.96

5. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

**Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.** 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 are prepared to present for the MCMUA Board's consideration Change Order #1 which is a no cost time extension of the original contract to extend the completion date of July 1, 2025 associated with extended delays in the fabrication of the necessary equipment. SCE prepared and is recommending processing this Change Order.



**Project Completion Summary Through December 10, 2024**

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time		174 Calendar Day
		Extension
Days Elapsed:	211	50%
Days Remaining:	203	50%
Original Contract Completion Date		January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date		July 1, 2025

**Project Financial Summary Through December 10, 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. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I

SCE is finalizing the design, coordinating with Randolph regarding the proposed service connections and anticipated paving limits and will be working to establish a bid schedule in which the project can be awarded at the February 2025 meeting.

7. 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 as detailed in the Solid Waste Coordinator’s report.

**SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) Staff continues to work with H2M on the Parsippany Roof Project.; (2) Mr. Ross and myself delivered an OPRA Request to the Township last Friday requesting anything they may have on the original sprinkler plans for the building.; (3) The report mentions working with Suburban on projects like the full-site emergency generator in Parsippany, the digital sign and some surveying on the Ajaco property.; (4) Working with Mike and Alaimo on the tarp rack replacement in Mt. Olive in hopes of award at the February meeting.; (5) Staying with the Transfer Station January meeting of Project Independence equipment purchasing for 2025, Staff will look to have three resolutions for the remaining equipment, 8 Jockey Trucks, 2 Heavy Duty Road Sweepers and a Dump Trailer for cleaning pits at Mt. Olive.

Mr. Deacon mentioned the following Resolution for two (2) utility trucks with plow package and asked for the Board’s approval of same:

**Resolution 2024-099**

**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Use of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - #15-C Item #14 Purchasing Contract with Nielsen Ford**

**WHEREAS**, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council “MCCPC”, which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, goods or services utilizing the MCCPC contracts; and

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

- Nielsen Ford (2) 2024 Ford F-350 SRW (F3F) XL4WD Reg Cab 145” WB 60” CA
- Contract 15-C Item #14
- \$169,805.50 Line Item #01-1-900-000-100

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

**BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED**; that the governing body of the MCMUA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Treasurer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to authorize the Use Of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council-#15-C Item #14 Purchasing Contract with Nielson Ford and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

Chairman Dour asked where are we going to store this equipment and Mr. Deacon replied that the equipment will be delivered directly to the Parsippany site and Mt. Olive site.

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

(6) Regarding Vegetative Waste, the Packetalk Camera Resolution is not being considered tonight as Staff is still looking at accurate cooperative pricing. Hopefully this will be considered at the January meeting.

Ms. Szwak asked if we have had any vandalism at the sites or the Transfer Stations and Mr. Deacon replied that most of our issues are with Mt. Olive Compost Site with quads and dirt bikes on weekends or after hours. They have not spray painted trailers or vandalizing equipment recently, but we have had the Mt. Olive Police Department out there. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that in the past we had some bad vandalism at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station. She was wondering if that was what was precipitating the cameras. Mr. Deacon replied yes, but it also helps the Staff with knowing who is on the site. The cameras are mostly for after hours.

(7) 2024 Annual Revenue Totals are slightly ahead of 2023 as far as Vegetative Waste goes at this point of the year all due to the significant increase on inbound revenues. Outbound residential sales, commercial sales (Naturcycle) are down compared to 2023.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the following Resolution is for Kirk Allen and our supplemental delivery program. Kirk Allen came back to us with a \$2.00/cy more compared to our last contract, but we work well with Kirk Allen and asked for the Board’s approval of same:

**Resolution No. 2024-096**

**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Approving a Vendor Service Contract with Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC for the Delivery of Mulch and Compost of a ‘Non-Fair and Open’ Basis Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law and the ‘Pay-to-Play’ Law**

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA has a need to acquire a Vegetative Waste Hauler –to provide delivery services of mulch and compost on behalf of the MCMUA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 on a ‘non-fair and open’ contract pursuant to the provisions of the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play” Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2024, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC, having a business address of 20 Continental Drive, Stanhope, NJ 07874 submitted a proposal for the work to be performed at rates as set forth below:

- Deliveries within Morris County \$14.95/Cubic Yard
- Deliveries outside of Morris County \$16.95/Cubic Yard
- Deliveries under 5 yards within Morris County \$70.00
- Deliveries under 5 yard outside of Morris County \$80.00

**WHEREAS**, Kirk Allen’s quote was most advantageous to the MCMUA Vegetative Waste Hauler needs, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract shall be for one year, commencing on January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,**

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

**WHEREAS,** the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available from Budget account number 01-4-4742 for the work to be performed.

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

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

- Vendor Name: Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC
- Account Number: 01-4-4742
- Estimated Cost of Services: \$44,000.00 (not to exceed)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC for Vegetative Waste Trucking Services in a form approved by the Authority’s attorney, based on the 2024 Proposal received by the Authority on November 18, 2024, available in the offices of the Authority, and incorporated by reference and made part hereof, for a term of one (1) year.
2. The Contract is awarded subject to the submission of all insurance certificates required by the Contract, in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County, and all other documentation required by the Contract, and shall commence upon the execution of a written Contract by both parties.
3. The MCMUA’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Dr. Kominos made a Motion to approve Vendor Service Contract With Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC for the Delivery of Mulch and Compost of a ‘Non-Fair and Open’ Basis Pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law and the ‘Pay-to-Play’ Law and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

Regarding Household Hazardous Waste, Mr. Deacon mentioned that we had interest in the old HHW Office Trailer. Teaneck DPW came up to view it.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the following two resolutions are concerning our contract with MXI Environmental Services for our Permanent HHW Facility and the One Day Events. He mentioned that in his report he errantly had it as a One-Year Extension and both extensions are Two-Year Extension. The following Resolution should be for a “Two” Year Extension instead of “One” Year and asked for the Board’s approval of the amended Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2024-097**  
**Resolution Authorizing the Two Year Extension of Contract for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event Days (MXI Environmental Services)**

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) awarded a Contract for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Drop Off Event Days to MXI Environmental Services, 26319 Old Trail Rd. Abingdon, VA 24210 (“CONTRACTOR”), for a term of two (2) years, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for a two (2) year extension 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 one aforementioned two (2) year extension period; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount for the two (2) year extension shall not exceed the contract amount of \$300,000.00; 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 two (2) 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 MXI Environmental Services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner.
2. The MCMUA authorizes the two (2) year extension of the existing contract with MXI Environmental Services, for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Drop Off Event Days.
3. The two (2) year extension is not to exceed the contract amount of \$300,000.00.
4. The original contract executed on December 6, 2022, between the MCMUA and MXI Environmental Services, shall remain legal and binding in all respects during the two (2) 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 MXI Environmental Services, 26319 Old Trail Rd. Abingdon, VA 24210.
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 December 10, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to adopt the Resolution as amended to authorize the Two Year Extension Of Contract for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event Days (MXI Environmental Services) and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-098**  
**Resolution Authorizing the Two Year Extension of Contract for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Facility (MXI Environmental Services)**

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) awarded a Contract for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Facility to MXI Environmental Services, 26319 Old Trail Rd. Abingdon, VA 24210 (“CONTRACTOR”), for a term of two (2) years, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for a two (2) year extension 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 one aforementioned two (2) year extension; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount for the two (2) year extension shall not exceed the contract amount of \$660,000.00; 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 two (2) 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 MXI Environmental Services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner.
2. The MCMUA authorizes the two (2) year extension of the existing contract with MXI Environmental Services, for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Facility.
3. The two (2) year extension is not to exceed the contract amount of \$660,000.00.
4. The original contract executed on December 6, 2022, between the MCMUA and MXI Environmental Services, shall remain legal and binding in all respects during the two (2) 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.
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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Dr. Kominos made a Motion to authorize the Two Year Extension of Contract for the Operation of the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Facility (MXI Environmental Services) and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) Regarding the Mt. Olive Water Service, we have completed base mapping which shows the existing conditions along the water main route. We are preparing the preliminary plans which show the main location and details associated with N.J. American’s specification. We anticipate submission to them in January.; (2) In regards to the Mt. Olive Tarp rack, we received some additional comments from MUA Staff which we are incorporating into the Plans. Started putting the technical specifications and meshing them with MUA Front End Documents to prepare the bid documents. We plan on having those finalized by the end of this month for submission for MUA final Staff review and Attorney review. Anticipate advertising the project out for bid in early January.; and (3) As far as Parsippany, we have been coordinating with J.P. Mascaro in regards to the Column Replacement Project. We had an agreement set and we are already to go. Unfortunately, it is jammed up in the Parsippany Construction Department. They need a Construction Permit to perform the work and they require a N.J. licensed engineer sign and seal calculations in order for them to issue the permit.

**SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The MCMUA purchased new MCMUA logoed 3’ by 5’ flags that are now proudly flying at all our facilities. The purchase included a supply of US and Morris County flags for our two (2) transfer stations. On November 19, Fire and Security Technologies (F.A.S.T) installed eight (8) brand new fire extinguishers throughout the three (3) floors of the new MCMUA main office. This was followed by a routine fire/safety inspection by our County Fire Marshal’s Office (MCFM). On November 25, Garden State Environmental (GSE) also performed their annual health and safety compliance inspection of the main office. Small issues were corrected while GSE was onsite. The updated compliance binder containing the MCMUA Emergency Action and Fire Prevention Plan and the Right to Know (RTK) Central File binder are now downstairs next to the OSHA compliance board in the kitchen, all wall mounted for employees. On

November 20, the MCFM completed their annual inspections of both MCMUA transfer stations, to include the HHW facility and new office trailer. Issues found were documented and sent to the respective managers to address in a timely manner. During the month of November, the NJDEP inspected both MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities along with the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Fire Code Enforcement inspected the Curbside facility on November 18, finding everything in compliance. Last, the MCMUA Curbside mechanics and managers attended an annual spill training hosted by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) on December 2.

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WSP USA- Stericycle Shred-It-** Morris County Board of County Commissioners Resolution #2024-908 formally adopted the Plan Amendment to include the Stericycle Shred-It facility, located at 81 Walsh Drive, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, into the County Plan as a class A recycling facility. On November 16, the NJDEP approved the amendment as an Administrative Action (AA) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26-6.11. A copy of this approval letter has been included as correspondence.

**Jefferson Recycling, LLC-** Included as correspondence is a copy of Jefferson Recycling's NJDEP Class B Recycling Center General Approval with Modification received on November 19. Refer to this correspondence for the complete list of changes and requirements, which includes the ability to process tires and wood parts onsite.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT**

The MCMUA staff has prepared two (2) separate resolutions for the Board's consideration at the December 10 meeting concerning the Authority's 1<sup>st</sup> 1-year extension with HHW contactor MXI. The first Resolution #2024-097 authorizes the extension for the HHW one-day drop-off events, while the second, Resolution #2024-098, authorizes MXI services to continue at the permanent HHW facility in Mount Olive. MXI has been serving the MCMUA very well with respect to these two (2) HHW contracts and staff strongly recommends the MCMUA Board adopting the resolutions authorizing these 1-year extensions.

**Program Participation-** At the end of November 2024, the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facility serviced 2,536 total customers for the year. Of these customers, 2,300 were Morris County residents, 46 were VSQG/small businesses, and 190 total out-of-County residents. Compared to the end of November 2023, when Morris County serviced a total of 2,540 customers, 2,339 in-County residents, 38 VSQG's, and 163 out-of-County's. As far as November 2024 totals are concerned: 236 total customers, 209 Morris County Residents, 8 VSQG's, and 19 out-of-County residents.

With losing the Morris County Public Safety Academy (MCPSTA) as a host site in 2025 due to construction of a new County building, Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams worked with environmental contractor MXI and his municipal contacts to finalize dates and locations for next year's events. All four (4) 2025 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off Events will take place from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, rain or shine:

- **Saturday, May 17, 2025**, at the Jefferson Township DPW- 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong section of Jefferson Township, New Jersey 07849
- **Saturday, June 21, 2025**, at Chatham High School- 255 Lafayette Avenue, Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928
- **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, at Pequannock Valley Park- Marvin Road/PV Park Road, Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, New Jersey 07444
- **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, at the County College of Morris (CCM)- Parking Lot #1, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams requested proposals for providing delivery services of wood mulch and compost on behalf of the MCMUA. Working with MCMUA QPA Shana O'Mara, staff prepared Resolution #2024-096 for the Board's consideration at the December 10 meeting approving a vendor service contract with Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC. The MCMUA has worked with Kirk Allen for the past few years and has been pleased with both the support service they provide and their steady communication with our



administrative office on delivery detail/availability. Kirk Allen was the only vendor that submitted a proposal with respect to this request. Pricing went up \$2.00/CY on Morris County deliveries compared to last year's pricing, but it should be noted that last year's pricing was the same as 2023. Staff recommends adopting the resolution awarding this contract to Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC.

MCMUA anticipates presenting Resolution #2024-099 to the Board at the December 10 meeting for the purchase of four (4) additional Packetalk PTZ (pan tilt zoom) cameras with four (4) RF radios (PT-420) for our two (2) Vegetative Waste facilities- two (2) for Mount Olive and two (2) for Parsippany. If approved one (1) of the cameras will be set up near the facility(s) office trailer, while the other will be mounted in a central location to view site operations. All the PTZ cameras will be mounted on poles and use the dedicated internet in the office trailers to communicate with the Morris County Law and Public Safety servers, similar to what is currently being used for our MCMUA transfer stations.

MCMUA staff continues to work with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) to update our NJDEP site plan to maximize material storage and processing capacity at the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility. At the November 12 meeting, Resolution #2024-093 authorized 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. Both staff and SCE believe this upgrade in processing equipment will improve the facility's efficiency and capacity.

On October 9, MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams sent the Morris County DPW Directors the annual 2024 MCMUA Compost Facilities- Leaf Season Hours, which began on Saturday, October 26 and is currently scheduled to end in Parsippany on Saturday, December 7. At the writing of this report, Parsippany is close to maximum capacity and requested local municipalities to allow time for our Vegetative Waste staff to process the site, allowing for additional space while catching up with increased inbound materials. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the December 10 MCMUA Board meeting.

## **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 37,643 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) transfer stations in November 2025 was 4.66% less than the 39,483 tons accepted a year ago in November 2023. Most of this decline was from the municipal solid waste stream as opposed to the construction and demolition (C&D) waste stream. With 11 of the 12 months of 2024 tonnage data reported, it is currently projected that 477,850 tons of solid waste will be accepted for all of 2024. Based on this projection, it is anticipated that 2024 tonnage will be 1.32% greater than the 471,515 tons accepted in 2023. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

### **November Monthly Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):**

#### **Mount Olive Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 14,534- 980 less tons than 2023

Total Customers- 3,889- 111 less than 2023

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 839- 42 more than 2023

#### **Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 23,108- 860 less tons than 2023

Total Customers- 5,303- 212 less than 2023

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 392- 69 less 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 December 10 meeting:

#### **Mount Olive Transfer Station**

- Motor Control Center (MCC) improvement project- As mentioned in the Engineer's Report, SCE has prepared both Change Order No. 1 and Resolution #2024-095 for the

Board's consideration at the December 10 meeting, allowing DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. (DEE-EN) a no cost time extension associated with delays in equipment production needed to complete this project. Scheider Electric (Square D) also provided SCE support documentation on the delay, mentioning a new estimated ship date of April 22, 2025.

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Alaimo preliminary project plans were submitted and immediately reviewed by the MCMUA staff on November 26. Staff confirmed measurements and provided details that needed to be corrected and/or added. Technical specifications are being prepared by Alaimo and will be incorporated with the MCMUA legal front-end documents. The bid document package will be completed and submitted for final review by MCMUA staff and attorney by the end of December. Alaimo anticipates advertising the project for public bids in early January 2025.
- Public Water Service project- Alaimo's preliminary plans are being prepared for an anticipated January submission to NJAW Company.

#### Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- SCE continues to work with the MCMUA Solid Waste Operations staff on assorted Parsippany related projects which include the digital sign installation, options for placement of a full-site emergency generator in 2025, and assistance for ideas on optimal uses of the MCMUA three lots currently being leased to AJACO Towing and Recovery, Inc. set to expire in fall 2025.
- 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 attended a virtual meeting with H2M on November 25 to discuss details and options about separating the tarp rack plans from the overall roof and building sprinkler replacement. As a result, H2M staff were onsite at our Mount Olive station on November 26 to review the current tarp rack for measurement and ideas on how to design a similar unit within Loading Bays #1 and #2 of the Parsippany station. The Operations staff continues to communicate with H2M Engineering on a weekly basis in the hopes of having this project out for Bid this month.
- Damaged Column replacement project- To date the Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Construction Department has not issued the permit to enable the column replacement between Tipping Floor Bays #6 and #7 on the North tipping floor. They are requiring a signed/sealed drawing from a licensed NJ engineer. In Alaimo's opinion, it is JPM's responsibility to hire an engineer who can provide the drawing in order for the permit to be issued.

**2025 MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids-** Mentioned to the Board during previous meetings, the MCMUA staff continues the work associated with 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 heavy equipment needed to be purchased for the operation of the transfer stations following the current JPM contract, the MCMUA will be presenting one (1) resolution for consideration at the December 10 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. Resolution #2024-100 is for the purchase of two (2) Ford F-350 SRW 4WD "shop/mechanic" trucks, both with regular cabs and 9' Warner utility bodies. The purchase will include LED lighting packages and 9' Western Pro Plus snowplows. These utility shop trucks will be staged at both MCMUA transfer stations for use by the mechanics.

The Board should anticipate resolutions for the following equipment to be authorized for purchase during the January 14, 2025, meeting:

- Eight (8) Autocar ACTT42 Class 8 single cab, single axle, light duty switcher jockey trucks. Four (4) jockey trucks per transfer station for use in moving trailers and/or containers around the facilities.
- Two (2) Industrial grade Street Sweeping trucks, to include stainless steel hoppers, cab-forward chassis, and vac/suction tube accessories for cleaning out facility catch basins. One (1) street sweeper per transfer station.

- One (1) 14,000 lbs. hydraulic actuated dump trailer with solid tires and tarping system for use in the Mount Olive transfer station loading tunnels during cleanup procedures.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that several newspapers are not going to be publishing anymore and newspaper is a big part of recycling. His question is our trucks will not be as full and we will collect less, should we find another place besides Republic to drop the recycling. Mr. Marrone replied that we only pick up newspapers solely for one depot, which was the Roxbury contract and that container has been taken out because it hasn't been used in two years. The newspaper has been going into mixed paper. This good source of recycling is being taken away. Mr. Druetzler mentioned that newspapers were a big part of Solid Waste and Mr. Gindoff said that it still is. Mr. Gindoff added that as newspaper falls, corrugated keeps going up. He doesn't believe the actual quantity of paper is going down. Mr. Marrone mentioned that paper is going down, but it is replaced with other things. Recycling has steadily going down. We have been trying to look at other markets; single commodities are not part of our contract at this point, so we have put out a solicitation and sending that out to different markets looking for competitive pricing and seeing what those other markets are doing. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that this is depot work and looking at dedicated roll-offs of paper that is worthwhile to maximize some of those profits.

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The November 2024 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$56.59/ton. This is a \$4.01 per ton increase in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from October's finalized rate of—\$52.58/ton, presented at the November board meeting.

- From the start of December to today, prices for paper and cardboard continue to decline consistently, another \$5 less per ton for each commodity than at the close of November.
- In plastics commodity pricing, the prices of #1 PET continue to decrease sharply, while #2 colored containers remain flatlined in November, aligning with the falling oil price.
  - The price of natural HDPE containers continues to surge sharply in December.
- Metal and glass pricing remains unmoved in our current market.
- Market experts are reporting a general uncertainty regarding recycling markets and express concerns about proposed tariffs, as a significant portion of our domestically generated and processed recyclables is shipped internationally and domestic processing plants are still over capacity.
- In the new year, many are worried about the potential for a trade war similar to the one seen in 2018, which could result in market fluctuations, reduced revenues for recycling programs, and increased operational costs.
- Additionally, market experts anticipate that recycled commodity prices will continue to decline through 2025.

**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 November, efforts continued to renew our upcoming shared service agreements, which will expire at the end of 2025, while adding additional services where appropriate.
  - As mentioned in this month's report, Mendham and Roxbury Twps. are still considering proposals for contract renewals.
    - We hope these renewals will be presented to the Board for approval at our January meeting when the revisions have been approved.
- Victory Gardens accepted our proposal for solid waste container services at their council meeting last month and is awaiting our approval of our resolution at tonight's meeting to begin services.

- Long Hill Township has contacted the MUA preemptively to seek to renew our recycling collection agreement for another five years, and we are currently working on updating our shared services agreement for their consideration.
- Montville Township has also reached out to the MUA, looking toward our interest in a proposal for dual-stream and vegetative waste collection and transportation services to a designated market before the expiration of their contract in Mid-2025.
- Randolph and the MCMUA are meeting tomorrow to discuss adding the Township to our collection program and transitioning them onto carted collection when their contract expires.
- Finally, just today, Pequannock contacted us seeking curbside recycling proposals for its contract ending in 2025.
- Regarding general contract updates, I've been looking to enhance our tire recycling collection and transportation services for municipalities and the public service at our Parsippany Transfer Station.
  - After an internal audit and research, it would appear that outsourcing these services could offer significant cost and time savings compared to our current process, which will now be factored into our contracts and services moving forward.

***Borough of Rockaway, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections:***

- Starting on November 19 and following up on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, the Recycling Division and the Borough's Department of Public Works coordinated our joint curbside recycling inspection program operations within the municipality.
  - Before our start date, we sent targeted digital media, a press release to support our efforts, and updated signage to raise campaign awareness.
- During our inspections, we tagged curbside recycling setouts with unacceptable materials and informed residents about the issues. Tagged setouts were not collected.
- Households that prepared their materials correctly received a "star recycler" door hanger as recognition.
- Our teams met residents to explain the inspection campaign and share educational flyers. Most responded positively, while others stayed indoors and watched from their windows, not braving the cold weather.
- On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the following was assessed:
  - 22 educational door hangers were hung on residents' doors,
  - 21 non-collection tags and stickers were placed on residents' containers or bags
  - 38 star recycled door hangers were provided.
- On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the following was assessed:
  - 19 educational door hangers were hung on residents' doors,
  - 6 non-collection tags and stickers were placed on residents' containers or bags
  - 13 star recycled door hangers were provided.
- The most relevant items of contamination found during our inspections were:
  - Recyclables in plastic bags and plastic film,
  - Recyclables contaminated with trash,
  - Pizza boxes with food residue, wax paper liners, and plastic box spacers.
  - Oversized containers or containers exceeding the 50 lb. weight limit.
  - Single-use paper and plastic tableware products.
  - Meal box kits with PET plastic or fabric liners.
- With only one inspection date remaining next Tuesday, two-thirds of the town inspected so far were found exceptionally well, with those residents recycling correctly.
  - The number of "Star Recycler" door hangers has surpassed the number of tagged containers marked for non-collection.

- These positive results are encouraging, showing that the administrative team's educational efforts and the curbside crews' field inspections have helped improve the quality of recyclables set out by the municipality.

***MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans its Future Initiatives:***

- In November and into December, we began our planned food waste reduction initiatives in preparation for Food Waste Prevention Week, scheduled nationally from April 7 to 13, 2025, followed by Morristown's Restaurant Week.
- In the first phase, we aim to create an informational guide featuring food waste prevention recipes and sustainability highlights from Morristown restaurants.
  - We have already engaged with the Special Improvement District Board for Morristown to encourage interested restaurants to participate.
  - Alessia and I will collaborate more on this with the SID at their January meeting, and a letter outlining our plans has already been forwarded to the town's businesses.
    - Restaurants will have until March to submit their recipes or sustainability highlights.
- The MCMUA will evaluate the submissions and develop a guide to raise awareness about food waste and promote local sustainability efforts along with targeted social media posts.
- For the second phase, we will also collaborate with Morris County food pantries to identify and address any operational limitations they face. We will create a findings report for distribution after that to raise awareness on the issue.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-100  
Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide  
For Transportation And Disposal Of Road Cleanup Solid Waste Material Between The  
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough Of Victory Gardens  
Commencing On Or About January 1, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) desires to assist the Borough of Victory Gardens in reducing the amount of waste it generates, increase recycling and reduce costs for waste collection and disposal by providing the County with those collection and disposal services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into a contract with a local unit for the provision of recycling services; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), a Municipal Corporation and a County Utility Authority in the State of New Jersey are considered "Local Units." Local Units are encouraged and authorized to enter into agreements which promote the sharing and/or consolidation of services; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, local units entering into shared services agreements must adopt a resolution authorizing and clearly identifying the agreement and ensure that a copy of the agreement shall be open to public inspection at the offices of the local unit immediately after passage of a resolution to become a party to the agreement; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to enter into this agreement to provide for the collection and disposal of waste.

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement, as attached.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. This resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to authorize the Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Transportation And Disposal Of Road Cleanup Solid Waste Material Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough of Victory Gardens Commencing On Or About January 1, 2025 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

**RECYCLING REPORT:**

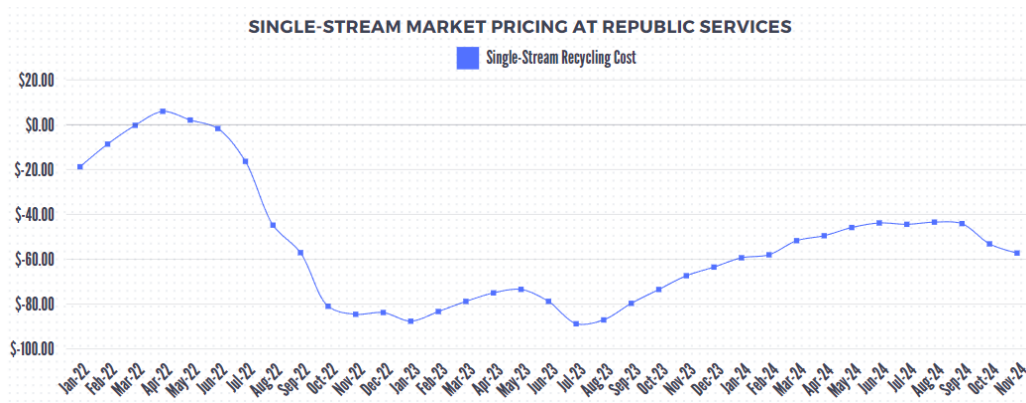
**Recycling Tonnage and Value**

**October Recycling Markets and Operations Update:**

In November, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate was calculated at -\$57.23 per ton, reflecting a decrease of \$4.65 from the previous month's finalized rate. Last month's report noted that challenges for fiber markets and November showed the same signs of weakened pricing. Throughout November, prices for paper and cardboard declined, ending the month with decreases of \$10 per ton and \$5 per ton, respectively. As a reminder, fiber makes up 61% of the recyclables we deliver and significantly impacts our pricing structure. Therefore, the primary fluctuations in pricing can be attributed to the performance of these fiber markets. In addition to fiber markets, plastic pricing ceased its climb in pricing, stabilized mid-month, and began to fall. Conversely, metal prices, which had been in a slump for several months, have sustained their rising prices for the second month.

Several sources in this report indicate that the top five publicly traded garbage and recycling companies are uncertain about recycling markets and apprehensive about the impact of the U.S. presidential election on their operations. Concerns about proposed tariffs, which could spark a trade war like the one seen in 2018, add to this uncertainty. Currently, more domestically generated and processed recyclables are being shipped internationally, which could lead to market fluctuations, reduced revenues for recycling programs, and increased operational costs.

Additionally, these companies expect recycled commodity prices to continue declining into 2025.



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

### Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

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

Throughout November, 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 over 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. Because of these meetings, Marrone looked at refining the tire recycling services offered to certain municipalities and the public service we provide at our Parsippany Transfer Station. Currently, only selected municipalities receive this service through various means and circumstances. After researching our current arrangements and soliciting quotations and service capabilities for this provision, it was found that outsourcing these services would not only be a cost savings but a significant time saving as well, deviating from our current process. As a result, both the solid waste planning and operations divisions will meet at their December meeting to streamline services with this new information.

#### *Township of Mendham Recycling Services Proposal Update:*

In November, Marrone and Toomey discussed a new proposed shared services agreement for curbside collection with the Township administration. The Township inquired about trash collection services for government buildings.

The Township is evaluating a proposed service that would pair trash containers with our existing recycling containers at various municipally owned locations and several other sites still under review. The MCMUA is waiting for a follow-up meeting to discuss the next steps for incorporating these services into the existing recycling shared services agreement (SSA). The Township is anticipated to decide on this matter soon, and a new proposal that includes both services is anticipated to be presented to the MCMUA Bboard for consideration at the January 2025 meeting.

#### *Township of Roxbury Recycling Depot Marketing and Transportation Services Proposal:*

On Friday, November 9, Marrone met with the DPW Superintendent and Municipal Recycling Coordinator for the Township to present a new five-year proposal for the marketing and transportation of recyclables from Roxbury’s municipal depot. With the contract expiring at the end of next year, Marrone discussed refining services and how they could further collaborate to incorporate additional services.

One significant change is removing the current newspaper recycling container due to low usage and declining presence in the recycling stream. With the new proposed change, any newspapers generated by the public will now be placed into the existing mixed-paper container, achieving virtually the same market value. Additionally, the MCMUA will provide an extra vegetative waste container for brush at the depot, which can be utilized by both town residents and the DPW for its operations.

During the meeting, the MCMUA also provided the Township with updated depot signage to reflect these changes. A draft of the new shared services agreement is being sent to the Township, awaiting approval from the governing body. It is anticipated that a resolution will be presented to the Board for consideration at its January 2025 meeting.

#### *Borough of Victory Gardens Municipal Solid Waste Container Service Proposal:*

In early to mid-November, the Borough of Victory Gardens contacted the MCMUA regarding their approval of our proposal to service their municipal building with a container for transport of solid waste (street sweepings) to our Morris County Transfer Stations. In addition, on-call container services is proposed. A resolution will be presented to the MCMUA Board for its consideration at our meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> authorizing a five-year shared services agreement with Victory Gardens for these services.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs during November 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 Builds Resources and Plans for Future Environmental Education Presentations.
- MCMUA Public Outreach/Partnership, NJ League of Municipalities Conference.
- MCMUA and MCDPH Joint Solid Waste and Recycling Outreach Collaborations.
- MCMUA Assists in Sustaining the Morris Office Recycling Excels (M.O.R.E) Collection Program.
- MCMUA Sponsored Internship with Higher Learning Institutions.
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course.
- Morris County Master Composter Program Development.
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Plans its Future Initiatives.
- Morris County Recycling Ambassador Program Development.
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts.
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations.

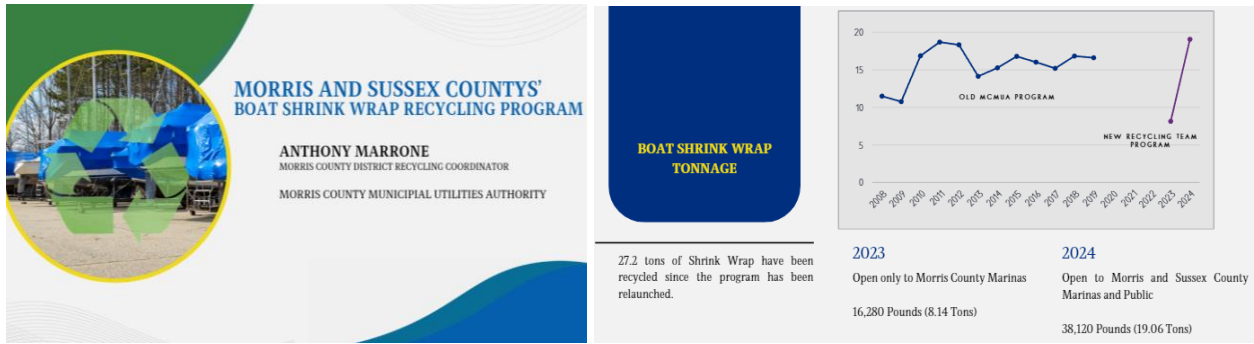
### **Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects**

#### **MCMUA and the NJDEP Collaborations with the NJ WasteWise Business Network:**

On November 7, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) held its semi-annual WasteWise Business Network webinar, open to the public. The event attracted over 450 participants, including various businesses, residents, political appointees, and government employees from across the state. The Recycling Division and several members of the MCMUA administration staff were also in attendance.

During the webinar, Marrone presented on the restart of Morris County's Boat Shrink Wrap program, highlighting the challenges faced and successes achieved through collaboration with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA), Sussex County, Roxbury Township, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and UltraPoly Corp. The program, which initially ran successfully for several years before being discontinued in 2019, was relaunched in 2023 and has since received an NJDEP Award for Source Reduction and Resource Management/Sustainability. The audience responded positively, with many attendees interested in replicating similar programs.





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

*The MCMUA and ANJR's Combine Efforts to Foster a Marketplace for Hard-to-Recycle Items:*

Throughout November, Marrone led ANJR's committee focused on solar panel recycling. The committee aimed to explore recycling regulations, understand the marketplace for solar panels and their end-of-life options, identify approved recycling facilities, and support reclassifying solar panels from hazardous waste to universal waste to facilitate easier recycling. Solar panels are classified as hazardous waste, requiring a specific Research Development and Demonstration (RD&D) permit from the NJDEP, which is cumbersome. Only two facilities in the state are authorized to handle this waste, one approved in late October in Phillipsburg and the other in mid-November in Somerset. CLR Solutions in Randolph also accepts solar panels but lacks the required RD&D permit.

**Borough of Rockaway, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections:**

Earlier in the year, the Recycling Administrative Staff met with Borough of Rockaway representatives to begin implementing a townwide Tag-it and Leave-it inspection campaign in the Borough in the late fall of this year. Leading up to the campaign, the Borough was provided with targeted digital media and information in support of these efforts in the form of press releases, educational posts on its social media accounts, through Recycle Coach, electronic mail blasts, and updates to its recycling website and supplemental information to support operations in the field for this campaign. The Borough also made a concerted effort to clean up and update all signage and educational information at its municipal recycling depot before our joint inspection campaign to raise awareness of our actions.

During inspections, Marrone, Toomey, Eramo, and Deacon joined the Borough's DPW to begin the program in several predetermined sections of the town. The group split into two teams to cover more areas, each tracking the number of tags, door hangers, and star recycler door hangers given out. These groups also kept records of each address receiving educational information and what recycling contamination was observed at each location. Each team compiled their information afterward into a spreadsheet, where the results from the following inspection days will also be recorded. During the first inspection day, both groups gave out 22 educational door hangers, 21 non collection tags and stickers, and 38 star recycler door hangers. Additionally, the representative from the DPW on one of the teams also works at the recycling depot when it is open and is a lifelong resident of the Borough. Due to this, residents regularly engaged with the inspectors, providing the opportunity for direct education and waiting for their materials to be inspected and rated on their recycling efforts. The remaining two inspections are planned for December 3 and 17.

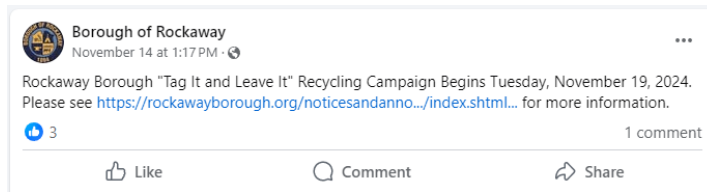
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH "TAG-IT AND LEAVE-IT" RECYCLING CAMPAIGN BEGINS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The Borough of Rockaway and the Morris County Municipality Utilities Authority (MCMUA) will begin a recycling inspection and education campaign for the residential curbside recycling program effective Tuesday, November 18, 2024.



*Above is a cropped image of the two-page press release and one of the Facebook posts alerting the public to our inspection efforts.*

### **MCMUA Plans for its Municipal Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Meetings of the 2025 Calendar Year:**

Throughout November, the Solid Waste Planning Division organized and prepared for next year's meeting schedule. Our first Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) meeting will occur on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at the Morris County Library. This meeting will cover several important topics, including Municipal Tonnage Grant reporting, hands-on practice in the library's computer lab, entry of recycling reports, a review of municipal recycling tonnage letters, and NJDEP site permitting department staff presentations. In preparation, we are creating a Google Docs survey for each municipality to complete. This survey will outline curbside recycling and trash collection services, the method of collection, recycling depot services, end markets, public special events, and other relevant details for discussion. Additionally, we will gather all recycling tonnage letters and forms from each municipality to facilitate a review process, allowing us to learn from each other's efforts. Finally, we will update MCMUA example forms for generators to report their recycling results from 2024 for the municipalities' MTGs and create new educational materials to improve the currently available information.

Our second MRC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Elks Lodge in Boonton Town. This meeting will cover recent curbside recycling inspections and include presentations from Boonton Town's Department of Public Works (DPW) and MRCs. Participants will take part in a site tour of Boonton Town's recycling depot, visit the Loaves and Fishes Community Food Pantry to explore food waste prevention through donation opportunities, tour Bear Minimum Refillery and Sustainable Goods Marketplace to learn about reuse options, and hear a presentation from the Carton Council regarding grants and recycling opportunities.

The third MRC meeting of 2025 is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at the GreenChip Recycling Facility in Brooklyn, New York. GreenChip is the current contractor for MCMUA's E-waste recycling program, which is in partnership with our municipalities. Understanding where each municipality generates materials and how that process works will help coordinators better understand recycling. The MCMUA will provide a charter bus from the Dover Armory to GreenChip's electronic waste processing site at 540 Kingsland Ave, Brooklyn, NY. Additionally, Marrone is exploring the opportunity for participants to tour the nearby NYC Department of Sanitation Recycling Yard and waste transfer station with the DSNY and GreenChip's neighboring private scrap metal recycling yard.

Our annual Morris County Municipal Clean Communities Coordinators Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the NJ School of Conservation. This Environmental Education Center is in Stokes State Forest in Sussex County, New Jersey. The meeting will be open to fellow county and municipal clean communities coordinators statewide in collaboration with the NJ Clean Communities Council. Environmental educators at the site will lead participants in hands-on educational demonstrations covering topics such as environmental protection, stream health, stormwater protections, and litter abatement awareness, all in the beautiful autumn setting of the nation's oldest year-round environmental education center.

In addition to these dates, the MCMUA will once again host the ANJR's Northern Swap and Share Educational Session, scheduled for May 14th at the Morris County Library. This event is open to members and non-members and promotes open dialogue, idea exchange, and collaboration on collective goals. It aims to address challenges and foster the development of better programs for improving recycling and waste reduction efforts in our state.

**Morris County Clean Communities Program**

**Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:**

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

On November 6, 2024, the AAH crew cleaned Canfield Avenue and a portion of Randolph Avenue. The miles in Mine Hill were 1.5, and in Randolph, 1 mile. Various litter materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Total Miles = 2.5 (5 linear)
- Bags of trash, 16
- Bags of recyclables, 9
- Tires, 3

**2024 Morris County School Litter and Artwork Contest Awards Ceremony:**

The Morris County Clean Communities artwork contest winners were announced in late August. Four posters were selected: two from elementary school students and two from middle school students. In addition to the students and their parents' participation, each school's art teacher has been notified about the awards ceremony scheduled for December 5, 2024, at the Morris County Library from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Each winning student will receive a customized recycling container featuring their artwork for their host school, and all submitted artwork will be included in personalized Clean Communities calendars for participating schools. The ceremony will consist of an educational segment on the Clean Communities program, presentations by the winning students, and the acceptance of their awards. An additional award will be given to a Frelinghuysen Middle School student who helped obtain extra recycling containers for her school. During the event, each winner will share their inspiration for their posters, and an MCMUA host will discuss how the posters relate to litter abatement practices. The students and their schools will receive 2025 calendars showcasing the winning posters.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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 6:55 p.m.

**MOTION:** Ms. Farris made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ragonese and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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