

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on February 11, 2025 at 7:11 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. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Larry Ragonese, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Christopher Dour.

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry and Ms. Laura Szwak.

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; Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator; and Tayfun Selen, Commissioner-liaison.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Messrs. Smith & Dour

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of January 2025. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for January 2025. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for the month of January 2025 for both our Solid Waste and Water Divisions. The January 2025 Investment Report is showing a TD Bank Certificate of Deposit that has matured and is being reinvested for another 12 months. TD Bank participates in the governmental unit deposit protection act and is listed in the MUA's Cash Management Plan.

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

MOTION: Mr. Drutezler made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Dr. Kominos 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. 2025-022

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. 2025-022 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$4,487,647.59** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6856-6886	\$	241,754.96
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15665-15737	\$	4,245,892.63
		\$	4,487,647.59

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: February 11, 2025

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: February 11, 2025.

DATE: February 11, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he had comments from some Board members about some of the larger items for two line items. One was for the Maraziti Falcon bill for the Mt. Kemble v. MCMUA matter. He mentioned that last month the MUA did not receive any bills from Maraziti Falcon and this is payment for two months of bills. Mr. Carney explained that the bill for about 100 hours is on the litigation brought by Mt. Kemble against Morris County M.U.A., as well as Southeast Morris County M.U.A., Morris Plains, Hanover Township and the Town of Morristown. He explained there was an Order to Show Cause. The Judge signed that Order that had deadlines in which to respond. In following that Order, we prepared the opposing papers to show cause, which is a Brief and an extensive certification of Mike McAloon, and a certification of Larry Gindoff. There was also a deadline for the filing an Answer to Affirmative Offense to the Third Party Complaint that Harding Township filed and we prepared those documents as well. We reviewed the Brief filed by Southeast Morris County M.U.A. which occurred after a conversation with Dave Ruitenbergh. We did attend the Case Management Conference in January and there were a variety of Consent Orders that were circulated amongst the parties. We also communicated with all the Counsel of Records for two months and there was also legal research involved. He further mentioned that this month he does not expect the bill to be all that significant on this matter, as the Judge has scheduled another Case Management Conference and the thought is that the parties will have adopted the resolution for both cases and expects the case to be dismissed.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned secondly is the bill from Suburban Consulting Engineers for the 24 Inch Main project. This bill is for most of the design and bid work for the 24 Inch Water Main project that we are about to award tonight. He mentioned that this is in line with what he anticipated from Suburban with all the work for this big project. Mr. McAloon mentioned that the bill is for all the work that led up to the preparation of the bid package, advertising of bid, and receiving questions and clarifications from contractors. We made sure that the contractors had the best information available so that they could put in sharp pricing and be able to put in competitive bids. We were very pleased with the interest and number of bids received.

Mr. Druetzler commented that at last month's meeting he asked Brad Carney to reach out to Dave Rutenberg, Southeast Morris County M.U.A.'s attorney regarding the Mt. Kemble matter. He finds it very tough that we spent that much money. He mentioned that we passed a resolution approving the request. The matter dragged was dragged out by others and the developer had no choice but to file suit. He further mentioned that why we were named is ridiculous, as we don't have water to give and we are not even contiguous to Harding Township. Mr. Carney concurred with what Mr. Druetzler said and that is the major defense in our case. Our case is that we have no water, that DEP would have to be brought in as a necessary party if we were to exceed our allocation in our contracts; that the connection point is Morris Township across boundary line from Harding Township and the injunction that they were seeking against MUA should not have happened because of all those reasons, plus the cost it would take to extend six miles to connect to their property. We just did the work to defend the Authority in accordance with all the deadlines that were set forth in the Court Order so that we had our papers in on time. Mr. Carney mentioned that he did speak to Dave Rutenberg the day after the Board Meeting and where he discussed that Southeast was also filing an Opposition in the Mt. Kemble case. Mr. Druetzler mentioned that if this ever happens again, we should have a conversation with Southeast before we do anything and see where they are.

Mr. Ragonese asked about the bill for Sovereign and Mr. McAloon replied that is for Payment Application No. 7 that includes work where they took delivery of the pump and set that in place. Mr. Gindoff elaborated stating that we are doing a big project at the Mt. Arlington Pump Station and Sovereign has been our contractor there. We adopted their resolution a year ago and they are under contract. Mr. Druetzler explained that he met with Anthony Milonas and Mike at the Pump Station. There were two additional things; they wanted \$7,000 for a fence and \$10,000 for doing the floor. After meeting with them, it wasn't just the fence around the generator, but also two other portions of fence. When we looked at the floor, we could probably do it, but when they went over the bills, they found some money that was unused, so we didn't have to appropriate more money. Mr. Druetzler mentioned that he proud of the Pump Station and the work that Sovereign had done.

Mr. McAloon mentioned that we proposed a portable tap box in case the generator failed. We heard from the electrician and unfortunately one of the breakers we were going to utilize needs some modifications to receive that tap box. There are two options: for an extra \$6,800 they could replace that breaker as part of this project now or we could eliminate that portable tap box and get a credit of around \$3,500. Mr. McAloon mentioned even if we authorized the tap box, we are envisioning a credit coming back to us from unused allowances and line items. The Board authorized the tap box.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there were no new updates to the Correspondence Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADMINISTRATION

1. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2025-94 appointing Christopher Dour and Dorothea Kominos to the MCMUA Board to serve a five-year term to expire on February 1, 2030, without salary. Also appointing Ronald Smith to the MCMUA Board to serve an unexpired five-year term, to expire on February 1, 2026, without salary.

WATER

2. Letter dated February 5, 2025 to Morris County M.U.A. from Douglas Meyer, D. S. Meyer Enterprises, L.L.C. withdrawing their bid from the Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I project bid on January 30, 2025.
3. Letter dated February 7, 2025 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, Morris County M.U.A. from Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. regarding Bid Review and Recommendation for MCMUA Contract No. 2024-W01, Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I.

SOLID WASTE

4. Letter dated January 17, 2025 to James E. Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, MCMUA, From Jill Aspinwall, Section Chief, NJDEP Bureau of Waste Planning and Licensing, approving Administrative Action to allow Electronic Recyclers International, Inc. Class D (Universal Waste) Recycling Facility to receive, process, store and transfer non-hazardous end-life solar panels.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon thanked the Board for the reappointment and looks forward to working with everyone at the MUA and the Board for another year.

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) Through the month of January 2025, the MCMUA sold approximately 123.663 MG, which is more than 2024 and 2023. We are off to a good start.; (2) SCE participated in the Water Committee Meeting. We covered several topics, including the upcoming bid, Mt. Arlington Pump Station Additional Work and the Unused Allowances, Water Exploration Engineer Concept RFP, the Mt. Arlington AWWA 36 Water Audit and Loss Control Program, New Roxbury Watermain Extension, Mine Hill Meter Replacement and PFAS Capital Improvement Project Status. It was a very productive meeting.

Mr. Druetzler thought it was an excellent meeting but there is one thing is that our Capital Plan calls for is doing our new 24” line in three sections and this is our first third and then we were doing PFAS for both Alamatong and Flanders. However, he believes the President suspended some EPA rules on PFAS and so the thought was to do work on PFAS at Flanders, which is the most productive well, do a second third of the pipeline and defer the Alamatong PFAS until we see more clarity. Mr. McAloon mentioned that we want to address our biggest guns, Flanders Valley wells, in the short term and this way we are covered for any variation in the future and then redirect to do the next piece of 24” PCCP. Mr. Druetzler hopes the rest of the Board is comfortable with that and the Board concurred.

(3) Regarding the Mt. Pleasant Hill Road 24” PCCP, on January 30, 2025, bids were received for the first Phase of the 24” PCCP Retirement. We had a request for a withdrawal of bid from D.S. Myer Enterprises. They were the apparent low bidder at the bid opening. They had a major mathematical error. Knowing our Engineer’s Estimate, and available budget was around \$1.4 million dollars, we couldn’t make recommendation on the total bid amount, so therefore we would like to recommend base bid only to Underground Utilities Corp. in the amount of \$1,282,980.00, which will be the first phase of that project. The Supplemental Bid item included edge to pavement to edge of pavement 2” mill and surface paving. This gives us 1,000 feet of that pipeline retired

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

Resolution No. 2025-023
Resolution Awarding Contract No. 2024-W01 To
Underground Utilities Corp. For
“Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I”

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2024-W01 “Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch

PCCP Retirement – Phase 1” and received twelve (12) bids on January 30, 2025 from the companies listed below at the bid price shown:

	Base Bid	Supplemental Bid
D.S Meyer Enterprises, LLC. Waldwick, New Jersey	\$1,077,545.00	\$126,000.00
Underground Utilities Corp. Linden, New Jersey	\$1,282,980.00	\$182,000.00
Pacific Construction, LLC. Passaic, New Jersey	\$1,290,793.90	\$139,300.00
Persistent Construction, Inc. Fairview, New Jersey	\$1,466,460.00	\$120,540.00
Pillari Bros. Construction Corp. Farmingdale, New Jersey	\$1,488,379.00	\$154,000.00
John Garcia Construction Co. Inc. Clifton, New Jersey	\$1,525,785.00	\$143,500.00
Your Way Construction, Inc. Irvington, New Jersey	\$1,554,029.00	\$118,650.00
Spiniello Companies Livingston, New Jersey	\$1,713,715.00	\$144,550.00
P. M. Construction Corp. Hillside, New Jersey	\$1,742,870.00	\$126,000.00
Sanitary Construction Co. Fairfield, New Jersey	\$1,828,250.00	\$171,500.00
Montana Construction, Inc. Lodi, New Jersey	\$1,914,375.00	\$210,000.00
New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc. Hackensack, New Jersey	\$1,948,550.00	\$140,000.00

WHEREAS, D. S. Meyer Enterprises, LLC. submitted correspondence within five business days after the opening of the bids, requesting withdraw of their bid in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3, citing a major mathematical error on their bid and they cannot complete the project as awarded and enforcement of the contract, if actually made, would be unconscionable.

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

1. The Authority waives any immaterial defects of the bid from Underground Utilities Corp., and awards Contract No. 2024-W01 “Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase 1” to Underground Utilities Corp., having a business

address of 711 Commerce Road, Linden, NJ 07036, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base bid amount, not to exceed the bid price of \$1,282,980.00.

- 2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2024-W01 Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase 1” to Underground Utilities Corp., having a business address of 711 Commerce Road, Linden, NJ 07036, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base bid amount, not to exceed the bid price of \$1,282,980.00.
- 3. The Notice to Proceed with the contract awarded herein to Underground Utilities Corp., shall not be issued until after full execution of the Contract, approval by MCMUA of the Contractor’s performance bond, the submission of all required documents, including insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.
- 4. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
- 5. All bid security, except the security for the three apparent lowest bids, Sundays and holidays excepted, shall be returned and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and the approval of the contractor’s performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them within three days thereafter, Sundays and holidays excepted.
- 6. The Treasurer certifies that Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 02-6-300-800-015 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority’s Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.
- 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 February 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to award Contract No. 2024-W01 To Underground Utilities Corp. For “Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I” and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

(4) Also on January 30, bids were received for the Water Valve Maintenance Trailer. Only one bid was received from E.H. Wachs. While slightly over the Engineer’s Estimate, this equipment has all the necessary appurtenances that we need to have.

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

Resolution No. 2025-024
Resolution Awarding Contract No. 2024-W02 To E.H. Wachs For
“Purchase Of Water Valve Maintenance Trailer”

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2024-W02 “Purchase of Water Valve Maintenance Trailer” and received one (1) conforming bids on January 30, 2025 from the company listed below at the bid price shown:

	Base Bid
E. H. Wachs – A Division of ITW Lincolnshire, Illinois	\$92,129.80

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

1. The Authority waives any immaterial defects of the bid from E.H. Wachs and awards Contract No. 2024-W02 “Purchase of Water Valve Maintenance Trailer” to E.H. Wachs., having a business address of 600 Knightsbridge Parkway Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base bid amount, not to exceed the bid price of \$92,129.80.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2024-W02 “Purchase of Water Valve Maintenance Trailer” to E.H. Wachs, having a business address of 600 Knightsbridge Parkway, Lincolnshire, IL, 60069, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base bid amount, not to exceed the bid price of \$92,129.80.
3. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. The Treasurer certifies that Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 02-6-300-800-015 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority’s Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to award Contract No. 2024-W02 To E. H. Wachs For “Purchase Of Water Valve Maintenance Trailer” and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

(5) Regarding Mine Hill Meter Replacement, we continue to make ourselves available to discuss any technical questions that the Team has on the meter replacement.; (6) Regarding Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, Sovereign Consulting has received the pump and motor, completed the installation and did the preliminary start-up last Thursday. They are scheduling Operator Training with Tony and the crew. We are in a position where we are going to be substantially complete for the processed improvement. The only outstanding items is the bridge crane and the asphalt driveway replacement. We talked about the additional fence modifications, the coating on the floor and the modification of the main breaker. We will track all of those and do a Final Change Order.; (7) Dee-En Electrical has the generators for Flanders Valley 1 and 2 at the diesel tank manufacturer getting them equipped. We will be pressing them on installation; (8) Regarding Dee-En Electrical at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, the ship date for that equipment is the end of April. We are not getting high confidence from them, so asked them to provide a potential alternative for another MCCP piece of equipment from another vendor to see if that has a shorter ship time.

Regarding Mine Hill Meter Replacement. Mr. Dour asked is Mine Hill not just getting back to us and Mr. McAloon replied they provided their initial submittal and we had comments; they submitted revised submittal and we sent comments back to them. Mr. McAloon mentioned that it comes down to two things: (1) how they are going to pressure test their connections to make sure it is watertight and (2) how are they going to properly disinfect the piece of equipment they are going

to put in place and that is to make sure that we are not going to impact water quality for the water delivered. Once we satisfy those two items, we would be able to approve the installation.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that it’s been a month and a half since we heard from them. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that they are current with their water payment. Mr. McAloon mentioned that the thing that scares them is the one meter could see very low flow and our existing meter can read down to four gallons per minute and the proposed meter is around ten. We said that we were accepting of this on our end and if you want to proceed, that means you are accepting of that inaccuracy.

(9) Finally, on Solid Waste projects, SCE is helping update the site plan at the Parsippany Compost Facility and has circulated draft bid documents for the Parsippany Transfer Station emergency generators.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of January 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 123.663 MG. This amount is approximately 11.169 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period

in 2024 and approximately 4.176 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.

B. SCE participated in the Water Committee Meeting which was held on Thursday January 30, 2025. Several topics were discussed including:

- A. Upcoming bid for the Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement and Valve Maintenance Trailer
- B. Mt. Arlington Pump Station additional work and status of un-used Allowances / Deducts
- C. Water Exploration Engineer Concept for RFP
- D. Mt. Arlington AWWA M 36 Water Audit & Loss Control Program
- E. New Roxbury Meter Watermain Extension
- F. Mine Hill Meter Replacement
- G. PFAS Capital Improvement Project Status

C. On Thursday, January 30, bids were received for the Purchase of Water Valve Maintenance Trailer and were opened. One (1) bid was submitted in the amount of \$92,129.80. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$90,000.00. Our review of the bid indicated *E. H. Wachs – A Division of ITW, whose offices are located in Lincolnshire, Illinois* is the apparent low responsive bidder. The Contractor provided necessary qualifications and previous work experiences. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to *E. H. Wachs – A Division of ITW*, SCE is prepared to present to the board for consideration Resolution Authorizing the execution of this contract.

2. Mine Hill Meter Replacement Coordination

SCE has offered meetings with the Mine Hill technical team to review and discuss the outstanding items but to date have not been scheduled.

3. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

Sovereign Consulting, Inc. received the pump and motor and completed the installation. Start-up and testing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 6 which will included the new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), flow control valve, pump and motor equipment installed as part of this project. The only outstanding items is the bridge crane and the asphalt driveway replacement.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No.7 in the amount of **\$122,500.00**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

The Contractor has provided pricing to perform additional fence modifications to enclose the recently installed natural gas generator, as well as specialty floor coating within the pump. SCE has evaluated the total cost of these proposed changes, and compared to the current list of un-used allowances and project deducts, and anticipates there will be a total deduct of approximately \$32,260. SCE will authorize the contractor to proceed with these changes and reconcile the un-used allowances and project deducts as part of the final close-out and change order for the project.

Project Completion Summary Through February 11, 2025

Contract Start Date	March 28, 2024	
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days	
Days Elapsed:	320	87%
Days Remaining:	45	13%
Original Contract Completion Date	March 28, 2025	

Project Financial Summary Through February 11, 2025

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 #5	\$98,245.00
Payment Application #6	\$15,680.00
Payment Application #7	\$122,500.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$862,664.96
Percent of Work Complete	7%
Total Retainage to Date	\$14,753.30

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. is currently confirming the exact shipping date of the generators to the project site. The generators are currently at the diesel tank manufacturer for installation.

Project Completion Summary Through February 11, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	274 75%
Days Remaining:	91 25%
Original Contract Completion Date	May 13, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through February 11, 2025

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.

Project Completion Summary Through February 11, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time	174 Calendar Day Extension
Days Elapsed:	274 66%
Days Remaining:	140 34%
Original Contract Completion Date	January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date	July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through February 11, 2025

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

On Thursday, January 30, bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Twelve (12) bids were submitted with the base bid amounts from each bidder range from \$1,077,545.00 to \$1,948,550.00 as shown on the summary below. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$1,408,810.00. D. S. Meyer Enterprises, LLC. submitted correspondence within five business days after the opening of the bids, requesting withdraw of their bid in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3, citing a major mathematical error on their bid and they cannot complete the project as awarded and enforcement of the contract, if actually made, would be unconscionable. Our review of the remaining eleven (11) bids indicated ***Underground Utilities Corp., whose offices are located in Linden, NJ*** is the apparent low responsive bidder. The Contractor provided necessary qualifications and previous work experiences, and SCE performed a review of provided references. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to ***Underground Utilities Corp.***, SCE is prepared to present to the board for consideration Resolution Authorizing the execution of this contract.

BIDDER	BASE BID	SUPPLEMENTAL BID	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
D.S. Meyer Enterprises, LLC	\$1,077,545.00	\$126,000.00	\$1,203,545.00
Underground Utilities Corp.	\$1,282,980.00	\$182,000.00	\$1,464,980.00
Pacific Construction, LLC	\$1,290,793.90	\$139,300.00	\$1,430,093.90
Persistent Construction, Inc.	\$1,466,560.00	\$120,540.00	\$1,587,000.00
Pillari Bros. Construction Corp.	\$1,488,379.00	\$154,000.00	\$1,642,379.00
John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,525,785.00	\$143,500.00	\$1,669,285.00
Your Way Construction, Inc.	\$1,554,029.00	\$118,650.00	\$1,672,679.00
Spiniello Companies	\$1,713,715.00	\$144,550.00	\$1,858,265.00
P. M. Construction Corp.	\$1,742,870.00	\$126,000.00	\$1,868,870.00
Sanitary Construction Co.	\$1,828,250.00	\$171,500.00	\$1,999,750.00
Montana Construction, Inc.	\$1,914,375.00	\$210,000.00	\$2,124,375.00
New Prince Concrete Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,948,550.00	\$140,000.00	\$2,088,550.00

7. Water Exploration Engineer

SCE is assisting the MUA with the finalization and publication of an RFP to solicit a Water Exploration Engineer as confirmed with the Water Committee.

8. Solid Waste Active Projects

SCE has received requested revisions following internal operations meetings regarding the updated Parsippany Compost Facility Site plan, anticipating the larger windrows which can be generated from the Komptech Topturn X5500.

SCE has circulated DRAFT bid documents for the Parsippany Transfer Station emergency generators.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that the tonnage at Parsippany for the last three months (November, December and January) was less than the year before. Is that because there is some trend going on or is it because it is so dry that the garbage is lighter. Mr. Deacon replied that January was less than January of last year; but as reported over the last six months, the tonnage has been way up at Mt. Olive and Parsippany has been less; less customers and less overall tonnage, but can't attribute it to being dry. Mr. Gindoff replied he thinks it is because of the cold weather and there is less construction going on.

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) He thanked Mr. Gindoff for bringing the Solid Waste Committee up-to-date on all the projects within the Solid Waste Division and mentioned that the meeting went very well. Mr. Dour asked is all the equipment for Project Independence being shipped to the County Garage and Mr. Deacon replied no; all the equipment will be shipped to the transfer station sites in June or July and only the mechanic trucks will be shipped to the County Garage.; (2) Our facility right-to-know surveys have been completed for the year and thanked all Managers and Safety contacts for their assistance in getting it done quickly.; (3) The 2025 Transfer Station bids are currently being reviewed by Counsel and MCMUA Staff. This Friday, Shana and I are planning on re-submitting our updates to the State (OSC). He reminded the Board that there will be two separate bids, one for each transfer station.; (4) Will be presenting a resolution tonight for eight new jockey trucks needed to run the transfer station. We are still researching the two sweeper trucks. Thanked Mr. Dour for sending us another vendor on Sourcewell. We hope to have something on the sweeper trucks for the March meeting.

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

Resolution No. 2025-025

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Eight (8) Yard/Jockey Trucks Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 032824-ATC Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025

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 Yard/Jockey Trucks; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of Eight (8) Yard/Jockey Trucks through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative

Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on December 18, 2024, and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of Eight (8) Yard/Jockey Trucks are available for purchase through Autocar – Allegiance, in the total amount of \$1,153,716.00; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$283,594.00 by obtaining the Eight (8) Yard/Jockey Trucks 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 \$1,153,716.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-5-300-800-153.

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 Eight (8) Yard/Jockey Trucks in the amount of \$1,153,716.00.

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 February 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of Eight (8) Yard/Jockey Trucks Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 032824-ATC Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(5) Improvement projects going on are: (a) LED lighting was installed in the basement pump room of the Parsippany Transfer Station.; (b) Staff is looking into starting some more landscaping improvements in March.; (c) Staff has started today on some interior scale improvements at Mt. Olive; and (d) The fabricated steel grates that we purchased and the County Bridge Dept. helped weld together are working well and are pretty efficient for us at Mt. Olive and Staff will looking to do the same at Parsippany in the future.; (6) Mike Kobylarz will report on the tarp rack in Mt. Olive and the award of contract for the Tarp Rack Replacement.; (7) Staff continues to work with H2M Engineering on the roof replacement at Parsippany. Next on-site meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 18. H2M wants to get a better look at the membrane roof over the station's office section. We received draft plans from H2M on the tarp racking system at Parsippany and that is planned to come out on Loading Bays 1 and 2.; (8) Regarding the damaged column at Parsippany between Tipping Bays 6 and 7, it has been repaired by Mascaro's contractor. All that

remains is the repair of the concrete support for the beam and that project will be complete.; (9) For HHW, Program Manager Steve Adams has Staff scheduled to take MXI’s In-House Online Training on February 24-26. This is done every year to provide training in-house.; (10) The Office scheduled those who are responsible for signing hazardous waste manifests to take the annual Hazwopper DOT Training on May 19-21 at Veolia in Flanders.; (11) The HHW Office Trailer is coming along nicely. We are still working to finalize County IT hook-up and fire panel installs.; (12) Regarding Vegetative Waste, Suburban has completed the site plan update for the Parsippany facility. When the weather clears, Staff will take the plans and mark the windrows on the site to maximize capacity. The new Windrow Turner arrived on January 22. Staff is awaiting factory training and it will be put into service.; and (13) Regarding update on the sinkhole, the only delay we have had is on the arrival of the returning trailers from the landfill at Parsippany. There are no issues at Mt. Olive. He credited J.P. Mascaro with keeping trash off the floor and keeping it moving with the issues on Route 80.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) He thanked the Board on behalf of the Alaimo Group for awarding us the contract and look forward to working with Staff and Board for 2025.; (2) Update on the water main extension at Mt. Olive, we just about have the preliminary plans finalized and expect to get them this week and will forward to Staff for their review and comments. As soon as we get those, we will submit them to N.J. American Water.; (3) As far as the Mt. Olive Tarp Rack System Replacement Project, we had three contractors pick up bid documents and there was only one contractor that submitted a bid. The bid opening took place on February 4. The bid that we received was from Persistent Construction, who has done a lot of work for the Authority previously. The bid was 14% higher than our Engineer’s Estimate. Based on our familiarity and comfort level with Persistent even though they are a bit higher than our estimate, we think it is within reasonable range of where we think the project should be and we would recommend awarding the project to Persistent. Mr. Gindoff concurred and they are an excellent contractor.

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

Resolution No. 2025-026
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities
Authority Awarding a Contract to Persistent
Construction, Inc., Fairview, New Jersey For the
Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement Project

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") advertised for the receipt of public bids for Bid No. 2024-12 “Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement” project; and

WHEREAS, there were three (3) contractors who obtained bid documents for the project; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA received one (1) response to the bid solicitation on February 4, 2025 from the following entity in the following amount:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Price Bid</u>
Persistent Construction, Inc. Fairview, New Jersey	\$347,700.00

WHEREAS, the submitted Bid documents from Persistent Construction, Inc. have been reviewed by MCMUA staff, legal counsel and consulting engineer Alaimo Group, to determine compliance with the bid specifications in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq. and determined that it does not contain any material defects and is a responsive and responsible bid.

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

1. The MCMUA waives any immaterial defects of the bid from Persistent Construction, Inc. and awards Contract No. 2024-12 “Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement” to Persistent Construction, Inc., having a business address of 58 Industrial Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey 07022, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the bid amount, not to exceed the bid price of \$347,700.00.

2. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is authorized and directed to execute the contract for Bid No. 2024-12 Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement project with Persistent Construction, Inc., having a business address of 58 Industrial Avenue, Fairview, New Jersey 07022 in the not to exceed bid amount of \$347,700.00.
3. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
4. The Treasurer certifies that funds are available for this contract from Budget Account Line Item # 01-1-900-000-100 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority's Treasurer and kept on file at the offices of the Authority.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County
Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Award A Contract To Persistent Construction, Inc., Fairview, New Jersey For The Mount Olive Tarp Rack Replacement Project and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MCMUA Right to Know (RTK) Central Files- The MCMUA staff have completed the 2024 New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Right to Know (RTK) surveys for all the MCMUA facilities/site locations. The deadline for these survey submissions is July 15, 2025. All RTK posters (both English and Spanish) are currently up and filled out with the correct contact information, all the related Safety Data Sheets (SDS's) are up to date and in good working order, RTK handouts are readily available for employees at every location, and our facility RTK Central File Binders are all mounted and visible for inspectors. All the surveys were submitted online to the NJDOH and the Morris County Division of Public Health, serving as Morris County's Lead Agency.

MCMUA Solid Waste Committee- MCMUA Executive Director Larry Gindoff hosted a solid waste sub-committee meeting on Thursday, January 30 at 3:00PM with MCMUA Board members Arthur Nusbaum (virtual), Christophor Dour, Larry Ragonese, and new Board member Ronald Smith. The meeting started with preparation for potential Board actions at the upcoming February 11 Reorganization and Regular meeting, followed by a detailed overview and status on "Project Independence", the MCMUA taking over operations at both transfer stations in late 2025. The committee was brought up to speed on the happenings and had the ability to ask questions that may have not been fully explained during Board meetings. Discussions led into current work/improvement projects at both stations, specifically the roof replacement project in Parsippany and engineering oversight from H2M. A detailed 2025 and 5-year capital spending plan overview was provided by MCMUA Treasurer Larry Kaletcher. The role of the MCMUA

pertaining to our Curbside Recycling division and related Municipal requests was also gone over in detail with the committee, all with well received results and suggestions.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The MCMUA received a letter from Mr. Douglas E. Ruhlin of Resource Management Associates (RMA), representing Electronic Recyclers International, Inc. (ERI) requested a modification to the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan with respect to the inclusion of the Class “D” (Universal Waste) recycling facility located at 510 Ryerson Road, in the Borough of Lincoln Park. The modification requested was to amend the Plan to allow ERI to receive, process, store, and transfer nonhazardous end-of-life solar panels at the Lincoln Park facility. This ERI facility is currently approved in the Plan as a Class “D” recycling facility, primarily for receiving, processing, and storage of used consumer electronics, or e-waste. The RMA proposal mentioned indoor storage of the solar panels, and only accepting nonhazardous materials from installers, utilities, retailers, and occasional residential customers. The MCMUA submitted an Administrative Action (AA) request to the NJDEP for ERI on December 26. On January 17, 2025, the MCMUA received the approval of the AA to allow ERI to receive, process, store, and transfer these solar panels. A copy of the approval letter as been attached as correspondence for the Board at the February 11 meeting.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 34,969 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in the month of January 2025 was 7.97% less than the 37,997 tons accepted a year ago in January 2024. This drop in tonnage probably has a lot to do with the frigid weather in January 2025 compared to the temperate temperatures we experienced in January 2024. With this low tonnage January 2025 and one (1) month of actual tonnage data in the books, it is currently projected that we will accept 466,547 tons for 2025. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

January Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2024 to 2025):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 13,890- 499 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 3,503- 13 more than 2024

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 581- 2 more than 2024

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 21,079- 2,509 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,815- 203 less than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 307- 31 less than 2024

2025 MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids- Mentioned to the Board during previous meetings, the MCMUA staff continues the work 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. Bid #2025-SW01 for Mount Olive and Bid #2025-SW02 for Parsippany-Troy Hills, were sent to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for review back on December 5. With a quick turnaround, OSC returned these Bids with attached comments/corrections on December 23 and December 31 respectfully. MCMUA staff worked with QPA Shana O’Mara to address the comments/corrections within both Bid documents sending them for Attorney review on January 2. All the comments and suggestions by Counsel were updated within the Bids with staff sending them back to the OSC for their final approval on Friday, January 24. On January 31, the State OSC attached some remaining/additional comments on the submissions that will be addressed by staff on Tuesday, February 4. Neither submission is yet approved for release/advertisement at this point per the OSC. Staff anticipates providing the Board with an update on the Bids at the February 11 meeting.

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 staff are preparing one (1) resolution for consideration at the February 11, 2025, 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 Board should anticipate this resolution for the following equipment to be authorized for purchase during the February 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.

As far as the two (2) industrial grade street sweeping trucks need for purchase, one (1) street sweeper per transfer station, staff is currently obtaining cooperative pricing for this needed equipment. A demo on the Karcher Municipal Sweeper took place on January 21 at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station with good results. MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle has been in communication with Tymco Regenerative Air Sweepers about pricing and a possible demo. Last, Board member Christopher Dour provided the MCMUA staff with Northeast Sweepers (Ravo) as another option, which also appears to be on Sourcewell. Staff is working on presenting this sweeper equipment at the March 11, 2025, meeting. The transfer station vehicle and equipment purchasing will also include 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. Three (3) quotes have been obtained and are all under the \$44,000 bid threshold. The purchase of the Mount Olive dump trailer will not require an approved Resolution from the Board.

As part of this 2025 vehicle and equipment purchasing to operate the two (2) transfer station facilities, the MCMUA Operations managers met with Supervisors at our County Garage in Cedar Knolls, Hanover on January 16 to develop a delivery plan and discuss the overall future integration into the County's equipment/maintenance tracking system. Collectively, the group agreed that everything will be shipped directly to the stations, except for the Ford Utility trucks (2) and possibly the Mount Olive transfer station dump trailer. The MCMUA looks forward to working with our County Motor Service Center (MSC) on a smooth transition when this heavy equipment starts to arrive in late Spring/early Summer. The MCMUA provided the MSC with the updated/current 2025 MCMUA vehicle and equipment list and detailed the anticipated arrival of the new Viably Topturn 5500 Windrow Turner at the Parsippany vegetative waste facility. A list of planned equipment for auction in 2025 was also provided to the MSC.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- 2024-2025 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 February 11 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Notice to Bidders was published-in the Daily Record and the Star Ledger on January 16. January 22 was the non-mandatory site inspection and the deadline for submission of written questions, with the MCMUA receiving none. The Bid opening was conducted on February 4 at 11:00AM at the MCMUA main office. Based on the results of the Bid, staff anticipates presenting a resolution for the Board's consideration, awarding the Mount Olive tarp rack replacement to a responsible contractor at the February 11 Board meeting.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- Beginning on the week of January 20, hired J.P. Mascaro and Sons contractors began work related to the damaged endwall column between tipping floor bays #6 and #7 on the North tipping floor/small floor. The door air curtains were taken down along with a licensed electrician removing conduit. Brecknock Builders started the steel column, bracing, and z-girt replacement/repairs on January 23, taking a few days to complete. The only item still pending is the repair to the load-bearing concrete support that had also been damaged in March and May of 2024. The hired contractor will need to sawcut around perimeter of repair area and chip out damaged concrete which would be approximately 1' high by about 4-6" deep, and repair with a Sika repair mortar. No shoring should be required.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In January of 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 190 serviced appointments, which included 163 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG/small businesses, and 23 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in January of 2024, the permanent

HHWF had a total of 211 serviced appointments, which included 196 Morris County residents, 12 out-of-County residents, and 3 VSQG/small businesses.

Program Manager Stephen Adams has arranged the online MXI Environmental Services annual training modules with his MCMUA HHW support staff, scheduling the training for February 24 to February 26 to complete. The annual online courses include MXI paint recycling programs, basic fire extinguisher training, general HAZCOM and GHS, forklift awareness, and MXI's operations and "getting to know" components. Manager Stephen Adams also made arrangements in January with Atlantic Scale Company, Inc. to repair the damaged IND570 Mettler Toledo scale display (keypad terminal), have them install a protective clear front box over this repaired display to protect the indicator from outdoor elements, and perform the annual (2025) calibration scale/balance at the HHW facility. Work within the new HHW facility office trailer also continued during the month of January.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The MCMUA Vegetative Waste staff have started to enter transaction tickets into the Paradigm system/CompuWeigh directly onsite and are now able to process credit cards as a type of payment. On Wednesday, January 22, staff met with Matt Rayo and Charles Duprey of Naturcycle to formally evaluate the performance of the MCMUA vegetative waste facilities in 2024, along with plans for the upcoming 2025 calendar year. The meeting was also attended by Ms. Eileen Banyra of Hudson Soil Company and Community Compost, who came as a guest of Naturcycle. During the meeting, accolades and concerns were both voiced by the MCMUA as product sales during the 2024 calendar year were satisfactory at the Mount Olive facility yet dragged at the Parsippany location, leading to logistical issues during leaf season. Naturcycle were confident that sales would pick up again as soon as weather conditions improved. Ms. Banyra spoke to the group regarding the realities of food composting, encompassing the whole process from collection to finished product. Ms. Banyra echoed the concerns of MCMUA management that initiating such a program at the compost facilities would be very difficult under current NJDEP regulations. Additionally, it was expressed during the meeting that the MCMUA's limited composting capacity is needed to handle our exiting levels of leaves, grass, and brush/tree parts. The group discussed other possible host locations and programs as such an initiative has begun trending in the recycling world. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the February 11 Board meeting.

The new Viably (Komptech) Topturn X5500 windrow turner that will replace both the 2001 Scarab 18LL-450 D4 windrow turner and the 1997 Toro Pro Grind 4000 tub grinder arrived in Parsippany on January 22. Staff will now work with Viably to set up the training and commissioning.



RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The January 2025 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$55.68/ton. This is a \$2.79 per ton decrease in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from December's finalized rate of—\$58.47/ton, presented at the January board meeting.

- In January and February, recycling and waste groups voiced their concerns over proposed tariffs and resulting impacts for businesses, stating that U.S. tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China could hamper infrastructure investments, affect commodity prices, and impact significant trade relationships.
- Looking at the numbers from the start of January into February, pricing fluctuations have moved little throughout this period.
- Fiber pricing remained unchanged for January, with paper unchanged and cardboard \$2.50 per ton higher at last week's close this past Friday for February.
- In plastics commodity pricing, the prices of #2 HDPE natural containers continued upward into February, aligning with rising oil prices and higher exports to international markets.
 - The price of HDPE-colored and PET containers remained unmoved into February.
- Glass pricing remains unmoved in our current market.
- Metals pricing saw steel increase by \$5 per ton today, aligning with the current administration's announcement of 25% imposed tariffs on aluminum and steel imports.
- In conclusion, although pricing has stabilized and specific markets are showing localized rebounds, experts recommend exercising caution due to unpredictable tariff changes and the potential for a trade war, which brings considerable uncertainty to the state of recycling in 2025.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division,

MCMUA General Work:

- In January and February, the Division continued our work on planning for our 2025 calendar year for our slate of meetings, education, and inspections, with much of this on preparing our municipal recycling coordinators for the start of Municipal Tonnage Grant reporting.
 - This includes creating sample guidance documents and resources, creating a statewide educational training session, and educating our coordinators on the responsibilities and requirements of their positions while planning for our first and, most crucial, municipal recycling coordinator meeting of the year at the end of this month.

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

- In January and February, efforts continued to renew our upcoming shared service agreements, which expire at the end of this year.
- Mendham Twp. pushed back its plans to approve our new agreement for recycling collection services from its January 23 council meeting to tonight with our adopting resolution for consideration at tonight's meeting.
- The Township of Roxbury is expected to adopt our new proposal for depot services at its March meeting and has initiated discussions on curbside collection for the municipality.
 - The municipality cited a move to single-stream and the MUA's high level of service as factors in looking at switching providers.
- Regarding Long Hill Township's new agreement, we met with the Township to present our proposal for a new agreement for their consideration. However, after the meeting, we learned that Long Hill is including recycling collection as an option in their next solid waste bid, which is scheduled for later in the year.
 - This means the MCMUA cannot reserve the municipality's current slot on the collection calendar, as another town may need it if Long Hill cannot ensure early renewal.
 - This situation prompted us to state in all future draft agreements that pricing is only guaranteed for a 60-day timeframe, and all future proposals will coincide with a town's bid.
- Looking at the expiration of the Morris School Districts, our proposed agreement is under consideration, and a meeting is expected at the end of the month to review specifics and go over the proposal.
- We are working with the County College of Morris to tailor a proposal for their consideration. The proposal would mirror their present services with their current hauler and add services not currently in their existing contract with another hauler while streamlining current services for both parties.
- We have also begun discussions with the Township of Parsippany Troy-Hills for our joint personnel and equipment rental services renewal agreement. This agreement has greatly benefited both parties throughout its duration, allowing for continued services in the event of an equipment breakdown and sharing of essential equipment such as the grinder for Mt. Olive.
- Chester Borough and the MUA have also initiated discussions regarding the expiration of our current curbside collection services agreement. We have also discussed potential expansions for their residents and the creation of a depot.
 - The MUA plans to include single-stream and vegetative waste container services in their proposal for this service, which is being worked out now.
- Lastly, discussions continue with Wharton Borough regarding a new agreement for their town and commercial district contracts and Randolph Township for inclusion into our curbside recycling program, which will utilize carted collection with side loader trucks.

- We plan to work on new agreements for Rockaway Borough and Morris Plains on our list next and begin those conversations.

MCMUA Welcomes its New Environmental Education & Program Assistant to its Team:

- As covered in this month's report, on January 14, the Solid Waste Planning Team welcomed Sophia Civitella as its new part-time Recycling Program Environmental Education and Program Assistant at the MCMUA.
- Civitella will divide her time between the Recycling and Clean Communities programs, focusing on public outreach.
- She brings experience in environmental education and outreach from organizations such as AmeriCorps and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.
- Already working on various projects, she is eager to learn about MCMUA's existing efforts, where to improve them, and working towards increasing our recycling goals for the county.
- We have no doubt her experience will be a valued asset to the Authority, and we can expect great things from her soon!

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

- In January and February, the Division doubled down on its collaboration with our Morris County partners on food waste reduction initiatives.
- We continued our work diverting wasted food from the commercial and institutional sectors, with the MCMUA conducting food rescue assessments at six additional Morris County food pantries/meal service sites and virtual meetings with service providers.
- Outlined in the supplemental report, these meetings look to understand their operations better and identify missing sectors, key barriers, and challenges. We explored how we can improve food recovery that otherwise would have been wasted putting it in the hands of those in need. After those meetings, partner profiles were built on each location, outlining their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to better assist and optimize services for each location regarding accepting redirected food.
- At the end of these conversations, the MUA plans to set up a stakeholder meeting with all groups in the fourth quarter of the year to improve collaboration and share resources as a network, as opposed to its current fragmented setup.
- By identifying these opportunities for receiving and distributing excess food, the MUA can effectively facilitate its flow to the most suitable distribution avenues.
- All of these efforts are being completed in light of this year's Recycling Enhancement Act Grant submissions for Morris County with the State of New Jersey DEP.
- The MUA will present its food waste redirection work at next month's Sustainability in Motion Conference at the beginning of March to the state.

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

Resolution No. 2025-027

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Township Of Mendham Commencing On Or About January 1, 2026

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Township of Mendham (“Municipality” or “Township”) has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing curbside pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; 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 contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the Agreement for the provision of any service which that local unit is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, uniform shared services agreements may be awarded apart from the competitive bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township of Mendham desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030, and

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Mendham commencing on or about January 1, 2026.” See attached Exhibit 1.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Authorize Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County M.U.A. And the Township of Mendham Commencing On Or About January 1, 2026 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2025-028

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Five (5) 6 Yard Front Load Containers & Five (5) 6 Yard Rear Load Containers Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 040621-WQI Purchasing Contract for 2025

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 Containers; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of Five (5) 6 Yard Front Load Containers & Five (5) 6 Yard Rear Load Containers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on February 10, 2025 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of Five (5) 6 Yard Front Load Containers & Five (5) 6 Yard Rear Load Containers is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$14,245.00; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$2,670.00 by obtaining the Five (5) 6 Yard Front Load Containers & Five (5) 6 Yard Rear Load Containers from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$14,245.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of Five (5) 6 Yard Front Load Containers & Five (5) 6 Yard Rear Load Containers in the amount of \$14,245.00.

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 February 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to Authorize Purchase Of Five (5) 6 Yard Front Containers & Five (5) 6 Yard Rear Load Containers Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 040621-WQ1 Purchasing Contract For 2025 and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

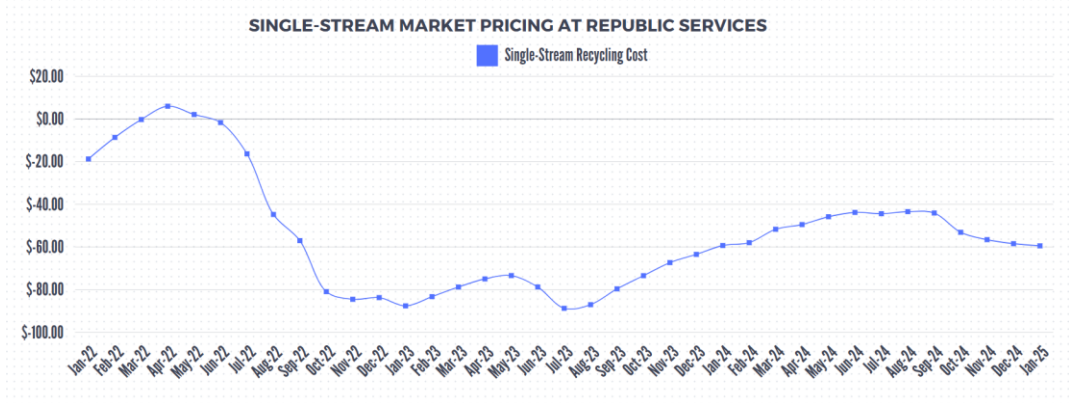
RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

January Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

In January, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate was reported at \$59.49 per ton, reflecting a cost increase of \$1.02 from the finalized rate of \$58.47 in the previous month. During January, the markets for recovered materials remained largely stagnant, except for plastic materials, which moved gradually following shifts in oil prices. This plateau in January was primarily influenced by uncertainty surrounding tariffs expected to be imposed on Mexico, Canada, and China, as well as significant impacts on commingled containers and fiber markets under the new administration. According to market reports, many major exporters from the United States increased their “preloads” of material in December and early January, raising their demand in anticipation of any tariffs the president-elect highlighted before taking office on the 20th. This situation accounts for a stabilized rate when the first quarter typically experiences a decrease in pricing due to a decline in consumer purchasing following the holiday season.

It is essential to note that recycling and waste organizations have expressed concerns that while any proposed tariffs may offer some localized benefits for U.S. domestic manufacturers, their broader impact will negatively affect recycling markets through 2025. This situation could continue to drive commodity values downward, hindering infrastructure investments and disrupting trade relationships and the flow of materials.



Monthly MCMUA single-stream recycling tip fees at Republic Services.
Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

MCMUA’s Work on Renewing Expiring and Addition of New Collection Service Agreements:

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

Township of Mendham Recycling Services Renewal Update:

In January, the MCMUA and the Township concluded discussions on implementing a proposed new shared services agreement for curbside recycling collection with the Township administration. The Township pushed back its plans to approve our new agreement for recycling collection services from its January 23 council meeting to February 11. As for our MUA adopting resolution, this will be presented to the MCMUA Board for consideration at our February 2025 meeting.

Township of Long Hill Recycling Services Renewal:

In January, Marrone and Toomey finalized the draft shared service agreements for Long Hill, which included options for lump-sum and market-rate pricing. Additionally, the discussion touched on including new units in the draft agreement, even though these units have not yet been constructed. Since the plans for these units have not been reviewed, the MCMUA cannot guarantee service to these sites. This is because many multifamily housing developments do not consult with haulers or MRCs before construction, resulting in issues like inadequate recycling storage capacity or limited access to collection vehicles.

After the meeting, Toomey and Marrone learned that Long Hill would like to include recycling collection as an option in their next solid waste bid, which is scheduled for later in the year. This means the MCMUA cannot reserve the municipality’s current slot on the collection calendar, as another town may need it if Long Hill cannot ensure early renewal. This situation prompted Toomey and Marrone to state in all future draft agreements that pricing is only guaranteed for a limited time. They informed the municipality that they cannot reserve the spot on the calendar until a contract is signed and that pricing is not guaranteed after 60 days.

Township of Roxbury Recycling Depot Marketing and Transportation Services Renewal Update:

In January, Marrone and Toomey finalized a revised draft shared services agreement for recycling depot collection services in Roxbury and sent it to the MRC and administrator for review. On January 24, Marrone and Toomey met with the MRC and the DPW Director to discuss the depot agreement for signature and the possibility of adding curbside recycling collection services by the MCMUA when their current contract expires. The Township is considering this change due to dissatisfaction with its current service and a desire to switch to single-stream recycling considering the changing recycling markets.

Morris School District Recycling Services Renewal:

In January, Marrone and Toomey initiated discussions with the Administrator of the Morris School District to begin working on a new contract for services, as the current contract is set to expire at the end of June 2025. Following preliminary talks with the district, they

expressed interest in adding additional services to the new draft agreement for consideration. On January 31, a revised agreement was presented to the district, and the MCMUA offered to meet to discuss the services outlined. The district will review our proposal at their next meeting and will reach out with any questions or decisions they may have.

County College of Morris Services Proposal:

On January 10, Marrone and Toomey were notified that CCM would like to move forward with the proposal to now charge for the mixed paper container and transportation provided by the MCMUA. This has opened discussions about providing CCM with a proposal for recycling and garbage collection services for the entire campus when their contract expires on June 30, 2025. CCM has provided a list of their current collection locations, container needs, and schedules. Marrone and Toomey will work with the Curbside Department to develop a proposal for these services.

Township of Randolph Recycling Services Proposal:

In January, Marrone and Toomey engaged in discussions with the Township about a potential agreement for recycling collection, following up on their initial meeting from the previous month. The MRC and the Health Officer provided details from their most recent solid waste bid specifications to inform the Township about the number of units and collection locations. Using this information, Toomey began drafting a shared services agreement for the Township's consideration and approval.

Township of Parsippany Troy-Hills Personnel and Equipment Rental Services Renewal:

In January, Marrone and Toomey began discussing the expiration of our current shared services agreement with the Township, which expires on October 31. The agreement allows for backup use of each party's rear-loading compactors, front-end loaders, and the personnel required to operate. Marrone seeks to expand upon these services to include their horizontal grinder equipment in this current agreement, which the MCMUA previously utilizes at its compost sites. A draft is before the Township for their review and edits, and the MCMUA is finalizing pricing for our services.

Borough of Wharton Recycling Services Renewal:

In January, Marrone and Toomey began discussions with the Borough regarding the expiration of our current curbside collection services agreement, which expires at the end of the year. Considering the new contract, the MCMUA will add (2) 40-cubic-yard compactors, one for single-stream and the other for cardboard, eliminating the current open-top roll-off system and streamlining services. In addition, the Borough would like the MCMUA to consider utilizing carted collection throughout the new agreement. A draft agreement is currently before the DPW Director for edits and comments, and the MCMUA is presently working out pricing for a new agreement considering these services.

Borough of Chester Recycling Services Renewal:

In January, Marrone and Toomey initiated discussions with the Borough about the expiration of our current curbside collection services agreement, which will expire at the year's end. On January 17, Marrone met with the new MRC and DPW Director to review the existing contract, the services offered, and potential expansions, as well as to provide necessary solid waste and recycling education, given his new role. Following this meeting, the MRC received a draft of a new agreement for review with the Borough Administrator and will return with any edits or questions.

Later that same day, Marrone was informed that the Borough would expand services for its residents and create a depot. Consequently, the MUA plans to include single-stream and vegetative waste container services in their proposal. The Borough also expressed interest in adding electronic waste recycling through the MUA contract with GreenChip. A revised draft of the agreement is being developed and will be submitted for their consideration and approval.

MCMUA Welcomes its New Environmental Education & Program Assistant to its Team:

On Tuesday, January 14, 2024, the Solid Waste Planning Team welcomed Sophia Civitella as its new part-time Recycling Program Environmental Education and Program Assistant at the MCMUA. In this role, Civitella will divide her time between the Recycling and Clean Communities programs, focusing on public outreach. She brings experience in environmental education and outreach from organizations such as AmeriCorps and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey. Civitella is a graduate student at Montclair State University and is set to complete her studies this spring semester. Civitella has expressed a strong interest in collaborating with Marrone and Eramo on current food waste reduction initiatives and the open space program. She aims to help identify and preserve future properties and provide stewardship for those within our purview. Additionally, she is eager to support our educational programming and assist in developing and sharing educational materials for the MCMUA. We look forward to working with her and the new perspective she will bring to reduce waste further and improve Morris County's recycling efforts. We are confident in her abilities and anticipate great things from her soon!



Sophia Civitella, MCMUA's new Environmental Education & Program Assistant

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs during January 2025. Details regarding these activities are provided in a supplemental report.

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

- MCMUA Tours the SCMUA Landfill and Recycling Facility in Lafayette
- ANJR New Professionals Network Subcommittee Efforts
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA Attends NRDC Food Matters Meeting Network Call
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course
- MCMUA Presents at the Borough of Madison's Junior High School
- MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations
- Community Lead Testing Event for Consumer Items, MCMUA, and MCDPH Partnership
- Morris County Office Recycling Excels (M.O.R.E.) Program Inspections
- MCMUA Continues Planning for its Municipal Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Meetings of the 2025 Calendar Year
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In January, Marrone began work on a program to recycle boat shrink wrap generated within the County of Morris for a third year. Over the month, Marrone worked with Roxbury Township's Municipal Recycling Coordinator, the owner of Ultra-Poly Corporation, who will recycle the collected materials, and the Executive Director from the non-profit Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) to finalize details for implementing the 2025 boat shrink wrap recycling program with April 1 start date.

On January 31, 2024, Marrone organized a meeting with representatives of Ultra-Poly Corporation and several interested parties to work out the best method for recycling materials for the opening season. During the upcoming year, the LHF hopes to expand the program to the public again during hosted event drop-off days at the Jefferson Health Center following last year's heightened interest in that avenue with the public. In addition, we will reach out to the boating clubs and water recreational outlets to provide them with the public drop day in advance so they have time to plan to store uncovered wrap and transport it to the recycling site on collection day. A second meeting is scheduled for February with the participating Marinas and the LHF to inform them once again of the program and spread awareness for its start date for the spring season.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Municipal Clean Communities Coordinators Receive 2025 Program Information:

In January, Birmingham assembled informational packets for each of the County's Municipal Clean Communities Coordinators, which included educational materials and MUA-specific resources to support their roles. Each Coordinator received a 2025 Clean Communities Artwork Contest Calendar, the MCMUA's Environmental Guide, and additional job-specific information. Each packet also contained a personalized note explaining how to access our other resources, detailing the contents of the packet, and encouraging them to reach out to us for any questions or potential program collaborations. The letters were well received and garnered positive feedback.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Druetzler welcomed back Christopher Dour and Dorothea Kominos for another five (5) years on the MCMUA Board and also welcomed new Board member, Ron Smith.

There being further 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 8:34 p.m.

Execution: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m., seconded by Ms. Farris and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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