

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**MARCH 11, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on March 11, 2025 at 7:01 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, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Ron Smith, Ms. Laura Szwak and Mr. Christopher Dour.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Larry Ragonese.

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; 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 Reorganization and Regular Meetings of February 11, 2025.

**MOTION:** Ms. Farris made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization and Regular Meetings of February 11, 2025 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 7      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Szwak

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

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of February 2025. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for February 2025. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions year-to date February 2025. The Investment Report is showing no new investments purchased during the month of February 2025.

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

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that he has Resolution to Amend 2025 Solid Waste Budget. He explained that the Parsippany-Troy Hills Roof was originally budgeted for 2024 funds, but due to delays will not be awarded until 2025. This budget amendment adds the award of the Parsippany Transfer Station roof repair to the 2025 budget and asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2025-029**  
**Resolution To Amend The 2025 Fiscal Budget For The**  
**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8**  
**Solid Waste Division**

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

**WHEREAS**, the capital project to repair the Parsippany-Troy Hills Roof was budgeted and anticipated to be awarded in the fiscal year 2024 but the project was delayed and is now scheduled to be awarded in April 2025 and this resolution amends the 2025 budget to properly allocate \$2,500,000.00 toward this capital repair project; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2025 budget as follows:

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<b><u>Anticipated Revenues</u></b>		
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$60,227,644.00	\$60,227,644.00
<b><u>Anticipated Appropriations</u></b>		
Total Administration	\$4,483,500.00	\$4,483,500.00
Total Cost of Providing Svcs.	\$54,506,625.00	\$54,506,625.00
Total Non-Operating	\$3,708,750.00	\$6,208,750.00
Total Operating & Non-Operating	\$62,698,875.00	\$65,198,875.00
Total Unrestricted Net Assets Utilized	\$2,471,231.00	\$4,971,231.00
Net Total Appropriation	\$60,227,644.00	\$60,227,644.00

**CERTIFICATION**

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

**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a Motion To Amend The 2025 Fiscal Budget  
For the 2025 Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority  
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 – Solid Waste Division and  
Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 8 AYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-030**

**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. 2025-030 containing 3  
pages for a total of **\$3,630,442.45** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6887-6919	\$	279,703.99
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15738-15830	\$	<u>3,350,738.46</u>
		\$	<b>3,630,442.45</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: March 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: March 11, 2025.

DATE: March 11, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Ms. Szwak mentioned there was a charge for towing; have we had issues with towing? Mr. Kaletcher replied that was from December. It took time to get the paperwork from the vendor, which was the reason for the delay. Mr. Gindoff added that when we break down, we need a heavy duty tow truck.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 8 AYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we received some sad news a couple of weeks ago. Our former MUA Board Member, Fletcher Plattt, passed away in January and we just found out about. Fletch was a big part of helping us from a water perspective and he was an Engineer for many decades and served many years as an MUA Board member. He mentioned that he meant a lot to him and he taught him a lot as he became Executive Director and he will be missed.

Chairman Dour asked for an explanation on the letter from NJDEP Bureau of Water System Engineering regarding SOC. Mr. Gindoff explained that is the SOC exemption. Many years ago, those are Synthetic Organic Compounds that we use to have to test for and we tested for them and they showed up negative. So every three or six year cycle, we get a determination that we are exempt from having to sample for those because we showed up clean in the past.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**WATER**

1. Letter dated February 26, 2025 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, MCMUA, from Joseph duRocher, Section Chief, Bureau of Water System Engineering, NJDEP, regarding Notice of Waiver – Synthetic Organic Compound (SOC).

**SOLID WASTE**

2. Letter dated March 3, 2025 to Connor Lapiska, NJDEP, Air, Energy & Materials Sustainability, Division of Air Quality (copied to James Deacon) from Samm Sweet, Project Manager, Alaimo Group, responding to comments on Parsippany-Troy Hills Solid Waste Transfer Station Air Permit Modification.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) Through the month of February 2025, the MCMUA sold approximately 238.191 MG, which is slightly above 2024 and 2023.; (2) Regarding Emergency and On-Call Contractor, with the expiration of our current contract with John Garcia, we are currently out to bid, advertised on February 25, with bids due on March 27 with anticipation of award at the next meeting. This is for selecting a contractor to perform emergency and on-call construction with the initial term of one year with the MUA's option to extend the term for an additional two one-year periods. ; (3) We received correspondence for 100 Stierli Court. This dates back several years. In 2020, Med Pro Systems located at 100 Stierli Court met with Roxbury to coordinate a connection for potable water supply, as their on-site well was failing. Through a course of approvals, they constructed a tap off of our main and gave us a new regional chamber and ran their potable service line. We received a draft agreement trying to establish an access agreement for the MCMUA and Roxbury Township. We reviewed this agreement with Brad Carney and have several items that required updates. Mr. Carney is handling that correspondence with the attorneys. Mr. Carney mentioned that Tony Bucco sent him the agreement that they worked out with HR Group and asked for the exhibits, After coordinating with Mike and Larry, we sent our response. Chairman Dour asked if there is any cost for this and Mr. Carney replied yes, they want \$6,000 and Mr. Carney replied we are not paying more than \$1.00 because of their mistake in building it. Mr. McAloon added that chamber was designed to be in the public right-of-way and during construction, it was installed beyond that limit and it is on private property, so we need that access agreement.; (4) Regarding Mine Hill Meter Coordination, received an email from Mayor Sam Morris hoping to finalize the last two technical items, so he will provide response to them.

Chairman Dour asked if we are nearing an approval plan and Mr. McAloon replied we will request an implementation schedule. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we won't know if we are nearing it until we meet with them.; (5) Regarding Mt. Arlington Booster Station, start-up and testing was performed on February 6, which included the new VFD pump and motor equipment to start the project. Final start-up of the flow control valves and fine tuning of the setpoints was delayed and is being scheduled for the week of March 16. The only outstanding items is the bridge crane and the asphalt driveway replacement. Contractor submitted Payment Request No. 8 which is on the schedule of warrants.; (6) At the Flanders Valley 1 and 2 Generator, the Contractor Dee-En has received the generators at their yard to put the sub-base fuel tanks on and is scheduled to ship the third week of March. Once the generators arrive on site, we can get them in and get this project complete.; (7) At the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, the Contractor is still awaiting the fabrication and delivery of the Motor Control Center. This project has been substantially delayed and we have been pressing them. At this point, it is a seven month delay. Mr. McAloon asked them to provide an alternative because this vendor is not being responsive and we are still waiting to hear.; (8) Regarding Pleasant Hill Road, the signed contracts from the Contractor came back. The next step is to schedule a Pre-Construction Meeting for that project. At our Water Committee Meeting, we decided to shift up the prioritization and go after the Phase 2 of the Pleasant Hill 24" PCCP Pipeline Project. Our team has been working diligently to design that next portion based on \$2M of available Capital funds that we are going to reappropriate. Two things on that, as part of the design of Phase 1, we have an exotic tie-in for how we are going to tie our new pipeline into our old pipeline and have that secured and restrained so that when we put that back in service our new work doesn't blow apart. We are aggressively pursuing the design of Phase 2 in hopes that we can get the same contractor or be in a position where we could coordinate that tie-in and not pay for it multiple times. We are aggressively pursuing that project and hopeful that will result in a cost benefit to the MUA. Another challenge on this project is the paving of Phase 1.; and (9) At Flanders Valley #1 and #2 PFAS, we began preliminary environmental review and partial boundary and topographic survey to identify available building footprint and an understanding on the proposed permit limits. The two Flanders Valley Wells are two work horse wells, 2,000 gallons a minute each, and we are going to centralize it and instead of having individual vessels at each of the sites, we can combine these into one central treatment plant. We never run both these well pumps at the same time, so there is an inherent cost savings from a capital and operational standpoint.

Ms. Farris asked if there is any news on the PFAS level; do they want to lower it? Mr. McAloon replied that these are right around the proposed four parts per trillion. So we are still in compliance across the board. When the EPA rolls out their four parts per trillion, these wells will be right at that cusp and our position is if we get treatment and get these to non-detect, it opens up our ability to keep PFAS out of our water.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **PROJECT STATUS**

#### **1. General System:**

A. Through the month of Feb 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 238.191 MG. This amount is approximately 19.241 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 14.709 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.

#### **2. Emergency and On-Call Contractor.**

SCE has prepared bid documents for the MCMUA Water Division Emergency and On-Call Contractor, with the expiration of the Contract with John Garcia Construction. Below is the anticipated bid schedule:

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Tuesday February 25, 2025
- Bids Due: Thursday, March 27, 2025
- Contract Award: Anticipated on Tuesday, April 8, 2025

This contract allows the MCMUA to engage with the selected contractor to perform emergency and on-call construction, with an initial term of one (1) year, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA for an additional two (2) one-year periods for a total contract duration of three (3) years.

3. 100 Stierli Court Water Connection

MCMUA has received a DRAFT agreement regarding the establishment of an access easement for MCMUA and Roxbury Township to access the new meter chamber which was installed to provide public water supply to 100 Stierli Court since this facility had a failing well. This easement was reviewed by legal counsel, MCMUA, and SCE and we identified several items that require update. Below is a brief overall of the project:

- Back in 2020, Med Pro Systems, located at 100 Stierli Court, met with Roxbury to coordinate a potable water supply connection since their on-site well had high levels of PFAS and was failing.
- The project required several approvals:
  - MCMUA owner of the transmission main in Howard Blvd.
  - Boro of Mt. Arlington as the project is partially located roadways under Mt. Arlington jurisdiction.
  - Roxbury Twp since the facility is located within Roxbury and is ultimately a customer of Roxbury Township.
- The applicant was solely responsible to hire a competent contractor to perform the work, oversaw by SCE for the pipe work, Mt. Arlington for Roadways, and Roxbury for Roxbury Roadways.
- Upon completion of the project, and preparation of as-built drawings, it was determined the location of the chamber was installed outside of the ROW limits and on private property, requiring an easement so MCMUA and operate and maintain the chamber and Roxbury Township to operate and maintain the distribution main.

4. 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.

5. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

**Sovereign Consulting, Inc.** Start-up and testing was performed on Thursday, February 6 which will included the new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), pump and motor equipment installed as part of this project. Final start-up on the flow control valve which includes the fine tuning of the setpoints was unfortunately delayed. It is being scheduled the week of March 17. The only outstanding items is the bridge crane and the asphalt driveway replacement.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No. 8 in the amount of **\$29,057.06**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

**Project Completion Summary Through March 11, 2025**

Contract Start Date	March 28, 2024	
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days	
Days Elapsed:	348	95%
Days Remaining:	17	5%
Original Contract Completion Date	March 28, 2025	

**Project Financial Summary Through March 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
Payment Application #8	\$29,057.06
Total Value of Work Complete	\$892,314.96
Percent of Work Complete	80%
Total Retainage to Date	\$17,846.30

6. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

**Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.** is currently scheduling the demolition and removal of the existing generators in preparation for the generators to ship to the site the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March. It is anticipated only one generator will be removed from service at a time, and the new generator installed and confirmed operational prior to proceeding with the other location.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No. 4 in the amount of **\$7,840.00** associated with the material purchase for the new louvers. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing.

**Project Completion Summary Through March 11, 2025**

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	302 83%
Days Remaining:	63 17%
Original Contract Completion Date	May 13, 2025

**Project Financial Summary Through March 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
Payment Application #4	\$7,840.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$106,098.00
Percent of Work Complete	20.3%
Total Retainage to Date	\$2,121.96

7. 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 March 11, 2025**

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time	174 Calendar Day
	Extension
Days Elapsed:	302 73%
Days Remaining:	112 27%
Original Contract Completion Date	January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date	July 1, 2025

**Project Financial Summary Through March 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

8. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I

SCE has prepared and send the contracts for the project to Underground Utilities Corp. Once the signed contracts are returned, SCE will schedule the pre-construction meeting with the necessary representatives, including Randolph Township.

9. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase II

SCE has performed the field survey of the proposed project limits for the next phase of the project following direction from the board to shift focus from Alamatong Well #1 and #2 PFAS. SCE has prepared a conservative initial engineers cost estimate for the Phase II portion of the project and determined the \$2M of available capital funds will safely extend the project past Park Avenue. With the Randolph Township requirement of full edge of pavement to edge of pavement surface pavement restorations, a significant portion of available funds will be necessary, which is impacting the pipe replacement limits.

10. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 PFAS Improvements

SCE began preliminary environmental review and partial boundary and topographic survey to identify available building footprint and an understanding on the proposed permit limits.

11. Reverse Online Auction to Select Electricity Provider

A resolution will be presented by the Treasurer for the Board’s consideration authorizing the purchase of energy generation services for use by the MCMUA by utilizing an online auction service. This allows various electricity providers to compete in an auction for the MCMUA’s electricity needs, used primarily for the water division. This resolution authorizes the MCMUA to utilize the services of EMEX, LLC to conduct the auction and authorizes the MCMUA Executive Director to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for a term not exceeding two years.

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

Mr. Deacon mentioned as discussed at last month’s Board meeting regarding tonnage being down, weather was definitely an issue. Mr. Druetzler mentioned that our economy is not going to do as well and Mr. Gindoff concurred that the MUA disposal tonnage is usually a leading indicator of the economy.



Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) Transfer Station bids are to be advertised next Tuesday, March 18. Thank you to Shana O'Mara, our QPA, for taking the lead on that project and also to Brad Carney for reviewing the bid documents. Chairman Dour asked how do we notice those; they just go in the newspapers? Mr. Carney replied that there is a national on-line advertisement, as well as in the newspapers. Bids are not sent out to companies, as they know from these advertisements. Mr. Carney mentioned that there a lot of on-line companies now that are buying these up and selling to their membership, and we put in our notice if you get the bid on-line, you need to notify us, because if we issue an Addenda and you don't get it, your bid could be subject to a material defect. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that this bid is a much simpler bid, as it does not have a lot of exhibits. He gave kudos to James Deacon for coordinating and organizing that bid process.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the following Resolution is for two (2) Mechanical Road Sweepers and asked for the Board's approval of same:

**Resolution No. 2025-031**

**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) Mechanical Sweepers Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 093021-GEP 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 Mechanical Sweepers; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2025, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of two (2) Mechanical Sweepers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on March 10, 2025 and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of two (2) Mechanical Sweepers is available for purchase through Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems in the total amount of \$700,682.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$27,954.00 by obtaining the two (2) Mechanical Sweepers 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 \$700,682.00 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 two (2) Mechanical Sweepers in the amount of \$700,682.00.

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 March 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of Two (2) Mechanical Sweepers Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 09321 – GEP Purchasing Contract for 2025 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(2) In Mike Kobylarz’s absence, Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (a) Mt. Olive Tarp Rack Replacement Project - This project was awarded to Persistent Construction. The next step is to set up a Pre-Construction at Mt. Olive. The important thing with this project is getting the three major components together, which would be the electric, concrete and fabrication of the steel. This includes a stationary tarp rack.; (b) Mt. Olive Public Water Connection – Mike Kobylarz sent MCMUA Staff draft plans that are currently being reviewed and will forward comments back. We will have an on-site meeting with Alaimo and a walk-through to show them fiber optics and where the water lines go. He also spoke to the Fire Marshall’s Office to get them on board as far as should we put a fire hydrant in or a fire pump.; and (c) Staff will be meeting with Alaimo’s Structural Engineer, Piotr Gordek, at the Parsippany Transfer Station for review of the North tipping floor. This is a major project budgeted for 2025.; (3) Staff is working with Alaimo on both the NJDEP Air Permit and our Stormwater Program at Parsippany. Hopefully they will be updated soon.; and (4) Staff has been working with H2M on the Roof Replacement in Parsippany and the potential award of the contract will be at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that they are also started designing the tarp rack in the Parsippany outbound loading areas and this was turning into too big of a project and feel that we are going to be punting on this.; (4) Regarding Vegetative Waste, the new windrow turner was put into rotation at the Parsippany site and factory training is taking place.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the following Resolution is for cameras being installed at both Compost sites and asked for the Board’s approval of same:

**Resolution No. 2025-032**  
**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase**  
**Contracts with Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCECCPS Contract**  
**Vendors for 2024**  
**(Security Camera Systems – Vegetative Waste Sites)**

**WHEREAS**, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, goods or services utilizing the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts, specifically for the furnishing of security cameras and their associated installation for the two MCMUA vegetative waste facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA intends to enter into contracts with the following Referenced ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts

Technology Catalog – Supplies & Service Contract #ESCNJ/AEPA-22G \$46,800.00  
Line Item #01-1-900-000-128

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors on the aforementioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **March 11, 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 March 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Farris made a Motion to Authorize Purchase Contracts with Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCECCPS Contract Vendors for 2024 – (Security Camera Systems – Vegetative Waste Sites) and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

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

**TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 31,256 tons accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in February 2025 was 5.66% percent less than the 33,129 tons accepted a year ago in February 2024. As the tonnage accepted in January and February 2024 was relatively higher than expected for these months compared to the other months in the year, the 2025 annual tonnage projection after just two (2) down months is surprisingly predicted to be only slightly under the 2024 quantity of 476,803 tons. The current 2025 annual tonnage projection is 476,668 tons which would represent only a 0.03% decrease compared to 2024 tonnage. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

**February Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2024 to 2025):**

**Mount Olive Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 11,389- 1,144 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 2,924- 213 less than 2024

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 586- 62 more than 2024

**Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 19,866- 729 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,601- 82 less than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 288- 43 less than 2024

All A-901 licensed and self-generator NJDEP decals are set to expire on June 30, 2025. This means that effective July 1, 2025, all solid waste equipment not displaying a valid decal will not be granted access to the MCMUA transfer station facilities. Staff have started to notice these new light purple NJDEP decals at both scale house. Staff are also making efforts to get our customers proper notice for the registration renewal process through postings at the scale house and reminders as part of the monthly statements. The MCMUA transfer station staff has also seen an increase in commercial vehicles and/or rental vehicles trying to gain access to our facilities. As background for the Board, except for homeowner passenger vehicles, all other vehicles transporting waste to a transfer/disposal facility are required to be registered with the NJDEP and properly display the required waste transportation decals and markings mentioned above. NJDEP exempts homeowner vehicles from NJDEP waste transporter registration requirements provided certain conditions are met. The following vehicle registration types, and/or types of vehicles seeking to offload waste are not permitted to access to our transfer stations regardless of homeowner status, without an NJDEP registration:

- Commercial motor vehicle
- “Farm”
- U-Haul, Home Depot, or other rental type vehicle
- Vehicles that have markings on them, such as a business name or advertisements.

The MCMUA staff will be making efforts in the next few months to educate our customers on these rules, as well as having the administrative staff visit various rental companies located throughout Morris County. Both scale houses currently have compliance flyers from the NJDEP Transportation Oversight Unit dated May 2024 in both English and Spanish explaining these rules for distribution by our licensed Weigh Masters.

**2025 MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids-** On Friday, February 28, staff finalized Bid #2025-SW01 for the Mount Olive transfer station and Bid #2025-SW02 for Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station, both for the transportation and disposal of all solid waste received at those respective stations. Both bid packets had been sent multiple times to MCMUA Counsel and the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)- Public Contracting Oversight Division for pre-award review. OSC’s statutory authority to review government

procurements is focused on whether the process complies with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. In accordance with OSC's authority the above referenced procurements were approved on February 21, 2025, for release and/or advertisement, and MCMUA has now been given authorization to proceed to advertise, release and/or award and execute the above referenced bids. Mentioned to the Board during previous meetings, the current contract with J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) is set to expire on Monday, December 15, 2025. Advertisement of these solid waste bids has a requirement of a minimum 60 days, anticipating the Award of Contract(s) at MCMUA June 10 Board meeting. Staff would like to take the time to recognize MCMUA Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) Shana O'Mara for her hard work taking the lead on this project.

To secure current Governmental Sourcewell cooperative pricing for heavy equipment needed to be purchased for the future operation of the transfer stations, the MCMUA staff has prepared a Resolution for consideration at the March 11, 2025 for the following equipment to be authorized for purchase:

- Two (2) Karcher Municipal North America MCM 600 "New Generation" Diesel Mechanical Sweeper Trucks through Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems. Includes Cummins EPA Tier 4F engines, 1 central broom, 2 side brooms, a 7.8 cubic yard hopper, and 132-gallon dust control water system. Due to the nature of the transfer stations, the MCMUA has asked that these sweepers include solid foam tires to prevent flats. The purchase includes a limited one (1) year/1,000-hour warranty and a free graphic wrap for MCMUA branding. One (1) street sweeper per transfer station.

Future 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 and will complete the purchasing of major vehicle/equipment needed for the operation of the transfer stations.

The MCMUA staff conducted a very productive meeting with the Morris County Director of Personnel on Wednesday, March 5 to discuss the MCMUA taking over operations at both transfer stations in mid-December 2025. The MCMUA is looking to hire an estimated/additional 26 employees to properly operate these stations by December 15, 2025.

**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 March 11 meeting:

#### Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Bid #2024-12 was awarded through Resolution #2025-026 to Persistent Construction, Inc. out of Fairview, New Jersey at the February 11 Board meeting. On February 20, Alaimo sent Persistent a formal Notice of Award letter with included a copy of the signed resolution. Also on February 20, MCMUA staff met onsite at Mount Olive with Persistent, their electrical contractor Tiffany Electric, Inc., and Alaimo's Electrical Engineer to discuss details related to project. Pictures and video of the tunnel were taken, staging areas and the temporary tarp rack location were gone over, and the timing on bringing all the facets of this improvement project together were noted. Persistent have since provided the signed contracts, performance guaranty, and certificate of insurance to MCMUA for review/approval. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled shortly.
- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- On February 27, MCMUA staff received revised plans from Alaimo on the design of the water main extension and water service line for review and comment. Submission to NJAW Company will follow shortly.
- The MCMUA staff requested Alaimo's Engineer's estimates on pricing related to structural repairs for both the Mount Olive transfer station and the Household Hazardous Waste facility (HHWF) as part of our budget plan. The MCMUA had been provided a similar report for our Parsippany station in 2024 which assisted staff in budgeting, planning, and prioritizing capital projects/major structural repairs or improvements as part of our 5-year plan. Alaimo will provide these estimates for the Mount Olive site to the MCMUA by the end of March.

### Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- In late January, J.P. Mascaro and Sons subcontractor Brecknock Builders repaired the damaged endwall column between tipping floor bays #6 and #7 on the North tipping floor/small floor. This included the steel column, bracing, and z-girt replacement/repairs. As part of the final repair, on February 27, Infrastructure Repair Service, LLC (IRS) completed the load-bearing concrete support that had also been damaged back in March and May of 2024. IRS sawcut around perimeter of repair area and chip out damaged concrete which was approximately 1' high by about 4-6" deep, repaired with a Sika mortar. No shoring was required to make the concrete repairs, and the repair project is now complete.
- As part of the renewed NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Parsippany station received back in April of 2024, Alaimo Engineering staff have working on modifying the facility's Air Permit due to the approved increase in inbound daily tonnage. Attached as correspondence for the Board at the March 11 meeting, is Alaimo's response letter to the NJDEP's Notice of Deficiency (NOD) dated March 3.
- On Thursday, March 6, the MCMUA transfer station managers are scheduled to meet onsite with our Solid Waste Consulting Engineer Mike Kobylarz to review the Stormwater program for the facility. Sampling procedures, the required annual certification, the annual stormwater report, and certification of our New Jersey Pollutant Elimination System (NJPDES) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) all plan to be reviewed, discussed, and updated for 2025.
- One of the major projects planned and currently budgeted for 2025, MCMUA staff have started communication with Alaimo on the replacement of the North tipping floor/small floor at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. This project will include a full replacement of the aging floor using Euclid Chemical's EucoFloor 404 materials, improvements/replacement of the trench drain system using plasma cut steel grate currently in place at the Mount Olive facility, and installation of new safety bollards and concrete attenuators to prevent future damage by heavy equipment to the building. Alaimo is making plans to have Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek report to Parsippany in March for a full walkthrough of the North floor with our managers.
- **Bid #2025-SW03 Parsippany Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement-** Replacement of the 32,300 square foot (SF) standing seam metal roof, 10,000 SF of metal siding, 560 linear feet (LF) of metal gutters, and full replacement of the membrane (EPDM) roof of the transfer station offices. MCMUA staff have remained in constant communication with both H2M and Counsel in hopes to have this project presented to the Board at the April 8 Board meeting for potential award of contract. The Publication of Notice to Bidders is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5 and the non-mandatory site visit for Wednesday, March 12. As of the writing of this report, the bid due date is on April 2 at 10:00AM at the MCMUA main office.

The MCMUA Operations staff met with the H2M engineering team on February 18 both virtual in the morning and physically onsite at Parsippany in the afternoon. The TEAMS meeting was to discuss details on design of the tarp rack as part of Phase #2 of the project. The onsite inspection was meant to get a closer look at the existing membrane style roof over the station's offices with a rep. from The Garland Company. The manlift was used to view this area in detail and two (2) core samples were taken by the Garland rep. to identify the roofing makeup. H2M continues to focus on the roof replacement as its own project and bid, separating it from Phase #2 which is the future installation of a covered tarp rack within Loading Bays #1 and #2 of the Parsippany station. This separation of projects now includes the total replacement of the sprinkler system, being that the new covered tarp rack structure would need to also be covered by the same sprinkler system. Details on the methane system, misting system, and the APC (Air Pollution Control) system's large intake pipe may also be included in Phase #2 for this project.

Due to the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station roof being budgeted and anticipated for award in the fiscal year 2024, and the project being delayed and is now scheduled to be awarded in April of 2025, MCMUA Treasurer Larry Kaletcher will be presenting Resolution #2025-029 to the Board at the March 11 meeting during the Treasurer Report. This resolution amends the 2025 budget to properly allocate \$2,500,000.00 toward this capital repair project from the 2024 budget.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

**Program Participation-** In February of 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 145 serviced appointments, which included 128 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG/small businesses, and 13 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in February of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 170 serviced appointments, which included 154 Morris County residents, 8 out-of-County residents, and 3 VSQG/small businesses. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 335 serviced appointments after the first two (2) months.

Program Manager Stephen Adams and all his MCMUA HHW support staff have completed their online MXI Environmental Services annual training modules for 2025. The annual online courses include MXI bulking programs, basic fire extinguisher training, general HAZCOM and GHS, and MXI's operations, sorting and "getting to know" components. MXI is scheduled to perform a hazardous waste shipment event at the facility on Tuesday, March 4, making this the second shipment event of 2025. Work within the new HHW facility office trailer continued during the month of February which included Troller Electric, LLC installing heat trace tape on the plumbing underneath the trailer to prevent freezing during the winter months. Troller also installed the same underneath both new Vegetative Waste facility office trailers in Parsippany and Mount Olive during February 2025.

## VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA has prepared and will be presenting a resolution to the Board at the March 11 meeting for the purchase of four (4) additional CDW.G (Packetalk) PTZ (pan tilt zoom) cameras with four (4) RF radios (PT-420) for our Vegetative Waste facilities through the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System. Two (2) cameras and two (2) radios 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, like what is currently being used for our MCMUA transfer stations. The MCMUA will provide internet with a static IP address with assistance from County IT.

Factory training and commissioning on 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 in Parsippany will take place on March 6 and March 10. Mount Olive received a set of new log forks from Hoffman Equipment on February 25 to assist staff with moving larger tree parts with the Volvo L110H wheel loaders. Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) have completed the updated site plan for the Parsippany facility. Staff requested five (5) copies of larger physical prints for the facility's office trailer and the MCMUA main office. Earth Supply Transport Group continues to pull wood chips from the Mount Olive facility, helping eliminate the overabundance of material. Earth Supply pulled wood chips from our Parsippany location in January and has now focused operations on Mount Olive in February. With MCMUA Secretary Marilyn Regnar receiving multiple inquiries and increased interest about the compost and mulch delivery program from County residents, preparations have been made with staff to start booking appointments for deliveries in early April 2025.

Staff are well into the process of requesting the NJDEP renew the Multi Class Recycling Center General Approval for the MCMUA Mount Olive Recycling Center (PI# 132502) which is due to expire on April 9, 2025. There have been no changes in the operations of the recycling center since the date of issuance of the existing Recycling Center General Approval. The NJDEP has asked the MCMUA to submit a formal Administrative Action (AA) and modification to the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) with the Department to address minor deficiencies with the correct parcel numbers (Block/Lot) and indicating a daily throughput capacity for the facility. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the March 11 Board meeting.

## RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The February 2025 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$58.95/ton. This is a \$3.27 per ton increase in cost to the MCMUA and its

customers from January's finalized rate of—\$55.68/ton, presented at the February board meeting.

- February marks the start of the MCMUA's fourth year under contract with Republic Services to process and market recyclable materials collected from our agreement partners.
- With a new year into our contract comes an associated \$5.56/ton processing fee increase, representing the cost to process the single-stream mix before realizing the value from the sale of processed recyclable commodities.
- If the annual fee had not been assessed, the MCMUA would have realized a pricing decrease this month based on the improved commodity index pricing.
- Looking at markets in February and March, recycling and waste groups continue to voice their concerns over the tariffs taking hold on Mexico and Canada.
  - The resulting impacts cite the industry bracing for “severe” disruption to hamper infrastructure investments, affect commodity prices, and impact significant trade relationships as the current business model for recycling is currently North America-based.
- Looking at the numbers from the start of March, pricing fluctuations have moved the needle higher for metals and plastics with no movement in Fiber.
  - In plastics commodity pricing, the prices of #2 HDPE natural containers continue to skyrocket into March, while HDPE-colored and PET containers move out of their slump.
  - Some of this pricing has to do with oil pricing, and other pricing considerations have to do with heightened panic buying ahead of tariffs.
  - As for metal pricing, tariffs on Canada are pointed to in the rise in metal pricing seen for aluminum and steel, with a \$2.50 and \$5 increase in sale price today, respectively, compared to the previous month.
- Glass pricing remains unmoved in our current market.
- In conclusion, many of the foremost industry experts point to tariffs contributing to market uncertainty as a limiting factor in their ability to provide a detailed outlook.

#### **For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division,**

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

- In February and March, 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 once again to discuss adopting a resolution for consideration at tonight's council meeting, as the MCMUA clarified questions that arose after last month's meeting.
- The Morris County Vocational School District was provided with a new proposal for a new trash and recycling collection location under construction at the CCM campus for their consideration.
- The Morris School District reviewed our new agreement and is expected to approve it at their meeting in June.
- The Township of Roxbury added a container to its depot for collection, and the Township is currently considering the revised agreement.
  - Both parties continue to discuss a shared services agreement for curbside collection.
- We continued working with the County College of Morris to tailor a proposal for their consideration and expect to have a draft before the CCM before the end of the month for their consideration.



- Discussions with the Township of Randolph have ramped up in preparation for their overhaul of solid waste and recycling contracts, which are set to expire next year.
  - The MCMUA has been in the field reviewing locations and container types and discussing contract specifics with the township officials.
  - A draft is expected to be placed before them this week to confirm collection locations and specs, and once marked up, it will be assessed for pricing and forwarded for their consideration.
- Morris Plains has also contacted the MCMUA requesting a new agreement and looked to confirm contract specifics.
  - The MCMUA is currently working on this new agreement for their consideration and will replace older assets at its recycling depot.
  - Additionally, the MCMUA signed up early to participate in this year's Memorial Day parade and get us on the schedule for a prime spot.
- In addition to these agreements, we have continued discussions with Parsippany, Chester Borough, Wharton, Rockaway Borough, and Hanover.

***MCMUA Hosts its First Municipal Recycling Coordinator Meeting of the 2025 Calendar Year:***

- On February 26, the Planning Division held its first Municipal Recycling Committee meeting of the year at the Morris County Library.
- With more than 60 attendees, this meeting was among our coordinators' most attended, receiving much praise from our coordinators on the content and participation of attendees.
- Subject matter covered:
  - MCMUA program updates
  - A review of an in-house-created recycling and solid waste capabilities survey each municipality completed to assess the current recycling programs offered to residents and their markets.
  - A recycling market update from Republic Services and forecasts for the upcoming year, updates on facility processes, industry news, and recycling best practices.
  - Several speakers from the NJDEP addressed the solid waste exemption process, the role of municipalities, and the responsibilities of the County Health Department inspectors and their required inspections at municipal recycling facilities.
  - We also offered an overview of recycling regulations and the MRCs' roles.
  - The Tonnage Grant Process and a hands-on demonstration of how to enter and submit reports.
  - Lastly, the MCMUA presented various aspects of the tonnage reporting process aimed at increasing the tonnage grant money received by municipalities and boosting Morris County's recycling rate.

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

- In February and March, the Division continued collaborating with our Morris County partners on food waste reduction initiatives, as noted over the last few months.
- The supplemental report outlines our work diverting wasted food from the County's commercial and institutional sectors through our conducted food rescue assessments with our Morris County partners.
- However, I would like to note that last week, the Planning Division attended this year's NJ Sustainability in Motion Conference in Atlantic City, where the MCMUA presented our work in this area to the conference's attendees.
- In doing so, the Division prepared a PowerPoint outlining our work in this sector for the last two and half years, our current initiatives, and future considerations to the crowd.

- Alessia Eramo, who has primarily been working on our current initiatives and conducting much of our research in this area, spoke on behalf of the MCMUA and captivated the crowd.
- After the conclusion of her presentation, she received a standing ovation, with many of those in the audience cheering, coming up to ask about the work we have and plan to complete, if we would share our work, and if we would work together in increased efforts.
- Very rarely have I seen an audience get that excited about food waste, but it is important to note that many in the audience from both the public and private sectors are working towards the same goals, and the MUA has led the charge into this area for waste reduction in an entirely impressive way.
- Tonight, I recognize Ms. Eramo's hard work and dedication to the Board in this area.
- Initiatives like these and the work of our team at the MUA help engage and inspire our fellow recycling partners across the state while positioning Morris County as a leader in waste reduction and recycling in New Jersey.

## **RECYCLING REPORT:**

### **Recycling Tonnage and Value**

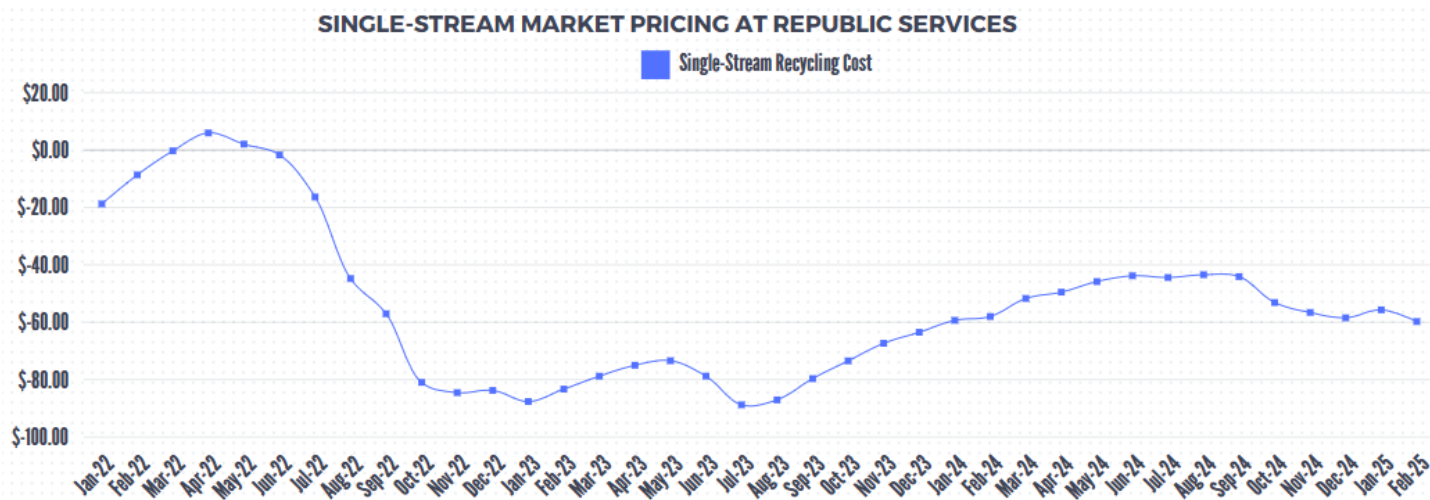
#### **February Recycling Markets and Operations Update:**

In February, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate was reported at \$59.76 per ton, reflecting a cost increase of \$4.08 from the finalized rate of \$55.68 in the previous month. February marks the start of the MCMUA's fourth year under contract with Republic Services to process and market collected recyclable materials from our agreement partners. With a new year into our contract comes an associated \$5.56/ton processing fee increase, representing the cost to process the single-stream mix before realizing the value from the sale of processed recyclable commodities. If the annual fee had not been assessed, the MCMUA would have realized an estimated \$1.48 price decrease this month based on improved commodity index pricing.

Looking at markets for February, recovered material pricing remained largely stagnant, mirroring almost precisely what was seen last month. Plastic materials continued to cool their pricing highs, and cardboard's rise was insignificant. As per the latest industry market and pricing index report, these small price increases reflect our primary trading partners' uneasiness about the tariffs expected to be imposed under the current administration. As noted last month, many major exporters from the United States are still increasing their "preloads" of material to have enough inventory on hand to avoid additional costs as much as possible.

This month, a significant trend is observed in the price spread between color and natural HDPE. Natural HDPE has reached seven-year highs, while colored HDPE prices are at historic lows. Typically, the price gap peaks in winter due to reduced demand for mixed-color HDPE, mainly used in agricultural applications, while natural HDPE demand stays stable. Natural HDPE is more versatile, as it can be dyed various colors, while mixed-color is usually limited to black or gray. Additionally, natural HDPE is benefiting from advancements in recycling for packaging. Prices are expected to revert to typical levels by the second quarter.

Looking towards the end of this first and the start of the second quarter of 2025, many major industry experts point to tariffs contributing to market uncertainty as a limiting factor in their ability to provide a detailed outlook at this time.



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 February, 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:

*Township of Mendham Recycling Services Renewal Update:*

After the MCMUA approved the agreement with Mendham Township during its board meeting last month, the municipality postponed its approval once again to another month despite previously indicating readiness to sign it. To support the Township Administrator in securing approval of the agreement, the MCMUA has prepared a written explanation regarding the price increase. This explanation provides context for the recycling markets and other factors influencing pricing. It has been forwarded to the Administrator, who will follow up with an update.

*Morris County Vocational School District:*

The MCMUA currently provides solid waste and recycling collection services for the MCVSD in Denville and has received a request to establish a separate agreement for a new location under construction at CCM, which is set to open on April 1. Following their inquiry, the site was assessed for the enclosure size, type, and number of containers needed. The proposed equipment is currently being quoted. Initially, the site will have rear-loading containers for recycling. However, the MCMUA is considering using front-loading containers to ensure that this location can be serviced alongside CCMs should that contract be secured and commence. A draft agreement is being prepared and will be presented to the MCVSD for consideration in mid-March.

Last month, the MCMUA purchased truck scales for its front-end loader, which will soon arrive. This will enable accurate measurement and appropriate billing for front-load garbage collections for each customer. Since the County garbage agreement requires reporting tonnage from collections, servicing multiple locations on the same route has previously posed challenges that required workaround solutions. The new truck scales will resolve these billing issues, making adding newer garbage collection routes easier, including those for CCM and MCVSD.

*Morris School District Recycling Services Renewal:*

After providing the administrator with a draft agreement at the start of the month, Toomey followed up and learned that he is currently on leave, delaying the renewal process. However, upon speaking with his temporary replacement, it was indicated that they had no issues with the proposed draft agreement and would consider this for their May or June meeting for approval.

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

In February, Marrone and Toomey spoke with the MRC and the DPW Director to discuss more in depth the possibility of adding curbside recycling collection services by the MCMUA when their current contract expires. The Township plans to have the bid information available in June or July. This will be a bid for solid waste collection with an option to include recycling collection. On February 27, Marrone, Toomey, Nunn, and Carvajal met with representatives from the Roxbury DPW to discuss logistical and operational changes to the depot and streamline services. As a result of this meeting, an additional covered roll-off container for cardboard for high volume is being added to the newer contract. Toomey will update the draft agreement to reflect the change and replace the current one before the Township administration for review.

### *County College of Morris Services Proposal:*

Throughout February, Marrone and Toomey held discussions with CCM to gather details for a new agreement set to start on July 1. They identified the sizes of the enclosures, the required containers, and the typical tonnage of trash and recyclables generated. The current enclosures on-site are too small for the rear-loading containers that the MCMUA generally uses for recycling collection, so front-loading containers will need to be purchased instead. Quotes were obtained for the necessary containers, and the curbside staff established a collection schedule. Because the front-loading containers require a specific type of truck, the curbside and planning departments have begun exploring options for future front-load routes to enhance efficiency and plan to acquire more front-loading containers over time. Additionally, CCM expressed interest in obtaining roll-off containers for leaves and brush, as they currently use a small truck and make several trips to deliver materials to the MCMUA compost site. A draft agreement will be formulated this month for CCM's review.

### *Township of Randolph Recycling Services Proposal:*

In February, Marrone and Toomey continued to draft an agreement for Randolph. The municipality confirmed the number of units requiring collection and that they are not looking for depot service now as they will continue serving it in-house. With this information, the Planning Division is collaborating with the Operations Division to gather the collection logistics (number of vehicles, staff, road miles, etc.) to determine pricing in conjunction with the finance department. A draft agreement is expected to be presented to the Township for their consideration by the end of the month.

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

In February, Marrone and Toomey finalized the MCMUAs section of their draft shared services agreement, outlining the pricing for our equipment and staff in collaboration with the finance department. The municipality will now verify the pricing for the staff and equipment provided before the MCMUA can prepare the final version for adoption by both parties, which will solidify services.

### *Borough of Morris Plains Recycling Services Renewal:*

On February 21, the Borough contacted the MCMUA to reach a new agreement to start the renewal process early. Following this conversation, the mayor confirmed that the existing service would remain unchanged. Since the last amendment to the current contract, many dwellings have been added to the Borough, so the number of units is being confirmed for accuracy. On February 24, Marrone visited the recycling depot and assessed the condition of the current containers onsite. The MCMUA will replace the current “barn or hip-style” roof container onsite with a newer one by the year's end.

### *Township of Hanover Supplement Contract Recycling Services:*

On February 27, the management of the Oak Ridge multifamily complex reached out to request additional services to move them from their every-other-week collection under the municipal agreement to weekly collection. The MCMUA will charge these additional collections directly to the complex, and they will remain under the municipal agreement for the other week, paid for by the municipality under contract. Toomey is drafting a proposal for the complex for their consideration and approval.

### *Borough of Chester Recycling Services Renewal:*

In February, discussions continued with the Borough regarding adopting a new shared services agreement considering the expiration of our current agreement, which will expire at the end of the year. On February 5, Marrone met with the MRC and DPW Director to review contract specifics and add additional depot services. The MCMUA is waiting for the new breakdown of units and collection locations for a final draft of the new agreement.

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

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

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

- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals (CRP) Class
- MCMUA Presents on Recycling at the Mine Hill Township Canfield Avenue Elementary School
- MCMUA and the Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators (ANJHHWC) Joint Efforts
- MCMUA and the New Jersey Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA Presents on Recycling at the Town of Boonton's Environmental Commission/Green Team Public Outreach Session
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

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

#### **MCMUA Hosts its First Municipal Recycling Coordinator Meeting of the 2025 Calendar Year:**

On February 26, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) held its first Municipal Recycling Committee (MRC) meeting of the year at the Morris County Library. With over 60 attendees, the meeting provided credits for Certified Recycling Coordinators, Public Health officials, and Certified Public Works Managers.

The meeting began with essential updates and a review of an in-house created recycling and solid waste capabilities survey each municipality completed to assess the current recycling programs offered to their residents and their markets. Next, the curbside staff shared reminders and updates about the MCMUA's curbside recycling program, focusing on best practices for collection. The Solid Waste Operations Division reviewed the 2025 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events calendar and locations, introduced the online scheduling portal for HHW appointments, and discussed the 2025 tipping rates at the transfer stations. They also reminded the MRCs that residents cannot bring vehicles with commercial plates or markings to the transfer stations to dump materials without an A-901 license, as state law requires. Following this, Republic Services provided market updates and forecasts for the upcoming year as well as updates on facility processes, industry news, and recycling best practices. Several speakers from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) then addressed the solid waste exemption process, the role of municipalities, and the responsibilities of inspectors from the Morris County Department of Public Health, including their required inspections at municipal recycling facilities. They also offered an overview of recycling regulations and the MRCs' roles. They also explained the Tonnage Grant Process, which was completed with a hands-on demonstration of how to enter and submit reports. Lastly, the MCMUA presented various aspects of the tonnage reporting process aimed at increasing the tonnage grant money received by municipalities and boosting Morris County's recycling rate. This included reviewing last year's submission of the 2023 tonnage reports, several municipalities' tonnage solicitation letters, municipal recycling ordinances, and the MCMUA's resources available to MRCs. MRCs were provided with flash drives containing a trove of helpful resources created by the MCMUA to help them in their programs. Many MRCs expressed gratitude to the MCMUA for providing an in-depth educational experience.

## **NJDEP New Jersey Fleet Advisor Fleet Electrification Assistance Grant Program:**

In early June and July 2024, Marrone and the NJDEP discussed an upcoming first of its kind in New Jersey grant program provided at no cost to the MCMUA to help address the challenges of transitioning to cleaner fleets. For the 15 grant recipients, a no-cost vehicle fleet survey and cost-benefit analysis were to be developed, outlining a replacement timeline for the assessed fleet while providing potential funding sources. The survey is a suggested first step in transitioning towards a cleaner and more sustainable fleet. Upon completing the survey, candidates can work with the Department again for future grant opportunities as they come down the line in the succeeding year. The MCMUA was notified of the potential of this grant due to our successful application and execution of two prior diesel replacement grants with the Bureau of Mobile Sources and our currently recognized capabilities as a recycling collection entity. It should be noted that as a part of our participation in this program, we are not required to purchase any equipment nor take any steps to move towards electrification, and it was a 100% free service. Over the last few months, Marrone has worked with the NJDEP and its contractors to develop a final guiding document in this manner for our education. On February 19, a meeting was held to review the document and discuss its capabilities with possible grant funding coming down the road. As the NJDEP works on future projects, it will keep the MCMUA in mind for financing and other operational opportunities due to its participation in this program.

## **MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:**

In February, Marrone continued working on a program to recycle boat shrink wrap generated within Morris County for the third consecutive year. During the month, Marrone collaborated with Roxbury Township's Municipal Recycling Coordinator and the owner of Ultra-Poly Corporation, who will recycle the collected boat shrink wrap. They also worked with the Executive Director of the non-profit Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) to finalize details for the 2025 boat shrink wrap recycling program, which is set to start on April 1.

Two drop-off locations in Morris County have been confirmed: one at Lee's County Park Marina in Mount Arlington and another behind the Jefferson Township Health Center off Minnisink Road. Additionally, the compaction service Smash My Trash has agreed to participate again this year at the same rate as last year. Gary W. Grey Trucking, which handles container rental and transportation, is also committed to delivering the containers at the beginning of next month.

A public drop-off day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, at the Jefferson Township Health Center from 9 AM to noon. Various media and news outlets have distributed a flyer announcing this date. Follow-up meetings are scheduled for March with the participating marinas and the LHF to raise awareness about the program and remind everyone of its start date for the spring season.

## **Morris County Clean Communities Program**

### **Morris County Clean Communities 2024 Storm Water Report:**

On February 11, Birmingham submitted the Morris County Clean Communities' 2024 Storm Water report to the County of Morris Dept. Planning & Public Works. This annual report provides litter cleanup data to the County of Morris submitted to the NJDEP. The litter cleanup data from the report is listed below.

- County Road Cleanups 2024
  - Number of cleanups: 8
  - Bags of trash removed: 241
  - Bags of recyclables removed: 134
  - Tires removed: 11
  - Number of participants: 52
  - Number of linear miles cleaned: 38.1
- School Litter Cleanups
  - Number of cleanups: 8
  - Bags of trash removed: 64
  - Bags of recyclables removed: 41
  - Number of participants: 750
  - Acres cleaned: 53
- River Cleanups



- Raritan Headwaters Association
  - Number of cleanups: 1 cleanup at 11 different sites
  - Bags of trash removed: 140
  - Bags of recyclables removed: 105
  - Tires removed: 30
  - Number of volunteers: 198
  - River miles cleaned: 40
- Whippany River Watershed Action Committee (WRWAC)
  - Number of cleanups: 2
  - Bags of trash removed: 320
  - Bags of recyclables: 0
  - Number of volunteers: 200
  - Acres cleaned: 11
- Morris County Mosquito Commission, tires removed from public lands, 1,654

### **MCMUA Attends the First County Clean Communities Coordinators Meeting of 2025:**

On February 24, 2025, NJCCC hosted its first Clean Communities coordinators' meeting of the year at the TerraCycle headquarters in Trenton, NJ. TerraCycle is a U.S.-based recycling company that collects non-recyclable pre-consumer and post-consumer waste from corporate donors, municipalities, and individuals, transforming it into raw materials for new products. The company has partnered with NJ Clean Communities to provide adequate recycling solutions for some of the most littered items in New Jersey, such as cigarette butts, vapes, and balloons, which are often not accepted by standard recycling programs. During the meeting, Marrone and Birmingham visited the facilities and gained insight into TerraCycle's recent initiatives. Following the tour, the program's executive director convened a coordinator meeting to discuss recent statewide developments. The meeting was well received by all participants and offered opportunities for collaboration on MCMUA's other initiatives in the future.



*Pictured above are each of the 21 Counties Clean Communities Coordinators and their Assistants.*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Dour asked if there is any update on the PFAS litigation and Mr. Carney replied he hasn't had a update in a couple of months. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we did get the update that the other two companies that hadn't settled yet, had come to settle and they were beginning to apply the same formulas that they are trying to use to figure out settlements for the first two companies. Whatever data we supplied them for the first two companies was good enough to start submitting to the next two companies and they were doing that on our behalf.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kaletcher gave some background information before reading the following Energy Resolution. In a traditional auction, buyers compete to pay the highest price and with a reverse auction, sellers compete to offer the lowest price. EMEX provides a reverse on-line auction interface which brings together multiple BPU approved third party energy suppliers to compete for the MUA's electricity footprint. EMEX has a RFP waiver from the New Jersey Division of Local

Government Services, which states it is an approved vendor for local units throughout the State of New Jersey for commercial electricity, which means it is exempt from traditional Local Public Contracts Law provisions. The MUA has been utilizing and working with EMEX and its platform since 2012. I'm sure that most of us have been hearing about upcoming electricity price increases. The MUA is hopeful to secure a favorable price and budget stability with multiple suppliers competing for our electricity use.

Mr. Carney pointed out that EMEX is going under the name of Mantex Innovation and they are on the BPU Approved List as an Energy Consultant.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-033**  
**Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of**  
**Energy Generation Services For Public Use On An**  
**Online Reverse Auction Website**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit Electronic Procurement Act (P.L. 2018, c.156), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.7 et seq., authorizes the purchase of energy generation services for public use through the use of an online auction website; and

**WHEREAS**, EMEX, LLC d/b/a Mantis Innovation Group, having a business address of 9894 Bissonnet Street, Suite 210, Houston, Texas 77036-8246 has proposed to conduct online reverse auction for the procurement of electric generation for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority"); and

**WHEREAS**, there is no fee charged to the Authority by EMEX, LLC d/b/a Mantis Innovation Group, or the services associated with the reverse auction; and

**WHEREAS**, EMEX, LLC d/b/a Mantis Innovation Group, is paid by the successful bidder for electricity generation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority desires to enter into a contract with EMEX, LLC d/b/a Mantis Innovation Group for the use of their reverse auction website.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, on this 11th day March, 2025 as follows:

1. The Authority authorizes EMEX, LLC d/b/a Mantis Innovation Group to conduct an online reverse auction for multiple terms, not to exceed two (2) years, at no cost to the Authority, for procurement of fixed all inclusive (no pass-through for capacity and transmission) electricity services provided that said auction is in accordance with the Local Unit Electronic Procurement Act (P.L. 2018, c.156) and the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.7-4.12.



2. Provided that the aforementioned conditions of Paragraph 1 of this Resolution are satisfied, the Executive Director and/or, in the alternative, the Treasurer, are authorized to execute a contract for a term of either 12, 18 or 24 months with the lowest responsible bidder, that results from the aforementioned online reverse auction for the purchase of electricity, but only provided that the price from the lowest responsible bidder achieves a price of \$0.14 per kWh or less which is the projected cost that would otherwise be incurred by the Authority from Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) during the term of the contract.
3. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized to execute the scope of work agreement with EMEX, LLC d/b/a Mantis Innovation Group, in the form on file at the Authority's office, as an extraordinary unspecifiable service pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii).
4. The Treasurer of the Authority hereby certifies the availability of funds from budget lines: 02-6-900-950-570, 01-3-900-950-570, 01-4-900-950-570, 01-1-900-955-570.
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 March 11, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize Purchase of Energy Generation Services For Public Use On An Online Reverse Auction Website and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE  
(Mr. Barry stepped out of the meeting.)

Mr. Kaletcher thanked Brad Carney for his help.

Chairman Dour asked Mike McAloon to give the Board updates on the drought issue at next month's meeting.

Ms. Szwak requested an Open Space Committee Meeting be scheduled prior to next month's meeting because the Commissioners are looking at a new open space project and they are going to be using our money. They are not going to raise the tax and use existing tax. The Board will give an update on this matter at next month's meeting. Mr. Gindoff will coordinate scheduling of this meeting.

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

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Execution: Mr. Smith made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Ms. Farris and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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