

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Hill Road, Wharton, New Jersey as well as remotely using conference call software.

Chairman Dour called the meeting to order and read the following:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the location, date and time of this meeting was made by posting on the MCMUA website, the Morris County Clerk's bulletin board and the officially designated newspapers for the MCMUA. The meeting may be attended in person or through remote communication in conformance with the directives of the State of New Jersey. Additional notice regarding remote public access is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Larry Ragonese, Mr. Ron Smith, and Mr. Christopher Dour.

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

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

Marilyn Regner mentioned to the Board that the Financial Disclosure Statements were sent out on April 1, 2025 and asked to check for an email from Laura Roberts. The deadline for submittal is April 30, 2025 and asked that everyone complete them as soon as possible.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ragonese

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

MOTION: Dr. Nusbaum made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Druetzler 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. 2025-034

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. 2025-034 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$3,649,150.39** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6920-6945	\$	174,179.90
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15831-15907	\$	<u>3,474,970.49</u>
		\$	3,649,150.39

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: April 8, 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: April 8, 2025.

DATE: April 8, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Mr. Gindoff reminded the Board that there are quite a few bills from Suburban Consulting Engineer, which are for a few months of engineering work; especially several for engineering work on Phase 1 and Phase 2 on our 24" water main replacement project. They are all incorporated in a billing line item of \$63,000, as well as other ancillary billing for other projects that Mike McAloon is highly involved with. He mentioned that all these bills have been reviewed and are recommended for payment.

Chairman Dour questioned publishing of legal notices in the papers and asked if the State made some decision regarding legal advertising. Marilyn Regner replied that the Daily Record still has a paper which we publish legal notices in and legal notices for the Star Ledger are published in a digital format. Mr. Druetzler asked if that is cheaper when you do that and Marilyn Regner replied that pricing is the same.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the reverse online auction for our electricity was conducted on March 27, 2025. We were able to secure a fixed rate of 11.478 cents kilowatts per hour for two years with AEP Energy, who was the lowest bidder. That represents a 1.3 cent kilowatt per hour increase compared to what we are currently paying, however, it is less than the projected JCP&L rate range of 12 ½ to 14 cent kilowatt per hour we would be paying once their price increase takes effect in June. That is a annual projected savings of between \$52,000 and \$128,000 per year. The Board congratulated Larry on this effort.

Mr. Ragonese questioned the reliability of the electrical service and asked if there is a difference in the reliability? Mr. Kaletcher replied that all bidders were required to be approved by the Board of Public Utilities so they have been vetted by the on-line auction company we use. Mr. Ragonese asked if that requires us to make any changes and Mr. Kaletcher replied no; that is handled by the supplier. Mr. Gindoff added they go through JCP&L's wires.

Mr. Kaletcher also reported that the 2024 MCMUA Audit commenced on March 19, 2025 and is still ongoing. We are hoping to have a draft audit for the Board's review in a few weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned there were two pieces of correspondence. One was the report that Suburban did on the drought and Mike has an update that he has on that which he will cover during his report. There is no additional correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

WATER

1. Letter dated April 3, 2025 to Larry Gindoff, MCMUA Executive Director, from Michael McAloon, P.E. regarding Bid Review and Recommendation to Reject All Bids for MCMUA Contract No. 2025-W01, Emergency And On-Call Services.
2. Memorandum dated April 3, 2025 to Morris County MUA from Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, regarding New Jersey Drought Conditions and MCMUA Status.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave an overview of the drought report he prepared as it pertains to the MCMUA. He provided additional detail to the Board not included in the report by describing the MUA's well's natural resiliency to drought due to hydrologic factors. These most importantly include the well's location in a deep isolated bedrock aquifer which is situated below sandier layers of aquifers which result in our deep aquifers naturally replenishing themselves from the layers above as we draw water. He also reported on the following: (1) Through the month of March 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 362.693 MG. We are ahead of pace from 2024 as well as 2023 and holding steady on that front.; (2) On Tuesday, March 25, we participated in a meeting with the Township of Jefferson to talk through some of their operational challenges that they have for some of their groundwater wells. They are currently undertaking some well rehabilitation projects as they are noticing a depletion in the production rates compared to their allocation capacity. The Township advised that there is potentially a need for another .2 MG per day and we did some preliminary correspondence with the State to set up a meeting to talk with them to see what that scenario could look like.; (3) SCE prepared the drought conditions memorandum.; (4) We assisted in providing the information for the PFAS settlement regarding BASF/Tyco claims.; (5) Regarding the Emergency On-Call Contractor, we opened bids on Thursday, March 27, 2025, and we received four bids from Contractors, however, through the bid review, we identified the need to substantially revise the specifications in efforts to provide a clear understanding of the types of work which will be performed as part of the project, as well as make a few minor modifications in the bid proposal so all prospective bidders have a better understanding of that work.

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

Resolution No.. 2025-035
Resolution Rejecting All Bids For Contract No. 2025-W01
For “MCMUA Emergency And On-Call Services”

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2025-W01 “MCMUA Emergency and On-Call Services” and received four (4) responses to the bid solicitation on March 27, 2025 from the bidders listed below at the total base and supplemental bid price shown:

Spiniello Companies Livingston, New Jersey	\$16,069.28
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. Hackensack, New Jersey	\$17,984.00
John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. Clifton, New Jersey	\$18,320.24
Shauger Property Services, Inc. East Orange, New Jersey	\$24,320.00

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to reject all bids in order to substantially revise the bid specifications in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d) for the reasons set forth in the memorandum of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., dated April 3, 2025, and in order to remove ambiguity regarding the term of the contract.

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

1. All bids received on March 27, 2025 for Contract No. 2025-W01 “MCMUA Emergency and On-Call Services” are rejected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d). The Authority’s staff and consultants shall substantially revise the bid specifications in accordance with said statute prior to readvertisement.
2. The bid security for all bidders shall be returned within 10 days after the opening of the bids, Sundays and Holidays excepted.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to reject all bids for Contract No. 2025-W01, MCMUA Emergency and On-Call Services and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

Mr. Ragonese questioned that we are saying that our specifications were not clear enough for the bidders to understand exactly what they were bidding on and Mr. Gindoff replied that is correct. He mentioned that we had a few ambiguous items in it and it resulted in bidders not quite understanding the pricing strategy we were going for and we weren't comfortable with the results we got in with respect to that understanding. We felt it was best to reject all bids and substantially revise the specifications to remove the ambiguities. We are going to reissue the bid with the authorization of this resolution.

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

(6) We did provide clarification and direction to Mine Hill regarding disinfection and pressure testing plans for that meter replacement. All outstanding items have been addressed and we are working with Mine Hill to get that scheduled.; (7) Regarding Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, the work on the final VFD start-up has been performed. The only outstanding items are the bridge crane installation and the asphalt driveway replacement. The Contractor expects bridge crane installation on April 15, 16, and 17 of this month. Once this bridge crane is complete, they will do the final asphalt driveway.; (7) Regarding Flanders Valley 1 and 2 Generator Replacements, the Contractor began the demolition and removal of the existing generators and the Contractor expects start-up and testing at both facilities the week of April 20.; (8) At Mt. Olive Transfer Station, we requested an update on the schedule. The MCC ship date has continued to shift and we are getting aggravated with the Contractor and the availability of these materials for that project.; (9) Regarding Pleasant Hill PCCP 24" Main - Phase 1, we held a Pre-Construction Meeting this afternoon with representatives from Underground Utilities, Randolph Township and Morris County MUA. Overall, pretty smooth meeting, but one thing to note is that Randolph is not allowing any road closures while the Route 80 sink hole emergency is underway. The schedule for this project to commence is going to be at the end of May.; (9) Additionally, Suburban has continued engineering Phase 2 of the project and the goal is to get that project out to bid as quickly as possible so we can hopefully take advantage of some competitive pricing.; (10) At Flanders 1 and 2 PFAS, we began has began our preliminary environmental review and partial boundary and topographic survey to identify available building footprint and an understanding on the proposed permit limits are.; and (11) Regarding the Water Exploration Engineer, we did receive one proposal. The goal of this project is to identify and plan of action to increasing the ability to provide potable water to the customers. The proposal received was from H2M in the amount of \$115,150.00, which is substantially more than we budgeted. The goal is to get a Water Committee Meeting scheduled to review that, as well as some of the other current projects. Mr. Gindoff is hopeful to schedule a Water Committee meeting with our Water Committee to go over the Water Exploration Engineer and also have H2M attend this meeting to explain what they propose to do. It looked like a very good proposal and being about \$40,000 more than we budgeted for, he would like to make sure we are all on board to give them the green light and understand exactly what they want to do.

Mr. Druetzler requested that the proposal be forwarded to the Committee for the review and Mr. Gindoff replied that he would distribute the information to the Committee.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of March 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 362.693 MG. This amount is approximately 31.844 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 26.964 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.
- B. On Tuesday March 25, a meeting between Township of Jefferson (represented by Greg Cardena, Greg Wachtel, Ryan Tuttle, Ed Engelsman, John Schults, Debi Millikin, and Jim Lutz), MCMUA (represented by Larry Gindoff and Tony Milonas), and SCE (represented by Mike McAloon) was held to discuss current operational challenges with the Township of Jefferson water system. The Township is currently experiencing production issues with their Peaks wells #1 and #2. The Township is advancing a project for the well rehabilitation in hopes that production rates increase to near allocation capacity. In the meantime, they explored availability of the MUA to provide additional volumes of water to meet normal and peak system demands. Additionally, the Township has a development project in the final stages of approvals, which would increase system demands by approximately 0.2MGD.
- C. At the Board’s request, SCE has prepared a memo regarding the Drought Conditions in the State.
- D. SCE has assisted the MUA in providing additional documents associated with new PFAS settlement regarding BASF/Tyco claims. These two companies have agreed to settle in addition to the previous settlement for which data was submitted regarding the original 3M and Dupont settlements.

2. Emergency and On-Call Contractor.

On Thursday, March 27, bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Four (4) bids were submitted with the base bid amounts from each bidder range from \$16,069.28 to \$24,320.00 as shown on the summary below. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$18,800. Our review of the bids indicates a need to substantially revise the specifications in efforts to provide the prospective bidders clearer understanding on the types of work which will be performed as part of this project as well as modify the bid proposal so all prospective bidders understand how bids will be evaluated, and how the work will be measured and paid during the contract.

BIDDER	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Spiniello Companies	\$16,069.28
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	\$17,984.00
John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.	\$18,320.24
Shauger Property Services, Inc.	\$24,320.00

SCE will be revising the Contract Documents and will work with the MUA on an updated bid schedule. A resolution will be presented to the Board rejecting all bids and authorizing the substantial revisions be made to the specifications prior to reissuing the bid. The current contract with John Garcia Construction terminates on April 20, 2025 but if an emergency situation arises, Local Public Contracts Law has a mechanism to handle the emergency.

3. Mine Hill Meter Replacement Coordination

SCE has provided final clarification and direction to Mine Hill regarding disinfection and pressure testing plans for the project. The outstanding items have been addressed to the satisfaction of the MUA.

4. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

Sovereign Consulting, Inc. The work on the final VFD start-up has been performed. The only outstanding items are the bridge crane installation and the asphalt driveway replacement.

Project Completion Summary Through April 08, 2025

Contract Start Date	March 28, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	376 100%
Days Remaining:	
Original Contract Completion Date	March 28, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through April 08, 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

5. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. has shipped the generators to the site and has began the demolition and the removal of the existing equipment. The Contractor anticipates being prepared for generator start-up and testing at both facilities the week of April 28.

Project Completion Summary Through April 08, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	330 90%
Days Remaining:	35 10%
Original Contract Completion Date	May 13, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through April 08, 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

6. 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 April 08, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time	174 Calendar Day Extension
Days Elapsed:	330 79%
Days Remaining:	84 21%
Original Contract Completion Date	January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date	July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through April 08, 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

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

The pre-construction meeting for this project has been scheduled for Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 2:00PM at the Markewicz Pump station. Representatives from Underground Utilities Corp. (UUC), Randolph, and Morris County Soil Conservation District have been invited. We will be reviewing the contractor’s schedule for the project and discussing overall coordination with Randolph.

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

SCE has continued the engineering design of the Phase II project, with goals to advancing the design so the project can be bid as quickly as possible.

9. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 PFAS Improvements

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

10. Water Exploration Engineer

On April 1, 2025, one proposal was received for the RFP for the Water Exploration Engineer to help the MCMUA identify an plan of action toward increasing its ability to provide potable water to its customers. The proposal was from H2M Engineers, Parsippany, NJ in the amount of \$115,150. While the proposal was in line with what was requested, the cost of the work is substantially more than the MCMUA budgeted. It is recommended that the MCMUA Water Committee meet prior to the May 13, 2025 meeting to determine a course of action on this proposal.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) The tonnage numbers are in the report. At the end of the month, both Solid Waste Transfer Stations and our HHW program have seen an increase in customers.; (2) Our transfer station tours were today for Contract #2025-SW01 at 11:00 at Mt. Olive and for Contract #2025-SW02 at 1:00 at Parsippany. We had seven bidders at Mt. Olive and ten bidders at Parsippany. Questions for the bid are due on April 17 and the bids are due on Friday, May 30 with potential award of both contracts for both transfer stations at the June 10, 2025 Board Meeting. Mr. Gindoff commented that he was happy with the turnout of the vendors who showed up and they are the players for which we are looking.

Mr. Ragonese asked if there was any word from our current contractor and Mr. Deacon replied that Mascaro was at both locations. Mascaro understands that this purely a transport and disposal contract and the MCMUA will be doing the operations and equipment with our own employees and that is the intent of the contract in the future.

(3) We continue to work with County Personnel on the hiring process and transition. We also met with Council 6 Union.; (4) Justin Doyle, our Mt. Olive Transfer Station Manager, continues to work with Auto Care, on the eight jockey trucks and two sweepers for branding and delivery.; (5) Regarding engineering, on April 2, 2025, we had five potential bidders come to H2M’s Office in Parsippany for Contract No. 2025-SW03, and the lowest bidder, Arco Construction, Inc. came in at \$1,330,000.00. This bid was reviewed by Staff, Counsel and H2M and there were no fatal flaws. Mr. Druetzler asked what was the Engineer’s estimate and Mr. Deacon replied \$2.65 million. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the bid we are awarding is substantially less than the others, but we reviewed the bid and we are recommending that we go forward with that. Mr. Druetzler asked if we looked at their background and Mr. Gindoff replied that we have used them before and they have done a couple of roofs for us. We are going to need more engineering to keep an eye on them and will recommend a proposal for additional engineering so that we have enough to cover us and make sure they stick with their price and we get the job for which we asked.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-036
Resolution Awarding Contract No. 2025-SW03
To Arco Construction, Inc. For
“Parsippany Transfer Station Roof And Partial Fascia Replacement”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2025-SW03 “Parsippany Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement” and received five (5) bids on April 2, 2025 from the bidders listed below at the bid prices shown:

BIDDER	BID PRICE
Arco Construction, Inc. 15 Fairfield Place West Caldwell, New Jersey 07006	\$1,330,000.00
Badger Roofing, Inc. 600 Prospect Ave. (Bldg. B) Piscataway, New Jersey 08854	\$2,095,000.00
Jottan, Inc. 1 Underwood Court Delran, New Jersey 08075	\$2,135,452.00
D.A. Nolt, Inc. 53 Cross Keys Road Berlin, New Jersey 08009	\$2,252,704.00
Winchester Roofing Corp. 8 Democrat Way Gibbsboro, New Jersey 08026	\$2,765,900.00

WHEREAS, the bid of Arco Construction, Inc. stated its total base bid price in numbers is \$1,330,000.00 and in words “One Million Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents”; and

WHEREAS, the Instruction to Bidders states that “in the event there is an error of the summation of the extended totals, the computation by the MCMUA of the extended totals shall govern”; and

WHEREAS, there is not any discrepancy between the numbers and words for each of the individual bid line items and therefore the summation of the total bid price for Arco Construction, Inc. is \$1,330,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the form of federal non-debarment certification submitted by Arco Construction, Inc. is different than the current form utilized by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the law governing the receipt of the federal non-debarment certification requires its submission prior to award of contract and not at the time of the submission of the bid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.1(c) and therefore the inclusion of the form of federal non-debarment certification submitted by Arco Construction, Inc. at the time of its bid is not a material defect, but the award of contract to Arco Construction, Inc. by the Authority is contingent upon Arco Construction, Inc. resubmitting its federal non-debarment certification on the same form that the State of New Jersey utilizes.

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

4. The Authority waives all immaterial defects in the bid submitted by Arco Construction, Inc., and subject to receipt of the federal non-debarment certification from Arco Construction, Inc. on the same form utilized by the State of New Jersey demonstrating that the bidder is not debarred at the federal level from contracting with a federal government agency, the Authority awards Contract No. 2025-SW03 to Arco Construction, Inc., having a business address of 15 Fairfield Place, West Caldwell, New Jersey 07006 as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount not to exceed the bid price of \$1,330,000.00.
5. Upon receipt of the aforementioned federal non-debarment certification, the Executive Director is authorized to execute said contract with Arco Construction, Inc.

6. The Contract awarded herein to Arco Construction, Inc., shall commence upon the issuance of a notice to proceed after full execution of the Contract, the submission of all required documents, including submission of the performance and payment bond and insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.
7. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
8. All bid security, except the security of the three apparent lowest responsible bidders shall be returned within 10 days after the opening of the bids, Sundays and holidays excepted, and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and approval of the contractor's performance and payment bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them within three days thereafter, Sundays and holidays excepted.
9. The Authority's Treasurer certifies that funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 01-1-900-000-128.
10. 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 April 8, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to award Contract No. 2025-SW03, Parsippany Transfer Station Roof Repair And Partial Fascia Replacement To Arco Construction, Inc. and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(6) Mike Kobylarz will discuss the rest of engineering.; (7) Regarding HHW, the one-day events are listed in the Board report. The first event will be held in Jefferson on Saturday, May 17. Steve Adams, Program Manager, did meet with Township representatives and looked at the footprint and

we are good to go.; (8) Regarding Vegetative Waste, the additional report is in your packet. We are lagging behind 2024, mostly due to an unusual influx in leaves in early 2024. The positive note is that NaturCycle is ahead in commercial sales ahead of 2024.

Mr. Ragonese asked since HHW events are being held at different locations, can we do some type of signage to alert people where it is going to be? Mr. Deacon replied that we do our best to get the schedule out early in the year for that reason but please realize, there was zero notice or indication that there would be any event at the Academy this year, due to the construction in the parking lot. Last year, it just happened that all events were held at the Academy. It's on our website, posted on the County news and we get the news out to the MRCs and the Townships. He suggested that we get an electronic sign at the Academy and Mr. Gindoff replied that could try to find one

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

Resolution No. 2025-037
Resolution Authorizing The Auction/Sale/Disposition Of Equipment

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) owns Equipment, which has been used primarily at the Parsippany Compost Facility, as further described below:

2001 Scarab Windrow Turner- WT2
1997 Toro Tub Grinder – TG-2
1991 International Tractor – S91-2

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

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

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

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

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize the Auction/Sale/
Disposition of Equipment and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following; (1) Regarding the Tarp Rack Replacement Project at Mt. Olive, we held a Pre-Construction on March 28 with MCMUA Staff and Persistent representatives. We have subsequently received an updated Certificate of Insurance and issued the Notice To Proceed and received that back on Monday, April 7. The clock has started and they have 120 days to complete the project which would bring us to a completion date of August 5. We are currently waiting for a Construction Schedule from Persistent and a Schedule of Values. . We received a submittal for the temporary tarp rack which is currently under review and we are awaiting a few other submittals in order for them to get started.; (2) Subsequent to that Pre-Construction Meeting, we reviewed the area for the water main extension. We had previously submitted our proposed plan for the extension in connection to the facility. After review by MUA Staff, it was determined that it would be a more cost-efficient proposal to shorten the main extension itself and come into the facility in another location that we had proposed. We reasons of cost savings, we are going to revise the Plans in accordance with their comments and get that submitted for N.J. American. He also looked at some existing details in the facility in order to make the connections so we have more detailed information to put on the Plans for the connection which will be a separately bid project.; (3) Our Structural Engineer performed a site inspection at the Parsippany facility. We are looking to reconstruct the floor on the north side with the Euclid material and replace trench drains; similar work that was done at Mt. Olive. We are preparing a scope of work and proposal for that engineering design.; (4) He met with MUA and reviewed the stormwater program for the Parsippany facility. The intent of certifying to the Annual Report and updating the stormwater report for that facility and will be coordinating that with Staff.

Mr. Druetzler asked when will you have the change in Plans to N.J. American and Mr. Kobylarz replied that the only thing that we are waiting for is a question for hydrants to confirm if Mt. Olive would want some intermediate hydrants along Gold Mine Road for firefighting purposes. The only thing is Mt. Olive would be responsible for the hydrant and would be paying a maintenance fee to N.J. American, so we want to make sure they are on board with that.

Mr. Druetzler asked if there is going to be conflict when you want to put in the sewer and Mr. Kobylarz replied that there is no plan for sewers. Mr. Deacon mentioned that the feasibility for the sewer was accessed and abandoned primarily because the flow goes to the Musconetcong Treatment Plant and they cannot handle the volume of leachate generate and the cost of the line itself was proving to be prohibitive..

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 38,826 tons accepted in March 2025 was 3.51% more than the 37,508 tons accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations a year ago in March of 2024. This ends a 4-month streak of this year's monthly tonnage being less than the equivalent month in the previous year. The first (1st) quarter tonnage was 3.3% less than the first (1st) quarter of 2024. It is currently projected that 2025 tonnage will come in at 489,480 tons, which would represent a 2.66% increase over the 476,803 tons managed for 2024.

With the season changing, there should be an increase in tonnage at both MCMUA transfer stations, as seen in the comparison numbers below. J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) have been keeping up with the timely transportation of the waste to the Keystone Landfill, even with the challenges of Route 80 closures in Wharton. These sinkholes have remained an issue for all commuters, but waste operations have still been steady and mostly uninterrupted. JPM has handled the situation from the hauling aspect very well. The JPM Dunmore Transportation Division, under the direction of General Manager Brian Rosar, has worked multiple alternate routes from our Parsippany facility, which include Routes 10, 46, and 15, while continuing to provide service. The closure has not directly affected the Mount Olive facility but has added an additional hour of travel time for JPM related to our Parsippany station- an additional ½ hour both ways. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

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

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 14,093- 139 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 3,834- 127 more than 2024

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 929- 143 more than 2024

First (1st) Quarter of 2025 at Mount Olive- 39,373 tons, which is 1,782 less tons than 2024, Total Customers 10,261, which is 73 less customers than 2024, and Self-Generated Customers 2,096, which is 208 more than last year.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 24,732- 1,455 more tons than 2024

Total Customers- 5,824- 579 more than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 463- 17 less than 2024

First (1st) Quarter of 2025 at Parsippany- 65,677 tons, which is 1,803 less tons than 2024, Total Customers 15,240, which is 294 more customers than 2024, and Self-Generated Customers 1,058, which is 89 less than last year.

2025 MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids

The Publication of Notice to Bidders for both Bid #2025-SW01 for *Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Mount Olive Transfer Station Located in Mount Olive Township* and Bid #2025-SW02 for *Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Parsippany Transfer Station Located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township* occurred on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. The MCMUA will receive sealed Bids on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 11:00AM and 11:30AM at the MCMUA's main office located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885. The official Schedule of Events for both Bid #2025-SW01 for the Mount Olive Transfer Station and Bid #2025-SW02 for the Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
- Tour of MCMUA Transfer Station Facilities: Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- Deadline for Submission of Written Questions Regarding Bid Documents: Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Bids Due: Friday, May 30, 2025
- Contract Start-Up: On or about Monday, December 15, 2025

There will be Non-Mandatory Site Tours on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 11:00 AM in Mount Olive and 1:00 PM in Parsippany. 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. MCMUA staff is still anticipating the Award of Contracts for both Bids at MCMUA June 10 Board meeting.

As mentioned during the March 11 Board meeting, the MCMUA is looking to hire an estimated/additional 26 employees to properly operate the transfer stations by December 15, 2025. After a very productive meeting with the Morris County Personnel Division on March 5, detailing the MCMUA taking over operations at both transfer stations in mid-December 2025, the MCMUA staff met with the President of Morris Council No. 6/6A, NJCSA Ms. Ruth Biamonte and members of County Personnel on March 14 to have a similar meeting. Ms. Biamonte is in full support of the MCMUA and is willing to assist County Personnel on needed topics. The MCMUA anticipates a smooth transition moving forward with the undertaking of taking over operations. Future meetings to discuss proper job titles, job descriptions, and salaries are being planned.

Purchase orders have now been issued for the two (2) Karcher Municipal North America MCM 600 "New Generation" diesel mechanical sweeper trucks through Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems and the eight (8) ACTT42 Class 8 single cab, single axle, light duty switcher jockey trucks through Autocar Industries, Inc., both through the Governmental Sourcwell cooperative pricing system. MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle continues to coordinate with both Mid-Atlantic and Autocar vendors on specifications and delivery dates to the respective stations. MCMUA Justin Doyle is also involved in the designs of the sweeper's free graphic wraps to include MCMUA branding.

Transfer Station Improvements

The MCMUA staff is currently working with the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office (MCFM) to install new updated KNOX boxes at the MCMUA locations. This includes staff updating and accounting for all the facility's keys needed for local and County responders to gain rapid access into secure perimeters, gates, buildings, residential/commercial properties during an emergency or fire. Both MCMUA transfer stations and main office are now dual key boxes, allowing the MCFM and/or local fire departments to access keys to the facilities after hours.

MCMUA staff continues improvements on the interior of the Mount Olive transfer station scale house. The inside has been completely gutted, new electric ran throughout, network cables neatly run above the ceiling, replacement of the rear door and jamb, and the full replacement of the scale house inbound and outbound sliding windows now scheduled for Thursday, April 10. Quotes have been received and approved for a smaller more efficient heating/air conditioning unit to be installed by a licensed electrician and some cable maintenance from Atlantic Scale to the two (2) scale displays. County IT continues to assist with future replacement of older desktop PC's, and installation of larger monitors for use by the MCMUA Weigh Masters.

MCMUA staff is working on the specifications for the replacement of the pit scales within the Mount Olive transfer station loading tunnel. The current scales are at a point of being non-repairable. All scale load cells, cables, and related accessories will be inspected and reused if found to be in acceptable condition. The new scale decks will be designed to better assist staff with the daily cleaning of debris from underneath and on the sides. Two (2) sets of scales will be replaced, consisting of six (6) total scale platforms/decks. Replacement of the pit scales is planned for early summer 2025.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- 2024-2025 planned 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 April 8 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Bid #2024-12 was awarded through Resolution #2025-026 to Persistent Construction, Inc. located in Fairview, New Jersey at the February 11 Board meeting. Alaimo Group hosted a preconstruction meeting with Persistent and the MCMUA Operations staff onsite at the Mount Olive transfer station on March 28. Alaimo was requested to send the updated E1 Electrical Plan to both the MCMUA and Persistent based on the February 20 site walkthrough with Persistent subcontractor Tiffany Electric, Inc. The Notice to Proceed will be issued upon receipt of a revised Certificate of Insurance, giving Persistent 120 days to complete this project. Construction administration and part time inspection services will be provided by Alaimo for the project. Persistent Project Manager Anthony Lofaro has already been in contact with both his steel/metal contactor and licensed electrician to get everyone on the same page in hopes to limit the impact of daily operations at the station. The meeting was followed by another detailed walkthrough where pictures were taken.
- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- Following the preconstruction meeting mentioned above on March 28, both Alaimo Solid Waste Consulting Engineer Mike Kobylarz and Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek remained onsite to walk Mount Olive to review the design/plans of the water main extension and water service line. The group also included MCMUA Water Division Superintendent/Supervisor Anthony Milonas and representatives from our County Fire Marshal's Office who brought a different type of welcomed experience and expertise to the project. Collective comments, corrections, and concerns were all documented and provided to Alaimo that day, accompanied by a "marked-up" set of draft plans. Major details defined on March 28 were the relocation of the water line and hot box/meter chamber into the site to the West side property along the fence line, shortening the length of the new water and connection locations, the proper placement and number of fire hydrants, confirmation of water flow/pressure in hopes of eliminating the need for a fire suppression pump, development of as-built plans based on new domestic water line installed in October 2022 when the old line was found to be leaking. Smaller details like a desired 2" yard hydrant near the tipping floor/pump room area to assist with washing the floor, decommissioning of the existing well, and locations

of current connections were also discussed. Submission to NJAW Company will occur when plans are finalized.

- The MCMUA staff had 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. Inclusive to the two (2) above-mentioned walkthroughs on Friday, March 28, Alaimo Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek reviewed the station and HHW again, speaking with MCMUA Operations staff on problematic areas that may need to be addressed in the future. Alaimo will provide these estimates shortly assisting staff in budgeting, planning, and prioritizing capital projects/major structural repairs or improvements as part of our 5-year plan.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- On Thursday, March 6, the MCMUA transfer station managers were 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.
- On Thursday, March 13, Alaimo Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek was onsite for a full walkthrough and review of the aging North floor with our managers. One of the major projects planned and currently budgeted for 2025 is 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 will now prepare a proposal for the referenced project for consideration by MCMUA staff.
- **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, accompanied by H2M Engineers, hosted the non-mandatory site visit at Parsippany on Wednesday, March 12 with a good turnout of around eight (8) potential bidders. The deadline for submission of written questions regarding bid documents was due to H2M directly on Monday, March 17. A total of five (5) bids were opened on Wednesday, April 2 at 10:00AM at H2M's main office in Parsippany, with total base bid prices ranging from \$1,330,000.00 to \$2,765,900.00. All submitted bids are being reviewed by H2M, staff, and counsel. The Board should anticipate a Resolution for consideration at the April 8 meeting, awarding Bid #2025-SW03 to the lowest bidder, Arco Construction, Inc. from West Caldwell, New Jersey.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Work within the new Household Hazardous Waste facility (HHWF) office trailer continued during the month of March which included County IT installing a network switch on March 28, providing the office trailer with functionality for County phones and computers. Program Manager Stephen Adams is now working with the Morris County Fire Marshal's on the installation of the needed fire panels. Alaimo Engineering also updated/completed the HHWF and office trailer EAP's (Emergency Action Plans) based on the new office and the removal of the 1000-gallon used oil tank in December of 2023. These new EAP's have been posted within the HHW trailer and inside the Mount Olive transfer station main office.

Program Participation- In March of 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 178 serviced appointments, which included 171 Morris County residents, 2 VSQG/small businesses, and 5 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in March of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 207 serviced appointments, which included 191 Morris County residents, 12 out-of-County residents, and 4 VSQG/small businesses. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 513 serviced appointments after the first three (3) months- 462 Morris County residents, 41 out-of-County residents, and 10 VSQG/small businesses

Program Manager Stephen Adams met with Jefferson Township officials on Wednesday, March 12 to review the location and overall footprint that will host our first of four (4) 2025 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program One-Day Drop-Off Events. The Jefferson Township DPW yard located at 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong section of Jefferson Township, New Jersey 07849 is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, rain or shine. Details on the event were gone over with Jefferson representatives, with the overall consensus of adding additional signage needed to ensure proper traffic patterns during the event. Reminder to the Board, the other one-day events this year:

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

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

As required in our General Approval under Condition 59, for both MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities, staff provided notification to the NJDEP on March 21 that the MCMUA had purchased a new 2024 Viably Komptech Topturn X5500 Self-Propelled Compost Turner for the Parsippany facility. When onsite staff have been provided proper factory training on the Topturn X5500, and it is fully operational and put into service, the MCMUA plans to auction off three (3) older pieces of equipment that have approached their end-of-life, maintaining service has become too costly for our Vegetative Waste program. The MCMUA did attempt to apply for funding through the NJDEP Work Clean: Diesel Modernization Program (Non-Road Diesel-to Diesel Replacement) but were told that the NJDEP program was prioritizing electric equipment. With that, a Resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration at the April 8 meeting to auction the following equipment in spring 2025:

- County #TG-2, Toro Pro Grind 4000 Tub Grinder, 1997, Red, LP #CG20789, 5,069 Hours
- County #S91-2, International Tractor Trailer, 1991, Green, LP #K900CG, 13,484 Miles
- County #WT2, Scarab 18LL-450 D4 Windrow Turner, 2001, White, 2,386 Hours

Included in this NJDEP notification email was updated 2025 equipment lists for both the MCMUA Mount Olive (Camp Pulaski) and Parsippany Multi-Class Recycling facilities, along with the updated site plan (both with and without topographic) for Parsippany recently completed by Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE). With the purchase of the new windrow turner, the 2022 Komptech Topturn X5000 Self-Propelled Compost Turner will remain onsite in Mount Olive and is now not shared between facilities.

Grinding of tree parts through our shared services agreement with Parsippany Forestry began on March 28 at the Parsippany facility. Grinding services are expected to last through the week to generate enough product for residential deliveries. With the MCMUA receiving multiple inquiries and early season interest about the screened compost and double-ground mulch delivery program from Morris County residents, delivery season officially began on Monday, March 31. Earth Supply Transport Group continued to pull wood chips from the Mount Olive facility in the month of March, helping eliminate the overabundance of material. To date, Earth Supply removed over 4,000 cubic yards (CY) of chips. And last, with Naturcycle hiring a new Director of Sales, both MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities have seen an increase in outbound commercial sales as of late. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the April 8 Board meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The March 2025 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a - \$55.31/ton. This is a \$3.64 per ton decrease in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from February's finalized rate of -\$58.95/ton, presented at the March board meeting.

- In March, recovered material pricing for plastics, which was seen on the rise following the new administration, began to cool and remained stagnant toward the end of the month, putting an end to any increases.
 - At the beginning of April, these commodities showed signs of buckling and are now decreasing in price.
- As for fiber pricing for cardboard and paper, these remain unchanged in March and April.
- Typically, a good indicator of the economy's state, we are beginning to see a purchasing slowdown for our domestically produced waste paper material set to Canada and Mexico, which typically receives a large quantity of this material.
- If these markets continue to halt imports and seek out supplies from other areas, the result will flood our domestic markets, driving down the overall commodity value.
- The only sustained increases throughout the month were observed in the metals sector, specifically for steel and aluminum, as domestic mills currently have a supply chain shortage.
 - However, those gains were also quickly short-lived in March and remained unmoved in April due to tariff woes.
- An overview of the industry, considering the current pricing index reports, reveals that buyers are becoming increasingly cautious in their purchasing habits due to the looming threat of tariffs at the beginning of March.
- Towards the month's end, when they became more of a reality, this shift resulted in a decrease in the export of recycled materials, with ports observing vessel skips for Port Newark and several of our neighboring ports.
 - When a ship skips a port because it cannot take on a full load, it disrupts the entire process and delays exports to end processors, further resulting in buyers looking for other avenues for purchase.
- In conclusion, as we approach the start of the second quarter of the year, tariffs will continue to contribute to market uncertainty and disrupt the entire system.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division,

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

- In March and April, efforts continued to renew our upcoming shared service agreements, which expire at the end of this year.
- The Morris County Vocational School District was provided with a new proposal for a new trash and recycling collection at its new location under construction at the CCM campus for their consideration.
- In late March, the School District informed us of their wish to proceed with the proposal.
 - Tonight, I will read Resolution No. 2025-038 for the Board's approval. This resolution will start services on May 1 for this location.
- Earlier today, we also presented the County College of Morris with a final proposal for their consideration and they will get back to us with their determination shortly.
 - The proposal outlines services for solid waste, single-stream recycling, vegetative waste transportation, and bulky waste collection from their campus.
- Discussions with the Township of Randolph continue, and a final proposal is expected to be presented to them by the end of the week for their consideration for curbside recycling collection.
 - The Township plans to review our proposal at their following internal solid waste and recycling meeting on the 16th of April and will let us know how they wish to proceed.
- Morris Plains and the MCMUA spoke during March on several occasions to work out a new agreement and confirm contract specifics.
 - The MCMUA has a new agreement before the Borough for their consideration and is expected to approve it in April.
- Regarding the Township of Mendham Board of Education, the MCMUA is currently working on a five-year proposal for trash and recycling collection services while also replacing their BOE-owned containers, which are beyond repair and no longer feasible for service with an MUA asset.
 - The specifics of this arrangement are ongoing, and a formal proposal is expected to be before the BOE for their consideration at the beginning of April from its current annual renewal arrangement.

- In addition to these agreements and those previously reported on, we are now beginning to work on new contracts with Rockaway Borough, East Hanover Township, and Chatham Township, whose current agreements also expire at the end of the year.

2024 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement and Procedural Draft Document:

- On March 20, the MCMUA received the 2024 County REA Grant Guide Draft for review and comments due last week to the NJDEP.
- This year's grant entitlement is anticipated for an award for Morris County in a total of 372,600 dollars, broken down as
 - \$310,375.80 for Solid Waste Activities, funding the MCMUA HHW Mount Olive Facility and HHW event operation days, and
 - \$62,224.20 for Public Information and Education Activities, funding various solid waste planning outreach actions, which are mainly spent on our two part-time salaries for Cumberton and Eramo and municipal recycling coordinator educational opportunities.
- This represents a \$16,200 increase, from the previous year's entitlement.
 - A resolution authorizing the MCMUA's spending plan is expected to be presented to the Board for consideration at the May or June meeting, following the state's release of its final application and a similar resolution must also be passed by the County Governing body as well reaffirming the role of the MCMUA as Morris County's designated solid waste implementing agency to administer Morris County's REA grant.

NJDEP Releases its Annual Awards for Recycling Grants and Associated Recycling Rates:

- On March 28, the NJDEP and the Murphy Administration announced awarding over \$16 million in annual grants to boost municipal recycling programs across the state.
- These grants fund various recycling initiatives are awarded through the state's Recycling Enhancement Act, and are funded through a \$3 per-ton surcharge on trash disposed of statewide at solid waste facilities.
- The DEP returns that money to municipalities based on the amount of recycling each community reports during the calendar year.
- This year, Morris County's municipalities were awarded \$887,373.51 to fund recycling efforts throughout the county, representing a significant increase from the previous year.
- At that same time, NJDEP released its 2022 Generation, Disposal and Recycling Statistics with Morris County achieving a municipal solid waste recycling rate increase of 3% from 43% to 46%. While we are shy of the 50% goal, we are tied with Warren County for the highest recycling rate among our fellow counties in northern New Jersey, and across the state, we ranked 4th out of 21 fellow counties.
- Additionally, the MCMUA achieved an overall recycling rate of 60% or higher, with a further increase of 3% from 59% to 62% in 2022.
 - Of our 39 municipalities, 14 have achieved their 50% Municipal Solid Waste recycling goals.

MCMUA Publishes its First Edition of Morris County's Reduce, Reuse, Review Quarterly Newsletter:

Lastly, I am excited to announce the launch of our new quarterly newsletter, "Morris County's Reduce, Reuse, Review," designed specifically for our municipal recycling and clean communities' coordinators and sustainability partners.

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

Resolution No. 2025-038

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Collection Of Trash And Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Morris County Vocational School District On Or About May 1, 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the "New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act," (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the "Act"), the County of Morris has adopted mandatory source separation for recyclable materials in its Solid Waste Management Plan (the "Plan") for residents, businesses, and institutions, including but not limited to schools; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20(14), the MCMUA may enter into contracts for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in an agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the marketing of recyclable materials recovered through a recycling program is exempt from public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s); and

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

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

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the MCVSD desire to enter into a new agreement to provide for the collection of trash and recyclable materials commencing May 1, 2025 for four (4) years and two (2) months until June 30, 2029. The initial annual cost of service for the MCVSD is \$17,50000 with an annual 2% increase in cost.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute said Agreement in substantially similar form as that attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to Authorize Execution of An Agreement Providing For Collection Of Trash and Recyclable Materials Between The MCMUA and Morris County Vocational School District On Or About May 1, 2025 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Gindoff updated the Board on an Open Space matter. He mentioned that the Commissioners formed and Open Space Review Committee to figure out how to move the Open Space Trust Fund Program forward in consideration of the recent challenges of acquiring open space as well as the need to perform stewardship on the properties that Morris County has acquired over the last 30 years. The Committee will be recommending to the County Commissioners that they place a vote on the Ballot to update the use of the Open Space Trust Fund for a limited use of stewardship grants.

Mr. Gindoff asked for the MUA Board's opinion on this. Mr. Druetzler said in principle that he is against this open space money being used for any other use as purchasing open space was the fund's original intent. Mr. Ragonese concurred with Mr. Druetzler.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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 8:25 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Ms. Farris and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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