

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 13, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey in person 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. Ronald Smith, Ms. Laura Szwak and Chairman Christopher Dour

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry and Mr. Larry Ragonese

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

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2025 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Szwak

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of April 2025. Also included were the Comparative Balance Reports year-to-date through April 2025. The Investment Report is showing the renewal of a Certificate of Deposit that matured on April 6, 2025, with Provident Bank. It will be renewed with Provident at an annual percentage yield of 4% for 13 months. Provident Bank is a member of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act and is listed in the MUA's Cash Management Plan.

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

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher introduced Caitlin Orton, Principal from our auditors, Nisivoccia LLP, to discuss the 2024 MCMUA Audit. She mentioned that she has been with the firm for almost 14 years and lucky enough to be on the MUA account for the last few years. She mentioned that she is here to present a summary, prepared by Man Lee of Nisivoccia LLP, of the financial audit results of December 31, 2024 and will answer questions. She started with the Balance Sheet and talked about assets. At December 31, 2024, the Authority ended up with roughly \$131 million dollars of assets, of which roughly 70 percent is in your Cash/Cash Equivalents and Investments and you have \$92 million in that category. That was up \$11.5 million from the 2023 year. Also in that large asset number of \$131 million, another large component of that is your Capital Assets, which roughly makes up 24 percent of that amount at \$32 million. New this year, which fluctuates year-to-year, is Construction In Progress. These are open projects that go beyond one year. We did not have them in 2023, but they came back on the books in 2024. The Authority has two large open projects and they are the Mt. Arlington Booster Pump Station Improvement and the Flanders Valley No. 1 and No. 2 Generator Replacements. Overall, your assets increased about \$12.5 million from 2023. For liabilities, at December 31, you ended with roughly \$54 million. Directly related to the Construction In Progress, which can fluctuate year-to-year, is Contracts Payable. We had Contracts Payable in 2024 and did not have them in 2023. That was a new liability on the books this year. The majority of the \$54 million in your liabilities, the driving bucket of that number is the net pension liability and the other post employment benefit (“OPEB”) obligation. The Authority does not have control over these and they are derived from actuaries and they can drastically change from year-to-year. The net pension liability and OPEB liability are a huge driving factor in your net position as well. The Authority reports on a GASB system, so you are required to put those two pension numbers into your report and they are not a reflection of your day-to-day activities. At December 31, you ended with an unrestricted net position of roughly \$43 million. If we took those numbers out to give you a more perfect reflection of your day-to-day activities, it would go from 43 million in your unrestricted to about \$89 million. So those are two large numbers embedded in there based on the GAP standards of New Jersey. She spoke briefly about the Revenue, Expenses and Changes In Net Position. Revenue is divided into two sections: Operating Revenue, which is day-to-day activity and Non-Operating Revenue, which is generated from bank interest and grants. Regarding Operating Revenue, at December 31, you ended with roughly \$61.5 million; this was an increase of three million dollars from 2023. The main driving factor of your Operating Revenue is your Tipping Fees, which increased about \$2.5 million from 2023. Regarding the Non-Operating Revenue overall, it decreased roughly \$200,000. There are two factors in that. Your bank interest drastically increased almost \$900,000 and it was offset by a decrease in your Sale of Assets. In 2023, you sold off a piece of the pipeline for about one million dollars and you did not have that generating revenue in 2024. Regarding Operating Expenses, at December 31, you ended up with about \$51.5 million, which is a decrease of about one million dollars from 2023. The driving factor of this decrease was from your Solid Waste Division expenses which is where the majority of change in that other post retirement employment number went. Overall, net position increased \$13 million because revenue increased and expenses decreased. Revenue was \$61 million and Expenses were \$51 million. You had a very healthy year and it was a clean audit. There were no formal recommendations, which has been the pattern for the last few years. Larry and his team do a wonderful job and can’t thank him enough. He is on top of everything and everything is always prepared for us. Larry makes it very efficient.

Mr. Druetlzer commented that is was one of the best reports we got from our auditor in all the years that I’ve been on the MUA . Mr. Gindoff thanked Caitlin her team who have been wonderful to work with and appreciates the audit and Larry also. Caitlin appreciates Larry for taking time to look into everything and caring about what condition his books are in and appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Mr. Kaletcher thanked Caitlin Orton for joining us tonight and appreciates your help. Caitlin Orton thanked the MUA for having her.

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion to accept the 2024 MCMUA Audit.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to accept the 2024 MCMUA Audit and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler congratulated Larry and Larry thanked him.

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

Mr. Kaletcher took this opportunity to thank his staff: Anita Singewald, who is Accounts Receivable and Transfer Station Account Manager and Shana O’Mara, Accounts Payable Manager and QPA, who both give 110% every day and go above and beyond. They are a big reason for this successful audit. He also thanked Cody Micek, who provides administrative support for my department, along with Fred Wilson and additionally all the MUA departments need to be recognized for their compliance so things are properly processed, which is a big part of the audit as well. The Board thanked Larry Kaletcher.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board’s approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-039

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. 2025-039 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$5,298,012.79** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6946-6974	\$	886,320.40
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15908-15986	\$	<u>4,411,692.39</u>
		\$	5,298,012.79

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: May 13, 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: May 13, 2025.

DATE: May 13, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Ms. Szwak asked what is the membership for AEA and Mr. Gindoff replied that is the Association of Environmental Authorities for water, sewer and solid waste authorities in New Jersey. He mentioned that we send a lot of staff through their environmental development program where we train people. It specializes in authorities, mostly water, sewer and solid waste authorities. This is our annual renewal. Mr. Carney congratulated the Authority on joining the AEA.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned the first correspondence was on PFAS and mentioned that PFAS litigation is moving along and it shows schedule of anticipated payments, but we don't know what the dollar amounts are. We are waiting for what level of reimbursement we should be getting. On the second correspondence, Mendham Township adopted a resolution for our shared services agreement for another five-year recycling contract.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Email dated April, 2025 from Stephen T. Sullivan, Keefe Law Firm, to Larry Gindoff and Brad Carney regarding Status Update of settlements in the AFFF/PFAS Litigation.

RECYCLING

2. Resolution No. 2025-084, adopted on April 28, 2025, from the Township of Mendham Authorizing A Contract With The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For Recycling Collection And Disposal.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) Water sales continue to be strong outpacing 2024 and 2023.; (2) Follow-up on meeting with Jefferson, DEP requested information from Jefferson regarding their quarterly diversion data. Prior to setting up a meeting with DEP, they need to understand what Jefferson's diversions are on a quarterly basis so they could analyze that and have a positive meeting.; (3) Larry talked about the PFAS litigation and are happy to hear that things are moving forward with that.; (4) Suburban participated in the Water Committee Meeting last Tuesday, which included presentation by H2M on the Water Exploration Engineer. We talked about Jefferson and gave an update on the engineering and construction status and a brief update on the PFAS litigation.; (3) Regarding Emergency and On-Call Contract, we are working to revise the contract documents and will share with Brad Carney so we can get that out to bid.; (4) Regarding the Mine Hill meter, we continue to press them and remind them now that the proposed work plan has been accepted, they need to schedule the work and get the work completed. Tony will have to modify the water system a little during that period to make sure that everyone has water flowing.; (5) Regarding Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, the Contractor achieved substantial completion.

Installed the bridge crane and final load testing was performed last week and everything was checking out good there. The only thing that is left is the final asphalt driveway replacement, which is scheduled for May 19, weather pending. Coming to the finish line and hoping to get this project closed out at the June Board Meeting.; (6) Regarding Flanders Valley #1 and #2, the Contractor completed the installation of the generators. During start-up, a manufacturer defect was observed, where the intake fan was incorrectly installed and resulted in contact and damage with the housing. We are proceeding with the replacement under warranty at no additional cost to the MUA. However, this has delayed start-up and testing of the generators. We did recommend Payment No. 5 for all the work the Contractor has completed.; (7) Regarding De-En Electrical at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, they continue to give us bad news about the Motor Control Center and the ship date which continues to slip so we are going to have to come up with a game plan with the Solid Waste Committee on the next steps on how to handle that Contractor.; (8) Regarding Pleasant Hill Road - Phase 1 of the PCCP pipeline, we had the Pre-Construction Meeting but we have a roadblock where Randolph is not allowing any road closures while the Route 80 sinkhole is still under construction. This project will be postponed until traffic returns to normal. There are few things we are working with the Contractor, Underground Utilities Corp. on through a few design modifications. Randolph requested some stubs, installing that and capping it at the property line for customers who are not currently connected to that pipeline that will save them in the future if anyone wants to connect and they won't have to open the road and tap the main. There is financial impact to that as part of the project and we need to work with the

Contractor to understand what that is and work with Randolph to see if there is an opportunity for a cost share.

Mr. Dour asked when we put piping in and do these improvements, are these located on the GIS System in the County? Mr. McAloon replied we will prepare as-builts and the MUA has its own GIS system for the infrastructure and he does not believe that is publicly available information on the County's GIS. Mr. Gindoff commented that he believes it is not on the County's only on our own.

(9) Regarding Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase II, Phase II is on hold. We were looking to press this bid, but with the delays associated with the Route 80 sinkhole and Randolph not letting us complete Phase I, the last thing we want to do is to have two contractors sitting and waiting to do work. It is best that once we get a start date, we can work through a bid schedule.; and (10) We participated in the Water Committee Meeting and had the presentation by H2M. We are going to work with Larry and Tony to further refine that scope of services being requested by H2M to make sure that their scope of services meets the needs of the MUA.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of April 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 488.377 MG. This amount is approximately 47.454 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 41.493 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.
- B. Following the Tuesday March 25 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), SCE reached out to NJDEP to set up a preliminary meeting to discuss the next steps and explore options. NJDEP advised that Jefferson has failed to submit quarterly diversion data from July 2023 to current. Therefore, NJDEP is unable to analyze demands and provide a position. SCE followed up on 4/25 to confirm if the Township has submitted this information to NJDEP.
- C. The MUA has been advised that currently the PFAS settlements regarding BASF/Tyco claims as well as the original 3M and Dupont is nearing the final stages. They are establishing anticipated claims amounts amongst the parties, as well as developing a payment schedule. An April 17, 2025 email detailing such schedule has been included with this month's correspondence.
- D. SCE participated in the Water Committee Meeting which was held on Tuesday May 6, 2025. The following items were generally discussed:
 - i. Water Exploration Engineer Presentation by H2M**
 - ii. Jefferson Twp. and Allocation**
 - iii. Engineering and Construction project status:**
 - 1. 24" Main PCCP Retirement Phase I & Phase II
 - 2. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 PFAS Improvements
 - 3. Flanders Valley Generators – Status and Anticipated Closeout
 - 4. Mt. Arlington Pump Rehab Project – Status and Anticipated Closeout
 - iv. PFAS Litigation Update**

2. Emergency and On-Call Contractor.

SCE has been revising the Contract Documents and will work with the MUA and legal counsel to finalize the revised bid and establish an updated bid schedule. 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

With Mine Hill addressing the outstanding items to the satisfaction of the MUA, SCE has followed-up regarding the anticipated date in which the work will be performed, understanding that temporary provisions are needed to operate the water system during this time to ensure availability of water.

4. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

Sovereign Consulting, Inc. The work on the final VFD start-up and pump testing has been performed, with the Contractor achieving substantial completion. Installation of the bridge crane has been performed, with final load testing and operator training scheduled for Friday May 8, 2025. Final asphalt driveway replacement is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 19, weather pending.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No.9 in the amount of **\$125,205.44**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing. We are working with the contractor to reconcile all additional and un-used pay items in the contractor and shooting to present the final change order at the June 2025 board meeting. Currently it is anticipated an overall credit will be expected.

Project Completion Summary Through May 13, 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 May 13, 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
Payment Application #9	\$125,205.44
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,020,075.61
Percent of Work Complete	92%
Total Retainage to Date	\$20,401.51

5. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. has completed the demolition and removal of the old generators, and installation of the new generators, louvers, and all associated equipment. There was an unforeseen issue with the attachment lugs for the new generator not being compatible with the existing wires. As a result, a larger conduit and extra set of conductors was needed to be installed. This work is being tracked under the unforeseen conditions allowance. Additionally, during start-up, a manufacturer defect was observed, where the intake fan was incorrectly installed and resulted in contact and damage with the housing.

This is being correct as part of warranty, and no additional cost to the MUA. However, this has delayed start-up and testing of the generators.

The Contractor is working to submit a revised payment request No.5 in the amount of **\$369,082.84**. SCE has reviewed the payment request and finds this reflective of the work completed and recommends processing if the documents are received within the specified cut-off dates for payment.

Project Completion Summary Through May 13, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	330 100%
Days Remaining:	0 0%
Original Contract Completion Date	May 13, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through May 13, 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
Payment Application #5	\$369,082.84
Total Value of Work Complete	\$106,098.00
Percent of Work Complete	93%
Total Retainage to Date	\$9,654.26

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 out to fall 2025.

Project Completion Summary Through May 13, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time	174 Calendar Day Extension
Days Elapsed:	365 88%
Days Remaining:	49 12%
Original Contract Completion Date	January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date	July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through May 13, 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

During the pre-construction meeting, Randolph advised that they will not be allowing any road closures while the Route 80 sink hole is still under construction, due to the vehicular traffic impact on the communities. We are working with the contractor, UUC, to work through a few design modifications, including providing additional service “stubs” for future connections and a few other modifications.

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. Water Exploration Engineer

During the Water Committee Meeting, H2M provided a presentation on their qualifications and the proposed approach to this opportunity. It was concluded that MUA Executive Director, Water Superintendent and Water Consulting Engineer would work to further refine the scope of services that is being requested to develop a scope that meets the needs of the MUA.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (1) He thanked Shana O’Mara, our QPA, for the amount of hard work she did on the transfer station bids. Thanked Brad Carney for reviewing everything related to these bids. Thanked Cheryl Birmingham for all she did for the MUA in her 19 years here. She will be missed.; (2) Regarding tonnage, the report shows Parsippany’s numbers up compared to April 2024 and Mt. Olive’s numbers are down. This may be related to the Route 80 closures but basically the same tonnage for the month of April 2024 compared to 2025. There is a note in the report about Types 13 and 13C being very high, historic levels.; (3) Regarding Transfer Station bids, Addendum #1 was sent out on May 7 to everyone that requested the bids. The MUA is still planning to receive those two bids on Friday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. for Mt. Olive and 11:30 a.m. for Parsippany.

Mr. Dour asked how many people picked up the bids and Mr. Deacon replied 15 for Parsippany and 12 for Mt. Olive. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that it is hard to tell if they are all legitimate or just bidding services. Mr. Deacon mentioned that the major players did pick up for both.

Ms. Szwak asked if it is possible that you will have two winners; one for Parsippany and one for Mt. Olive? Mr. Deacon replied very possible. She asked if that is a hardship? Mr. Deacon replied east vs. west, which was the idea for separating the transfer stations. A little more competitive and some different players out east. Ms. Szwak asked if it is a hardship for MUA management and Mr. Gindoff replied it may be a little harder, it would be administrative.

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

Resolution No. 2025-040

**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of
(46) Motorola Radios, Speakers and Supporting Software Through the Sourcewell
Cooperative Pricing system 042021-MOT; Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025
(Transfer Stations)**

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 Radios; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2025, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of (46) Motorola Radios, Speakers and required Software through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on May 10, 2025 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of (46) Motorola Radios, Speakers and required Software is available for purchase through Northeast Communications, Inc. in the total amount of \$15,997.20.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$1,334.10 by obtaining the (46) Motorola Radios, Speakers and required Software 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 \$15,997.20 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 (46) Motorola Radios, Speakers and required Software in the amount of \$15,997.20.

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 May 13, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase of 46 Motorola Radios, Speakers and Supporting Software Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 042021-MOT; Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025 (Transfer Stations) and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(4) In-house improvements continue to happen at our Transfer Stations in preparation for December 2025.; (5) Regarding the Parsippany Transfer Station, the Pre-Construction Meeting for the roof project was held with Arco and H2M on Friday, May 5. A representative from Garland, which is the roof manufacturer, also attended. They are going to need a large footprint because everything is manufactured on site. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that it was positive that the Garland representative was going to make a very strong presence over the Contractor to make sure that the warranty was going to be valid.; (6) The first HHW Event is in Jefferson on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DPW yard. The next spring event is in Chatham.; (7) Regarding Vegetative Waste, the Pacetalk cameras are being installed at Mt. Olive this Thursday, May 15.; (8) Two of the three pieces of auctioned equipment at Parsippany have sold; only the 2001 Scarab Windrow Turner remains.; (9) Public notice for the RFP for marketing of our vegetative waste materials occurred this morning. The proposals on that RFP are due to the MUA on June 3 at 11 a.m. Vegetative Waste report was attached to the board packet. There is a difference in 2024 to 2025 concerning inbound materials, but our residential program continues to be very successful.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) Regarding the Mt. Olive Facility, we have been receiving submittals from Persistent for the construction items for the tarp rack replacement project. We have reviewed a few and still waiting on a few other submissions. Some additional information we have requested from them is a Construction Schedule and the Schedule of Values, which are important in order for them to get started on the project. The metal subcontractor ABBA Metalworks has been to the facility to confirm the materials needed. We expect kick-off of this construction project to be coming in the near future.; (2) Watermain Extension Plan –Spoke with our Mt. Holly people today and we will have a set ready tomorrow. He will forward it to James Deacon for one last review by MUA Staff. Once we get the blessing, we will then submit those to N.J. American and get that project going.; (3) Regarding Parsippany Transfer Station, we are working on base mapping for the project design for the north floor. We expect plans and bid documents to be ready for advertising in July of this year.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 41,568 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) transfer stations in April 2025 was 0.88% greater than the 41,204 tons accepted a year ago in April 2024. Following the first four (4) months of actual tonnage in 2025, it is currently projected that 491,546 tons of solid waste will be disposed of for all of 2025, which would represent an 3% increase over 2024 tonnage. Bulky waste (Type 13), construction and demolition debris (Type 13C), as a percentage of the total composition of waste, continues to trend at historically high levels.

Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

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

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 15,282- 706 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,054- 91 less than 2024

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 964- 56 more than 2024

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 26,285- 1,067 more tons than 2024

Total Customers- 6,167- 514 more than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 505- 33 more than 2024

MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids #2025-SW01 and #2025-SW02

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. There was a non-mandatory site tour of both facilities on Tuesday, April 8, 11:00 AM in Mount Olive and 1:00 PM in Parsippany, both had a good overall attendance of potential bidders. The deadline for submission of written questions regarding both bid documents was due to the MCMUA on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 3:00PM. MCMUA staff and Council worked hard to provide a timely response to these written questions received by the Authority, preparing Addendum #1 to clarify certain terms and conditions of the Requests for Bids. Sent out and advertised on Wednesday, May 7, Addendum #1 included the written questions and answers regarding the bid documents, revisions to Technical Specifications, the Contract, and Information to Bidders, and some additional exhibits on “Historical Data: Outbound Trailer Weights” and the “MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills & Mount Olive Transfer Stations Safety and Operational Rules- Notice to Customers”. The MCMUA will now receive sealed bids on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 11:00AM (Mount Olive) and 11:30AM (Parsippany) at the MCMUA’s main office located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey 07885. The Contract Start-Up date for both stations is on or around Monday, December 15, 2025. MCMUA staff is still anticipating the Award of Contracts for both Bids at MCMUA June 10 Board meeting.

To assist safety and communication at the transfer stations with future increase of MCMUA employees onsite, staff have prepared Resolution #2025-040 for the Board’s consideration at the May 13 meeting. This resolution is for the purchase of 46 new Motorola BPR40 portable radios, 46 speaker mics, charging stations for these radios, and will include programming through Northeast Communications located in Wharton. Northeast is a Sourcewell contract and is used by our County Communications Division and the 9-1-1 County Comm. Center.

MCMUA staff continue to work with Morris County Personnel on plans for hiring the proper number of employees to safely and efficiently operate both MCMUA transfer stations come mid-December 2025. This includes proper job titles, job descriptions, salaries and continued communication with Morris Council No. 6/6A, NJCSA.

Transfer Station Improvements

MCMUA staff continued improvements during the month of April on the interior of the Mount Olive transfer station scale house. The inside was 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 have now been completed. A smaller more efficient heating/air conditioning unit has been installed by a licensed electrician with the old unit being removed. County IT assisted with the replacement of an older desktop PC (inbound computer), and installation of larger monitors for use by the MCMUA Weigh Masters. Cable maintenance with help from Atlantic Scale to the two (2) scale displays was also achieved. Mount Olive staff also improved some landscaping near the shop area, laying down stone near the recently poured concrete sidewalks that lead to the main tipping floor. And last, the MCMUA Operations staff purchased, and have started to install, the new 6’ long by 14” wide custom plasma cut steel drain grates down at Parsippany. 18 total steel grates were purchased from RS Phillips after a successful trial run at the Mount Olive station with

similar design.

MCMUA staff are finalizing Bid 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.

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 May 13 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Bid #2024-12 was awarded through Resolution #2025-026 to Persistent Construction, Inc., Fairview, New Jersey at the February 11 Board meeting. Alaimo Group had hosted a preconstruction meeting with Persistent and the MCMUA Operations staff onsite at the Mount Olive transfer station on March 28. Project submittals from Persistent have been received for the construction items. There are additional items (Initial Manning's Report, Construction Schedule, Schedule of Values & Preconstruction video or photographs) discussed at the preconstruction meeting which Alaimo Group has again requested from Persistent. Subcontractor, ABBA Metal Works, Inc. has made site visits to Mount Olive to confirm materials needed. Kickoff of this construction project will be in the near future.
- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- The water main extension plans will be submitted by Alaimo to NJAW Company before the end of May. The plans for the water services and connections to the existing internal water system are being prepared in coordination with MCMUA staff.
- Motor Control Center (MCC) improvement project at the Mount Olive transfer station continues to be delayed by DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. The date for receiving the equipment has now been changed to November 12 due to delays from the manufacture Schneider Electric for the Square D MCC. Please refer to the Water Engineer's Report (SCE) for further information.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- MCMUA staff is still working with Alaimo on the engineering related to 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. Along with the station's roof, this is one of the larger solid waste projects planned for 2025. Alaimo Group are now coordinating the field information survey needed in order to prepare the base mapping for the project design. Alaimo expects the plans and bid documents to be ready for advertising in July 2025.
- Bid #2025-SW03 Parsippany-Troy Hills 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. Resolution #2025-036 adopted at the April 8 Board meeting awarded the contract to Arco Construction, Inc. from West Caldwell, New Jersey, with a total base bid price of \$1,330,000.00. H2M Engineers issued a formal Notice of Award letter to Arco on May 5. A preconstruction/project kickoff meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 9 onsite at Parsippany where necessary paperwork will be exchanged.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In April of 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 250 serviced appointments, which included 233 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG/small businesses, and 13 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in April of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 230 serviced appointments, which included 215 Morris County residents, 9 out-of-

County residents, and 6 VSQG/small businesses. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 763 serviced appointments after the first four (4) months- 695 Morris County residents, 54 out-of-County residents, and 14 VSQG/small businesses.

MCMUA Stephen Adams met with MXI Director of Special Programs, Marc Kodrowski, on Thursday, April 8 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 Department of Public Work (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. MCMUA also contacted representatives from the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA) and the Director of Communications for Morris County with details on the Jefferson event, just in case residents arrive at the Academy instead of Jefferson's DPW. 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

MCMUA staff continues to work with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) on a formal response to a Notice of Technical Deficiently (NOD) issued by the NJDEP concerning the renewal of the Mount Olive facility's Multi-Class (B&C) Recycling Center General Approval. Two (2) additional Packetalk PTZ (pan tilt zoom) cameras with two (2) RF radios (PT-420) are scheduled to be installed at the Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility on Thursday, May 15. Once Mount Olive is complete, MCMUA staff will work with Packetalk and County IT to complete our Parsippany location. Officially starting on March 31, the MCMUA delivery program continues to successfully serve screened compost and double-ground wood mulch to Morris County residents. At the time of the writing of this report, 520 cubic yards (CY) of compost and 505 CY of mulch have been delivered already by MCMUA drivers this season. These totals do not include the materials transported through our partnership with Kirk Allen Trucking. Resolution #2025-037 approved at the April 8 Board meeting gave the MCMUA staff approval to auction the following equipment:

- County #TG-2, Toro Pro Grind 4000 Tub Grinder, 1997, Red, LP #CG20789, 5,069 Hours- *Has Sold for \$50,000*
- County #S91-2, International Tractor Trailer, 1991, Green, LP #K900CG, 13,484 Miles- *Has Sold for \$2,400*
- County #WT2, Scarab 18LL-450 D4 Windrow Turner, 2001, White, 2,386 Hours- *Was Listed for \$60,000, being reauctioned.*

MCMUA are currently preparing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the marking of vegetative waste recyclable materials. As of the writing of this report, publication of RFP #2025-VW01 legal notice is scheduled for May 13. This will be followed by a non-mandatory site visit of our Parsippany facility on May 16 and a deadline for submitted questions to MCMUA Stephen Adams on May 20. The proposals will be due to the MCMUA on Tuesday, June 3 at 11:00AM. Naturcycle proposed amending one (1) windrow at the MCMUA Parsippany facility with sulfur to measure impact on the overall pH. Naturcycle will draft an outline of the research proposal for review by the MCMUA staff. Mr. Darren Shuman was hired by Naturcycle as the new Director of Sales, starting work in March. Mount Olive has officially sold out of screened compost for commercial sale as of April 1. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the May 13 Board meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

The April 2025 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$56.25/ton. This is a \$0.94 per ton increase in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from March's finalized rate of—\$55.31/ton, presented at the April board meeting.

- In April, recovered material pricing remained largely stagnant except for plastic commodities, which began slowly falling from their pricing highs noted in March.
- All other commodities pricing remained unchanged due to the slowdown in purchasing from our international and domestic partners.
- Looking at the beginning of May, after a long runup, commodity pricing for all plastics dropped substantially from their six-month high streak as markets for our domestic materials began to shift due to administrative trade actions.
- Metal and Fiber markets are also beginning to decline, with pricing falling from the previous steadiness established over the last three quarters, suggesting worrying signs for economic stability.
- A top-down view of market conditions indicates that participants struggle to adapt to the new tariff environment, with buyers, sellers, and customs officials facing challenges in aligning federal mandates with implementation.
- This lack of clarity makes it difficult for cautious buyers to make purchases, leading international buyers to consider alternatives outside the U.S.
- As we enter a new month, trade policy uncertainties persist, raising concerns about a potential inflation resurgence.
- However, recent consumer price index data indicates that sharp price increases have not materialized, at least for now, which correlates with the modest loss in recycled materials pricing noted as of late.
- It's primarily a waiting game, making it difficult to predict how the rest of the second quarter will unfold, and even more challenging to foresee how the third quarter will commence.

MCMUA Bids Farewell to an Exemplary Educator and Fervent Recycler:

- As many of you know, on April 30th, after nearly 19 years of dedicated service, Cheryl Birmingham retired from the MCMUA.
- Starting her career with the MCMUA in November of 2006, she gradually moved through the ranks, taking on additional responsibilities over the years, eventually becoming our Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Specialist.
- Throughout her career, she helped form our current programs and educational efforts, receiving several awards from the state for all her achievements.
- The MCMUA thanks Cheryl for her invaluable work and wishes her a bright and exciting retirement!
- The Division is in the process of rehiring for her position and has developed a job description for the vacancy, which has been posted with the county personnel office.
- We expect to begin the interview process by mid-month and aim to finalize the hiring decision by the end of May.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division:

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

- In April and May, efforts continued to renew our upcoming shared service agreements, which expire at the end of this year, with much of our work noted in the board report.
- In late April, we learned that both the Borough of Morris Plains and the Morris School District plan on approving our new five-year shared services collection agreement proposals at their respective meetings this month.
 - Resolutions for these agreements are up for MUA Board approval at tonight's meeting, which I will read later.

- Regarding the Township of Mendham and its curbside recycling contract proposal, after several months, the Township moved forward and adopted our collection agreement in late April at its council meeting.
 - A copy of their adopted resolution is included in the correspondence for tonight's meeting.
 - In addition to these agreements, work and discussions continued to solidify a contract with the Township of Randolph for curbside collection.
 - If adopted in the coming months, the MCMUA would be servicing its first contract utilizing automated side loaders.
 - This added service would allow collection to benefit from increased efficiency, versatility for different applications, improved competitiveness with our area's collection/transporters, and improved safety measures for our curbside crews.
- Work also continued to bring regular 5-year shared services agreements to our current educational contracts that receive ad hoc services without a contract, and up to regular pricing to the other educational customers we have brought on in recent agreements.
 - All four educational districts of Mendham Borough, Mendham Township, Wharton Borough, and Boonton Township have now been presented with updated proposals for their consideration.
- In addition to these agreements, work actively continued in April and May with Rockaway Borough, East Hanover Township, Roxbury Township, Chatham Township, Boonton Township, and Hanover Township, whose current agreements also expire at the end of the year.

2024 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement:

- On April 28, the MCMUA received the finalized 2024 County REA Grant Guide for our NJDEP submission.
- Tonight, I will present a resolution to the Board authorizing the MCMUA's spending plan for accepting the grant, which we are preparing for submission.
- Also, a similar resolution was provided to the County Governing body for their adoption, reaffirming our role as Morris County's designated solid waste implementing agency to administer the REA grant.

MCMUA 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

- In April, Birmingham and I assisted our Morris County municipalities by collecting recycling reports for the 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) period and provided personalized assistance to MRCs, especially those new or less experienced in reporting.
 - Many of our municipalities encountered turnover issues this year.
 - New replacements lacked the Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) licenses needed to submit these reports, with the MCMUA signing for them until they can attend the Rutgers course.
- With the municipal reports due on April 30th, all 39 municipalities submitted their MTG Applications to the NJDEP, with several submissions having difficulty getting their reports in.
- Yesterday, Cumberton, Eramo, and I began reviewing all submissions for accuracy to improve recycling rates.
- Last year, our work helped yield over \$200,000 in additional state grant funding for our municipalities and helped us get closer to our 50% MSW recycling goal.
 - This year, we aim to do even better through increased direct education, resources, and active reporting efforts with end markets.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

- On May 3, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation and the MCMUA hosted their first Shrink Wrap Recycling drop-off day of the year.

- A total of 43 participants dropped off shrink wrap from 67 boats, filling 1.5 containers for recycling. Due to its success, a second recycling day is scheduled for early June.
- Additionally, the MCMUA will join the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's Block Party Summer Kick-Off Event this weekend, where I will discuss the recycling program.

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

Resolution No. 2025-041

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Borough of Morris Plains ("Municipality" or "Township") has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County
Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to Authorize The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and The Borough of Morris Plains Commencing On Or Before January 1, 2026 and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2025-042

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Collection And Transporting Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Morris School District Commencing On Or About July 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 School District (MSD) in waste reduction and increase recycling by providing collection and transportation of recyclable materials at the MSD’s schools; 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 MSD desire to enter into a new agreement to provide for the collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2030.

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 on file in the office of the MCMUA.
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.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to Authorize The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Collection And Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and The Morris School District Commencing On Or Before July 1, 2025 and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2025-043 Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of A Spending Plan For A 2024 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007, c. 311 et seq. provides for the awarding of Recycling Enhancement Tax Fund entitlements by the Department of Environmental Protection to designated Solid Waste Management Districts to assist them in the preparation, revision and implementation of comprehensive solid waste management and recycling plans; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority desires such financial

assistance to fulfill its responsibilities under the Solid Waste Management Act and the Recycling Enhancement Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That a Spending Plan be submitted to the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program for a 2024 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement in the amount of \$372,600.00.
2. That the Executive Director of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Larry Gindoff, and any successors to that position; the Morris County District Recycling Coordinator, Anthony Marrone, and any successors to that position; the Morris County Assistant District Recycling Coordinator, Maura Toomey, and any successors to that position; and the Chief Financial Officer of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Larry Kaletcher, and any successors to that position are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such spending plans and agreements; to provide additional information, furnish such documents; to execute such documents as are required; to make amendments to the spending agreements, and to act as the authorized correspondent of the Morris County Solid Waste Management District.
3. The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was designated by the Morris County Board of Commissioners as the implementing agency to perform the Recycling Enhancement Tax Entitlements on March 25, 2009.
4. The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority does hereby hold the State of New Jersey and its departments and agencies harmless from any dangers, losses, and claims which may arise directly or indirectly from the execution of the Entitlement.
5. The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority hereby accepts the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and the guidelines promulgated under it.
6. This Resolutions shall take effect immediately.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County
Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize Filing Of Spending Plan
For 2024 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement and
Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2025-044

**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of
(100) 32 Gallon Round Bins and (100) 32 Gallon RB Lids Through the Sourcewell
Cooperative Pricing system 041521-REH; Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025
(Curbside Recycling Bin Inventory)**

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 Recycling Bins and Lids; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2025, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of (100) 32 Gallon Round Bins and (100) 32 Gallon RB Lids through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on May 10, 2025 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of (100) 32 Gallon Round Bins and (100) 32 Gallon RB Lids is available for purchase through Rehrig Pacific Company in the total amount of \$3,620.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$152.00 by obtaining the (100) 32 Gallon Round Bins and (100) 32 Gallon RB Lids from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$3,620.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-3-600-602-173.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of (100) 32 Gallon Round Bins and (100) 32 Gallon RB Lids in the amount of \$3,620.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase of (100) 32 Gallon Round Bins and (100) 32 Gallong RB Lids Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 041521-REH; Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025 (Curbside Recycling Bin Inventory) and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2025-045

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) 10-Yard Dumpsters and (1) One 6-Yard Dumpster Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 040621-WQI Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025 (Vo-Tech at County College of Morris)

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 Roll Off Containers; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of Two (2) 10 Yard Dumpsters and (1) One 6 Yard Dumpster through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on May 10, 2025 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of Two (2) 10 Yard Dumpsters and (1) One 6 Yard Dumpster is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$5,310.00.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$1,113.00 by obtaining the Two (2) 10 Yard Dumpsters and (1) One 6 Yard Dumpster 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 \$5,310.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of Two (2) 10 Yard Dumpsters and (1) One 6 Yard Dumpster in the amount of \$5,310.00.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase of Two (2) 10-Yard Dumpsters and (1) One 6-Yard Dumpster Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 040621-WQ1 Purchasing Contract for 2024-2025 (Vo-Tech at County College of Morris) and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

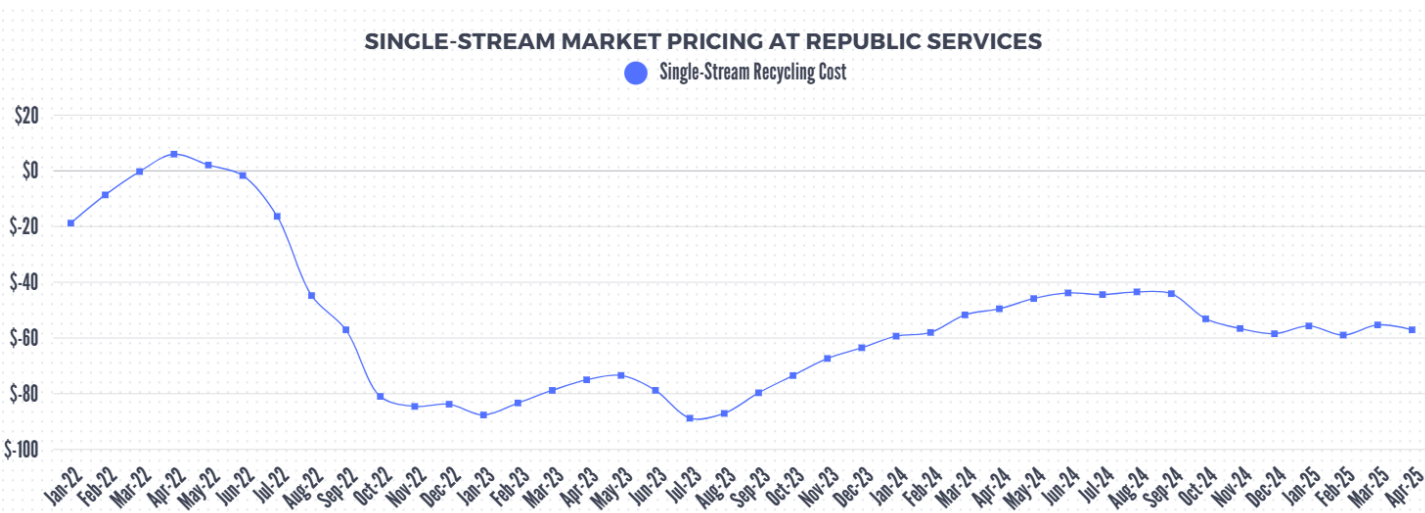
RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

April Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

In April, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate is reported at an estimated -\$57.06 per ton, reflecting a cost increase of \$1.75 from the finalized rate of -\$55.31 in the previous month. Looking at markets for April, recovered material pricing remained largely stagnant except for plastic commodities. As such, these materials began to slowly fall from their pricing highs noted last month, noting nominal decreases at the beginning of May. Fiber pricing for both cardboard and paper remained unchanged in April. Much of this is due to the slowdown in purchasing our wastepaper material from Canada and Mexico. Once again in April, the only sustained increases throughout the month were observed in the metals sector, specifically for steel, which both domestic and international buyers are experiencing a shortage in supply.

Recent changes in pricing within recycled commodity markets have been heavily influenced by weeks of shifting narratives and uncertainty from the current administration. Market participants are attempting to navigate the new tariff environment, where buyers, sellers, and customs officials face challenges coordinating federal mandates with real-world implementation. The lack of clarity forces these market players to interpret regulations as best they can, complicating cautious buyers' purchases. This situation is leading international mills to hesitate and prompting them to explore alternatives other than the United States when possible.



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

Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Updates

MCMUA Bids Farewell to an Exemplary Educator and Fervent Recycler:

After nearly 19 years of service, April closed the MCMUA chapter for Mrs. Cheryl Birmingham, a notable colleague who has dedicated years to serving the County of Morris and has made an indelible mark in the recycling and Clean Communities fields for New Jersey. Birmingham was hired by the Authority on November 20, 2006, as a part-time employee to assist with the MCMUA's Household Hazardous Waste program. She then moved to a full-time position in May 2007, which included assisting with the MCMUA's vegetative waste and recycling programs and supporting the public and our municipal partners. In July 2014, Cheryl moved into a full-time position as an assistant recycling specialist, where she helped running

various recycling programs, assisting our municipal contacts to navigate the recycling reporting process with the state, assisting in running the Morris County Office Recycling Excels program with the Sherriff's SLAP program, worked with the annual recycling excellence awards program, Morris County Litter Cleanup Program, and public education programs. In May 2022, Cheryl was once again promoted to have her job duties also include running Morris County's Clean Communities Program, which involves implementing a comprehensive program of litter abatement, education, and enforcement consistent with the guidelines set forth by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council. In September of 2024, Cheryl was nominated for and won the ANJR (Association of New Jersey Recyclers) Member of the Year award for her extensive accomplishments to the organization. She was also co-awarded in that same year by the NJDEP for her outstanding achievement in recycling for her participation in and efforts on Morris and Sussex Counties' Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program, which successfully ran in its second year.

The MCMUA thanks her for everything she has done and wishes her a bright and exciting future in retirement!



Cheryl Birmingham, MCMUA's newest retiree, and the MCMUA Team at her retirement party.

Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

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

Throughout March, Marrone and Toomey continued to work on preparing for the many upcoming shared service agreements set to expire at the end of 2025, as previously reported to the Board. In addition to proposals currently waiting for approval by municipal customers such as Parsippany, Roxbury, and Long Hill, as previously reported to the Board, the following additional work was completed this month:

Borough of Morris Plains Recycling Services SSA Renewal:

In mid-April, the Borough informed the MCMUA that they plan to approve a new shared services agreement for weekly single-stream recycling collection at their May meeting. The cost of services for the first year will be \$235,719.77, with a two percent increase each year for a duration of five years. This is a lump sum agreement in which the MCMUA includes the fluctuating cost of marketing single-stream recyclables and is set to begin on January 1, 2026, and continue through December 31, 2030. A resolution will be presented to the MCMUA for consideration at the May 13 meeting, approving this agreement.

Morris School District Recycling Services SSA Renewal:

In late April, the MCMUA was informed that the Morris School District will approve its newly proposed shared services agreement for MCMUA recycling collection at its May meeting. The cost for base service for the first year will be \$22,857.35, with two percent increases for five years. The new agreement will begin July 1, 2025, and continue through June 30, 2030. A resolution will be presented to the MCMUA for consideration at the May 13 meeting, approving this agreement.

Township of Randolph Recycling Services New SSA Proposal:

Throughout April, the operations and administration teams worked to finalize a proposed shared services agreement for curbside recycling collection in Randolph. On April 15, a proposal was submitted to Randolph for review. Informal feedback from the municipality's contractor working on this agreement informed the MCMUA that the pricing outlined in the proposal looks acceptable. The MCMUA incorporated purchasing three automated trucks for this contract, so we are working to finalize this agreement quickly. Hence, we have adequate time to purchase and obtain the necessary trucks for this contract.

Township of Mendham, Borough of Mendham, Boonton Township, and Wharton Borough Board of Education, New SSA Proposals:

Our Curbside Recycling Division currently provides recycling collection services to the Mendham Township Board of Education, Mendham Borough Board of Education, Boonton Township Board of Education, and the Wharton Board of Education, but currently does so without shared services agreements. These ad hoc collection services have been provided for years at costs far less than the costs to provide such services. Changes associated with China closing its borders to recycling and inflationary cost increases following the COVID-19 pandemic had never been incorporated within the prices charged to these customers. In mid-2024, Marrone and Toomey contacted each other at the end of their expiring annual agreements to bring them into our regular 5-year shared services agreements like other educational customers.

Starting with the Mendham Township Board of Education, Marrone and Toomey drafted a proposal to offer options for recycling and solid waste collection, submitting it in late April and to the Mendham Borough Board of Education for recycling services in early May. While we work to draft agreements for the other school systems, we will continue into May. Any updates on these new agreements will be provided in succeeding reports.

Township of Roxbury Recycling Depot and Curbside Collection SSA Proposal:

Marrone and Toomey met with Roxbury Township in late April and May to discuss their recycling depot proposal and potentially provide curbside collection. The MCMUA learned that the Township won't approve the depot until fall, which will expire at year's end, and is interested in a curbside single-stream collection proposal, as their current contract runs through March 2026. Roxbury aims to combine the depot and curbside agreements and shift from the weekly dual-stream to single-stream collection for cost savings. The MCMUA plans to submit a proposal, but the Township intends also to seek bids. If Roxbury accepts the MCMUA's proposal, Long Hill's collection schedule could be affected, as Long Hill has not yet committed to a new agreement.

Township of Mendham Recycling Services SSA Renewal:

On April 29, the Township notified Toomey that they had adopted a resolution approving the MCMUA's previous recycling proposal. On May 6, 2025, their signed copies and adopting resolution were received, securing our new agreement and their spot on our collection schedule.

Interfaith Food Pantry Network New SSA Proposal:

In March, Marrone and Eramo were invited to tour the Interfaith Food Pantry Headquarters location in Parsippany and further collaborate on several issues as a part of the MCMUA's ongoing food waste redirection efforts. During that time, it was discovered that the site is the only source separating and recycling corrugated cardboard onsite, with the other mandated items they generate being disposed of in the trash. At that time, the site was educated on proper recycling as required by our county plan and per the local municipality's ordinance. As a result, a proposal was submitted in April for their consideration, including weekly single-stream and twice-a-week trash collection. A determination by the site is pending currently.

Township of East Hanover Recycling Services SSA Renewal:

In March, Marrone was contacted by the Township's recycling coordinator, who informed the MCMUA that their second municipally owned recycling center, located off Nike Drive, would no longer operate and is planned for redevelopment. The Hanover Park Condominium Association primarily utilizes this secondary depot under an agreement with the municipality. With the closure of this site, the Township is seeking to establish an arrangement that maintains the same level of recycling service for those residents.

This process has prompted the MCMUA to begin working with East Hanover on a new shared services agreement, which will start in 2026.

County College of Morris Services New SSA Proposal:

In mid-April, Toomey submitted a shared services agreement to County College of Morris for solid waste and recycling collection services, which both parties have been working on. However, CCM responded that since they had already advertised this service as a bid, they could not accept a proposed shared services agreement unless it was a sealed bid packet responding directly to their bid specifications. Toomey informed CCM that, should they choose to reject the bid responses, the MCMUA proposal would be available. Those services outside the bid, such as vegetative waste services, bulky waste collection, and single commodity recycling, are still under consideration in a supplementary agreement following their posted bid for regular recycling and trash collection, for which the MCMUA will follow up.

Solid Waste Planning Division's Additional May Resolutions

Two resolutions will be presented to the MCMUA for consideration during the board meeting on May 13. The first resolution seeks authorization to purchase 100 round bins, each with a 32-gallon capacity, along with 100 matching bin lids through the Sourcewell cooperative pricing system. These bins and lids will be used in our curbside collection operations across various accounts. They will serve as additional stock for new accounts, replacements for existing locations, and other needs, for a total amount of \$3,620.00.

The second resolution will authorize the purchase of two 20-yard roll-off containers and one 6-yard roll-off container, also through the Sourcewell cooperative pricing system. This purchase is necessary for the collection service at the Morris County Vocational School District building located at the County College of Morris, totaling \$5,310.00.

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

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

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

- MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations
- MCMUA and Hanover Township School District Collaboration
- MCMUA Conducts Recycling and Clean Communities Education at the Sandshore Elementary School in Mount Olive Township
- MCMUA Participates in the Kean University Spring into Sustainability Event
- 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 General Staffing Matters
- MCMUA Public Outreach Educational Materials
- MCMUA and MC Municipal Media Contact Collaborations
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement Accomplishments:

In April, Toomey completed and submitted the 2023 REA 6-month and 12-month progress reports and the 6-month financial report. Toomey completed the 12-month financial report and is waiting on the SAGE system to allow this report to be submitted.

The NJDEP officially released the 2024 REA grant guide and application in late April. Morris County's 2024 grant entitlement was finalized for an award in a total of \$372,600, 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 principally spent on our two part-time salaries for both Cumberton and Eramo and municipal recycling coordinator educational opportunities. This represents a \$16,200 increase, doubling the previous year's increase.

A resolution authorizing the MCMUA's spending plan will be presented to the Board for consideration at this May meeting. As a reminder, the MCMUA must pass a resolution to execute a spending plan to receive the grant amount from the State. A similar resolution must also be adopted by the County of Morris, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) new guidelines, reaffirming the role of the MCMUA as Morris County's designated solid waste implementing agency to administer Morris County's REA grant. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners was also sent a sample enabling resolution for adoption at their next Commissioners' meeting, which will be included in the MCMUA's grant application.

MCMUA 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

During April 2024, Marrone and Birmingham continued assisting our Morris County municipalities by soliciting for and collecting recycling reports from end facilities, distributing them to municipal recycling coordinators, and posting them to the MCMUA webpage for the 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) reporting period. This year, the MCMUA received and posted 48 reports, with additional late reports expected at the beginning of May. The MCMUA also offered personalized assistance to several municipal coordinators in answering questions regarding reporting, filing, and cataloging information obtained, as well as providing direct one-on-one assistance and training from the MCMUA during this timeframe. Nearly half of our coordinators asked for their reports to be reviewed before submission to the NJDEP. Those coordinators provided with direct assistance were either new to the role or had limited experience in prior report submissions during the reporting timeframe. This year, the MCMUA saw a significant turnover of MRCs where their replacements did not hold a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) license, and others currently in the role were waiting for admission into the Rutgers course, which continues to have a lengthy waiting list. This presents an issue, as only a CRP can sign off on a municipality report for its acceptance by the NJDEP. However, with Birmingham's retirement, Marrone is the only employee with an active CRP license. Providing this resource to our municipalities is valuable to ensure recycling is reported and sustained in Morris County and a much-welcome relief to our municipalities. However, the MCMUA requires that each city for which it signs must actively send its MRCs to the course to become certified.

All 39 Morris County Municipalities submitted their 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Applications to the NJDEP. The MCMUA will continue to obtain recycling tonnage reports and work towards boosting Morris County's recycling rate until June 15, 2025, the deadline for the MRCs to resubmit updated tonnage reports. Starting Monday, May 12, 2025, Cumberton and Eramo will begin reviewing each of our MRCs' reporting submissions for accuracy and missing tonnage to help boost our recycling rates and collect missing grants.

As a reminder, we reviewed all 39 of our municipality's reports last year, allowing an additional 55,504 tons of recycled MSW and 125,585.8 tons total recycling added by our revisions. That accounted for ~\$215,371.20 of further grant funding we were able to collect from the state on their behalf for Morris County. Moreover, that additional tonnage helped to increase the MSW recycling rate closer to our 50% goal.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In April, 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 collaborated with the Executive Director of the non-profit Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) to finalize details, foster stakeholder support, and conduct outreach and solicitations for boat shrink wrap materials to be recycled for the 2025 program.

The program launched with two drop-off locations in Morris County on April 1st: Lee's County Park Marina in Mount Arlington and the Jefferson Township Health Center, located off Minnisink Road. A public drop-off day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, at the Jefferson Township Health Center from 9 AM to noon.

On May 3, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, Ultra-Poly Corp., and the MCMUA held their first public drop-off day for Shrink Wrap Recycling of the year. Before the event, the MCMUA and the LHF ran a series of public service announcements on preparing the material for recycling and adequately providing awareness for the event. A total of 43 participants from the public attended, dropping off shrink wrap from 67 boats and filling one and a half containers of material for recycling. Due to the event's success and many boat owners still having their boats unopened for the season, a second recycling event day is being worked out at this time for late May/ early June.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:

On April 1, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program started with its cleanup contractor's Adopt-A-Highway. On that same date, the AAH crew cleaned the roads around the Parsippany Transfer Station. Roads cleaned were Edwards Road, New Road from the Parsippany Transfer Station to Ridgedale, Route 280 on and off ramps, and Ridgedale Avenue to Edgemont Road.

This cleanup removed the most significant amount of litter since 2015. In doing so, Birmingham used the Chevy Colorado, an MCMUA vehicle, to deliver three loads of litter in its truck bed to the Parsippany Transfer Station to assist the AAH crew. The crew cleaned the roads for 8.5 hours. The clean-up totals are as follows:

- Bags of trash, 100
- Bags of recycling, 18
- Total miles = 2.5 on both sides of the road (5 linear)

2025 Morris County School Litter Cleanup Programs and Artwork Contest Applications:

In April, Birmingham updated and mailed the Litter Cleanup and Artwork Contest program guidelines for Morris County's public and private schools to each school principal's attention. This program is a part of the MCMUA's Clean Communities Program. In mid-to-late April, the MCMUA began to receive compiled application packets for participation in the program. In early May, the MCMUA began to receive several completed school application packets, closing out their grants. The overall submission deadline is June 30th.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

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

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn
the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.,
seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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