

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 10, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on June 10, 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. Larry Ragonese, Mr. Ronald Smith, Ms. Laura Szwak and Chairman Christopher Dour

Mr. Barry entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**ABSENT:** NONE

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

Also present from the Public was Matt Rayo from Naturcycle.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2025.

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2025 and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 8      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ragonese

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

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of May 2025. Also included are the Solid Waste and Water Comparative Balance Reports through the month of May 2025 and an Investment Report showing no new investments were purchased during the month of May 2025.

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

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

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 9      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolution to Amend The Solid Waste Division 2025 Fiscal Budget:

**Resolution No. 2025-046**  
**Resolution To Amend The Solid Waste Division 2025 Fiscal Budget For**  
**The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8**

**2025 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County M.U.A. on June 10, 2025 is amending the Solid Waste Division budget to include the 2025 Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$126,999.77 and

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

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

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

**Increase Amended Revenue:**

2025 Clean Communities Grant	\$126,999.77
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**Increase Amended Appropriations:**

2025 Clean Communities Grant	\$126,999.77
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**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 June 10, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary of the Authority

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Amend The Solid Waste Division 2025 Fiscal Budget for the MCMUA Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-047**

**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. 2025-047 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$4,396,157.29** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6975-7002	\$	199,663.06
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	15987-16069	\$	<u>4,196,494.23</u>
		\$	<b>4,396,157.29</b>

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that all vouchers listed above have been reviewed and found to be in proper form for payment, and I have compared the SCHEDULE OR WARRANTS to the vouchers for payment and have determined it to be correct.

DATE: June 10, 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: June 10, 2025.

DATE: June 10, 2025

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Chairman Dour asked if the front loader is for the transfer station and Mr. Gindoff replied no, it is for picking up loads of garbage for the Curbside program.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there were two pieces of Correspondence related to resolutions we are awarding for engineering contracts, so any questions can be asked during consideration of those resolutions.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**SOLID WASTE**

1. Letters to Larry Gindoff from Patrick K. Cole, P.E., Vice President, H2M architects + engineers, dated January 7, 2025 regarding Contract Amendment Request No. 1 and dated May 21, 2025 regarding Contract Amendment Request No. 2 for the Parsippany Transfer Station Roof Replacement and Associated Repair.
2. Letter dated June 2, 2025 to Larry Gindoff from Patrick K. Cole, P.E., Vice President, H2M architects + engineers, regarding Revised Proposal for Water Exploration Engineer.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) We had a good month in May and sold approximately 627.831 MG, so we are ahead of the curve in 2024 and 2023.; (2) We circulated updated contract documents to the MUA and Legal Counsel for Emergency and On-Call Contractor

and we are looking at the August meeting for recommendation of award of that contract.; (2) Follow-up on the Mine Hill meter, based on the final settlement agreement between the MUA and Mine Hill that meter installation is to be performed by July 22, 2025. We have not heard from Mine Hill since April 25, 2025 and we are waiting to see what happens.; (3) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, Sovereign Consulting completed the final asphalt driveway replacement last Tuesday. All aspects of the project are completed and they submitted Payout No. 10. At this point, we are working on all necessary close-out documents and anticipate having this ready for the July Board Meeting. As of right now it is looking like an overall decrease in the contract amount of about \$2,600.00. We are happy with the outcome and knowing that we have the ability to put three pumps towards Mt. Arlington, as that is a little bit of a weak point in our system and we have reinforced it by getting a third pump out there.

Ms. Szwak asked why there was a decrease and Mr. McAloon replied that we had some unforeseen conditions allowance and we also had SCADA integration allowance. There has been some adds and deducts throughout the course of the project. We also added a small natural gas generator to provide house power, so it is just reconciling of unused allowances.

Mr. McAloon mentioned overall great work product and Mr. Gindoff added that it is good tight engineering and contractor relationship between Mike and Sovereign.

(3) Regarding Flanders Valley 1 & 2 Generator Replacements, there was an unforeseen condition that came up after the start-up last month. There was a manufacturing defect at that one generator where the cooling fan hit the shroud, so that has been repaired under manufacturer's defect warranty at no additional cost to the MUA. There was need to upsize the existing generator exhaust stack. The plan was to reuse the existing three-inch exhaust stack, but the generator requires a four-inch stack. At both sites, there was some minor structural repairs that are needed to accommodate this larger vent stack, so there is a Change Order that is being presented for the Board's consideration in the amount of approximately \$12,000.00 to rectify and fix the exhaust stacks at both locations.

(4) Regarding the Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements, this is the one where the Motor Control Center ship date is at the end of November and would like to discuss a plan of attack with the Solid Waste Committee on how we want to handle that Contractor.;

(5) The Pleasant Hill Road 24" PCCP Retirement has some good coordination with the Contractor, Underground Utilities, working through a few design modifications. With the reopening of Route 80, we are really working to get the Contractor out there to get that project started. Regarding Phase II, we are working to finalize the interim design package and work to get that out to bid, hopefully now that Phase I can be advanced.; and (6) Regarding the Water Exploration Engineer, there was a follow-up work session on Friday, May 30 with representatives from H2M, Larry and myself to confirm the understanding of the desired scope of services following the Water Committee work session. H2M has provided a revised proposal reflective of that updated scope and what we feel meets the needs of the MUA.

Mr. McAloon asked if anyone had any questions on the proposal and Ms. Szwak had questions. She mentioned that it seems that they took out two things and added something. Regarding the 50-year demand projection, she thought that Suburban did that, unless this is different. Mr. McAloon replied yes; the 50-year projection is part of their analysis on these sources and where this water is going to be. Ms. Szwak questioned if it is not a 50-year projection of our clients and Mr. McAloon replied that he would have to go back and look. Ms. Szwak also mentioned that they talked about review of regulations, the Highlands allocations, etc. and she thought that we said that wasn't necessary.

Mr Gindoff mentioned that we able to remove the macro items that were more generic, the climate change and the infrastructure. They said they needed to focus on hydrogeology and where could they find the wells. Mr. McAloon added that they needed to look at nearby neighboring system coordination reviewing their allocation to see what availability of the other nearby systems do. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we not only wanted them to look at the wells, but at other systems.

Ms. Szwak mentioned that they had a workshop with stakeholders regarding inventory of documents and she thought that was stuff we knew and we had. Mr. Gindoff got the sense that they need it to help to develop their background information and to make a good recommendation to us.

Mr. Druetzler agreed with Laura on the regulations and if you are going to have a meeting with H2M again, you better raise that point, as we are not going to be doing anything in the Highlands. Mr. McAloon mentioned that they are definitely in tune with what the restrictions are on this. Mr. Druetzler added that when you have that first meeting and if you see something and some of the concerns that Laura has are legitimate concerns and we all have on the Committee, you have to pull back and say we thought we talked to you about this. Mr. McAloon mentioned that the one thing that we haven't looked at are the new COAH requirements. Mr. McAloon mentioned that we can talk to them at the kick-off meeting and work with them through this at the work sessions to make sure they are pointed and focused.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-048**  
**Resolution Awarding Professional Engineering Services Agreement**  
**for Water Exploration Engineer to H2M**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") issued Request for Proposals, RFP #2025-W02, ("RFP") to provide professional engineering services related to Water Exploration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority received one proposal in response to the RFP, from H2M Architects and Engineers, Inc. ("H2M"); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal received was reviewed and evaluated by the MCMUA staff and was determined to be in compliance with the RFP requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the basis for the award is most advantageous for the MCMUA, based on a scored weighted criteria of: cost, technical and managerial; and

**WHEREAS**, following the scored weighted criteria, the MCMUA finds H2M as most advantageous; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA desires to award the contract through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7, et seq. for the engineering services related serving as the MCMUA's water exploration engineer to H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc., 119 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054 from June 10, 2025 through February 10, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in the MCMUA Budget line item 02-6-900-925-230; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 10th day of June 2025, as follows:

1. The Executive Director of the Authority is authorized and directed to sign an agreement with H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc. for the water exploration engineering services in accordance with their April 1, 2025 original proposal, as clarified by a letter dated June 2, 2025.
2. The amount for the contract shall not exceed \$86,000.00.
3. A copy of this resolution and the proposal shall be on file and available for inspection at the offices of the Authority, 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, NJ 07885.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Authority.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County  
Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a Motion to Award Professional Engineering  
Services Agreement for Water Exploration Engineer to H2M  
Associates, Inc. and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 7 NAYES: Ms. Szwak ABSTENTIONS: NONE  
(Mr. Barry was in meeting but was on mute and could not get his vote.)

**Resolution No. 2025-049  
Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Change Order No. 1  
To Contract 2023-W03  
Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Generator Replacements**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) and Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., having a business address of 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036 (“DEE-EN”) entered into an agreement on April 1, 2024 to replace the standby generator sets at Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 in accordance with a contract that was subject to public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, additional material and labor to install roof thimbles around the new exhaust stacks of each generator was required to be performed by DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc.. The overall contract price as identified has been altered as seen in (the “Change Order No. 1”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Change Order No. 1 Work results in an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$12,871.97 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

**WHEREAS**, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (“SCE”) evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 Work and the aforementioned increase in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which increases the contract price in the amount of \$12,871.97 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account Number 02-6-300-800-015 for Change Order No. 1;

**WHEREAS**, DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. agrees in Change Order No. 1 that the \$12,871.97 increase in the contract price and no time extension for the completion of the work is full compensation for the work required to be performed pursuant to Change Order No. 1 and DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc., its officers, employees, successors and assigns, release the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, its members, officers, employees, and consultants

of any and all claims, including, but not limited to disruption, delay, loss of productivity, idle and standby time for persons and equipment, home office overhead, extended or disrupted performance, additional mobilizations, remobilizations, indirect or impact claims, loss of profit, together with any other damages, that relate in any way to the work described in Change Order No. 1.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 with DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc., 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036 increasing the contract price in the amount of \$12,871.97 and no time extension for the work described in Change Order No. 1.
2. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution and Change Orders No. 1.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2025.

#### **MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a Motion to Authorize Execution Of Change Order No. 1 To Contract 2023-W03, Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 Generator Replacements and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

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

#### **PROJECT STATUS**

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

A. Through the month of May 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 627.831 MG. This amount is approximately 61.043 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 37.768 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.

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

SCE has circulated the updated Contract Documents to the MUA and legal counsel to finalize the revised bid and establish an updated bid schedule.

##### **3. Mine Hill Meter Replacement Coordination**

Based on the final settlement agreement between MCMUA and Mine Hill, meter installation is to be performed prior to July 22. Currently, Mine Hill has not reached out to begin coordinating the meter installation.

4. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

**Sovereign Consulting, Inc.** The final asphalt driveway replacement was performed on Tuesday June 3. All aspects of the project are completed.

The Contractor is working to submit payment request No. 10 in the amount of **\$41,895.00**. 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.

The Contractor is finalizing all necessary closeout documentation and anticipates having these documents ready for the July 2025 board meeting. The final change order is being prepared, it is anticipated an overall **DECREASE** to the contract amount in the amount of **\$2,696.30** will be expected.

**Project Completion Summary Through June 10, 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 June 10, 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
Payment Application #10	\$41,895.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,020,075.61
Percent of Work Complete	96%
Total Retainage to Date	\$21,256.51

5. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

**Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.** has continued coordination with the manufacturer regarding the correction of the defects, particularly 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.

As part of the project design, the intent was for the Contractor to utilize the existing generator exhaust stacks to avoid any building modifications. During the attempted vendor start-up, it was discovered that the existing generator exhaust stack was undersized and required to be upsized from 3-inches to 4-inches. As a result, it is necessary for Dee-En to modify the existing roof penetration, modify and re-support roof trusses, relocate an existing conduit, and install a new roof thimble, which provides protection around the exhaust stack and the existing roof. The total change order, which is inclusive of both Flanders Valley #1 and #2 is **\$12,871.97 (2.47%)**. This amount is higher than the remaining balance of the unforeseen conditions allowance, and therefore, SCE is presenting change order #1 for the board's review and consideration at the June 10 meeting. Currently, the project would be approximately \$1,000 over the awarded amount.



**Project Completion Summary Through June 10, 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 June 10, 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	\$482,713.14
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 to end of November 2025.

**Project Completion Summary Through June 10, 2025**

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time		174 Calendar Day Extension
Days Elapsed:	393	95%
Days Remaining:	21	5%
Original Contract Completion Date		January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date		July 1, 2025

**Project Financial Summary Through June 10, 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

We are continuing to work with the contractor, UUC, to work through a few design modifications, including providing additional service “stubs” for future connections and a few other modifications. With the re-opening of two-lanes in both east and west bound directions, we will be advising Randolph of our anticipated construction schedule, once confirmed with UUC.

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

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

9. Water Exploration Engineer

A follow-up work session was held on Friday May 30, 2025 with representatives from H2M, MUA Executive Director and SCE to confirm the understanding of desired scope of services following the detailed work session with the Water Committee. H2M has provided a revised proposal and fee reflective of the updated scope that meets the needs of the MUA. The original proposal as well as the clarification described above to the scope and the original price have been included in this month's Correspondence Report. Based on a review of the revised proposal, SCE and MUA Staff feel it is reflective of the desired outcome and goals of the MUA and a resolution awarding this engineering work to H2M it will be placed before the Board for its consideration at the June 10 board meeting.

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

Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (1) There are two resolutions for the Board's consideration to award Contract 2025-SW01 and Contract 2025-SW-02 to Solid Waste Services D/B/A as J.P. Mascaro & Sons. The MCMUA was in receipt of two bids for each transfer station. The bids were opened on May 30 and reviewed by Staff and Counsel all in preparation for anticipated award at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Szwak asked regarding J.P. Mascaro's bid, how close is that to what they are paid now? Mr. Gindoff replied now they have a bid for waste and disposal at \$58.32 per ton plus we did a fuel adjustment halfway through the contract; so it averages at \$61.50 per ton and this came in at \$78.22 per ton. It is about 27% more than we are currently paying for the equivalent services. However, that was bid five years ago in August 2020. It was pretty close to where we had budgeted for and what we expected. Chairman Dour asked is there any fuel adjustment and Mr. Deacon replied it is in the bid. Mr. Gindoff added that the fuel adjustment will either be added or deducted based on the index of fuel prices every month.

Mr. Ragonese asked what are the thoughts about why we only got two bidders? Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we were open and casted as wide of a net and making it as enticing as we could for an incredibly difficult job that so few players could actually perform. Mr. Gindoff added that he thinks the bid was very competitive.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-050**

**Resolution Awarding Contract 2025-SW01 To Solid Waste Services, Inc. D/B/A  
J.P. Mascaro & Sons For The Transportation And Disposal Of All  
Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In  
Mount Olive Township For A Period Of Five (5) Years**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2025, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") published a Notice to Bidders requesting bids for a five-year contract for the "Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In Mount Olive Township"; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 2025, the Authority received and opened sealed bids from Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons, having an address of 2650 Audubon Road,

Audubon, Pennsylvania; and Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., having an address 100 Brandywine Blvd., Suite 300, Newton, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid prices received by the Authority from these two bidders on May 30, 2025 are summarized as follows:

**Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons**

Time Period	Per Ton Transportation Price/Disposal Price \$/Outbound Ton (Mount Olive Transfer Station)
Year 1	\$78.22
Year 2	\$78.22
Year 3	\$78.22
Year 4	\$78.22
Year 5	\$78.22

**Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.**

Time Period	Per Ton Transportation Price/Disposal Price \$/Outbound Ton (Mount Olive Transfer Station)
Year 1	\$80.50
Year 2	\$83.72
Year 3	\$87.07
Year 4	\$90.55
Year 5	\$94.17

**WHEREAS**, the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons, being the apparent lowest bidder, was reviewed by the Authority’s staff and legal counsel to determine compliance with the Authority’s bid specifications and compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, no material defects were contained in the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons and therefore Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons is the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s Treasurer has certified that funds are available in account 01-5-600-620-271 for landfill disposal costs and account 01-5-600-620-271 for transportation costs, respectively.

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

1. All immaterial defects contained in the bid submission of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons, if any, are waived and the Authority awards Contract 2025-SW01 entitled “Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In Mount Olive Township” for a period of five (5) years to Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons in the amount set forth in the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons.

2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract 2025-SW01 “Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In Mount Olive Township” awarded herein to Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons (“Contract 2025-SW01”) which shall commence after: (a) full execution of Contract 2025-SW01; (b) expiration of the ongoing Contract 2020-SW01 entitled “The Operation of Two Morris County Solid Waste Transfer Stations, located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township and Mount Olive Township, Including Providing Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Transfer Station Facilities”; (c) approval by all required governmental entities for an amendment of the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan for the disposal facilities identified in the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons, which includes Keystone Sanitary Landfill; Commonwealth Environmental Systems Landfill; and Pioneer Crossing Landfill; (d) the submission and approval of the performance and payment bond; (e) all required insurance certificates in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County; (f) the submission of any other documentation required by Contract 2025-SW01 in a form acceptable to the Authority; and (g) issuance of a Notice to Proceed is duly signed by the Executive Director.

3. Within three days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after the awarding and full execution of Contract 2025-SW01 and approval of the contractor’s performance and payment bond, the bid security of Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. shall be returned.

4. The Executive Director and QPA are hereby authorized to submit to the Office of State Comptroller all required documentation for post-award notice.

5. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all persons that submitted a bid for the contract awarded herein.

6. The Authority’s staff and consultants are authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

7. A copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority’s Treasurer and shall remain on file at the administrative offices of the Authority.

8. 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 June 10, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Farris made a Motion to Award Contract 2025-SW01 To Solid Waste Services, Inc. D/B/A J.P. Mascaro & Sons For The Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In Mount Olive Township For A Period of Five (5) Years and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

**Resolution No. 2025-051  
Resolution Awarding Contract 2025-SW02 To Solid Waste Services, Inc. D/B/A  
J.P. Mascaro & Sons For The Transportation And Disposal Of All  
Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In  
Parsippany-Troy Hills Township For A Period Of Five (5) Years**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2025, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) published a Notice to Bidders requesting bids for a five-year contract for the “Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In Parsippany-Troy Hills Township”; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 2025, the Authority received and opened sealed bids from Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons, having an address of 2650 Audubon Road, Audubon, Pennsylvania; and Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., having an address 100 Brandywine Blvd., Suite 300, Newton, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid prices received by the Authority from these two bidders on May 30, 2025 are summarized as follows:

**Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons**

Time Period	Per Ton Transportation Price/Disposal Price \$/Outbound Ton (Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station)
Year 1	\$78.22
Year 2	\$78.22
Year 3	\$78.22
Year 4	\$78.22
Year 5	\$78.22

**Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.**

Time Period	Per Ton Transportation Price/Disposal Price \$/Outbound Ton (Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station)
Year 1	\$86.00
Year 2	\$90.30
Year 3	\$94.82
Year 4	\$99.56
Year 5	\$104.53

**WHEREAS**, the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons, being the apparent lowest bidder, was reviewed by the Authority’s staff and legal counsel to determine compliance with the Authority’s bid specifications and compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, no material defects were contained in the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons and therefore Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons is the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s Treasurer has certified that funds are available in account 01-5-600-620-271 for landfill disposal costs and account 01-5-600-620-271 for transportation costs, respectively.

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

1. All immaterial defects contained in the bid submission of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons, if any, are waived and the Authority awards Contract 2025-SW02 entitled “Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste

Transfer Station Located In Parsippany-Troy Hills Township” for a period of five (5) years to Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons in the amount set forth in the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons.

2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract 2025-SW02 “Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In Parsippany-Troy Hills Township” awarded herein to Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons (“Contract 2025-SW02”) which shall commence after: (a) full execution of Contract 2025-SW02; (b) expiration of the ongoing Contract 2020-SW01 entitled “The Operation of Two Morris County Solid Waste Transfer Stations, located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township and Mount Olive Township, Including Providing Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Transfer Station Facilities”; (c) approval by all required governmental entities of an amendment to the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan for the disposal facilities identified in the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a/ J.P. Mascaro & Sons, which includes Keystone Sanitary Landfill; Commonwealth Environmental Systems Landfill; and Pioneer Crossing Landfill; (d) the submission and approval of the performance and payment bond; (e) all required insurance certificates in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County; (f) the submission of any other documentation required by Contract 2025-SW02 in a form acceptable to the Authority; and (g) issuance of a Notice to Proceed is duly signed by the Executive Director.

3. Within three days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after the awarding and full execution of Contract 2025-SW02 and approval of the contractor’s performance and payment bond, the bid security of Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. shall be returned.

4. The Executive Director and QPA are hereby authorized to submit to the Office of State Comptroller all required documentation for post-award notice.

5. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all persons that submitted a bid for the contract awarded herein.

6. The Authority’s staff and consultants are authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution

7. A copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority’s Treasurer and shall remain on file at the administrative offices of the Authority.

8. 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 June 10, 2025.

**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to Award Contract 2025-SW02 To  
Solid Waste Services, Inc. D/B/A J.P. Mascaro & Sons For The  
Transportation And Disposal Of All Solid Waste Received At The  
Solid Waste Transfer Station Located In Parsippany Troy-Hills Township  
For A Period of Five (5) Years and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

Mr. Ragonese mentioned that this team did an excellent job. Mr. Gindoff stated he appreciates the Board's confidence in having the MUA take over the transfer stations and to actually perform that work ourselves. It is time that we took over the facilities and we are fully capable and it will be better for us and the Contractor in the end. Mr. Druetzler mentioned that he is glad the bid is the same for five years and the MUA has a challenge here to run it and are capable of doing it, but it is different and looking at it from a historic standpoint, we didn't own them, we bought them, and now we are running them. That is the next step and was the right thing to do. Mr. Gindoff congratulated Mascaro.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Deacon thanked Bobby Ross, our QPA, Shana O'Mara, our attorney, Brad Carney for all they did throughout the bidding process. Mr. Carney thanked James and Larry. He also thanked the MUA Board for your support and confidence and the MUA Staff with getting this right for the future of the MUA. He also thanked J.P. Mascaro & Sons and their Staff at both transfer station for all their hard work over the last five years. The MCMUA looks forward to working with J.P. Mascaro & Sons on the next five-year contract starting in December 2025.

(2) Regarding the Mt. Olive Tarp Rack, Persistent was out there yesterday and today setting up the temporary tarp rack near our trailer storage area on the north side of the station. This project is officially underway.

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

Mr. Druetzler asked will we get back the \$11,500 they used to look at other things, if they are the engineer to do this project, if we do it, are we going get that credit? Mr. Gindoff mentioned Mr. Druetzler is asking about the work they did on the sprinkler and the tarp rack already, if and when we get to do that work and we give that job to H2M, will they not charge us the initial \$11,500? He thinks they would not as they already have that first tier of engineering that they have already done. Mr. Deacon added that the sprinkler is a necessity that we are looking in September to budget.

**Resolution No. 2025-052  
Resolution Authorizing Amendment Of H2M Professional Services Contract  
For The Design And Supplemental Construction Administration Of The  
Parsippany Transfer Station Roof Replacement Project**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-072, adopted on September 10, 2024, the



Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) authorized a one-year contract with H2M Architects and Engineers, Inc., 119 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 10, Parsippany, New Jersey (“H2M”) in the amount not to exceed \$115,000 for the design, bidding and construction administration of the Authority’s Parsippany Transfer Station Roof Replacement and Associated Repair Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a letter proposal, dated January 7, 2025, H2M requested a scope of amended professional services for the EPDM Roof Replacement at the Parsippany Transfer Station in the amount \$7500 because the synthetic rubber roofing membrane above the office space had reached the end of its useful life and would be included in the design effort for full demolition and in-kind replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a letter proposal, dated May 21, 2025, H2M requested a scope of amended professional services in the amount of \$11,500 for construction administration because a portion of the original construction administration budget of \$23,000 was reallocated to cover due diligence and feasibility regarding additional scope for a tarping station and sprinkler system replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to complete construction administration as originally contemplated by H2M’s contract, \$11,500 needs to be restored and applied to the construction administration phase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority desires to amend H2M’s one-year professional service contract to include the January 7, 2025 amended scope of work in the amount of \$7500 (engineering for roof over office) and the May 21, 2025 amended scope of work in the amount of \$11,500 (construction administration), for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$134,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s Treasurer has certified that funds are available in Budget line item 01-5-900-925-225.

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

1. The contract by and between the Authority and H2M Architects & Engineers for the engineering services related to the design, bidding and construction administration of the Parsippany Transfer Station Roof Replacement and Associated Repair Project, dated October 1, 2024 and expiring on September 30, 2025, is hereby amended to include the additional scope of

services described in H2M’s proposal letter, dated January 7, 2025 in the increased amount of \$7,500.

2. The contract by and between the Authority and H2M Architects & Engineers for the engineering services related to the design, bidding and construction administration of the Parsippany Transfer Station Roof Replacement and Associated Repair Project, dated October 1, 2024 and expiring on September 30, 2025, is hereby amended to include the additional scope of services described in H2M’s proposal letter, dated May 21, 2025, in the increased amount of \$11,500.

3. The total contract amount is increased from \$115,000 to not to exceed \$134,000 at the hourly rates set forth in the contract by and between the Authority and H2M Architects and Engineers, Inc., dated October 1, 2024, on file at the offices of the Authority as a professional service pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

4. A notice of the amended contract award shall be published in the official newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection at the Authority.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith made a Motion to Authorize Amendment Of H2M Professional Contract For The Design And Supplemental Construction Administration Of The Parsippany Transfer Station Roof Replacement Project and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(3) The “second round” of AED/CPR/Basic First Aid training will occur on Tuesday, July 8, again at the Markewicz Booster Station through Atlantic Health.; (4) Purchased three thermal imaging cameras and we used them today in Parsippany when J.P. Mascaro employee noticed smoke in the pile and it was extinguished.; (5) The first HHW event in Jefferson went well and there were 476 vehicles. Our 2nd HHW event is Saturday, June 21 at Chatham High School.

Our annual HHW training was completed through Veolia in Flanders. Work continues inside the HHW Office trailer from our County IT Dept.; (6) Regarding Vegetative Waste, year-to-date revenue is \$39, 585 behind last year, inbound \$33,493 behind, marketing behind \$7,059 and residential sales are up \$907.00. This was all after taking into account our delivery services with Kirk Allen and Naturcycle's reimbursement.; (7) Installation of four cameras at Mt. Olive and Parsippany Compost sites; two at each location. They are working well and they are on the same viewing platform as our transfer station cameras.; and (8) After receiving two proposals from Naturcycle LLC and Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc., Staff used a score card for Technical, Managerial and Cost criteria and selected Vollers. The MCMUA Vegetative Waste program is excited to enter into a new partnership with Vollers, whose response on the Vegetative Waste RFP was straightforward and impressive. They have been in business since 1949. There are in a position to help sell tremendous amounts in a timely manner which will set us up to be a reliable outlet for Morris County municipalities during our leaf season. Staff reached out and discovered Vollers has been successfully managing all aspects of Union County's compost program since 2022 and look forward to applying their expertise for the MUA in our own best interests.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-053**  
**Resolution Authorizing Marketing of Recyclable Materials Contract**  
**By and Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**and Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc.**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "MCMUA" or "Authority") operates a vegetative waste recycling program where it accepts vegetative waste at and generates recycled compost and mulch products; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s), the marketing of recyclable materials recovered through a recycling program, may be negotiated and awarded by the MCMUA without public advertising for bids, and the MCMUA is authorized to instead procure a Marketing of Vegetative Waste Recyclables (Compost and Mulch) contract pursuant to a Request for Proposals (RFP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority issued a RFP for the Marketing of Vegetative Waste Recyclables (Compost and Mulch) on May 13, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority received proposals from two proposers by the June 3, 2025 deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, Naturcycle, LLC submitted a proposal, on file at the offices of the MCMUA; and

**WHEREAS**, Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. submitted a proposal, on file at the office of the MCMUA; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposals received were reviewed and evaluated by the MCMUA staff and was determined to be in compliance with the RFP requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the basis for the award is most advantageous for the MCMUA, based on a scored weighted criteria of: cost, technical and managerial; and

**WHEREAS**, following the scored weighted criteria, the MCMUA finds Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. as most advantageous; and

**WHEREAS**, following the evaluation, the Staff recommends the awarding a contract to Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. having a business address of 3311 US HWY 22 POB 5297 North Branch, NJ 08876-1303 ("Vollers") based on its June 3, 2025 submission.

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

1. Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. having a business address of 3311 US HWY 22 POB 5297 North Branch, NJ 08876-1303, is determined to be the most advantageous proposer and the MCMUA's Executive Director, in consultation with Counsel, is hereby

authorized to execute a marketing of vegetative waste contract by and between the MCMUA and Vollers in accordance with the Vollers' proposal, which shall have a term of one (1) year and may be extended, in the sole discretion of the MCMUA, not to exceed two (2) one-year extensions.

2. The Contract awarded herein to Vollers shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required insurance certificates required by the Contract, in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County, and all other documentation required by the Contract.
3. The MCMUA Treasurer certifies funds are available for the Contract award from Budget Line Item 01-4-600-623-625 and a copy of this Resolutions shall be submitted to the Authority's Treasurer and kept on file at the offices of the Authority.
4. 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.
5. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the MCMUA Treasurer.
6. 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 June 10, 2025.

#### MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Contract By And Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 8      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE  
(Mr. Barry left the meeting.)

Ms. Szwak applauded James Deacon on the CPR and First Aid Training and the radios too. She likes the safety.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) Regarding the Tarp Rack Roof Project at Mt. Olive Facility, Persistent has submitted all their documents and their submittals have been approved and they started work this week. They started construction on the temporary rack and it is going quite well. Expect them to be complete with the temporary rack and start the demolition on the existing rack shortly. According to the Construction Schedule, they expect to be completed by July 30.; (2) Regarding the Public Water Service Project, we have submitted the construction plans to New Jersey American on May 23. We received an email back that the plans are under review and they have been forwarded to the Construction Department for a cost estimate for the construction of the main. The MUA is going to have to enter into an agreement and pay for cost of the water main construction. New Jersey American will be doing the construction of the water main. This main is solely for MUA use for the fire suppression system.

Mr. Druetzler asked if N.J. American will be installing fire hydrants and Mr. Kobylarz replied that they will be installing three fire hydrants.

Mr. Druetzler thought we were going to hire an independent contractor and Mr. Kobylarz replied that will be the next phase when we do the services and connect them to the building. This will be a separate contract.

Mr. Druetzler asked if N.J. American is going to do the taps into the main and Mr. Kobylarz replied that the independent contractor who is doing the services would probably do the taps.

Mr. Kobylarz will present agreements to the MUA when received. Mr. Carney requested that he see those agreements in advance and Mr. Kobylarz will forward them to Mr. Carney once he receives them.

(3) Regarding the Parsippany Transfer Station North Floor Improvements, the survey crew will be there on Friday to as-built the floor and surrounding areas. Once we get this information, we can start the design.

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

#### **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 43,235 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in May 2025 was just 0.16% greater than the 43,164 tons accepted a year ago in May 2024. Following the first five (5) months of actual tonnage data for 2025, it is projected that the MCMUA will accept 488,384 tons of solid waste in 2025 which would represent a 2.43% increase over the 476,803 tons accepted in 2024. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

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

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

Inbound Tonnage- About 16,043- 1,001 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,053- 303 less than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 1,007- 71 more than 2024

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

Inbound Tonnage- About 27,190- 1,071 more tons than 2024

Total Customers- 5,977- 138 more than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 607- 79 more than 2024

The MCMUA continues to see high volumes at both stations on the days following the Memorial Day holiday. The Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station had high inbound tonnage the entire week including Saturday, May 31. J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) was able to handle everything with no interruptions and no major delays in customer service. This included two (2) days with over 300 customers using the Parsippany station. The day after Memorial Day, Tuesday May 27, Mount Olive had 219 customers, 66 which were self-generated/ residential customers, and took in 938 tons. The same Tuesday in Parsippany: 317 customers, 33 residential, and 1,658 tons. The month of May also saw two (2) lanes of Route 80 East open up to traffic on May 21, then two (2) lanes Westbound late night on May 30. These Route 80 improvements will only help to assist the JPM transportation division in Dunmore, PA manage Morris County waste more efficiently.

#### **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. The MCMUA received two (2) sealed bids on Friday, May 30, 2025, for both Mount Olive at 11:00AM and Parsippany at 11:30AM at the MCMUA's main office. The apparent low bidder was Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) out of Audubon, PA. The JPM bid price for both stations was \$78.22 per Outbound Ton. While JPM bid the same price per ton for both MCMUA transfer stations, they also bid same price for all five (5) years. The other bidder was Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. Results from both bid openings are listed below for the Board:

**BID #2025-SW01 Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Mount Olive Transfer Station Located in Mount Olive Township**

Bidder	Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.	Solid Waste Services d/b/a J.P. Mascaro and Sons
Year 1	\$80.50/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 2	\$83.72/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 3	\$87.07/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 4	\$90.55/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 5	\$94.17/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Total Bid	\$436.01/ Outbound Ton	\$391.10/ Outbound Ton

**BID #2025-SW02 for Transportation and Disposal of All Solid Waste Received at the Parsippany Transfer Station Located in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township**

Bidder	Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.	Solid Waste Services d/b/a J.P. Mascaro and Sons
Year 1	\$86.00/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 2	\$90.30/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 3	\$94.82/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 4	\$99.56/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Year 5	\$104.53/ Outbound Ton	\$78.22/ Outbound Ton
Total Bid	\$475.21/ Outbound Ton	\$391.10/ Outbound Ton

After bids were received on May 30, they were reviewed by staff and legal counsel to determine compliance with the MCMUA’s bid specifications and Local Public Contracts Law. Staff and counsel have prepared two (2) resolutions for the Board’s consideration at the June 10 meeting, awarding contracts #2025-SW01 and #2025-SW02 to Solid Waste Services d/b/a J.P. Mascaro and Sons. The contract start-up date for both stations is on or around Monday, December 15, 2025. If approved by the MCMUA Board, staff will begin work with the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) on adopting a Solid Waste Plan Amendment, recommending the Morris County Board Commissioners amend the Plan to include the new contracts. A similar resolution will be presented to MCMUA Board for its consideration recommending the approving of such Plan amendment to the County Commissioners.

**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 June 10 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Bid #2024-12 awarded to Persistent Construction, Inc. from Fairview, New Jersey at the February 11 MCMUA Board meeting. Persistent has provided both the MCMUA and Alaimo Engineering a schedule of values for payments and their schedule of events for construction. Mobilization and general conditions are scheduled to start on Monday, June 9. According to the schedule, project completion/demobilization will occur on or about July 30. The MCMUA staff is looking forward to working with Persistent on this needed improvement project at our Mount Olive station.
- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- The water main extension plans were submitted by Alaimo to NJAW Company on May 23. These plans for the water services and connections to the existing internal water system were prepared in coordination with the MCMUA Operations staff.

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- awarded to Arco Construction, Inc. (Arco) from West Caldwell at the April 8 MCMUA Board meeting. Staff provided four (4) signed copies of the contract to H2M who will work Arco to have them countersign. With the project now awarded, MCMUA staff requested an amendment to our current engineering contract with H2M to include additional needed construction administration or project oversight. A copy of this H2M proposal has been included in correspondence for the Board for the June 10 meeting. Staff has also prepared a resolution for the June 10 meeting for the Board's consideration accepting the amended proposal and H2M fee structure to completely oversee this Parsippany roof replacement project to completion while also addressing a smaller portion of roofing over the office section of the tipping building not originally included in H2M's scope of work. The proposed amended contract is increasing from \$115,000 to \$134,000. This covers \$7,500 for additional engineering work associated with the office portion of the roof as well as an additional \$11,500 to cover costs of construction administration not originally contained in the original agreement with H2M. It should be noted that the original scope of work with H2M was to cover the costs of engineering the tarp rack/door area as well as a replacement of the entire building sprinkler system. Unfortunately, preliminary engineering on both of these aspects of the work revealed the capital costs of what was being designed to be way beyond what was budgeted for by the MCMUA, and as such, engineering design work was stopped on these two (2) different project items. Both the Parsippany transfer station sprinkler system and tarp rack will need to be addressed as the MCMUA considers its anticipated capital program during budget time at the end of the summer.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

On Thursday, May 15, eighteen (18) total MCMUA employees attended automated external defibrillator (AED)/ "Heart Saver" cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/ basic first aid (FA) training at the Water Division's Markowicz Booster Station in Randolph. This AED/CPR/FA training included all eight (8) members of our Water Division and ten (10) total Solid Waste employees from different departments. The American Heart Association training event was hosted by Atlantic Health System (Morristown Memorial Hospital) which included child and infant training. The MCMUA currently has seven (7) AEDs at all different locations including the main office. This training addressed a gap, while providing employees critical emergency procedures used to save lives during cardiac arrest. The "second round" of AED/CPR/Basic First Aid training, which was offered to all MCMUA employees, will occur on Tuesday, July 8, again at the Markowicz Booster Station through Atlantic Health. Once completed, the MCMUA will have 34 total trained employees.

As a result of this safety training, the MCMUA purchased OSHA compliant "grab-and-go bag" style first aid/trauma kits, which include tourniquets and splints, for our Curbside garage and transfer stations. These kits will supplement the current wall mounted kits and help to cover larger areas in case of medical emergencies until medical professionals arrive. This purchase also included additional CRP pocket masks and bleeding control powders that were issued to all our MCMUA locations.

As of Wednesday, June 4, MCMUA Curbside Supervisor Micheal Simmons and Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams are attending the Association of Environmental Authorities- Environmental Professional Development Academy (AEA-EPDA) 2025 Cohort, starting at the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority in Manalapan Township. Organized by the AEA of New Jersey, this program offers training in technical, leadership, and management skills for professionals in public environmental authorities. It includes four (4) tracks in administration, finance, field operations, and human resources. Currently, the final Academy Capstone is scheduled for October 15, 2025.

With the ongoing issues of lithium battery fires at transfer stations, MRFs, and scrap yards throughout the State of New Jersey, the MCMUA has purchased three (3) REED R2170 Thermal Imaging Cameras (TICs) that have been issued to both transfer stations and our household hazardous waste facility (HHWF). The purpose of these TICs is to identify hotspots in refuse piles, enhancing safety and preventing fire hazards. In-house training will be provided by the MCMUA Solid Waste Coordinator to ensure safe and effective use of these cameras by staff. MCMUA existing fire prevention and emergency response protocols (our “FIRE DRILL SAFETY PROCEDURES/ EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS”), will be integrated within these procedures.

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

**Program Participation-** In May of 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 263 serviced appointments, which included 240 Morris County residents, 5 VSQG/small businesses, and 18 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in May of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 249 serviced appointments, which included 235 Morris County residents, 12 out-of-County residents, and 2 VSQG/small businesses. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 1,026 serviced appointments after the first five (5) months- 935 Morris County residents, 72 out-of-County residents, and 19 VSQG/small businesses.

The first of four (4) 2025 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program- One-Day Drop-Off events occurred at the Jefferson Township Department of Public Work (DPW) yard located at 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong section of Jefferson Township, on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. The MCMUA HHW staff worked diligently through the morning hours to try and keep traffic lines from backing up onto Weldon Road and Sparta Mountain Road into Jefferson’s depot. A majority of the traffic volume was residents using the depot for proper disposal of their vegetative waste, recycling, and household construction debris, which was also open during the event. With assistance from our Morris County Sheriff’s Department- Bomb Squad, who are thankfully always present at these events, staff got through the day with no incidents processing **476 vehicles**. Many Jefferson residents, along with Jefferson’s Municipal Recycling Coordinator, Ms. Erica Vinales, thanked staff for their efforts and hosting the event in the Northwest section of Morris County. The total 476 customers surpassed staff expectations for this location. The next scheduled Spring event, quickly approaching, will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Chatham High School- 255 Lafayette Avenue, Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928. Reminder to the Board, the 2025 Fall one-day events this year:

- **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

**Related HazMat Training Events-** MCMUA HHW staff Stephen Adams, Justin Doyle, Brett Snyder, and James E. Deacon all completed the annual hazardous waste refresher trainings through Veolia Environmental Services (ES) during the month of May 2025. These trainings included the First Responder Operations Level/ General Site Worker (8-Hour HAZWOPER), Hazardous Materials Transportation (DOT), and Hazardous Waste Management (RCRA), all held at Veolia ES in Flanders. This continued training provides the MCMUA with four (4) qualified employees that can cover, manage, and sign hazardous waste manifests at the HHW permanent facility and at our one-day drop-off events.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

MCMUA staff received two (2) proposals for RFP (Request for Proposal) #2025-VW01 for the marking of vegetative waste recyclable materials on Tuesday, June 3 at 11:00AM. Staff reviewed the proposals from both Naturcycle, LLC. and Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. using a weighted scorecard for technical, managerial, and cost criteria. Staff is currently reviewing the two (2) proposals and anticipates preparing a resolution for the Board’s consideration at the June 10 meeting awarding a contract for vegetative waste marketing to the recommended firm. If approved, the contract term is for one (1) year, commencing on June 10, 2025, with the MCMUA reserving the right to exercise, in its sole discretion, the option to extend the contract term by two (2) one-year extensions.



MCMUA staff continues to work with both the NJDEP and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) on a Modification Application concerning the renewal of the Mount Olive facility's Multi-Class (B&C) Recycling Center General Approval. Staff will be provided the NJDEP with signed, dated, and sealed copies of the updated SCE site plan(s) to include an operational narrative describing how the MCMUA plans to achieve and remain in compliance. Two (2) additional Packetalk PTZ (pan tilt zoom) cameras with two (2) RF radios (PT-420) were installed at the Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility on May 15 and 16. The same occurred at the Parsippany facility on May 29 and 30. With assistance from County IT, these four (4) cameras are now active online through the same Morris County Department of Law and Public Safety servers. The MCMUA delivery program of screened compost and double-ground wood mulch for our Morris County residents is beginning to see a seasonal slowdown, yet continue to come in. The Parsippany Scarab 18LL-450 D4 Windrow Turner (2001, White, 2,386 Hours) was originally listed to be auctioned at \$60,000, was then reauctioned for \$50,000, and still has not sold. With that, the MCMUA was contacted by the Township of East Brunswick, New Jersey to view the Scarab on June 4 for a potential governmental agency-to-agency purchase. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the June 10 Board meeting.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

The May 2025 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$62.37/ton. This represents a \$6.12 per ton increase in cost to the MCMUA and its customers from the April finalized rate of \$56.25 per ton, as presented at the May board meeting.

- In May, recycling markets across all commodities experienced pricing value decreases due to an uncertain economy.
  - Regarding fiber pricing, cardboard and paper prices have started to decline, showing slight decreases after several months of stagnation in May, and this trend continued into June.
  - Sources indicate a sustained slowdown in domestic wastepaper purchasing from Canada and Mexico, resulting in an oversupply of recycled materials in the domestic market, which has led to lower sale prices.
  - Moreover, this situation comes at a time when paper operations were anticipated to ramp up around this time last year; instead, they are experiencing slowdowns and projected closures in domestic mills.
  - Notably, containerboard mills nationwide are reporting a significant loss in general demand for new pizza box sales, with predictions that demand will remain weak throughout 2025.
  - This situation underscores the uncertainty in the stability of domestic Old Corrugated Container (OCC) markets and reflects tightening consumer spending habits, which are indicative of broader economic conditions.
    - If you're reconsidering your pizza plans for Friday, it may signal larger concerns about your overall spending habits.
  - Regarding plastic commodities, significant price declines were observed at the beginning of June; however, this downward trend has since halted, according to the latest market update.
    - This decrease is unusual for this time of year, as plastic commodity prices typically rise in anticipation of higher demand for beverages during the summer.
    - However, buyers are increasingly looking for recycled materials from alternative sources to avoid the uncertainty associated with trade boundaries.

- In the metals sector, steel and aluminum prices declined slightly in May and remained stable in June, despite domestic and international buyers facing supply shortages and tariffs on foreign metal imports.
- Glass pricing has remained stagnant, currently at a negative \$15 per ton.
  - This prolonged stagnation persists despite some fluctuations in the national average in May.
  - These changes were a result of the loss of federal grant funding for recycled glass end users, which was previously provided by the Inflation Reduction Act and is now being reconsidered by the current administration.
- As we approach the start of the third quarter in July, market experts anticipate continued challenges with commodity pricing. Still, there are hopes it will begin to recover by the fourth quarter.

### **Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Updates**

#### *MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals (CRP) Course:*

- I would also like to congratulate Ms. Maura Toomey on obtaining her Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) certification from Rutgers University.
- Participants are required to attend all 21 classes and written deliverables in a certification series.
- They must write a series of reports to demonstrate their understanding of the course material, work on a capstone project focused on recycling, and pass a final exam to become certified.
- Maura worked on a joint Master Composter Training Program, which will be offered by both the MCMUA and Rutgers Morris County Agricultural Extension on West Hanover Avenue, which is scheduled to begin this fall.
- With her recent certification, both she and I are currently licensed, with Alessia Eramo scheduled to attend the fall class this year.
- Please join me in celebrating her commitment to recycling and this significant accomplishment.

#### *MCMUA Advertises Two Openings with the Division:*

In May, the Division advertised two openings:

- We have two open positions: District Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Program Specialist, following Cheryl Birmingham's retirement, as well as a recycling program intern.
- The Coordinator and Specialist role has attracted many qualified applicants, with interviews set for Thursday and Friday, and a decision anticipated next week for a start date from early to mid-July.
- For the internship, we will continue offering opportunities for students in higher education interested in waste reduction and recycling, aiming to develop future professionals in the field.
- This will be our fifth intern with the MCMUA, with the next one expected from the Morris County Vocational School District, where interest has been expressed.
- An unpaid intern position has been approved and posted in collaboration with the Vocational School District.
- The internship will conclude with a capstone project at the end of the program.

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

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

- In May and June, we focused on continuing to renew our shared service agreements expiring at the end of the year, as detailed in the board report.
- As a carryover from last month, we continued our work in bringing regular 5-year agreements with pricing set to our educational customer accounts.
  - Last month, updated proposals were presented to four educational districts: Mendham Borough, Mendham Township, Wharton Borough, and Boonton Township.

- The Mendham Township Board of Education declined our proposal in favor of seeking out competitive quotations, terminating our contract on July 1 while discussions with the other districts are ongoing.
- Regarding Randolph Township’s Recycling Services Proposal, we worked to finalize an agreement for curbside recycling collection with the Township Administration in May.
- We plan to hold a joint meeting later this month to finalize the proposal and mobilize the necessary equipment for the contract.
- In addition to these agreements, work actively continued in May and June with municipal recycling coordinators and their administrations to draft new contracts for Boonton, Chatham, and Hanover Townships.
  - These towns have minor changes to their current service contracts.
- In addition to these newer agreements, work from the previous month continued with Rockaway Borough and East Hanover, which have implemented new changes to their agreements that will affect collection services and pricing.

**MCMUA 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:**

- On April 30<sup>th</sup>, all 39 municipalities submitted their Municipal Tonnage Grant applications to the NJDEP, and immediately following the deadline, the Division began reviewing all submissions for content, accuracy, and thoroughness to improve our County and subsequent municipal recycling rates.
- As of today, all revisions and comments have been submitted to our MRCs to resubmit their reports, with around half of their revised reports already submitted to the state.
- The Division will continue to field questions and press our MRCs to provide their optional resubmissions to the NJDEP for resubmittals.

***MCMUA and the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade:***

- On May 24, the MCMUA participated in the Memorial Day Parade, showcasing three recycling vehicles and seven representatives.
- This year, we provided 3.5-gallon buckets as educational giveaways, featuring stickers with instructions on obtaining free mulch and compost, as well as a QR code for easy ordering.
- Each bucket included guidance on using MCMUA mulch and compost, along with a program flyer.
- Parade attendees eagerly chased after the MCMUA for more information, and phone operators were prepared to handle the expected influx of sales calls afterward.

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

- Next week, we wrap up our Boat Shrink Wrap recycling program.
  - Numbers from the conclusion of May noted the Morris County program yielded a little over 10 tons, while the Sussex County program yielded around 6 tons.
  - The June report will have the final count of materials recycled through the program but we are doing about the same as last year for materials recycled.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-054**  
**Resolution Authorizing Renewal Of Use Agreement**  
**With Department Of Military And Veteran Affairs**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") entered into a Use Agreement with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs ("Department") for the lease of the motor services building and parking area at the Dover Armory; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to renew the Use Agreement for one year for a total annual cost of \$85,021.64; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in line item 01-3-600-626-612.

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is authorized and directed to renew the Use Agreement with the Department for the lease of the motor services building and parking area at the Dover Armory for an additional one year.
2. A copy of the Resolution shall be submitted to the MCMUA Treasurer.
3. This Resolution 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 June 10, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize Renewal Of Use Agreement with Department Of Military And Veteran Affairs and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

**RECYCLING REPORT:**

**Recycling Tonnage and Value**

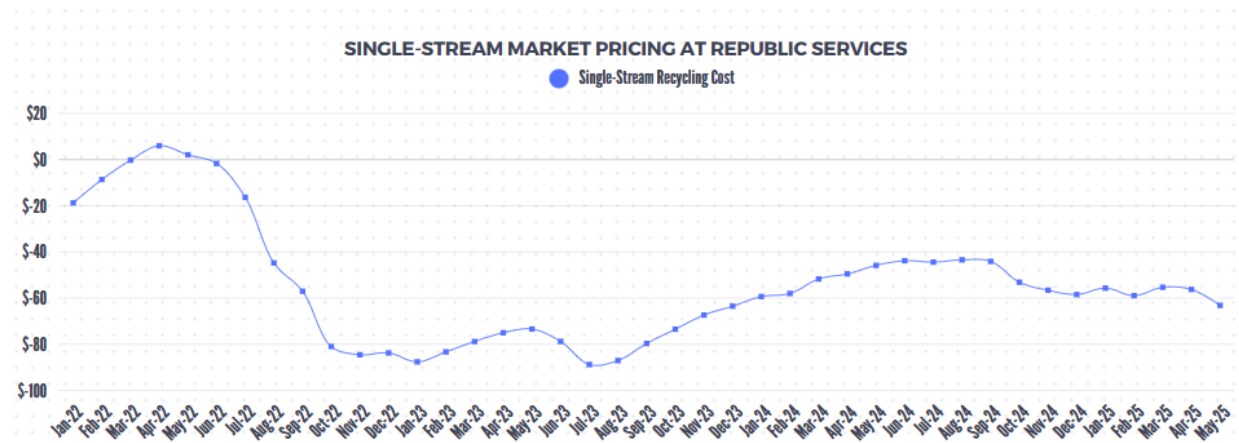
**May Recycling Markets and Operations Update:**

In May, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate is estimated at -\$63.18 per ton, reflecting a cost increase of \$6.93 from the finalized rate of -\$56.25 in the previous month.

Recycling markets saw a decline in May, influenced by an uncertain economy, with all commodity types experiencing price devaluation. Prices for fiber, including cardboard and paper,

showed slight declines after months of stagnation. Sources indicate a continued slowdown in the purchase of domestic wastepaper material from Canada and Mexico. This has begun to burden domestic markets with excess recycled materials, driving prices down. Similarly, plastic commodities, specifically #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) plastics, have seen substantial price declines that were carried into the beginning of June. This drop comes just as markets usually begin ramping up purchases in anticipation of increased demand for beverages during the summer. However, buyers are increasingly seeking recycled materials from alternative sources, avoiding the uncertainty surrounding trade boundaries. In the metals sector, both steel and aluminum have experienced slight price declines, despite domestic and international buyers facing supply shortages.

Recent changes in pricing within recycled commodity markets have been significantly influenced by weeks of shifting narratives and uncertainties following the current administration's tariff decisions. Market participants are navigating this new tariff environment; however, the lack of clarity forces these players to interpret regulations as best they can, complicating purchases for cautious buyers. As a result, international mills are exploring alternatives to sourcing from the United States whenever possible, which is creating an excess of material in our domestic supply and further pressuring prices downward.



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

**Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Updates**

**MCMUA Advertises Two Openings with the Division:**

*District Clean Communities Coordinator & Recycling Program Specialist Position:*

Following the retirement of Cheryl Birmingham last month, who had previously held the position for several years, both Marrone and Toomey formulated a job description for the open vacancy, which was posted with the County Personnel Office. The opening has since garnered several qualified applicants, many of whom are recent graduates of higher learning institutions seeking placement in their fields of study. Others are experienced professionals who actively serve in similar roles within the government throughout the state. Interviews are scheduled for June 12 and 13, with a decision expected by June 25 for approval at the Board of County Commissioners' meeting and a possible start date from early to mid-July.

*Recycling Division Program Intern:*

For several years, the MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division has established and maintained an internship program for students enrolled in higher education institutions who have a passion for furthering their education in the areas of waste reduction and recycling, while also preparing them to become future professionals in the field. The first three were students from the Morris County Vocational School District's Environmental Academies, who all went on to seek positions in a related field. Our current intern from Montclair State University, who has transitioned to a part-time Environmental Education & Program Assistant, Sophia Civitella, has excelled in her time with the MCMUA, working on our current food waste reduction initiatives, and continues to be a valued member of our team.

At the Lake Hopatcong Block Party this past month, while tabling at the event, Marrone was approached by the Morris County Vocational School District, which inquired if we would be

open to accepting another intern for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Several of their students had shown interest in interning with us as a part of next year's program. Following the event, Marrone discussed with the Division the continuation of the internship program and possible areas for improvement. A posting was created for an unpaid intern position with the Division and approved internally with the MCMUA. The opening was subsequently provided to the MCVSD for consideration by their students. The program will aim to culminate in a capstone project, completed at the end of the students' studies.

### **Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities**

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

Throughout May, 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 awaiting approval from municipal customers, such as Parsippany, Roxbury, and Long Hill, as previously reported to the Board, agreements for Mendham Township, Morris Plains, and the Morris School District were finalized following the May board meeting. The following additional work was completed this month as follows:

#### *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, the Mendham Borough Board of Education, the Boonton Township Board of Education, and the Wharton Board of Education. Still, it does so without shared services agreements at this time. In mid-2024, Marrone and Toomey contacted each other at the end of their expiring annual contracts to transition them into our regular 5-year shared services agreements, similar to those of other educational customers.

Starting with the Mendham Township Board of Education, all the Boards of Education were provided with new contracts for recycling services in early May. In late May, the MCMUA followed up on the proposals and provided explanations to each regarding the pricing increases and the reasoning behind contracting services under a shared services agreement.

So far, the Mendham Township Board of Education has decided not to move forward with the agreement, seeking competitive quotations for this service without a prolonged contract and canceling our contract effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Toomey drafted agreements based on the other three proposals, should any of these school districts wish to proceed. This will need to be finalized in early June, as their current pricing expires at the end of the month.

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

Throughout May, the administration team worked to finalize a proposed shared services agreement for curbside recycling collection in Randolph following our initial proposal submitted to Randolph for review in mid-April. Working with the Township Administration and the municipality's consultant, who is negotiating this agreement, the MCMUA plans to hold a joint meeting to finalize the proposal by mid-June. Doing so will allow us sufficient time to purchase and obtain the necessary equipment, including three automated collection vehicles (also known as one-arm bandits), for the contract's start date.

#### *General Recycling Services SSA Renewal Updates:*

In May, Marrone and Toomey began reviewing current contracts with municipal recycling coordinators and their administrations, drafting new agreements for Boonton, Chatham, and Hanover Townships. These towns are expected to have minor changes to their current service contracts. In addition to these newer agreements, work from the previous month continued with Rockaway Borough and East Hanover, which have implemented new changes to their agreements, which will affect collection services and pricing.

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

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

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

- MCMUA Plans for the Second MRC Meeting of the 2025 Calendar Year
- Morris County Library and MCMUA Education Partnership
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals (CRP) Course
- MCMUA attends the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Educational Summit
- MCMUA Conducts Composting Education Program at Madison's Junior School
- MCMUA at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Block Party
- MCMUA Performs Recycling Education Programs at Morris School District's Afterschool Programs
- MCMUA and the 39th Annual Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade
- MCMUA, the County Recycling Coordinators, and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans Its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

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

#### **Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement Accomplishments:**

In late May, Toomey completed and submitted the 2023 12-month financial report as well as our budget modification to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), which was subsequently approved in the SAGE system. This final report successfully closed out our two-year backlog of submissions required by the NJDEP in accordance with our state-mandated guidelines. The completion of the reports for both the 2022 and 2023 grants was significantly delayed due to reporting issues and technical difficulties on the state's part, which have now been resolved. Currently, the MCMUA is one of the few counties fully compliant with its reporting requirements, with no outstanding documents awaiting approval and no open REA grants with the NJDEP.

Following this, Toomey drafted the 2024 REA grant application and created a budget tracker with the allocated spending categories for said grant spent during the 2025 calendar year. The application will be submitted in mid-June before the end-of-the-month deadline. As a reminder, 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.

#### **MCMUA 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:**

At the end of the day on April 30, all 39 municipalities in Morris County submitted their 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Applications to the NJDEP before the deadline. According to the grant guidelines, any applications received after April 30, 2025, will not be processed, and the grant will be forfeited. To ensure that all coordinators had the necessary tools to submit their reports thoroughly and with as much information as possible, the MCMUA completed significant preparatory work. This effort aimed to facilitate a large grant payout and improve the recycling rate, alongside their internal initiatives.

Throughout May and into June, the MCMUA continued to gather recycling tonnage reports and worked on boosting Morris County's recycling rate. The goal was to resubmit updated tonnage reports by June 15, 2025, the deadline for the MRCs to resubmit their reports.

Starting Monday, May 12, the Solid Waste Planning team will begin reviewing each MRC's reporting submissions for accuracy and any missing tonnage to help enhance recycling rates and recover any missing grants. The MCMUA intends to thoroughly review each municipality's initial reports by June 6, allowing enough time for them to resubmit their reports with our edits and any additional materials they have compiled on their behalf before the June 15 deadline. It should be noted that, with nearly all reviews completed by the time of writing this report, many of our coordinators have reached back out to the MCMUA, thanking us for our efforts and time to support their work.

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

In May, 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. After Memorial Day, most boats have already been opened, and the program began to slow down drastically. On May 26, the Lee's Marina location had its container pulled, and the area marinas were informed that the Jefferson Health Center site was still operational for material drop-off for recycling. The program is expected to run until mid-June, with the last container being pulled at that time. At the time of writing this report, the Morris County recycling program yielded 10.17 tons while the Sussex County program yielded 5.77 tons. The June report will have the final count of materials recycled through the program.

In addition to the regular daily drop-off sites open to the marinas, a public drop-off day was 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 to prepare the public for recycling and raise awareness about 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.

### **Morris County Clean Communities Program**

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

Following the retirement of Cheryl Birmingham, the Morris County Clean Communities Roadway Litter Abatement Program was put on hold until June with our contractor, Adopt-A-Highway. During May, much of the work performed involved planning and on-site visits to several hotspot areas for illegal dumping and littering, which were completed in preparation for cleanup efforts in the coming months. As a result, two cleanups are scheduled for Morris County Roadways on June 5 and 19, pending the contractor's schedule and any weather-related events.

The second and third cleanups of the year are scheduled for different sections of Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson Township. A fourth cleanup is being planned for July on the roads surrounding the Mount Olive Transfer Station.

#### **MCMUA General Staffing Matters with the Clean Communities Program:**

Throughout the month, the Solid Waste Planning Division worked collaboratively following Birmingham's retirement at the end of May to ensure the Clean Communities grant budget is in order and that any remaining payments for programs and outstanding state-mandated grant duties will be completed by the end of the grant period. In addition, Toomey and Civitella also worked to plan the next series of county road clean-ups through the Adopt-A-Highway program for June. Additionally, the annual Clean Communities Statistical Report is due at the end of July, following the grants spending deadline of June 30. Work has already begun



compiling all information on the MCMUAs' past and current efforts until the end of the year to close out this grant, as well as formulating our final report to the state for approval.

**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 8:21 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary