

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JULY 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on July 8, 2025, at 7:03 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, Mr. Larry Ragonese, Mr. Ronald Smith, Ms. Laura Szwak and Chairman Christopher Dour

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry and Dr. Arthur Nusbaum

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.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025.

Mr. Szwak mentioned that a correction be made in the Minutes on page 4 of Water Report in the seventh paragraph, second sentence. The sentence should be amended to read "We said to them to focus on hydrogeology".

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to approve the amended Minutes of June 10, 2025 and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of June 2025. Also included are the Solid Waste and Water Comparative Balance Reports through the month of June 2025 and an Investment Report showing a CD with Provident Bank maturing in May and being renewed in June for 13 months at a rate of four percent.

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

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

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

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

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-055

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. 2025-055 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$4,571,938.88** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	7003-7023	\$	157,883.59
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	16070-16154	\$	<u>4,414,055.29</u>
		\$	4,571,938.88

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: July 8, 2025

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Christopher Dour, Chairman

SIGNED: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: July 8, 2025.

DATE: July 8, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Mr. Druetzler asked about the charge for JCP&L at Woodland & Cold Hill Road and Mr. Kaletcher replied that is an account for our meter pit location. Mr. Gindoff added that is where we sell water from to N.J. American.

Mr. Ragonese asked about the charge for J.P. Mascaro and how long will we continue paying that for and Mr. Gindoff replied that is our monthly bill for transportation, operations and disposal which will be paid until December 15. On December 15, that bill will be going to them for transportation and disposal only at \$78.22. We are going to have a bill just that big every month in the future.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there were two pieces of Correspondence. One for Notice of Construction of Water Main Replacement for MCMUA's Pleasant Hill Road 24" PCCP

Retirement – Phase 1 which Mike McAloon will report on during the Engineer’s Report and recycling modification request for Electronics Recyclers International Class D Recycling Facility.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Letter from Drew Saskowitz, Executive Director, Southeast Morris County M.U.A. to Larry Gindoff regarding application for water service and main extension outside the district for S/K Mt. Kemble Associates, LLC, 350 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Township of Harding.

RECYCLING

2. Certificate of Appreciation dated June 28, 2024 from Shari Castelli, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Morris County School of Technology, to Morris County MUA, for partnering in mentoring students in Career and Technical Education Programs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) Water sales continue to be strong.; (2) Regarding the Keefe Law Firm, Resolution No. 2025-056, Mr. Gindoff asked Brad Carney to address this. Mr. Carney mentioned that the Keefe Law Firm is the current firm that you have in the multi-district litigation. Because it is a Professional Services Contract, it can only last one year. This resolution renews the contract on the exact same terms that you have which is a 25% contingency fee.

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

Resolution No. 2025-056
Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement Between The
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Keefe Law Firm
As Special Counsel In The Matter Entitled In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams
Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-MN-2873-RMG Pending In the
United States District Court For The District Of South Carolina, Charleston Division

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-059, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) authorized the execution of a professional services agreement, not to exceed one year, with the Keefe Law Firm, as special counsel for the continued representation of the MCMUA’s interests in multidistrict litigation (MDL) pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division regarding the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water supplies entitled In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to authorize the execution of a one-year professional services agreement with the Keefe Law Firm as special counsel, having a business address of 2 Bridge Avenue, Bldg. 6, Suite 623, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 with identical terms and conditions as the professional services agreement that was previously authorized by MCMUA

Resolution No. 2024-059 for MCMUA's continued representation in the aforementioned MDL litigation; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Chief Financial Officer need not certify that funds are available for this purpose because the legal services agreement of the Keefe Law Firm provides that it will represent the MCMUA on a contingency fee basis and will cover all litigation costs at no risk to the MCMUA, meaning, that if the litigation is unsuccessful, the MCMUA will not be responsible for any costs.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute a professional services contract with the Keefe Law Firm as special legal counsel for a period not to exceed one (1) year in substantially the same form as was previously approved by Resolution No. 2024-059, subject to receipt of the completed vendor pay to play compliance packet for goods and services and information required to be submitted to the MCMUA as required therein and all such documents required by law.
2. This contract is awarded as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.
3. A notice of the adoption of this Resolution which provides for the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract shall be published in the official newspaper and shall state that the Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.
4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of his Resolution.
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 a Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

**MORRIS COUNTY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to Authorize Professional Services Agreement Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Keefe Law Firm As Special Counsel In The Matter Entitled In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-MN-2873-RMG Pending In The United States District Court For The District of South Carolina, Charleston Division and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(3) Regarding the Emergency and On-Call Contractor, the bid is scheduled for that re-bid. The Legal Notice will be published on July 10, 2025 and a bid opening at the end of the month anticipated award at the August Board Meeting.; (4) Update on Mine Hill, he reported that the meter replacement work was going to start on this Monday, but unfortunately the Contractor is waiting on some critical components, specifically the grounding rings. The project is on hold temporarily.

Mr. Ragonese asked if it is a difficult part to get and going to be a lengthy delay and Mr. McAloon replied the parts are set to arrive on Wednesday and they are slated to reschedule the work for Thursday.

Mr. McAloon mentioned that July 22, 2025 is the settlement date so all that work needs to be completed before then. Ms. Szwak asked and if it's not and Mr. McAloon replied we will cross that bridge when we get there.

(5) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Electrical Project, Sovereign has successfully completed all the work on this project. We identified a few minor punch list items; one of them includes the final topsoil and seed at the transition of the grass and the asphalt pavement. The Contractor notified him that he got jammed up with some weather. This is the only component that hasn't been completed yet. We would like to close-out this contract and that facility is in operation. This resolution is stipulated on all close-out documents, final payment and final punch list item before the check is released.

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

**Resolution No. 2025-057
Resolution Accepting The Work Of
Sovereign Consulting, Inc. For Contract No. 2023-W02
"Mt. Arlington Booster Pump Station Improvements"**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") and Sovereign Consulting, Inc, 111-A North Gold Drive, Robbinsville, NJ-08691 ("Sovereign" or the "Contractor") entered into an agreement on March 28, 2024 to perform the improvements at the Mt. Arlington Booster station 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, the Contractor successfully achieved substantial completion of the work on Friday, March 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (“SCE”) evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punchlist items were satisfactorily addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor successfully completed the work to the satisfaction of the Owner and Engineer, and furnished the necessary project closeout documents including certified payroll reports, and release of all liens; and

WHEREAS, due to a reconciliation of un-used quantities that were not needed for the work, Change Order No. 1 results in a decrease in the final contract price by \$9,373.82 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, SCE evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 and the aforementioned decrease in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which decreases the contract price in the amount of \$2,412.30 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends processing the final payment to Sovereign in the amount of \$54,057.32, which includes the release of retainage; 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 the release of the final payment and retainage to Sovereign.

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

1. The MCMUA determines that the work performed by Sovereign pursuant to Contract 2023-W02 has reached final completion and the completed work is accepted.
2. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment to Sovereign in the amount of \$54,057.32, which includes the release of retainage in the amount of \$21,256.51.
3. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on July 08, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Accept the Work Of Sovereign Consulting, Inc. For Contract No. 2023-W02, Mt. Arlington Booster Pump Station Improvements and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

(7) At Flanders Valley 1 & 2 Generator Replacements, the start-up and testing of generators did occur last week. Unfortunately, there were a few minor issues; one of the generators had an engine misfire when they did load bank testing. The vendor is running through the diagnostics to troubleshoot that. This is the same unit that had the manufacturer's defect on the intake fan. We are less than pleased with what is going on with that generator, but this is all manufacturer work covered under warranty. At the other well facility, the generator passed load bank testing. We just need final synchronization of the automatic transfer switch and the breaker sequence, so when there is a power failure when the well pump starts, all the downstream breakers will coordinate and synchronize. This is the final modification needed to get the facility up and running.

Mr. Druetzler asked if the pipe that the State was going to run under Route 80 completed and Mr. McAloon replied no. Mr. McAloon explained that with the sinkhole that is the Route 80 eastbound exit ramp to get into Mt. Arlington, that is where vehicles were detoured onto Howard Boulevard, so the work will interrupt that exit ramp into Mt. Arlington, so they were not allowed to do that work while the sinkhole was going on. They said this work would continue in late Fall, but it will probably be in the Spring.

(8) De-En Electrical at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station is still waiting on that equipment.

Chairman Dour asked if had to do anything to extend their contract; like a resolution. Mr. McAloon's position is that his contract expired on July 1, 2025, even though De-En Electric put in writing that this equipment will not be here until November 21, 2025, we told him that is unacceptable. We need to write a letter that we reserve the right for liquidated damages from the expiration of the contract. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Mike, Brad and I will work on that.;

(9) Regarding Pleasant Hill Road 24 Inch PCCP Main that ruptured when we had the big break a year and a half ago, unfortunately yesterday we received a call at 11:00 a.m. from Tony Milonas that our Contractor installing the 24" main inadvertently struck the old 24" PCCP, so we had another leak out there substantially less impactful than the one that occurred last year, but we still had to dispatch emergency personnel and get that all handled. The Contractor struck it with the bucket and pretty clear from the photos what had occurred out there. Underground Utilities did stand by and kept their crew on site and did successfully complete the repairs. They utilized all the spare attic stock material that we purchased last year, such as the specialty adapters and fittings, to get everything back in service. Around 3 a.m. this morning, Tony reported that pipe was back up to pressure and he began putting wells on and filling up tanks. This was a really unfortunate occurrence out there and we are trying to abandon this old pipeline. There is going to be more to follow. There was a meeting this afternoon between myself, Tony, Larry and the Contractor. The Contractor wants to continue their work tomorrow and we laid out some ground rules. They need to do some more test pits to confirm the location of the existing main. All of our tanks are at a critically low level by the time we got the wells back in service today and trying to keep up with the demands throughout the day. We really need to catch up overnight to get our tanks back up.

Mr. Ragonese asked if there was impact on the Public and Mr. McAloon replied yes. Services on Pleasant Hill Road of about 10 connections initially were impacted. The difference between the break last year and this one is what is called a controlled shutdown. Even though they damaged the pipe with the tooth, we maintained pressure throughout the duration of the leak only when we isolated the break and closed our valve on purpose is when we lost pressure. That is called a controlled outage when we are the ones controlling that outage. There were another 30 residents out of water based on the controlled outage. Mr. Ragonese asked how where people notified and Mr. McAloon replied Randolph handled all the notices to their customers and the posting of the advisories. Mr. Druetzler asked if Randolph owns those services and Mr. McAloon replied the MUA owns the main and Randolph owns the taps. Mr. McAloon gives credit to Tony, Robert, Sean and all the water personnel who really worked hard to get this break isolated; worked through the night in sequencing the appropriate start-up. Mr. McAloon is really proud of the Water Team.

We will have some meetings and share a letter writing campaign on whose going to cover these costs and what our position is for the MUA's time, Suburban's time and the spare materials. We will have to work through a couple of things.

Mr. Druetzler asked when is the next phase going out to bid and Mr. McAloon replied we have that designed and what we need to do is to revisit the technical design and review it with Tony and Larry and get that out to bid soon. Phase II is from Greenway to Park Avenue and then another thing we have to do is come back and do a 2" surface coat paving on the limits of Phase I and Phase II which is a requirement of Randolph's road opening permit.

(9) Regarding the Water Exploration Engineer, we did hold the project kick-off meeting last Wednesday with representatives from H2M, MCMUA and SCE. They have a good game plan. Their plan of attack we talked through the referenced documents that we are going to share with them, and they are working on formulating their delivery schedule and will be in a position to share that with us.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned one highlight that they were surprised about which is asking us about different places to look and talking about all the County properties we want them to focus on and mentioned open space and how we have our water deed restrictions. That gave them a lot more openness for this project and there is a good potential thing and place to look. Mr. McAloon mentioned that they are excited to get their hands on this open space list and begin to overlay that.

(10) The last matter, 3M Aqueous Film Forming Foam Settlement, will be discussed in closed session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of June 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 778.311 MG. This amount is approximately 48.645 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 25.16 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.
- B. The Keefe Law Firm serves as special counsel to the MUA in the multidistrict litigation (MDL) associated with the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water supplies. It is necessary to execute a new one-year agreement as professional services agreements may not exceed one year. A resolution will be presented at the meeting authorizing this extension.

2. Emergency and On-Call Contractor.

SCE has made recommend modifications to the Contract Documents for the Emergency and On Call Contractor. The following is the anticipated bid schedule for the RE-BID package:

- Legal Notice Advertised in papers: 7/10
- Bid Opening: 7/31
- Anticipated Award: 8/12 meeting

3. Mine Hill Meter Replacement Coordination

Mine Hill's contractor has scheduled the meter replacement work to being on Monday July 7, 2025. The Contractor anticipates beginning at E. Randolph Avenue, which is the Randolph/Mine Hill Meter pit. Upon completion, work will be performed at the Rt. 46 meter pit, which is the meter into Mine Hill, and the meter from Mine Hill to Roxbury. Finally, the Wharton meter will be performed once the other work is completed.

4. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

Sovereign Consulting, Inc. has successfully completed all work for this project.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No. 11 in the amount of **\$54,057.32** which reflects the value of the work completed, as well as release of retainage. Additionally, as part of the close out of this contract, change order #1 is presented which provides a \$9,373.82 credit on the project for un-used allowances which were incorporated into the project. SCE has prepared resolution for the Board’s consideration accepting work and authorizing final payment and release of retainage.

Project Completion Summary Through July 08, 2025

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

Project Financial Summary Through July 08, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$1,105,000.00
Change Order #1	(9,373.82)
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
Payment Application #11	\$54,057.32
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,095,626.18
Percent of Work Complete	100%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

5. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. has completed the work associated with the change order for the installation of the roof thimbles. Start-up and testing of the generators is occurring on 7/2 and 7/3. SCE will provide a summary of the start-up efforts at the meeting.

Project Completion Summary Through July 08, 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 July 08, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$520,798.00
Payment Application #1	\$19,230.54
Payment Application #2	\$34,300.00
Payment Application #3	\$42,605.50
Payment Application #4	\$7,840.00
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 is still slated for the end of November 2025. As of the date of this meeting, the current completion date for this project has been exceeded.

Project Completion Summary Through July 08, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time	174 Calendar Day Extension
Days Elapsed:	414 100%
Days Remaining:	0%
Original Contract Completion Date	January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date	July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through July 08, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$159,900.00
Payment Application #1	\$7,199.08
Payment Application #2	\$1,715.00
Payment Application #3	\$17,434.20
Total Value of Work Complete	\$26,886.00
Percent of Work Complete	16.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$537.72

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

Underground Utilities Corp. started the installation of the new 12-inch watermain on Pleasant Hill Road. The Contractor has coordinated with all necessary parties and received all necessary approvals to begin. The Contractor is preparing a change order for pricing on several field design modifications which have been requested by Randolph, as well as the MUA. We are awaiting a summary of these costs.

Project Completion Summary Through July 08, 2025

Contract Start Date	June 23, 2025
Original Contract Completion Time	120 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	15 12%
Days Remaining:	105 88%
Original Contract Completion Date	October 21, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through July 08, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$1,282,980.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$0.00
Percent of Work Complete	0.0%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

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 project kick-off meeting was held on Wednesday July 2, 2025 with representatives from H2M, MCMUA and SCE.

10. 3M Aqueous Film Forming Foam Settlement – First Payment

Following a briefing in closed session by Counsel, a resolution will be presented at the meeting regarding the settlement statement of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Docket No.: 2:23-cv-03127-RMG, 3M AFFF Settlement – First Payment.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (1) The report mentions the retirement of Harry Dry in the end of June and he should be recognized for what he did up in Mt. Olive at our Vegetative Waste Facility to turn the site around. He will be missed, and deserves the time away, and time with his family. He certainly earned it. Congratulations Harry.; (2) The AED/CPR Class took place today for 12 MCMUA employees at the Water Booster Station. With vacations and coverage issues, we are looking to host a third training class for about six employees.; (3) Regarding the Transfer Station, Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Larry, James and myself went to J.P. Mascaro's Administrative office to execute the Transfer Station Contracts. We met the owners and the people who run our contract. Our most encouraging thing was our discussion of personnel and working hopefully together to coordinate the transfer of personnel. They are excited that their guys will have jobs with us and they will work closely with us to find time to get additional training they need working for us for additional requirements that they did not have with Mascaro.

Mr. Ragonese asked if SWAC has to put together a Plan Amendment to bring before the Commissioners and Mr. Gindoff replied yes. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the Contract has been signed but the DEP has not approved it yet. The DEP has to approve our overall Solid Waste Management Plan which is both the contracts and the disposal sites. Mr. Ragonese asked if the Commissioners have to have a Public Hearing and Mr. Gindoff replied yes.

(4) Staying with the Transfer Stations, tonnage numbers are in the report, which includes 6-month/mid-year stats. Yesterday, with the State being closed on Friday and the holiday weekend, Parsippany in-bound tonnage was 1,401 tons and Mt. Olive was 1,016 tons. Don't know if this a record, but it is a lot.; (5) MCMUA Staff did meet with County Personnel on July 2 and it was a very informative meeting. County Personnel is willing to assist us with the next steps in hopes of a smooth transition in December.; (6) Larry did mention that we did receive one sweeper which was put into service up in Mt. Olive. The other sweeper will be delivered to Parsippany at the end of the month. Tonight, we are receiving two more Jockey trucks to our Curbside Garage totaling six of the eight. The heavy yellow equipment, which is the Case excavators, front end loaders and skid steers looking at late August or early September for delivery.; (7) The tarp rack up at Mt. Olive looks great so far. They are doing a great job.; (8) As far as the roof replacement in Parsippany, ARCO and H2M are still working together on the submittals and we are still looking at September 9, 2025, date to start mobilization.; (9) Regarding the HHW Event in Chatham, we had 580 vehicles. Thanks to MXI who did a great job in the heat, and we had no incidents.; (10) On

Vegetative Waste, we are still behind 2024, mostly because we utilized Kirk Allen a lot, mostly because of the sinkhole issues.

Ms. Szwak questioned if the cameras at the Vegetative Waste sites are monitored by Morris County Public Law & Safety 24 hours. Mr. Deacon replied that we use the Public Safety platform for our camera system and that they can be monitored by Law & Public Safety, but they are probably not. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there are hundreds of cameras in Morris County and only 12 MCMUA cameras. He does not believe they monitor us but we look at them. Mr. Deacon mentioned that we have used them when there are accidents and there is reporting.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) Regarding the water main extension in Mt. Olive, we are continuing to coordinate with N.J. American and we have provided them all the updated information they are seeking to get the main extension agreement together. He expects to get that from shortly and pass that along to Brad Carney for his review so we can hopefully get that executed by the next Board Meeting.; (2) The tarp rack project is coming along very well. It is approximately 80% complete. There is railings, steps, and electrical work and painting that needs to be completed. Once that is accepted, then we will be removing the temporary tarp rack facility. According to their initial construction schedule, they are to be completed by the end of this month. Persistent is at the site starting again today to complete the platform railing and the steps this week so they continue to move forward. We expect them to be complete in accordance with their schedule.; (3) Regarding Par-Troy North Floor Improvements, our survey crew was at the facility and completed their field work. The base mapping for the project is underway. Project design and preparation of the contract documents will be continuing through this month and when complete, we will provide a set to MUA staff to review and provide comments. Shortly after that, we will be a position to go out to bid on that project by the end of this month or by mid-August.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

On Monday, June 30, 2025, Mount Olive Vegetative Waste Site Supervisor Mr. Harry Dry retired from the MCMUA and the County of Morris. Harry started with the Morris County on March 17, 2003, as a Diesel Mechanic at our County Garage- Motor Service Center in Cedar Knolls, Hanover. Five (5) years later in 2008 Harry came to the MCMUA with promotion to Senior Diesel Mechanic working within our Curbside Division. In 2015, Harry was again promoted, this time to the title of Supervisor Compost Project overseeing operations at the Mount Olive facility for the last ten (10) years. Harry Dry has always been a consummate professional in the title of Supervisor, collaborating with different site operational personnel, improving overall site conditions, able to deliver on specific goals set by his managers, all while working with NJDEP, County CEHA, Fire Marshal, and safety inspectors. The Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility has seen drastic improvements under Harry's leadership, remaining in compliance with all these inspection requirements. Mr. Dry plans on enjoying his retirement with his wife, his twin girls and son, and his granddaughter and grandson. Harry Dry will be missed by his MCMUA coworkers and should be congratulated on his retirement.

With assistance from the Morris County Division of Risk Management, the MCMUA replaced a total of six (6) automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at all locations including the main office. These Philips Heart Start FRX Defibrillators/AEDs are from 2015 and have a 10-year shelf-life. Risk Management also provided a new additional AED for our HHW permanent facility in Mount Olive. The only unit not replaced was the 2017 AED at our Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility office trailer, slated to be replaced in two (2) years.

The MCMUA Operations staff assisted the Administrative Office in obtaining a professional landscaper to dress up our main office. On June 27, using over 30 cubic yards (CY) of MCMUA mulch from the Mount Olive compost facility, the landscaper trimmed and pruned all the existing shrubs, weeded and edged all the beds around the building.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

MCMUA Transfer Station Transportation and Disposal Bids- *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.* Awarded contracts to Solid Waste Services d/b/a J.P. Mascaro and Sons at the June 10 MCMUA Board meeting by way of two (2) resolutions, #2025-050 for Mount Olive and #2025-051 for Parsippany-Troy Hills. The contract start-up date for both stations is on or around Monday, December 15, 2025. MCMUA staff will now 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.

On June 9, 2025, the MCMUA received a Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) modification request submitted by Resource Management Associates (RMA) representing Electronics Recyclers International, Inc. (ERI). The ERI facility is located at 510 Ryerson Road in the Borough of Lincoln Park, New Jersey. In short, ERI is proposing to adjust their current facility interior layout configuration to fine-tune/define “storage areas” to “working areas” while also requesting the addition of limited class “A” material storage approval that may be received from existing customers, generally at the same time they receive class “D” electronic waste (e.g. freon containing appliances). Prior to issuing an administrative action (AA) request to NJDEP, the MCMUA first seeks the position of the host municipality of the Borough of Lincoln Park on this matter. Attached as correspondence for the Board at the July 8 meeting is a copy of the MCMUA’s letter to the Borough of Lincoln Park Municipal Clerk.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 43,491 tons of solid waste processed through the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in June 2025 was 7.57% greater than the 40,430 tons accepted a year ago in June 2024. The second quarter of 2025 experienced a 2.8% increase over the second quarter of 2024. Following the first six (6) months of actual tonnage data, it is being projected that the transfer stations will accept 486,230 for all of 2025 which would represent a 1.98% 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.

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

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 16,487- 904 more tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,179- 104 less than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 944- 216 less than 2024

At the six (6) month/mid-year mark of 2025, Mount Olive’s inbound tonnage is 87,187 tons, which is 2,584 less tons than the 89,771 tons processed after six (6) months in 2024. 2025 had 22,546 total customers, which is 571 less than 2024 at 23,117. Self-generated/homeowners total 5,011, which is 119 more than 2024 with 4,892 after six (6) months.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 27,003- 2,156 more tons than 2024

Total Customers- 6,208- 436 more than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 530- 21 less than 2024

At the six (6) month/mid-year mark of 2025, Parsippany’s inbound tonnage is 146,155 tons, which is 2,489 more tons than the 143,665 tons processed after six (6) months in 2024. 2025 had 33,593 total customers, which is 1,382 more than 2024 at 32,211. Self-generated/homeowners total 2,701, which is 3 more than 2024 with 2,698 after six (6) months.

MCMUA staff has a scheduled meeting with Morris County Division of Personnel on Wednesday, July 2 to discuss the next steps for staffing the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations come December 2025. Details from this meeting will be provided to the Board during the Solid Waste report at the July 8 meeting. The Mount Olive transfer station received delivery of a new Karcher MCM 600 diesel mechanical sweeper on June 23. The factory training on this new equipment was provided the next day to MCMUA staff. The new sweeper slated for our

Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station should be delivered by the end of July. MCMUA staff was also contacted by Autocar/Allegiance Trucks on June 27 about the delivery of all eight (8) 2026 Autocar Yard Spotter ACTT42 jockey trucks. The MCMUA has made arrangements with Autocar to have all these jockey trucks delivered to our Curbside Garage in Dover for staging. The first two (2) are currently scheduled to arrive on Thursday, June 3. MCMUA expects to receive all eight (8) trucks within the first two (2) weeks of July. MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle remains in communication with Case Equipment/GT Mid Atlantic on the “yellow” heavy equipment- front-end loaders (5), excavators (4), and skid steers (3). Once received from the factory, GT Mid-Atlantic needs to install the “waste package”, solid tires, rubber tracks and cutting edges, metal protection guards, grapples, buckets, etc. Delivery of this equipment is on track for arrival to the stations in late September.

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 July 8 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Persistent Construction, Inc. (Persistent) from Fairview, New Jersey. Persistent has worked ahead of schedule prior to the original task descriptions provided with completion dates. The existing tarp rack has been removed and transported by the MCMUA Curbside Division to a scrap yard for recycling. The new framework deck grating and concrete work have both been completed. Pending items at the writing of this report are the installation of the guard railing, the stairs, and all the listed electrical improvements. The temporary tarp rack/scaffolding surrounded by concrete “jersey” barriers located on the East side of the facility is working well and will continue to be utilized during construction. According to the Persistent schedule, project completion/demobilization will occur on or about July 30.
- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- The water main extension plans were submitted by Alaimo to NJAW Company on May 23.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- North tipping floor/small floor at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. This project will include a full replacement of the aging floor using Euclid Chemical’s EucoFloor 404 materials, improvements/replacement of the trench drain system using plasma cut steel grate currently in place at the Mount Olive facility, and installation of new safety bollards and concrete attenuators to prevent future damage by heavy equipment to the building. Alaimo is working on the engineering design and bid specification for release this summer.
- 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- Arco Construction, Inc. (Arco) from West Caldwell. As a result of Resolution #2025-052 awarded at the June 10 Board meeting, H2M Engineering will continue construction administration and oversight of this roof replacement project. Copies of the executed Contract were issued by H2M to Arco. H2M also set up a shared folder/information exchange site for both the MCMUA and Arco to view submittals related to the project. Currently scheduled for September 9 to September 12, Arco plans to mobilize equipment and set up for field roll forming of the roof panels.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In June of 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 220 serviced appointments, which included 204 Morris County residents, 2 VSQG/small businesses, and 14 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in June of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 241 serviced appointments, which included 216 Morris County residents, 20 out-of-County residents, and 5 VSQG/small businesses. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 1,246 serviced appointments after the six (6) months- 1,139 Morris County residents, 86 out-of-County residents, and 21 VSQG/small businesses. (First half of 2024= 1,308 appointments). MXI Environmental Services has now shipped and properly disposed of hazardous waste from the permanent facility four (4) times this year, with a total of 89,783 lbs. (45 tons) of hazmat kept off our tipping floors and out of the landfill.

The second of four (4) 2025 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program- One-Day Drop-Off events occurred at the Chatham High School- 255 Lafayette Avenue, Chatham Township, New Jersey on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. The MCMUA HHW staff and MXI Environmental Services worked through some hot temperatures to process a total of **580 vehicles** with no major incidents. The MCMUA now transports an AED and First Aid trauma kit to every event. A good deal of Madison and Chatham residents took advantage of this event, still having some Northern Morris County participation from towns like Riverdale and Lincoln Park. The last MCMUA drop-off that took place in Chatham occurred in October of 2022 having a comparable total of vehicles at 566. The 2025 spring program had a total of 1,056 customers between Jefferson and Chatham. The final two (2) one-day events this year will take place in the Fall:

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

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

By way of Resolution #2025-053 adopted at the June 10 MCMUA Board meeting, the contract for RFP (Request for Proposal) #2025-VW01 for the marking of vegetative waste recyclable materials was awarded to Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. (HVI Services, Inc.) located in both Springfield and Branchburg, New Jersey- effective July 1, 2025. On Tuesday, June 24, at the Mount Olive transfer station, MCMUA staff met with members of Vollers including their Chief Executive Officer. Contact information was exchanged, a copy of the signed resolution was provided, details on our operations and expectations were discussed, all followed by a site visit to the Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility.

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 requested assistance from SCE and Counsel on the requirement for obtaining a stormwater permit, a "Wood Waste Recycling and Leaf Composting" general NJPDES (stormwater) permit, which appears to fit the MCMUA's operations, being grouped in the same category as a Construction Discharge 5G3 permit. As mentioned at past Board meetings, 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 did not sell. The MCMUA has interest from the Township of East Brunswick, New Jersey on the Scarab for a potential governmental agency-to-agency purchase at \$45,000. East Brunswick needs to first pass a resolution first, before the equipment can be purchased. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report provided at the July 8 Board meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

As of tonight's meeting, Republic Services has not yet published the rate for Single-Stream Recycling for June 2025. Therefore, the preliminary rate for single-stream recycling still stands at an estimated -\$70.00 per ton, reflecting an increase of \$7.63 from the finalized rate of -\$62.37 from the previous month. The finalized rate for June will be reported in the July Report.

Recycling markets declined across all commodity categories in June, influenced by an uncertain economic landscape.

- Regarding fiber pricing, these commodities saw continued declines this month, contributing to our overall significant decrease in pricing this month. A deceleration in the purchase of domestic wastepaper from North American partners exacerbated the burden on domestic markets, leading to an oversupply of recycled materials and further driving prices downward.
- Plastic commodities, including #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) plastics, continue to experience substantial price decreases while steel and aluminum soften.

- As we move into the beginning of July, market declines remain consistent for fiber and plastics, with similar reductions being noticed from the previous month.
- Buyers of recycled commodities continue to face difficulties in the trading environment and seek alternative sources for recycled materials to navigate uncertain trade conditions.
- Those relying on domestically processed recycled commodities are being cautious, purchasing only what is necessary as needed.
- Consumer behavior indicates that consumers are tightening their budgets due to economic pressures, while an oversupply of materials in the domestic market is further driving down prices.
- Looking ahead into July, market experts anticipate ongoing challenges in commodity pricing, and have a cautious outlook for limited recovery in the fourth quarter.

Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Update

- As for an update on the rehiring process for our District Clean Communities Coordinator & Recycling Program Specialist position:
- We recently concluded the process and after careful consideration with several highly qualified applications, we have chosen Ms. Michelle Chavanne, who will start on Monday, July 14th.
- Ms. Chavanne brings a strong background in environmental sustainability programs and stakeholder engagement, with experience from various nonprofit and governmental agencies.
- We look forward to the valuable expertise she will contribute and the new direction she will provide for the Division.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division,

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

- In June and July, we continued focusing on renewing our shared service agreements that expire at the end of the year, as detailed in the board report.
- Unfortunately, in mid-June, we learned from Randolph's solid waste consultant that they will not proceed with our proposed shared services agreement and plan to solicit bids for services instead. We sent a correspondence asking for confirmation by the end of July, noting that if they reconsidered our proposal later, the terms would change due to the need for specialized vehicle purchases. This afternoon, the Township officially responded, thanking us for our efforts but stating they will not advance our proposal at this time.
- We revisited our Long Hill proposal and noted that the Township posted their bid for solid waste and recycling collection, with submissions due July 31. We requested a copy of the bid and will submit a revised shared services proposal by the deadline.
- We also collaborated with municipal contacts to draft new agreements for Boonton Township, Chatham Township, East Hanover Township, Hanover Township, Rockaway Borough, and Roxbury Township.

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

- On June 18, the Planning Division held its second Municipal Recycling Committee meeting at the Boonton Senior Center.
- With over 60 attendees, this meeting was among our coordinators' most attended, receiving much praise from our coordinators for the content and participation of attendees.
- Subject matter included:
 - Updates on the MCMUA programs, including our ongoing food rescue efforts.
 - A review of Boonton Town's various recycling programs and successful collaborations with the MUA.

- A presentation from a local refillery and sustainable goods store focused on reducing waste and providing residents with options for hard-to-recycle items.
- Presentations from food rescue and distribution organizations, Share My Meals, The Community Food Bank of New Jersey, and Loaves and Fishes Community Food Pantry in Boonton.
- After the presentations, attendees toured sites on the municipal senior bus, which included visits to Loaves and Fishes, Bear Minimum Refillery, and Boonton's Recycling Center.
- The meeting concluded with the MCMUA presenting our Municipalities with Recycling Awards. These awards celebrated achievements for those who met their goal of recycling 50% of municipal solid waste, recognized those with the most improved recycling rates, honored MRCs who completed their Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) certification, acknowledged MRCs with outstanding meeting attendance, and recognized municipalities that stood out as "Star Recyclers" in recycling within Morris County amongst their peers.
- Many of our MRCs expressed gratitude for an excellent educational experience, with the awards ceremony being a highlight for many participants.
- Many municipalities promoted their awards through social media, local news outlets, and with their town administration.
- To support these promotional efforts, a sample press release was created for the award and sent to the MRCs to simplify the process of showcasing their hard work.

MCMUA 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

- On April 30th, all 39 municipalities submitted their Municipal Tonnage Grant applications to the NJDEP.
- Immediately following the deadline, the Division began reviewing all submissions for content, accuracy, and thoroughness to improve our County and subsequent municipal recycling rates.
- This review was completed by June 6, allowing MRCs time to make necessary revisions.
- The MCMUA identified additional tonnage or corrections for all submitted reports. All MRCs overlooked at least one tonnage report on the MCMUA website, resulting in significantly missed tonnage which affects our combined rates and grant funding directed to our municipalities.
- Most MRCs appreciated the MCMUA's assistance, with 28 municipalities including the MCMUA in their revisions, which was the same number resubmitted last year.

MCMUA General Staffing Matters with the Clean Communities Program:

- In June, the Division focused on managing the Clean Communities grant budget after Birmingham's retirement, ensuring all program payments were addressed and fulfilling state-mandated duties by our June 30 deadline, which closes out the grant.
- Additionally, I reminded County Municipal contacts about program guidelines, responsibilities, spending procedures, and report deadlines, assisting coordinators with their inquiries.
- We are preparing Morris County's Clean Communities Statistical Report, due at the end of this month. The report summarizes activities from the grant period, including spending, cleanup metrics, collaborations, educational efforts, goals for improvement, and program achievements.

MCMUA and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts:

ANJR New Professionals Network Subcommittee Efforts:

- On June 26, the ANJR New Professionals Network hosted the first Inner Circle Member Facility Tour at the Claremont Terminal Material Recovery Facility (MRF), managed by Circular Services in Jersey City.
- This facility is one of the largest in the NY/NJ region, processing 8,000 tons of materials monthly.
- It primarily handles co-mingled recyclables from the NYC Department of Sanitation and New Jersey municipalities.

- Recycling professionals from around the state attended the sold-out tour, including members from the MUA and the Division of Public Health.
- Tours covered the MRF, glass processing plant, and barge operations, discussing the facility's history, operations, and recycling markets.
- Attendees appreciated the hospitality and insights shared during the event.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

- In June, we wrapped up our Morris County Boat Shrink Wrap recycling program.
 - The Morris County program conclusion noted a yield of 14.36 tons, an increase of over 2 tons from the previous year.
 - Sussex County reported 5.77 tons recycled by the end of May, with another collection scheduled for July 10.
 - Overall, the combined programs have recycled 20.13 tons, a rise of 1.07 tons from last year, with the final tally expected in July's report.

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

- I'm excited to announce the release of the second edition of our quarterly newsletter, "Morris County's Reduce, Reuse, Review," for municipal recycling and clean communities coordinators.
- Copies are available in print, featuring advice on tonnage reporting from the MUA, details on upcoming events and our second MRC meeting, interviews with Florham Park coordinators, updates on recycling legislation, and highlights from other programs.
- With many of our municipal coordinators excited about our first edition, the newsletter continues to serve as a valuable resource to keep them informed, inspired, and connected.

Ms. Szwak mentioned that she really loved the idea about using the posters and making them into magnetic signs and applying them on the recycling trucks.

Mr. Ragonese asked what is the MUA's role at Waterloo Valley Road where people are illegally dumping. Mr. Marrone replied we do roadside clean-up and when we went out for that specific clean-up, we were mapping out the Mt. Olive Transfer Station clean-up route. That location has always had a dumping problem. The Health Department notified us there were two mattresses and a boat on the trailer out there. Our crew cannot clean that up so they since reported that to the State. That is all State property there, but they haven't done anything about it. The road is a municipal road and is supposed to be maintained by the municipality. We told the State that was on their property and we also told the town. They can use Clean Communities money to clean that up. He called it into the DEP hotline and referred it back to the County Health Department and they can investigate that. He does not know what steps were taken. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the MUA does clean-up on County roads and the County Health Department does the enforcement.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

June Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

In June, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate is estimated at -\$70.00 per ton, reflecting a cost increase of \$7.63 from the finalized rate of -\$62.37 in the previous month.

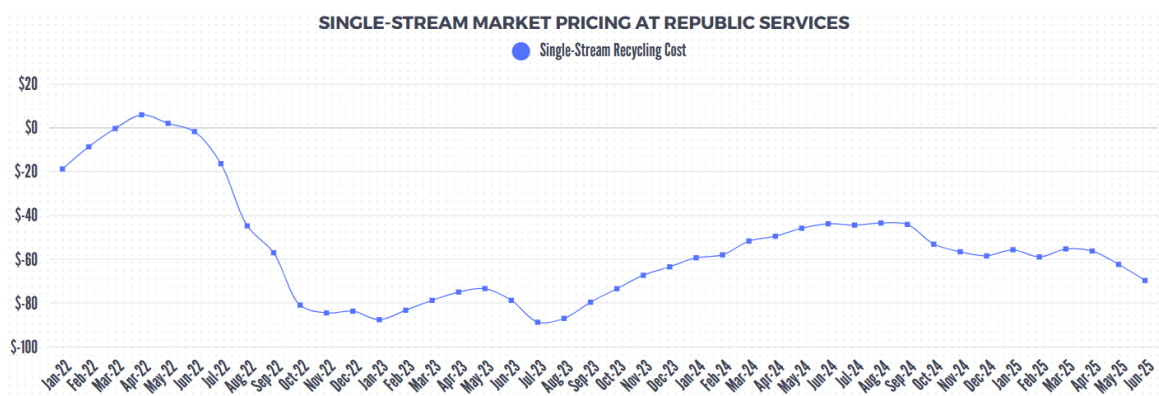
Recycling markets continued to decline in June, influenced by an uncertain economic landscape that has resulted in depreciation across all commodity categories compared to the preceding month. Notably, the northeastern region, incorporated within our pricing index, exhibited some of the most pronounced reductions among other domestic market areas, particularly regarding fiber and, to a greater extent, plastic commodities.

Regarding fiber pricing, which constitutes 61% of our recycling stream, these commodities saw continued declines this month, contributing to our overall significant decrease in pricing this month. A deceleration in the purchase of domestic wastepaper from North

American partners exacerbates the burden on domestic markets, leading to an oversupply of recycled materials and further driving prices downward. Plastic commodities, including #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) plastics, are also continuing to experience substantial price decreases. Lastly, the markets for steel and aluminum continue to soften, exhibiting bearish tendencies.

Overall, buyers of recycling commodities and market participants find navigating the current trading environment increasingly challenging. They are seeking recycled materials from alternative sources while attempting to circumvent the uncertain trade conditions that have emerged in the last few months. Those who still depend on our domestically processed recycled commodities are exercising caution, purchasing only what is necessary when required. While a substantial portion of our commingled containers is being reprocessed domestically within the United States, it is important to note that a significant amount of fiber continues to be exported internationally. This trend persists primarily due to the relatively weaker conditions in our domestic markets, where demand has not kept pace with supply. As we observe consumer behavior, many individuals are tightening their budgets and reducing discretionary spending in response to economic pressures. This shift, coupled with an oversupply of materials in the domestic market, exerts additional downward pressure on pricing.

As we approach the third quarter in July, market experts anticipate ongoing challenges regarding commodity pricing. They express a cautious outlook, indicating that recovery may be limited in the fourth quarter. The combination of these factors suggests that while we strive for more stable market conditions, we should prepare for a potentially turbulent period ahead in commodity trading and pricing dynamics.



Monthly MCMUA single-stream recycling tip fees at Republic Services.
Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Updates

MCMUA Interviews for a New District Clean Communities Coordinator & Recycling Program Specialist:

Following Cheryl Birmingham's retirement at the end of April, after several years in her position, Marrone and Toomey developed a job description for the open vacancy. This description was posted with the County Personnel Office, and applications were solicited for the role. In June, the MCMUA received over 30 applications from internal and external candidates, coinciding with recent college graduations, providing a well-qualified and enthusiastic pool of applicants.

During this period, Deacon, Wilson, Marrone, and Toomey conducted seven interviews across three separate days. With all the candidates being highly qualified for the position, the team ultimately selected Michelle Chavanne as the new hire, who has accepted the position and is currently awaiting clearance from the County. Chavanne has a strong background in environmental sustainability programs and stakeholder engagement from her experience with various nonprofit and governmental agencies. She is expected to start in mid-July, bringing valuable experience and a new direction for the Division.

Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

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

Throughout June, 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 as previously reported to the Board, the following additional work was completed this month:

Township of Randolph Recycling Services New SSA Proposal:

In mid-June, MCMUA Staff was informed unofficially by the Township's solid waste procurement consultant that the municipality's administration is preparing to solicit bids for services and will not proceed with our proposed shared services agreement, as previously discussed. In response, the MCMUA drafted an correspondence requesting confirmation from the town regarding this decision, with a deadline for their response by the end of July as the MCMUA would not be able to guarantee the terms outlined in the draft shared services agreement, as we might not be able to procure the necessary equipment for the proposed services if the town decides to revisit our proposal later as it would require the purchase of several specialized vehicles for service.

Township of Long Hill Recycling Services New SSA Proposal Update:

In January of this year, the Township of Long Hill requested that the MCMUA provide two shared service agreements for their consideration. The first proposal offered direct transportation, where Long Hill would cover the direct marketing costs associated with our contracted materials recycling facility (MRF). The second proposal was a lump-sum arrangement in which the MCMUA would estimate and pay to market the collected recyclables and their transportation. After reviewing these proposals, the Township decided to bid for these services later in the year and informed the MCMUA that they would not proceed with our proposals then.

In February, the MCMUA followed up with an email, reminding them that the pricing was only guaranteed for 60 days from the original submission date. That service was not assured under next year's schedule and service requests from other municipalities.

In June, the MCMUA checked back on this contract and discovered that the Township had posted their bid for solid waste, recycling, and bulk waste collection, with submissions due July 31. The MCMUA requested a copy of the bid and plans to submit a shared services proposal for their consideration by the due date.

General Recycling Services SSA Renewal Updates:

In June, Marrone and Toomey continued reviewing current contracts with municipal recycling coordinators and their administrations, drafting new agreements for Boonton Township, Chatham Township, East Hanover Township, Hanover Township, and Rockaway Borough. Additionally, as a carryover from last month, new dumpsters were delivered to schools in the Borough of Morris Plains, the Hanover Park Condominiums in East Hanover, to start additional weekly collection, and the latest satellite campus for the Morris County Vocational School District at the County College of Morris (CCM).

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

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

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

- MCMUA Attends the Boonton Township Green Fair
- Morris County Master Composter Program Development
- MCMUA and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts
- Morris County's Reduce, Reuse, Review Summer 2025 Newsletter
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans Its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

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

On June 18, the MCMUA held its second MRC meeting of the year at the Boonton Senior Center, attracting over 60 attendees. This meeting offered credits for Certified Recycling Coordinators, Public Health officials, and Certified Public Works Managers.

The event featured a diverse lineup of presentations. The first speaker was the Boonton DPW Secretary, who overviewed the municipality's history and various recycling programs. The second speaker, the owner of Bear Minimum Refillery, a local business, focused on offering household products that can be refilled in reusable containers, such as cleaners, soaps, personal care products, and other sustainable items aimed at waste reduction. Her business also serves as a host site for various recycling programs for hard-to-recycle items. The third speaker, Alessia Eramo, discussed the MCMUA's ongoing efforts to assess the food rescue landscape in Morris County. Following her, the Outreach Director for Share My Meals explained how the organization combats food insecurity and addresses the environmental impact of food waste by recovering and delivering healthy meals within local communities. Robin Carmody, the Food Sourcing Coordinator for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, discussed the organization's role in food rescue and distribution. Lastly, Marjorie Roller from the Loaves and Fishes Community Food Pantry in Boonton shared information about the services offered at the pantry and their participation in food rescue initiatives. After the presentations, attendees took a tour on the municipal senior bus, which included visits to Loaves and Fishes, Bear Minimum Refillery, and Boonton's Recycling Center. The meeting concluded with the MCMUA presenting the Municipal Recycling Awards, celebrating achievements such as meeting the 50% municipal recycling goal, most improved recycling rates, completion of Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) certification, outstanding meeting attendance, recognition of notable retirees, and acknowledgment of star recyclers. The awards ceremony was a highlight for many, honoring local recycling professionals' hard work and dedication. Several MRC members expressed gratitude to the MCMUA for providing an informative educational experience and promoting the awards through social media, local news outlets, and their town's administration. At the end of the meeting, any leftover food was donated to Market Street Mission in Morristown, a non-profit organization established in 1889 that provides meals, shelter, and recovery programs for individuals facing homelessness and addiction. Following the meeting, the MCMUA drafted letters of appreciation to all speakers and our sites, thanking them for their contributions.





MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In June, Marrone continued efforts to recycle boat shrink wrap in Morris County for the third year, collaborating with Roxbury Township’s Municipal Recycling Coordinator, Ultra-Poly Corporation, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and Sussex County’s District Recycling Coordinator. By June 25, the last container from Morris County left for recycling, totaling 14.36 tons, an increase of over 2 tons from the previous year. Sussex County reported 5.77 tons recycled by the end of May, with another collection scheduled for July 10. Overall, the combined programs have recycled 20.13 tons, a rise of 1.07 tons from last year, with the final tally expected in July’s report.

MCMUA 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

On April 30, all 39 municipalities in Morris County submitted their 2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant applications to the NJDEP. In June, the MCMUA collaborated with Municipal Recycling Coordinators (MRCs) to update tonnage reports by the June 15 deadline.

Starting on May 12, the Solid Waste Planning team reviewed the submissions from the MRCs for accuracy and to identify any missing tonnage. This review was completed by June 6, allowing MRCs time to make necessary revisions. All division members received training to ensure efficient reviews, leading to improved communication and guidance for the MRCs. The MCMUA identified additional tonnage or corrections for all submitted reports. Many MRCs overlooked at least one tonnage report on the MCMUA website, resulting in significantly missed tonnage. Most MRCs appreciated the MCMUA’s assistance, with 28 municipalities including the MCMUA in their revisions. However, it remains unclear if other municipalities submitted revisions without notifying the MCMUA, despite several reminder emails encouraging them to resubmit with the provided revisions and to copy us in their correspondence.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

MCMUA General Staffing Matters with the Clean Communities Program:

In June, Marrone, Civitella, and Kaletcher collaborated closely after Birmingham’s retirement to ensure the Clean Communities grant budget was managed correctly. They worked to close out any outstanding program payments and completed all required state-mandated grant duties by the end of the grant period on June 30. In addition to managing our own County spending plan, Marrone sent reminders to County Municipal contacts about the program guidelines, their responsibilities as coordinators, spending procedures, and deadlines for spending and program reports. He also helped several municipal coordinators who had questions regarding programmatic issues.

Moreover, Marrone and Civitella started preparing Morris County’s Clean Communities Statistical Report, due at the end of July. This report summarizes the work completed during the 18-month grant period, from January 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the current year. It includes descriptions of spending, cleanup activities and metrics, collaborations with partner organizations, contractor education, goals for the grant year, areas for improvement in the next

grant cycle, and notable achievements of the program. Following the June 30 grants spending deadline, 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 and formulate our final report for the state's approval.

2025 Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored School Cleanup Mini Grant Programs:

In June, Marrone and Civitella received and processed cleanup forms from several Morris County schools participating in our sponsored school cleanup mini-grant program. So far, nine schools have fully completed these initiatives. The participating students collected and properly disposed of or recycled 61 trash bags and 39 bags of recyclables from school grounds. All submitted forms and related documentation have been organized and forwarded for grant payment. Additionally, statistics have been compiled in the 2025 School Cleanup Data Excel sheet for our County Statistical Report, due to the Clean Communities Council at the end of July. This report includes details such as the number of trash and recycling bags collected, the number of participants, the duration of the cleanups, the acreage cleaned, and the cleanup dates. Furthermore, all purchase orders for completed school cleanups have been filed and documented in the Clean Communities Budget Tracker.

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:

On June 5, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued with its cleanup contractor's Adopt-A-Highway. On that same date, the AAH crew cleaned the roads around Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson Township. The cleanup began roughly at 5129 Berkshire Valley Rd, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438, and ended 2.5 miles south at the Rockaway River Wildlife Management Area parking area. Four participants worked for three hours to clean up both sides of the road, removing 18 bags of trash, 12 bags of recycling, and a carpet.

On June 19, Civitella organized a second road cleanup with Adopt-A-Highway on Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson. This cleanup began where the previous one ended, Rockaway River Wildlife Management Area, and continued south down the road for 2.5 miles. The AAH supervisor and his crew of four cleaned for three hours and picked up 16 bags of trash and 11 bags of recycling, along with scrap metal, plastic scrap, and a tire.

In June, work continued with 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. On June 24, Marrone and Civitella organized two roadway cleanups in Mount Olive—one near the Morris County Transfer Station and the other in the International Trade Zone, which includes Waterloo Valley Road. While driving along Waterloo Valley Road, they noticed several large piles of illegally dumped materials scattered along the roadway, including asphalt millings, wood chips, and soil. Among these were multiple mattresses and a boat still on its trailer, from which the electronics and motor had been removed. Additionally, several smaller piles of solid waste were observed along the road. Given that many of these materials were outside our cleanup contractor's scope and considering the area's history as state land and a municipal roadway, we reported our findings to the NJDEP Environmental Claims Hotline for further investigation and follow-up. We also made a follow-up call to the Morris County Division of Public Health to directly inform them of our observations.



2025 Morris County Clean Communities Litter Free Artwork Poster Contest Submittals:

In June, Marrone and Civitella began receiving completed posters for this year's Clean

Communities litter-free artwork contest, which includes public and private schools in Morris County. Four school districts entered the contest for their elementary and middle schools before the application deadline. So far, four posters have been submitted for judging, with several more expected by mid-month. Winning posters will be transformed into artwork for recycling cans at the winners' schools. This year, the artwork will also be made into large magnetic signs that will be applied to our recycling compactors and distributed to the DPWs in the winning towns and other towns with pre-approval. Examples of the posters received so far can be seen below.



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:

Mr. Carney asked that the meeting go into closed session at 8:14 to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations, as well as Attorney-Client Privilege regarding 3M Aqueous Film Forming Foam Settlement.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:14 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Ms. Farris.

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

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

Chairman Dour asked for a Motion for the meeting to go into Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:30 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

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

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-058 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 3M AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAM SETTLEMENT – FIRST PAYMENT

WHEREAS, there is multidistrict litigation (MDL) pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division regarding the presence of per- and

polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water supplies entitled In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) adopted Resolution No. 2023-054, retaining special counsel for the filing of a complaint against 3M, Dupont, BASF, Tyco Fire Products and multiple other defendants in the MDL litigation; and

WHEREAS, after the adoption of the aforementioned Resolution, on June 29, 2023, special counsel Stephen Sullivan, Jr., Esq., currently with the Keefe Law Firm, filed the complaint on behalf of the MCMUA “to recover compensatory, punitive and all other available damages, including all necessary funds to compensate Plaintiff for the costs of investigating, designing, constructing, installing, operating and maintaining the treatment facilities and equipment to remove PFAS, including, but not limited to, PFOS and PFOA, from its water supply, for all costs incurred by Plaintiff complying with any and all government and regulatory guidelines for PFAS, including, but not limited to, PFOS and PFOA, the contamination of Plaintiff’s water sources and drinking water, and to ensure that the responsible parties bear such expense, rather than Plaintiff or its taxpayers and ratepayers”; and

WHEREAS, the United States District Court of South Carolina approved 3M Company’s aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) class action settlement in 2024 (the “3M AFFF Settlement”) and the Settlement Administrator has transmitted the first payment from the 3M AFFF Settlement as to MCMUA’s claims to the Keefe Law Firm; and

WHEREAS, future anticipated settlement payments from the 3M AFFF Settlement are set forth in the privileged and confidential settlement communication from the Keefe Law Firm, dated July 8, 2025.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the settlement statement entitled “Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Docket No.: 2:23-cv-03127-RMG, 3M AFFF Settlement – First Payment” in which the first settlement payment from 3M to the MCMUA is in net amount of \$128,589.16 and the Keefe Law Firm, LLC is authorized to make said payment to the MCMUA.

2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to take any other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of his Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

**MORRIS COUNTY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to authorize Execution of 3M Aqueous Film Forming Foam Settlement – First Payment and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Szwak made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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