

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on August 12, 2025, at 7:01 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.

Vice Chairwoman Farris 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.

Vice Chairwoman Farris requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Vice Chairwoman Maria Farris, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Mr. Larry Ragonese, and Mr. Ronald Smith

ABSENT: Chairman Christopher Dour, James Barry, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Ms. Laura Szwak

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

Vice Chairwoman Farris asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting as well as the Closed Meeting Session of July 8, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of July 8, 2025, and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 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 July 2025. Also included are the Solid Waste and Water Comparative Balance Reports through the month of July 2025 and an Investment Report showing no new investments were purchased during the month of July 2025. Mr. Kaletcher highlighted on the Water Division Treasury Report is receipt of payment number one from the 3M settlement in the amount of \$128,589 which was discussed last month.

Vice Chairwoman Farris 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 Vice Chairwoman Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution. He provided background on the proposed resolution for public entities with a designated QPA which increases the bid threshold for contracts subject to public bidding under the local public contracts to \$53,000, effective July 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-059
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
Increasing the Bid Threshold for Contracts Subject to Public Bidding
Under the Local Public Contracts Law to \$53,000

WHEREAS, pursuant to the bid threshold established by the Local Public Contracts Law, “the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall no later than March 1 of every fifth year beginning in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, c. 440 takes effect, adjust the threshold amount, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in section 2 of the Local Public Contracts Law and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1000. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of every fifth year, notify each governing body of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision quoted above from the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) was provided with notice from Local Finance Notice 2025-08, that the Governor, in consultation with the State Treasurer, has raised the bid threshold for local contracting units that have a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) from \$44,000 to \$53,000 effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a) permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Shana O’Mara, possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to increase its bid threshold from \$44,000 to \$53,000 effective July 1, 2025.

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

1. The bid threshold is increased to the statutory maximum of \$53,000 pursuant to the supplemental authority provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3 and Local Finance Notice 2025-08, effective July 1, 2025.

2. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County
Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to raise the bid threshold to \$53,000 and Mr. Druetzler
seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Vice Chairwoman Farris asked for the Board's approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-060

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. 2025-060
containing 3 pages for a total of **\$5,818,887.17** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	7024-7053	\$ 272,556.25
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	16155-16251	<u>\$ 5,546,330.92</u>
		\$ 5,818,887.17

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 OF WARRANTS to the vouchers for
payment and have determined it to be correct.

DATE: August 12, 2025

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Maria Farris, Vice Chair

SIGNED:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

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: August 12, 2025.

DATE: August 12, 2025

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Mr. Ragonese inquired about two of the larger bills for Suburban Consulting seeking confirmation if these are for the major 24" pipeline project as well as PFAS engineering. Mr. Gindoff and Mr. McAloon confirmed his assumption and explained how the Suburban statements are itemized and closely tied to the projects being worked on and hopefully remain consistent with the anticipated budgets for these activities. Mr. Ragonese also asked about the property taxes paid to Randolph and Mr. Gindoff stated that those are for the MCMUA water properties in Randolph, primarily the Alamatong wellfield, which unlike most public properties, are not tax exempt being properties used for water production. Mr. Ragonese also inquired about the \$1.15 million payment to At Northern for jockey trucks and Mr. Gindoff explained the MCMUA took possession of 8 yard-jockey trucks which will be used on the sites of the transfer stations to pull or "jockey" transfer trailers around prior to and after being filled inside the tipping buildings. These will be used once the MUA takes over operations of the transfer stations in December. Finally, Mr. Ragonese asked about the \$16,000 for Northeast Communications, Inc. and Mr. Gindoff explained that payment is for all the new walkie-talkies to be used at the transfer stations amongst employees once the MUA operates them in December.

Mr. McAloon mentioned the 24" pipeline job is virtually done and the contractor, Underground Construction, is due a larger payment but their payment submittal was past the deadline for this meeting so Mike confirmed with Mr. Gindoff that this payment to Underground will be in the schedule of Warrants for September and the only reason it wasn't paid this month was because of its lateness.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff had no updates on the included correspondence except the NJ State PFAS settlement letter will be discussed during a closed session.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. New Jersey PFAS Settlement Notice dated July 22, 2025 between 3M Company and NJDEP.
2. Letter dated July 11, 2025 to Richard Gomes, President, Underground Utilities Corp. from Michael McAloon regarding Damage to Existing 24-inch PCCP Pipeline on Pleasant Hill Road watermain project.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) Water sales through July 2025 are above where we're at in 24 and 23, so things are progressing pretty well.; (2) As part of our water allocation permit for the Alamatong well field, the MUA is required to monitor the Drakes Brook, to observe any impacts of the diversions of from these wells so each year we enter into an annual agreement with USGS to perform this on behalf of the MCMUA. This cycle, we have been able to secure a two-year agreement with USGS which is what Resolution 2025-061 authorizes. (3) On July 31, bids were received for the contract 2025-WO1 for a emergency and on call contractor, the rebid. We did receive two responsive bids; the lowest at 12% markup from John Garcia Contracting, our most recent contractor as well as one from J. Fletcher Creamer. (4) The Mine Hill contractor successfully completed all meter replacements prior to the July 22 deadline. It's just been a short period of time of monitoring the new meters and nothing out of the ordinary has been seen. We'll continue to report on the status of those findings. Mr. McAloon explained how we meter flow

using flow totalizing meters. Mr. Gindoff stated the settlement agreement with Mine Hill calls for one year of monitoring the metering and if the fluctuation is less than 30% compared to the past, then Mine Hill will be required to pay the MCMUA stipulated fee contained in the settlement agreement covering much of the MUA's past legal costs totaling around \$50,000. (5) Regarding Flanders Valley generator replacement, there was a final synchronization and sequencing of electrical breakers that was necessary prior to the final startup. MUA did engage with representatives from Rockwell to review the current electrical equipment settings and preparation for the final startup. Unfortunately, when they were on site, they did identify an issue with what's called an SCR within the soft starter of the well. This device controls the voltage applied to the motor during startup. It's a critical component, and we're working to get this repaired. Unfortunately, we just received word of an October ship date. This is totally random, didn't have anything to do with the generators or the ATS or any other project that we did. The good thing is that we discovered it during that service. When the service tech was on site identified this issue but they did go through and synchronize all the breaker settings so once we get this replaced, we're confident that we'll be able to get final startup out there. (6) Regarding Pleasant Hill Road 24" pipeline, Underground Utilities did submit payment application one. It was just shy of a million dollar payout, They did get it in after the meeting's deadline, so we'll make sure we get that on the next meeting. Other than an issue early on in the project where they struck the existing 24 " PCCP main and had that leak overnight, they were able to successfully get all the water main installed, tested, and all the services transferred. So right now we're waiting on some materials to do the final cut and caps and our final connections. Other than that, that little blip, Underground has done a good job. I think we may want to revisit that letter in correspondence about the water main break based on performance afterwards. We're looking to bid Pleasant Hill Road Phase II and we're targeting an award at the October meeting. That would pick up where we left off under Phase I. (7) Regarding the Motor Control Center (MCC) install at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station, we did receive that MCC equipment. Unfortunately, it was slightly damaged from the truck, from the 3rd party shipping vendor, so we're, we're holding off paying the contractor for that equipment until it gets properly repaired. The good news is the damage is just on the cabinet itself. The enclosure and all the electrical inners are in an acceptable working condition, No damage to those components.

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

Resolution No. 2025-061
Resolution Authorizing Contract For The Maintenance Of Lamington River
Partial Record Stream Gage Stations And For The Maintenance of Drakes Brook
Stream Gage With The U.S. Geological Survey

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") is required to monitor stream flow in the Lamington River as a condition of its allocation permit for the Alamatong well diversion; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") is required to monitor a low flow partial record station on Drakes Brook as a condition of its allocation permit for the Flanders well diversion; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Geological Survey is an agency of the United States Department of the Interior and is the recognized authority for the maintenance, collection and reduction of this type of data through facilities specifically designed for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available from Water Operating Account 02-6-900-923-018 for \$15,870.00 to maintain, collect and reduce the resulting data for two years from the date of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA being bound by the conditions of its allocation permit has determined that it shall enter into an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for said services, for a 2-year period from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) to award a contract to an agency of the United States of America without competitive bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities

Authority as follows:

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, New Jersey Water Science Center, 3450 Princeton Pike, Suite 110, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648, in the form provided.
2. The authorized expenditure for this contract shall not exceed \$15,870.00.
3. The Executive Director shall cause New Jersey American Water Company to be billed for 50% of the stream gauge cost in accordance with the terms of the Water Allocation Permits issued by NJDEP to the MCMUA and New Jersey American Water Company.

CERTIFICATION

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler noted an error in paragraph 4 of the previously distributed version of the resolution that references one year where it should be two years and everyone. Mr. Druetzler then made a Motion to award Stream Monitoring Services Agreement to the U.S.G.S. for two year based on revising the resolution and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

**Resolution No. 2025-062
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 2025-W01 – RE-BID FOR
“MCMUA EMERGENCY AND ON-CALL SERVICES”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2025-W01 – RE-BID “MCMUA Emergency and On-Call Services” and received two (2) responses to the bid solicitation on July 31, 2025 from the bidders listed below at the combined overhead and profit % mark-up on gross costs per call out:

**Combined Overhead and Profit
% Mark-up On Gross Costs Per Call Out**

John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. Clifton, New Jersey	12%
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. Hackensack, New Jersey	23.9%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Morris County Municipal Utilities

Authority as follows:

1. The Authority waives any immaterial defects of the bid from John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. and awards Contract No. 2025-W01 – RE-BID “MCMUA Emergency and On-Call Services” to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., having a business address of 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013, as the lowest responsible bidder, at the combined overhead and profit % mark-up on gross costs per call out of 12%, and a not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2025-W01 – RE-BID “MCMUA Emergency and On-Call Services” to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., having a business address of 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013, as the lowest responsible bidder, at the combined overhead and profit % mark-up on gross costs per call out of 12%, and a not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00.
3. The Contract awarded herein to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required documents, including insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.
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 this Resolution.
5. All bid security, except the security for the apparent lowest bid, Sundays and holidays excepted, shall be returned and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and the approval of the contractor’s performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them within three days thereafter, Sundays and holidays excepted.
6. The Treasurer certifies that Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 02-6-600-602-324 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority’s Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Maria Farris, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Larry Gindoff, Executive Director

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to Authorize Execution On-Call Emergency Contractor
Contract No. 2025-W01 – RE-BID and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of July 2025, MCMUA sold approximately 950.549 MG. This amount is approximately 55.58 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024 and approximately 59.976 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023.
- B. As part of the condition of its allocation permit for the Alamatong Well Field, MCMUA is required to monitor the Drakes Brook to observe any impacts of these diversions. Each year the MCMUA is required to enter into an agreement with U.S. Geological Survey to perform the monitoring from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 for the MCMUA. In coordination with Legal Counsel, we are hoping to enter into a two (2)-year agreement. A resolution will be presented for consideration by the Board providing for approval to proceed with the authorization of the Drakes Brook monitoring.

2. 2025-W01 Emergency and On-Call Contractor – RE-BID.

On Thursday, July 31, bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Two (2) responsive bids were submitted with a combined overhead and profit % mark-up on gross costs per call out. This is the basis of contract award and it is recommended is to award to the lowest responsible bidder. Our review of the two (2) bids indicated **John Garcia Construction Co. Inc.**, whose offices are located in Clifton, NJ is the apparent low responsive bidder, with a 12% combined overhead and profit % mark-up on gross costs per call out. The Contractor was successfully the MCMUA Emergency & On-Call Contractor from 2022 to 2025, and has completed numerous water main improvement projects and emergency repairs. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to **John Garcia Construction Co. Inc.**, SCE is prepared to present to the board for consideration Resolution Authorizing the execution of this contract.

BIDDER	Combined Overhead and Profit % Mark-Up On Gross Costs Per Call Out
John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.	12%
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	23.9%

3. Mine Hill Meter Replacement Coordination

Mine Hill’s contractor has successfully completed all meter replacements prior to the July 22, 2025 deadline.

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

As reported during the July meeting, the final synchronization and sequencing of the electrical breakers was necessary prior to final start-up. The MUA engaged representatives from Rockwell to review the current electrical equipment settings in preparation for the final start-up and testing. Service technicians performed the investigation on Wednesday August 6 and identified an issue with the SCR. This device controls the voltage applied to a motor during start-up, allowing for a gradual increase to full voltage. This device has failed, which resulted in issues. The device can be repaired in the field, and this work is being scheduled. SCE is prepared to provide an update on the status at the meeting.

Project Completion Summary Through August 12, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024	
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days	
Days Elapsed:	366	100%
Days Remaining:	0	0%
Original Contract Completion Date	May 13, 2025	

Project Financial Summary Through August 12, 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

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

Underground Utilities Corp. has completed the installation of the new 12-inch watermain on Pleasant Hill Road. The contractor has successfully performed the hydrostatic pressure and bacteriological testing and has begun the service transfers from the old 24-inch PCCP main to the new 12-inch DIP main.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No. 1 in the amount of **\$965,510.00**. 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 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, and anticipate presenting them at the September meeting.

Project Completion Summary Through August 12, 2025

Contract Start Date	June 23, 2025	
Original Contract Completion Time	120 Calendar Days	
Days Elapsed:	50	41%
Days Remaining:	70	59%
Original Contract Completion Date	October 21, 2025	

Project Financial Summary Through August 12, 2025

Original Contract Amount	\$1,282,980.00
Payment Application #1	\$965,510.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$985,214.40
Percent of Work Complete	76.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$19,704.29

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

SCE will work with the MUA to finalize the bid schedule for the project, but below is anticipated:

- Notice to Bidders Published in Papers: 8/28
- Bid Opening: 10/2
- SCE recommendation of Award for Meeting Cut-off: 10/8
- Anticipated Award: 10/14 meeting

7. Water Exploration Engineer

Requested and reference documents have been uploaded to the H2M file share. We are working with the H2M project team to confirm the overall anticipated project schedule.

8. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. has received the delivery of the proposed Motor Control Center (MCC) on Friday, August 25, 2025. During delivery, it was observed that the smaller MCC cabinet had visible damages upon arrival including damage to the latches and panels. The contractor has formally submitted repair tickets to coordinate a technician from the manufacturer to remediate the issues on site. Based on visual inspection by Dee-En, it appears the damage is limited to the cabinet only, and the inner workings of the MCC remain new.

The Contractor has submitted payment request No. 4. Due to the damage to the equipment, SCE has requested a reduction in the payment amount and is requesting a revised payment application. SCE recommends a total amount of **\$57,677.90** if the documents are received within the specified cut-off dates for payment.

Project Completion Summary Through August 12, 2025

Contract Start Date	May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time	240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time	174 Calendar Day
	Extension
Days Elapsed:	450
Days Remaining:	100%
Original Contract Completion Date	0%
Amended Completion Date	January 8, 2025
	July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through August 12, 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
Payment Application #4	\$57,677.90
Total Value of Work Complete	\$26,886.00
Percent of Work Complete	53.6%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,714.82

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

(1) Mr Deacon provided a little update on the status of receiving equipment for the transfer stations. The next thing on the list should be our second sweeper down in Parsippany. As mentioned, the payment for the eight jockey trucks is on the schedule warrants for this meeting. Staff is working to get those trucks decaled. A lot of improvements continue with both transfer stations credit to Mascaro Manager, Chris Burns for stepping up to oversee both facilities at this time. H2M and Arco are in contact with MCMUA staff, still on track for the September 9 start date for the roof down in Parsippany. (2) Mr. Deacon thanks Suburban for their help in preparing site plans, general approval and stormwater permits for the vegetative waste sites, especially Mt. Olive. Mr. Deacon described the grinding process going on at the sites utilizing the Diamond-Z grinder which we rent from Parsippany Township as part of a shred services agreement we have with them. (3) Mr. Deacon mentioned that the SWAC will be considering a Plan amendment incorporating the new Mascaro transfer station disposal and transportation contracts as well and designated disposal sites in the Plan. This will initially be heard by the SWAC, followed by the MCMUA providing a recommendation resolution to the County Commissioners who will then conduct a public hearing on the matter prior to adopting the amendment and sending it to NJDEP for certification of approval. (4) Mr. Deacon described the situation of composting lake weed generated by Lakes Hopatcong and Musconetcong at our Mt. Olive compost facility. He stated in an effort to help out the lakes in need of an outlet, MCMUA worked with NJDEP to get one last year of approval to accept 800 yards of lake weed for the year. Since the material is a problematic material to handle, all agreed that this would be the last year MCMUA accepts lake weed from any of the lakes as they will have to figure out their own disposition plan without using MCMUA compost facilities.

(5) Mr. Kobylarz provided an update on the solid waste engineering matters being performed by Alaimo. (a) Regarding the agreement proposed by New Jersey American Water (NJAW), we plan on meeting this Thursday with counsel and staff to discuss the draft get some comments back to NJAW prior to bringing to the Board for a vote. The cost estimate for all the Work by NJAW to bring the service to the Mt. Olive site was about \$360,000 including required ancillary items such as cut-off valves and hydrants. Once the agreement is executed and we pay the fee, NJAW will go out to bid for the project. (b) As far as the Mt. Olive transfer station tarp rack replacement, it's substantially complete. The final electrical work is being performed this week. (c) Regarding the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station north floor improvements Alaimo is continuing with the project design and will have a project about 90 % construction plan submitted within the next week or so, for review and comment by MUA staff. Mr. Ragonese inquired how long the floors should last and while a Euclid coated floor should last 10 years Mr. Gindoff stated we have been getting 6-8 years but hope with MUA operations of the facilities with greater care in the use of loaders and better water service at the Mt. Olive facility, we may be able to get a little more life out of them.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

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. Both contracts were executed by JPM and the MCMUA on July 8, the day of the July Board meeting. The MCMUA staff has scheduled a Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) meeting on August 21 at 1:00PM at the MCMUA main office, potentially adopting a Solid Waste Plan Amendment and recommending the Morris County Board Commissioners through a SWAC resolution to 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.

The MCMUA staff was contacted by Mr. James Bestys, Registered Agent for Northeast Products, LLC. in Roxbury. Mr. Bestys runs the NJDEP approved class C “green waste” recycling center (formerly known as the Stump Factory and then Nature’s Choice) and is looking to expand services to the Eastern side of Morris County. Mr. Bestys is interested in opening another vegetative waste recycling center on a part of Sharkey’s Landfill, on the other side of Route 280 from our Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. Mr. Bestys has been in contact with both the Township and the current property owner and is seeking input from the MCMUA for potential Plan inclusion.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 44,899 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) transfer stations for the month of July 2025 was 6.26% greater than the 42,253 tons accepted a year ago in July 2024. Following the first seven (7) months of 2025 of actual tonnage received, it is being projected that for all of 2025, a total of 488,689 tons of solid waste will be received. This projected total would represent a 2.49% increase over the 476,803 tons accepted in all of 2024. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics listed below for additional information.

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

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 16,922- 211 less tons than 2024

Total Customers- 4,551- 91 less than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 1,088- 7 less than 2024

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 27,676- 2,904 more tons than 2024

Total Customers- 6,614- 1,190 more than 2024

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 578- 87 more than 2024

The month of July 2025 saw significant in-house improvements and repairs at the transfer stations, carried out by both MCMUA staff and J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM). Among the more substantial upgrades were the replacement and repairs to the air conditioning unit servicing the upstairs offices at the Mount Olive transfer station, as well as concrete “bumper” repairs in the loading pit. Additionally, extensive pavement improvements were made throughout the Mount Olive site. A similar scope of pavement improvements and pothole repairs is now being scheduled for the Parsippany location by a JPM subcontractor. Following this, fresh line marking and striping will be completed at both sites. In addition to these improvements, JPM has been working closely with contractors to ensure the functionality of various operational systems in Parsippany, including doors, air curtains, and floor washdown hydrants. Staff continues to prepare for the arrival of vehicles and equipment needed for the upcoming roof replacement project, which is set to begin in early September.

MCMUA continues to work closely with the Morris County Division of Personnel on the next steps for staffing the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations come December 2025. The Mount Olive transfer station had received delivery of a new Karcher MCM 600 diesel mechanical sweeper back on June 23. The same sweeper is expected to arrive in Parsippany in mid-August. MCMUA also received delivery of all eight (8) 2026 Autocar Yard Spotter ACTT42 jockey trucks from Autocar/Allegiance Trucks to our Curbside facility. MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle remains in communication with Case Equipment/GT Mid Atlantic on the following “yellow” heavy equipment:

SKID STEERS

- 3 SV 280 B skid steers arrived in Totowa (Waiting on attachments which should be here in August)
- Solid tires are in stock and will be installed when PDI'd

1121G LOADERS

- 1 1121G in Totowa (Needs solid tires and bucket installed)
- 1 1121G in Tennessee awaiting installation of guarding kit (July 23rd Craig to install guarding)
- 3 Remaining 1121G's are at the port waiting for Craig to give ok to ship to TN
- 5 buckets for loaders arriving mid-August in Totowa
- Solid Tires are in stock and ready to install once machines arrive in Totowa

CX 260 Excavators

- 1 CX 260E at the port ready to ship to Vineland
- 1 CX 260E 7/22 arrival at the port (Ship to Vineland once it arrives at the port)

CX 290 Material Handlers

- 1 CX 290 MH 7/22 arrival at the port (Ship to Vineland once it arrives at the port)
- 1 CX 290 MH 10/3 arrival at the port (Ship to Vineland once it arrives at the port)

Excavators going to Vineland for installation of Pads/Rotating grapples (MID- August delivery for Pads and grapples)

Machines are starting to arrive and will update accordingly. Dates listed above for arrival at the port are approximate.

Transfer Station Annual SPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan) Training and Inspections- The MCMUA conducted a joint MCMUA/J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) staff annual SPPP training and inspection at both transfer stations. Starting early morning before start of business (6:00AM) in Parsippany on July 23, the MCMUA and JPM onsite staff reviewed the current Permit, the updated SPPP, and went over best management practices (BMP's) related to spill response and controlling leachate to within the tipping building and new trench drain system. The event also included an overview of JPM's Contingency and Spill Response (CSR) Plan for the station. The same was performed on Thursday, July 24 for the Mount Olive transfer station staff. The MCMUA Pollution Prevention Team members must inspect the entire facility annually to evaluate areas that discharge stormwater authorized by our NJDEP Stormwater Permits. The team must also assess whether the SPPP has eliminated the exposure of source materials to stormwater and is being properly implemented, and/or assess whether additional measures are needed. All conducted annual inspections are documented and in the case of noncompliance the report shall identify measures taken to remedy the issue. Copies of the sign-in sheets from July 23 and July 24 training and inspection events were provided to the JPM managers and the Alaimo Group for their records. MCMUA staff then sent the 2025 Annual Recertification for the Mount Olive and Parsippany stations to the NJDEP Division of Water Quality- Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control.

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 August 12 meeting:

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Motor Control Center (MCC) replacement project (2024-SW01) by electrical contractor DEE-EN, Linden, New Jersey- Equipment delays were scheduled for the MCC to arrive in mid-November 2025. Instead, both MCMUA staff and SCE were contacted by DEE-EN with an update that the materials were going to be delivered to the station on Wednesday, July 23. On Friday, July 25, using subcontractor IPE Rigging Corp, the MCC cabinets (2) were lifted into the electrical room from tipping floor bay #4, cutting an access hole in the metal roof. MCMUA staff documented and took pictures of the smaller cabinet that arrived onsite with some peripheral damage. IPE replaced the section of metal roof and DEE-EN started right away on installing conduit, hooking the larger MCC unit (undamaged) to the existing pull boxes in the electrical room. SCE has included payment recommendation number 4 for the Board's consideration at the August 12 meeting. Further details on the MCC project at the Mount Olive transfer station can be found in the Engineer's Report.

- Tarp Rack System replacement project- Persistent Construction, Inc. (Persistent) from Fairview, New Jersey. Persistent removed the existing tarp rack, poured new concrete guides/supports/protection curbs, installed the tarp rack to include new framework deck grating, installed the guard railing, the stairs, and painted everything safety yellow. The project is substantially complete except for the electrical work and a few minor items. Alaimo has included payment recommendation number 2 for the Board's consideration at the August 12 meeting. The electrical work is anticipated to start the week of August 11 and is expected to require two (2) weeks to complete. Once completed, Alaimo will perform a final inspection to identify any items which need to be addressed by the contractor in order to close out the project. The temporary tarp rack/scaffolding surrounded by concrete "jersey" barriers located on the East side of the facility continues to be utilized during construction.
- Mount Olive Public Water Service Project- The water main extension plans were submitted by Alaimo to New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWCo) on May 23. NJAWCo. has provided the agreement to construct the water main extension which is currently under review. They have also prepared a cost estimate for the project of which Alaimo have some questions. Alaimo has since reached out to NJAWCo. to confirm the specifics of the scope of the project and will report this information when received. Alaimo will be pursuing the franchise extension approval with BPU and any other permit which is required for the main extension.

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. Project design continues to be coordinated with MCMUA staff. 90% draft construction plans and specifications are expected to be submitted for review/comment by MCMUA staff in the next few weeks. Alaimo's project bid documents and technical specifications will be prepared/finalized during the review period.
- 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. According to H2m Engineers, plans are still in place for Arco to mobilize equipment and set up for field roll forming of the roof panels on September 9 to September 12.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In a very busy month of July 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 323 serviced appointments, which included 292 Morris County residents, 7 VSQG/small businesses, and 24 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in July of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 289 serviced appointments, which included 251 Morris County residents, 37 out-of-County residents, and 1 VSQG/small business. 2025 HHW facility totals are now 1,569 serviced appointments after the seven (7) months- 1,431 Morris County residents, 110 out-of-County residents, and 28 VSQG/small businesses. The permanent facility also had one (1) MXI shipment event which took place on July 22, with a total gross weight of 27,665 lbs. This marks the largest HHW volume shipment from the facility dating back to August 2023.

The final two (2) 2025 MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Program- One-Day Drop-Off 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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

On May 15, eighteen (18) total MCMUA employees attended automated external defibrillator (AED)/ "Heart Saver" cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/ basic first aid (FA) training at the

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, six (6) that were recently replaced with new by County Risk Management. The “second round” of AED/CPR/Basic First Aid training for twelve (12) staff members took place on July 8 again at the Markowicz Booster Station through Atlantic Health. The third and final training with six (6) MCMUA employees will take place on Tuesday, August 26. As a result, a total of 36 MCMUA employees will be AED/CPR certified for the next two (2) year, having the ability to implement the critical emergency procedures used to save lives during cardiac arrest.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Stormwater Permit and General Approval- 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. As part of this renewal, staff requested assistance from SCE and Counsel on the requirement for obtaining a stormwater permit, a “Wood Waste Recycling and Leaf Composting” (WRC) general New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) stormwater permit for the Mount Olive facility. (NJPDES DST Permit #NJG0372919). The MCMUA has also decided to proactively pursue a similar WRC Stormwater Permit for our Parsippany facility. The MCMUA has asked SCE to officially submit Parsippany’s Stormwater Permit Application to the NJDEP on our behalf. Also, during the month of July, on the request of the NJDEP, the MCMUA staff submitted two (2) separate Administrative Action (AA) requests to the NJDEP to officially rename both MCMUA vegetative waste facilities to the following:

- Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) Multi-Class B/C Recycling Center- Mount Olive Facility
- Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) Multi-Class B/C Recycling Center- Parsippany Facility

These NJDEP approved vegetative waste B/C facilities were originally included in the County Plan as the “Morris County Shade Tree Department,” “Shade Tree,” “Camp Pulaski,” “County of Morris,” “Mount Olive/Parsippany Compost,” and more recently the “MCMUA Mount Olive/Parsippany Vegetative Waste Facility.” These AA requests to change any mention in the County Plan or on potential NJDEP General Approvals to the above mentioned will help reduce confusion and assist with consistency. And last concerning NJDEP approval is the finalizing our both facility site plans through SCE. The MCMUA has reviewed both plans in detail and asked SCE to reflect changes before printing any physical copies. Staff intend to have these physical copies officially certified by the Morris County Fire Marshal’s Office when complete, before providing them to the NJDEP.

Lake Weed- The MCMUA has decided during this extended General Approval renewal process that started back in January/February of this year that lake weed will not be added to our County Plan through Administrative Action. The acceptance of lake weed will no longer be mentioned as an inbound acceptable recyclable material in our General Approval for the Mount Olive facility. After many additions, changes, and corrections to the facility’s Site Plan, the word “Lake Weed” has been removed from the class “C” section. Lake weed has always caused operational challenges and has always been a material that the MCMUA accepted in Mount Olive to assist our partners in Lake Hopatcong and Lake Musconetcong, not a material we want or need. The MCMUA takes pride in both of our Vegetative Waste facilities and works hard to keep them running under the NJDEP guidelines provided in our current approvals. All this said, the MCMUA advised the NJDEP, Lake Hopatcong, and Lake Musconetcong that we are willing to accept 800 cubic yards (CY) of lake weed this year only. We will continue to work with the Commission to make sure the materials are dried out and free of litter. It’s important that we start the process of incorporating the material into windrows right away since our “leaf season” and compost screening process are approaching quickly. Come 2026, the MCMUA will no longer accept this material. This 800 CY is just meant to help with the summer season and assist in providing some time to the lake communities in the area to find different outlets for these materials moving forward. The MCMUA does appreciate the NJDEP helping both the MCMUA and Lake Hopatcong find a quick solution to their problem. The MCMUA values its partnership with the Lake Hopatcong Commission and will continue to assist when needed. With that, the

MCMUA Mount Olive facility began accepting lake weed from Lake Hopatcong on Wednesday, August 6. Due to manpower issues in Jefferson Township, the MCMUA has been advised not expect to see more inbound lake weed till after Labor Day.

MCMUA staff has completed the 2025 annual compost sampling at both vegetative waste facilities through Long Island Analytical Labs, Inc. in New York. Results from the annual sampling was provided to Vollers Excavating & Construction, Inc. (HVI Services, Inc.) for the marking of vegetative waste recyclable materials. The contract with Vollers has been executed by both parties. Program Manager Stephen Adams remains in contact with their Vice President of Operations to start selling materials in preparation for the upcoming leaf season.

MCMUA staff have arranged the Diamond Z horizontal grinder rental and grinding services through our shared services agreement with Parsippany Forestry for the Mount Olive facility. The rental has been arranged for five (5) days starting August 11 to produce ground wood mulch from all the tree parts and brush piles onsite. If time permits, the grinder will be transported to our Parsippany facility to process the smaller amounts of brush onsite. MCMUA staff also continue working with the Township of East Brunswick, New Jersey on the governmental agency-to-agency purchase of the Parsippany Scarab 18LL-450 D4 Windrow Turner (2001, White, 2,386 Hours) for \$45,000. The Township provided the MCMUA with a copy of their July 24 Resolution #2025-249 approving the purchase of the Scarab. The contract includes arranging for transportation of the equipment back to their yard. On Tuesday, August 5, MCMUA Operations members Brett Snyder and Stephen Adams conducted site visits with Harbinger Pest Control in order to secure a quote for consolidated pest control services that would cover both the transfer stations as well as both vegetative waste facilities. This service had historically been contracted out piecemeal across various MCMUA facilities and will now be streamlined under one service in anticipation of the oncoming facilities takeover in December. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report and will be provided to the Board during the August 12 meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

(1) The cost to market single-stream recycling is getting worse every month and dropped about \$6.93/ton down to \$70.76/ton, approaching the \$115/ton cost of disposal. We see the rate is still going down with decreasing value across all commodity types, which include fiber, plastic, and metals compared from the previous month. (2) On a personnel matter, Michelle Chavanne our new District Clean Communities Coordinator and Recycling Specialist, started on July 14. She's already started to do wonderful things with the program. She is dividing her time again between the Clean Community Program and the Recycling Division. She's already begun to restructure a lot of the programs revising a lot of the mini grants that we do. (3) Mr. Marrone provided summaries on a several shared service recycling agreements his staff is working on which are due to terminate at the end of the year. Our initial discussions indicate most are interested in renewing. The agreements being referenced are between the MCMUA and Boonton Township, Chatham Township, East Hanover, Hanover, Wharton, Chester Borough, Rockaway Borough, and there's the additional one for Parsippany which is the shared services agreement for their grinder and some emergency services for certain equipment personnel. Additionally, Mt. Arlington depot service and some commercial/institutional agreements are also being worked on. Mr. Marrone mentioned the proposal to Long Hill or curbside service will be discussed in closed session as it is current contract negotiations. (4) Mr. Marrone mentioned how the MUA collaborated with Eric Gabrielson of Republic Services to have two tours for our newer employees and others including Maria Farris. (5) Mr. Marrone highlighted the successful Lake Hopatcong Boat Shrink Wrap program from this summer.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

July Recycling Markets and Operations Update:

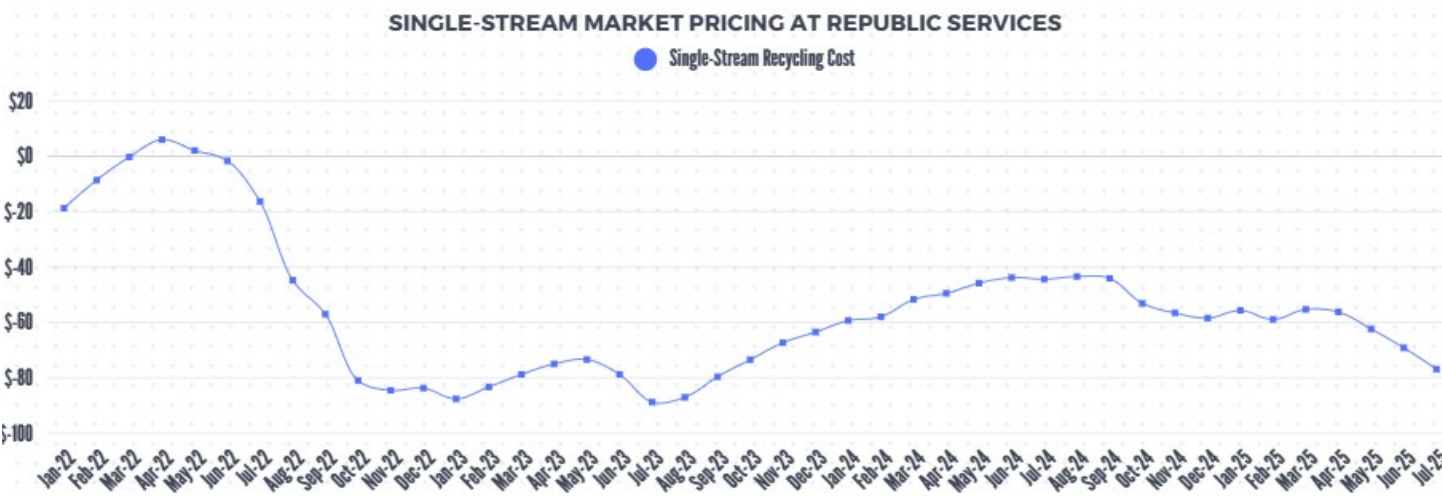
In July, the finalized single-stream recycling rate was calculated at -\$76.12 per ton,

reflecting a cost increase of \$6.93 from the finalized rate of -\$69.19 in the previous month.

Recycling markets continued their decline in July and into the beginning of August, 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, continues to exhibit some of the most pronounced reductions among other domestic market areas with fiber, plastic, and metal commodities.

In examining fiber pricing, slight declines were observed this month. At the same time, plastic commodities, particularly #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) plastics, have seen substantial price drops, with their values halving in just one month. Additionally, the markets for steel and aluminum are showing signs of weakness, exhibiting bearish trends. It is also worth noting that glass prices remained stable this month for our region, despite a national average decline in value over the past three months.

In the third quarter of the year, market experts have noted ongoing challenges for manufacturers, particularly regarding their ability to make significant capital investments. This hesitation is primarily due to uncertain political and trade conditions impacting current commodity pricing. The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), which reflects market conditions from purchasing managers' perspectives, indicates that production has been sluggish. In July, the manufacturing PMI stood at 48%, showing that manufacturing activity contracted for the fifth consecutive month. Despite these challenges, many experts believe that a recovery in production activity could be possible by the end of the fourth quarter or in early 2026, with the outlook for the remainder of 2025 being cautious. As such, reversing the current downtrend will take time, as it requires ramping up operations again, as illustrated in our MUA pricing chart below over the last few years of our contract with Republic Services shows. Experts hope greater clarity regarding tariffs will help the industrial market rebound. They expect stakeholders to come to understand the new normal and adapt their operations accordingly, considering the evolving environment in which they will be operating



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

Solid Waste Planning Division Personnel Update

MCMUA Welcomes its New District Clean Communities Coordinator & Recycling Program Specialist:

On Monday, July 14, the Solid Waste Planning Team welcomed Michelle Chavanne as its new District Clean Communities Coordinator & Recycling Program Specialist. Chavanne will divide her time between the Recycling and Clean Communities programs. Chavanne has a strong background in environmental sustainability programs and stakeholder engagement from her experience with various nonprofit and governmental agencies. In her short time with the MCMUA, she has already dived into restructuring and revamping our Clean Communities Program educational initiatives, coordinator resources, webpage, grant guidelines, and opportunities to the public. She is also eager to support our recycling educational programming and assist in developing new materials for the MCMUA. We look forward to working with her and the new perspective she will bring to reducing waste further, improving Morris County's recycling efforts, and keeping Morris County Litter Free!



Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

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

Throughout July, 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 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, along with their transportation costs, to the market we procure. 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 at that time.

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 discovered that the Township had posted its bid for solid waste, recycling, and bulk waste collection, with submissions due by July 31. The MCMUA requested a copy of the bid and held an internal meeting to review the specifics. After examining the bid documents for recycling collection, the agreements were revised, and a letter was drafted to accompany the submission. The MCMUA submitted its proposal electronically the afternoon before the bid opening and provided a written submission to the municipality on the day of the bid opening, July 31. Marrone and Toomey attended the bid opening and submitted the revised proposals for just transportation, with the Township paying any direct recycling costs, and transportation with the MCMUA estimating the cost of marketing the Township's recyclable materials over the 5-year term. It is important to note that our submission is not an official bid response; however, the MCMUA does this as a formality during bid openings, which the clerk and administrator accepted as an alternative. No official bidders were present at the bid opening. A representative from Grand Sanitation arrived late but was still allowed entry into the room. When he arrived, the clerk and administrator took his bid packet but noted that it was late and could not be accepted at the time of the opening. They did not read the MCMUA's proposal aloud, as it was not part of the bidding process. Since the bid included trash collection services, the Township informed the MCMUA and Grand Sanitation that it would consult its legal team to determine the next steps, which may involve re-bidding. The MCMUA requested to be kept informed of their further steps. After a follow-up email, the administrator informed Marrone and Toomey that the Township would contact them about its decision on how to proceed by the second week of August.

Township of Roxbury Recycling Depot and Curbside Collection SSA Proposal:

In late June, Marrone requested the Township's complete bid package, which included the collection services for solid waste, vegetative material, recycling, bulk items, and metals, following the Township's original request for a quotation for a recycling shared services agreement months prior. In July, Marrone and Toomey met with the operations team to discuss their capabilities and to prepare a formal proposal for these services. It was decided that we would submit a proposal for biweekly single-stream collection. Additionally, the scope of what the municipality sought was expanded from our initial discussions when drafting their shared services agreement. If the proposal is accepted, Roxbury plans to merge the depot and curbside agreements while transitioning from weekly dual-stream collection to biweekly single-stream collection to achieve cost savings. A shared services agreement, along with a letter detailing these services, has been completed and is awaiting submission for the bid opening date of September 10. Additionally, a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for August 6, where the Township will review specifications and answer questions from potential bidders. The MCMUA plans also to attend this meeting.

General Municipal Recycling Services New SSA Updates:

In July, Marrone and Toomey drafted new shared service agreements with the following municipalities: Boonton Township, Chatham Township, East Hanover Township, Hanover Township, and Rockaway Borough. These agreements are currently with the respective towns and are pending approval from their governing bodies. Chatham Township has requested an additional quotation for weekly service, alongside a new contract for biweekly service they currently have for their consideration.

In addition to the above municipal agreements, the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills was presented with a draft agreement involving the shared services of staffing and equipment that both parties currently benefit from in times of emergency. The municipality is confirming the hourly rates for their equipment and staff to update the draft, which will be completed by October 31.

General Commercial/Institutional Recycling Service SSA Renewal Updates:

Regarding our smaller agreements, as a carryover from last month, the Hanover Park Condominiums in East Hanover began weekly service during the first week in July. On Thursday, July 3, Marrone and Toomey met with the property manager and the complex board of directors onsite to review collection services, educate regarding proper recycling services regarding our program, and label all containers purchased by the complex. The MCMUA also provided additional signage for all common areas, apartment recycling bags for all units in the complex, and sample emails to educate residents on these new services. The height of the dumpsters that the complex purchased presents an issue for our collection crews when servicing the complex effectively. The MCMUA and the complex discussed several solutions, including installing ramps, creating gradual slopes for containers to be wheeled down for collection, and replacing the current rear-loading containers with front-loading ones. A meeting to discuss this is forthcoming to resolve this issue and ensure ease of collection with our crew.

In early July, the multifamily complex Rockwood Apartments in Rockaway Borough contacted the MCMUA regarding moving to weekly service from its current biweekly service under the Borough's contract. As such, the municipality will cover every other week through its shared services agreement, and the other weeks will be billed directly to the complex. No additional units are needed to service this location at an extra rate, and it fits into our current collection route on the additional week.

In late June, the Wharton Board of Education contacted the MCMUA to inform us that it would approve our proposed shared services agreement for recycling. In late July, they informed us that our proposal is being presented to the Board for their vote. Both parties also discussed setting up a training for their custodial staff on recycling best practices and a site visit to help them increase the quality of their recyclables. In mid-July, the Marrone and Toomey inspected their trash and recycling dumpsters. They noted a high level of contamination in both containers, along with what appeared to be materials generated offsite through dumping in both containers. Upon discussion with the school regarding our findings, it was determined that this was an ongoing issue, and they will be looking to move the current placement of the containers to a

more monitored location and build a fenced-in enclosure for the new school year.

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

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

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

- MCMUA Attends the Washington Township Night Out Event
- MCMUA Attends the Morris County 4-H Fair Event
- MCMUA and Mondelez International, Inc. Collaborations
- MCMUA MRC Meeting Follow-up and Future Planning
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- MCMUA and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts
- MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans Its Future Initiatives
- Morris County's Reduce, Reuse, Review Summer 2025 Newsletter
- MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In July, Marrone concluded 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 in July of 2.2 tons, totaling 7.94 tons. Overall, the combined programs have recycled 20.13 tons, a rise of 3.27 tons from last year. Over the three-year run, our combined efforts have resulted in over 50 tons of boat shrink wrap being removed from the waste stream and recycled into other materials sold in the Morris & Sussex areas. To publicize these efforts, a sample [press release](#) was created and provided to the area's media outlets for distribution.

Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement Accomplishments:

In July, after a review by the NJDEP, Toomey completed and submitted the revised budget for the MCMUA's final financial report of the 2023 REA grant, which included expenditures from the 2024 calendar year. This submission closes out all outstanding reporting with the NJDEP, which had experienced significant delays due to reporting issues and technical difficulties on the state's part; these issues have now been resolved.

Additionally, the submission of our 2024 REA grant application was postponed by the NJDEP due to additional issues with their reporting system, as it did not allow us to upload our Task 2 submittal, titled "Public Information and Education Activities," through our grant portal.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

MCMUA General Program Revisions and Efforts to Improve the Clean Communities Program:

Clean Communities Program Grant Process Improvements:

In June, Marrone, Civitella, Toomey, and Chavanne collaborated to enhance the grant process for the Clean Communities program. The process is under review and revision, and a formal application procedure has been established to improve communication and grant tracking within the program. The early plans discussed, along with drafts of applications, include:

- Creating an annual vendor application for litter abatement presenters, which will be approved by the end of December to allow for initial screening of each presenter.
- Develop an annual application for institutions to request a vendor to present at their locations.
- Implementing a "proof of event" form that will be approved by both the vendor and the institution, confirming the event date and other relevant details.

Clean Communities Program Educational Outreach Improvements:

In June, Marrone, Toomey, and Chavanne collaborated to enhance our educational outreach efforts with the Clean Communities program. These include reviewing and changing the current Clean Communities Mini-Grant programs as follows:

- Updating the poster contest by changing the guidelines to include multi-media poster submissions, so long as the poster dimensions are met.
- Include an art mural contest to create a competitive art mural contest in schools, where mural designs are submitted and reviewed.
- Add a multi-media art contest to create a competitive art contest in schools where multimedia submissions would be accepted with the intent to spark creativity and excitement among 5-12 school children, with special intent to increase involvement among older students.
- Review and update the Clear Streams lawn signs for improved messaging.

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:

On July 7, 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 on International Drive, Link Road, Goldmine Road, Netcong Flanders Road, and Flanders Road. Four participants worked for three hours to clean up both sides of the road in these areas, removing 15 bags of trash and 12 bags of recycling.

Morris County Clean Communities Program Statistical Reporting Efforts:

In July, Marrone, Civitella, and Chavanne collaborated to create a comprehensive report detailing the Morris County Clean Communities Program's activities and accomplishments during the 2024-2025 grant period. This report was part of our NJ Clean Communities Council grant deliverables submission. The report provided an in-depth overview of two Clean Communities meetings hosted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, the annual poster contest and awards ceremony, the county's litter abatement initiatives, and various school and roadside cleanup events. It highlighted key achievements, identified areas for improvement, and outlined future goals to enhance the program's effectiveness.

The summary identified three primary goals for the 2025 grant period: (1) develop a standardized online application process for schools seeking reimbursement for litter abatement education programs; (2) establish a streamlined online application process for performers wishing to have their school programs approved for reimbursement eligibility; and (3) increase public awareness of the Morris County Clean Communities Program by expanding outreach and creating more opportunities for local organizations to participate in cleanup efforts.

As part of these initiatives, the 2024 Clean Communities Statistical Report included all cleanup data related to volunteer efforts, Adopt-a-Highway programs, and local river organizations. This data encompassed detailed records, such as the number of bags of recycling and trash collected, total miles or acres cleaned, the number of participating volunteers, and total volunteer hours. In total, 1,109 bags of trash and recycling were collected through our Clean Communities Program.

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:

Vice Chairwoman Farris mentioned we have some matters to go over in a closed session and asked Larry to itemize the matters. Mr. Gindoff stated we have three matters to go over in a closed session. One is property acquisitions related to a potential open space project. Second is for contract negotiations and attorney/client privilege information regarding the Long Hill Township curbside recycling collection contract and the 3rd is attorney/client privilege information as well as litigation regarding the PFAS litigation the MUA is involved in.

MOTION: At 8:01, Mr. Ragonese made a motion to go into closed session to discuss these three matters and it was seconded by Mr. Druetzler and the Board went into closed session at 8:01.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

MOTION: At 8:39, Mr. Ragonese made a motion to leave the closed session and go back into open meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Smith and the Board went back into open session at 8:39.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

There being no further business, Chairwoman Farris asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Larry Gindoff
Executive Director

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