

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 Virus State of Emergency, this meeting was held remotely using conference call software. The necessary notice of this meeting was published according to the law.

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. James Barry, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Gene Feyl,
Mr. William Hudzik, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Mr. Fletcher Platt,
Ms. Laura Szwak and Mr. Christopher Dour

Dr. Nusbaum entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

ABSENT: NONE

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Marilyn Regner, Secretary, Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers; Tom Lemanowicz, P.E., Alaimo Engineering; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator; Liz Sweedy, District Recycling Coordinator; and Tayfun Selen, Freeholder-liaison.

(Dr. Nusbaum entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.)

Chairman Dour next asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 11, 2020.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2020 and Mr. Feyl seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Dr. Kominos

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of August 2020. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions year-to-date through the month of August 2020. The investment report shows no new investments purchased for the month of August 2020. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

MOTION: Mr. Platt made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

(Ms. Szwak stepped out of the meeting for the vote.)

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

Mr. Kaletcher explained that the following Solid Waste budget amendment distributes foreseeable surplus budget line items to the line items already in deficit or forecasted to be in deficit. It has a net zero impact on our 2020 budget in total. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-60
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2020 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Legal Consultation	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
 <u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	 <u>From:</u>	 <u>To:</u>
Admin. – Salary & Wages	\$ 754,983.00	\$ 764,983.00
Office & Comp. Equip.(Misc.Admin.)	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 33,150.00

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to amend the Solid Waste Division 2020 Fiscal Budget and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

Ms. Szwak questioned the \$20,000 increase in office and computer equipment and asked what it is for? Mr. Kaletcher replied that we purchased laptops for all the administrative employees so they could work from home. This was not budgeted for and that is why we are increasing the budget line item. Mr. Gindoff added that cell phones were also provided.

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

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board’s approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 20-61

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. 20-61 containing 7 pages for a total of \$3,525,766.01 dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	5176-5209	\$	150,540.77
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	11385-11460	\$	<u>3,375,225.24</u>
		\$	3,525,766.01

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: September 8, 2020

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: September 8, 2020.

DATE: September 8, 2020

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher advised the Board that we are initiating discussions for our 2021 budget. He mentioned that he would like to plan a Budget Committee the week of September 21. He confirmed the members of the Committee. Last year we had Bill, Frank, Fletch and Chris. He asked if all these members wanted to be on the Committee this year. All members confirmed that they still wanted to be on the Committee. Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that he would be sending out an email next week to hone in on a date during the week of September 21. Mr. Druetzler advised that he would not be available on the 21st.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the Correspondence report was sent out with the pre-meeting packet and there was no additional correspondence. He mentioned the three correspondence items were regarding water leaks and the reimbursements that we are asking for those leaks will be covered in the Engineer's Report.

Letter dated August 3, 2020 to Larry Gindoff from Michael K. McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., regarding Payment Recommendation #1 to John Garcia Construction Co. for 874 Route 46 Water Main Repair.

Letter dated September 2, 2020 to Borough of Mount Arlington, Attn: Paul Nelson, from Mike McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., regarding Emergency Water Main Repair at 199 Howard Boulevard.

Letter dated September 2, 2020 to Morris County M.U.A., Attn: Larry Gindoff, from Mike McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., regarding Payment Recommendation #2 to John Garcia Construction Co. for 199 Howard Boulevard Water Main Repair.

Letter dated August 24, 2020 to Karen Kloo, Chief, Bureau of Hazardous Waste & Recycling, NJDEP, from Julio Galarza, Solid Waste Consultant, Solid Waste Compliance, LLC, (copied to James Deacon), enclosing modified Site Plan requesting permission for Northeast Products to stockpile topsoil next to pile #5, with a capacity of 1,956 cubic yards.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Water sales continue to maintain a strong position through August 2020. We are outpacing 2019 and 2018 volume of water sold through that respective period. We did see Southeast level off and return to normal water consumption prior to their pre-emergency conditions.; (2) There was a discrepancy in the billing that was brought to our attention for Mt. Arlington and Jefferson. He explained that there was a power outage on June 25, where we lost communication with the SCADA at the Jefferson Meter Pit. Unfortunately, we did not have the Jefferson numbers to deduct from that value off of the Mt. Arlington Booster, which created an artificially high usage for Mt. Arlington. We prepared correspondence to DEP and are hoping to get that corrected.; (3) SCE has performed the wetlands delineation and is finalizing the 50% design plans for the pole barn. For the pole barn, we do need to secure some permits, which we are looking at Spring 2021 construction.; (4) We did our kick-off for the Maintenance Garage improvements and again hoping to finalize our 50% design plans rather quickly, as we are hoping to get at least the roof portion of that project completed in the Fall of this year.; (5) Hutton Construction has executed the contracts for the Nolan's Ridge Project and we hopeful to get a Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled soon. There is a 30-day calendar duration for that contract and the Contractor doesn't see an issue getting materials and equipment in time.; (6) At 199 Howard Boulevard, a potential leak was observed. Similar to what we performed on Route 46, we dispatched our emergency contractor, John Garcia Construction. They engaged and it was determined that the six-inch isolation valve on the hydrant had failed and it was the source of the leak. On Monday, August 17, we performed a Controlled Outage on that 12-inch main and completed the 6-inch hydrant isolation valve replacement. Similar to what we did with Roxbury, we prepared correspondence requesting compensation for this level of effort back from Mt. Arlington in accordance with our Water Systems Regulations, Specifications, as well as the Water Supply Contract with them. Similar to the repair performed in 2019, we anticipate that they will compensate accordingly.; (7) For the Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Project, we are finalizing our Wetlands General Permit #2 and working to schedule a site visit with PCS to review the necessary SCADA programming. This is part of the interim steps necessary to take that tank out-of-service and still provide the drinking water to Mt. Arlington and Jefferson.; (8) At the Markewicz Pump Station, we are happy to announce that the third replacement pump has been in service since the week of August 11 with no operational issues to date. As indicated in the report, during one of our recent site inspections, the site was in unacceptable condition with a lot of debris, garbage and old materials preventing Tony from operating the Station as needed without tripping over items. We advised the Contractor of the need to make the necessary repairs and maintaining a clean and orderly site. The Contractor has completed the cleaning to an acceptable condition, however, there are still some very critical lingering items, such as furnishing of O&M Manuals, formal operator training and all the necessary equipment and material certification submittals that are necessary. It was reported that we were processing Payment Application No. 13, however, upon review and coordination with Mott MacDonald, we are not recommending payment of Payment

Application No. 13 for several factors. The majority of that is still some of these lingering items that are critical to the contract and critical to the operation of the facility. The Contractor is less than pleased, but they are committed in making everything right and are in the process of scheduling the Operator Training, finalizing the O&M Manual and all the other necessary submittals to keep this thing moving. They are very anxious to complete the project.

Mr. McAloon mentioned there is a resolution prepared formalizing the Parsippany Troy-Hills' request for additional water allocation and asked if someone from the Water Committee would like to present that. Mr. Druetzler moved the Resolution and Mr. Platt seconded it.

Chairman Dour asked if there was any comments or questions. There being none, he called for a Roll Call on the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-62
RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING AND FURTHER RESPONDING TO PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL WATER ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") is a bulk water supplier servicing customers consisting of Township of Randolph, Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Township of Denville, Roxbury Township, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township ("Parsippany"), Mine Hill Township, Jefferson Township, Mt. Arlington Township, Borough of Wharton and New Jersey American Water Company; and

WHEREAS, via telephone conversations in late January 2020 and via e-mail on February 25, 2020, between Edward DeHope, Esq. of the firm of Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, L.L.P. (said firm appointed on January 7, 2020 as Parsippany's Township Attorney) and counsel for the Authority, Parsippany requested an additional 500,000 gallons per day of water allocation from the Authority; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 15, 2020 from the Authority's counsel, Mr. DeHope was advised that the Authority has exhausted extensive resources in the pursuit of additional water supply sources, including the Rockaway Well and Scrub Oaks Mine projects, for decades, without favorable approval from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") but that the Authority was requesting a meeting with NJDEP regarding its existing water allocation contractual commitments; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020 representatives from NJDEP's Bureau of Water System Engineering and Bureau of Water Allocation and Well Permitting met via an online platform with the Authority's Executive Director, Water Superintendent, engineering consultants and attorney; and

WHEREAS, during the meeting with NJDEP on May 11, 2020 it was requested whether the Authority is able to contract for sale volumes of water that exceed their present allocation; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2020, NJDEP responded as follows: “Please be advised that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:19-7.3(e)(2) the Department must determine whether the applicant has sufficient safe yield and adequate allocation to supply the buyer, therefore the Department would not approve a contract for the purchase of water which would cumulatively with all other contracts, exceed their allocation”; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has contracted for the purchase of volumes of water equal to the allocation permitted by NJDEP.

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

1. Based on the foregoing facts, the Authority’s existing contractual commitments for water allocation with its bulk sale customers and NJDEP’s May 22, 2020 response regarding N.J.A.C. 7:19-7.3(e)(2), the Authority does not presently have any additional water supply to provide to Parsippany-Troy Hills Township beyond its current contractual limitations.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

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

(9) We are working on scheduling a meeting with Southeast to continue water supply agreement discussions. Once we have the meeting date scheduled, we will advise the Water Committee accordingly.

Mr. Platt asked what was the estimated completion date for the Markewicz Pumping Station and Mr. McAloon replied based on the revised completion date as part of Change Order No. 5, that is September 17. So as of the date of this meeting, the Contractor has nine days to achieve substantial completion. Mr. Platt asked do you expect them to do that and Mr. McAloon replied that we are hopeful and the Contractor has committed to getting that complete.

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System

A. Through August 2020, MCMUA sold approximately 1,179 MG to date. This total volume of water sold to date is above the total sold for the same time period in 2019 (1,017 MG) and the volume sold in 2018 (1,053 MG) respectively. Usage for SMCMUA has returned to pre-emergency conditions.

B. **Mount Arlington & Jefferson Water Usage Correction** – It has been brought to our attention by Mt. Arlington there was a discrepancy in the billing values for June 2020. Upon further investigation, the Mt. Arlington tank experienced a power outage on June 25, 2020 which resulted in a loss of communication with the SCADA system, and more importantly the Jefferson water meter signal which provides the daily meter readings and the calculations of water usage. Reconciliation of the monthly billing has been performed, by estimating the Jefferson Usage between June 25 to June 28 based on daily average. SCE is in the process of preparing correspondence to NJDEP to correct the water usage values.

2. Well #7 Pole Barn

SCE has performed the wetland delineation as well as the preliminary building layout for the pole barn. We are in the process of finalizing our 50% design plans for review and comment by MCMUA. Once any comments are received, we will finalize the plans and submit for permitting.

3. Maintenance Garage Updates

SCE has performed the site visit and evaluation of existing conditions. We are in the process of finalizing our 50% design plans for review and comment by MCMUA. One of the items we are considering is the separation of the project into two contracts in efforts to receive competitive pricing on the roof replacement, as to ensure completion prior to the late fall and winter months.

4. Nolan's Ridge Combination Vacuum / Air Relief Valve Project

Hutton Construction has executed the contracts for the project. We are in the process of scheduling a pre-construction meeting for this work, as well as confirming the lead time of materials. The Contractor anticipates construction commencement in early October, with an estimated construction duration of three (3) days, and completion within the 30-calendar day period.

5. Water Division Emergency Contractor

199 Howard Blvd. Water Main Repair – on the evening of Thursday August 13, 2020, MCMUA was notified by Mount Arlington Superintendent of Public Works about a potential leak on the existing 12-inch distribution main within the vicinity of 199 Howard Boulevard in Mount Arlington. During an initial site visit with MCMUA Water Superintendent and Mount Arlington Superintendent of Public Works, the leak was isolated by closing the existing 6-inch isolation valve on the existing hydrant. This hydrant was temporarily removed from service.

A site meeting was scheduled with Mount Arlington Police to review anticipated work and coordination of necessary traffic control on Friday August 14, 2020 for the developed plan for remedial action. It was determined efforts would be needed on Monday August 17, 2020 to facilitate the necessary equipment, materials, and personnel for the repair, as well as to allow for appropriate notification to residents which may be impacted.

At approximately 11:00am on Monday August 17, 2020, MCMUA performed a Controlled Outage on the existing 12-inch main. Upon dewatering and initial investigation, it was confirmed the leak was originating from the existing 6-inch hydrant isolation valve. The existing valve was replaced. At approximately 1:45pm the existing 12-inch main was charged and flushed from the hydrant downstream of the repair and service was restored. It was confirmed the leak had been eliminated and the Contractor's personnel completed the backfill, site restoration and demobilization.

SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (SCE) has reviewed the Contractors invoice associated with the repair work and recommends payment to **John Garcia Construction Co.** in the amount of **\$11,080.75** for Water Leak at 199 Howard Blvd. Additionally, it is recommended MCMUA pay directly the cost for the Uniformed Traffic Directors for Traffic Control necessary to complete this work in the amount of \$1,479.00.

In accordance with the existing water supply agreement between MCMUA and Borough of Mt. Arlington, as well as the “Potable Water System Regulations, Specifications and Rate Schedule”, the cost of these repairs are the responsibility of the Borough due to the hydrant isolation valve failure. SCE has advised the Borough via formal correspondence.

6. Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation

Contract A – Tank Isolation

SCE is finalizing the NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2 for the installation of the proposed valve chamber necessary for the tank isolation project. This include signatures of neighboring property Owners which has been difficult to obtain. Additionally, we are in the process of scheduling a site visit with PCS to review and evaluate the necessary SCADA programming for the temporary water system operation.

7. Markewicz Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Construction

Operation of the final replacement pump has continued since the week of 8/11/2020 with no operational issues to date. During a site inspection performed prior to construction meeting #17, it was observed the overall condition of the site was unacceptable, with trash piles, debris and removed equipment both inside and outside of the pump station. The Contractor was sternly reminded of the need to provide a clean and orderly site, otherwise payment would be withheld. The Contractor completed satisfactory cleaning of the site to correct this unacceptable condition. Additionally, the Contractor was reminded of the critical need to furnish Operation & Maintenance manuals, as well as schedule formal operator training for all of the necessary equipment and components. The training is anticipated to occur in September. MM is currently coordinating a punch list inspection, and will circulate anticipated dates.

Payment Application #13 is currently under review to confirm work completed is reflective of the final invoice value but that has not yet been provided prior to the preparation of this report.

Project Completion Summary Through September 8, 2020

Contract Start Date		May 1, 2019
Original Contract Completion Time		360 Calendar Days
Approved Time Extension		124 Calendar Days
Change Order #5 Extension		21 Calendar Days
Change Order #5 Contract Completion Time		505 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	496	98%
Days Remaining:	9	2%
Original Contract Completion Date		April 25, 2020
Change Order #5 Completion Date		September 17, 2020

Project Financial Summary Through September 8, 2020

Original Contract Amount	\$1,932,963.00
Change Order #1	\$32,156.00
Change Order #2	\$6,620.19
Change Order #3	\$1,998.44
Change Order #4	No Cost
Change Order #5	\$28,706.82
Total Change Orders to Date	\$69,481.45
Current Contract Amount	\$2,002,444.45
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,969,503.33
Percent of Work Complete	98.4%
Payment Application #1	\$108,909.90
Payment Application #2	\$215,825.89
Payment Application #3	\$251,614.21
Payment Application #4	\$178,762.49
Payment Application #5	\$298,214.95
Payment Application #6	\$143,030.22
Payment Application #7	\$171,361.46
Payment Application #8	\$187,897.95
Payment Application #9	\$134,457.56
Payment Application #10	\$28,665.00
Payment Application #11	45,370.57
Payment Application #12	\$38,685.48
Payment Application #13	\$62,327.50
Total Retainage to Date	\$19,695.03

**Construction Administration Financial Summary Through
September 8, 2020**

Original Contract Amount	\$289,500.00
Invoice #1:	\$58,156.72
Invoice #2	\$15,025.45
Invoice #3	\$11,866.65
Invoice #4	\$11,470.83
Invoice #5	\$14,996.26
Invoice #6	\$16,138.89
Invoice #7	\$18,105.80
Invoice #8	\$9,634.00
Invoice #9	\$8,288.00
Invoice #10	\$7,380.98
Invoice #11	\$7,520.00
Total Invoiced	\$171,063.58
Percent Invoiced:	62%

Progress Meeting No. 17 was held on Wednesday August 26, 2020 at 10:00am. Progress Meeting No. 18 is scheduled for Friday September 11, 2020 at 9:30am.

8. *Parsippany Troy Hills Township's Request for Additional Water Allocation*

Following a water committee meeting, we are prepared to formally adopt a Resolution Memorializing and further responding to the request for additional water allocation.

9. *South East Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority*

SCE is working to schedule a meeting with representatives from SMCMUA with regard to continuing the Water Supply Agreement discussions.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) There have been a lot of improvements the last couple months, especially at our transfer stations and vegetative waste sites. We are looking into a lot of things, especially paving. At the Parsippany Vegetative Waste free pile section, we are looking at doing some paving and some blocks for our residents. As mentioned, is the digital sign at Mt. Olive and we have a resolution for that this evening. That sign will be at the main gate of the transfer station.

Chairman Dour had a question on that. It mentions that the sign company is going to be being responsible for getting all the permits and any variances, have we checked with the town to see if we are going to need something? Mr. Deacon replied according to Effective Sign Works, they have worked with Mt. Olive before and they are going to do that. He also mentioned that the fact that they offered a ten year warranty on the digital equipment was good for us. Mr. Dour asked are we going to have a Wi-Fi hook-up and is someone going to be able to access that? Mr. Gindoff replied that it isn't Wi-Fi per-se, but we will be able to modify the sign remotely. Chairman Dour asked if we are going to do this in Parsippany as well or not? Mr. Gindoff replied that this is a little different because AJACO has been talking about putting a sign up there at the corner that is on our leased property, so he would be coordinating with them.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-63
RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
APPROVING A VENDOR SERVICE CONTRACT ON A
'NON-FAIR AND OPEN' BASIS PURSUANT TO THE 'PAY-TO-PLAY' LAW
EFFECTIVE SIGN WORKS

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to acquire an Electric Sign for the MCMUA Mount Olive Transfer Station on a 'non-fair and open' contract pursuant to the provisions of the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play" Law, P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, competitive quotations were solicited in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1; and

WHEREAS, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Effective Sign Works, having a business address of 1208 Columbus Road, Burlington, NJ 08016 submitted the attached proposal for the work to be performed in an amount not to exceed \$34,282.00; and

WHEREAS, the work shall be completed by December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a determination has been made as follows:

1. The known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed \$17,500.00;
2. The required Business Entity Disclosure Certification form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
3. The required Political Contribution Disclosure form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
4. The contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.
5. In lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is as set forth in this resolution per N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4 (a) 3.

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available from Budget account number 01-1-900-923-726 for the work to be performed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby approve the

following vendor service contract as most advantageous, price and other factors considered in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 under a ‘non-fair and open’ basis:

Vendor Name: Effective Sign Works
Estimated Cost of Service: \$34,282.00 (not to exceed)
Account Number: 01-1-900-923-726

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure be placed on file with this resolution.
2. The MCMUA’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to approve a Vendor Service Contract On A ‘Non-Fair And Open’ Basis Pursuant To The ‘Pay-To-Play’ Law with Effective Sign Works and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

(2) Regarding the tonnage numbers, we are on our way back from COVID. The Transfer Station Managers provide a report every Monday on the tonnage numbers so he can advise everyone what is going on at the transfer stations. ; (3) With regard to the Improvement Project, everything is detailed in the report. Parsippany is way ahead of schedule and we have all four floors open for trash, not the apron and the doors to come in, but two more bays to store trash because the North tipping floor will be in and out with the steel work. Mr. Lemonwicz mentioned that they agreed to a new finish date of October 12. The issue we may potentially have is, we just went through some shop drawing review for the shrouds over the last week or two, and he is hearing that steel is being very hard to come by. He had a large project in another town delayed 30 days because nobody was shipping steel. He hasn’t heard that this is an issue with this project yet and is going to look into that. There have been a lot of issues of getting steel. There is a lot of problems right now with getting building materials. He will send Larry an email to let him know if that is going to be an issue and let everybody know.

Mr. Druetzler asked do you have any feel for why in the Parsippany the tonnage and the customers are less and in Mt. Olive, they’re more? Mr. Deacon replied that Mt. Olive seems to be getting a lot of homeowners. Mr. Gindoff added that homeowner use at Mt. Olive is significantly more than Parsippany. People in the western part of the County tend to get rid of their trash themselves a lot more than people in the eastern side of the County. Mr. Gindoff mentioned considering that today

is the day after Labor Day, it was perfect timing to get the transfer station back in full use again because this is the busiest day of the year.

(4) With regard to the Solid Waste Management Plan, we are working with Dawn at DEP on the contract with J. P. Mascaro on the social justice requirements. She is going to talk with her supervisors and let us know if we have to do anything special with that.; (5) Regarding HHW, this Saturday is the third event of the 2020 year. It is at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy.; (6) Regarding Vegetative Waste, the screener was moved from Mt. Olive on Friday to Parsippany and we are taking full advantage of the screener. The guys are doing a really nice job getting as much quality product as we can while we have the screener rental. We are seeing an uptake in the brush and Parsippany is close to being full. Once the screening process is done, we are going to try to grind at Parsippany.; (6) The maintenance and repair resolution for Eagle Trucking, mentioned in the report, will be tabled for the next meeting.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The MCMUA staff has continued the process of improving signage and overall site conditions at all its facilities in August of 2020. The remaining MCMUA vehicles at the Administrative Office and compost facilities have all been re-decaled with new reflective MCMUA logos on the doors. Extra logos have been ordered for all the standard sized doors at both transfer stations. All the faded street signs at the MCMUA main office in Randolph were replaced. The MCMUA continues to seek quotes on the replacement of the two (2) 4000 gallon above ground storage tanks (diesel fuel) for both of the transfer stations. These tanks are approaching their usefully operational life expectancy as per the manufacturer specs. Quotes are being received for projects like the concrete repairs to the tipping floor at Mount Olive in front of Loading Bay #1, painting and floors improvements in both the scale houses, and paving at the Parsippany compost entrance area/ free pile area. The MCMUA is also looking at next year for pavement projects at the HHW facility and Curbside garage. The industrial sized log splitter that was fit to the new Volvo front-end loaders at Mount Olive/ Camp Pulaski compost has already been used to split larger sized class B materials and is working great. Driver's license scanners are being installed at both scale

house for use by the Weighmasters with the assistance of Paradigm and County IT. The publication of notice to Bidders for replacement of the steel deck trucks scales is scheduled for September 2. This includes four (4) truck scales total, the inbound and outbound units at both MCMUA transfer stations. The Bid due date for this project is scheduled for October 28, with anticipation of Contract award at the November 10 Board meeting.

After a detailed review by MCMUA staff of all the submitted quotes and related specifications, a Resolution for the purchase of a new digital sign board will be presented at the September 8 Board meeting. This sign would be placed on Gold Mine Road near the main entrance gate to our Mount Olive transfer station and stand about 8' feet tall by 7' feet wide. It will include a custom made stone base and non-illuminated vinyl header with the MCMUA logo on top.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- For the month of August 2020, the quantity of solid waste accepted at the two (2) transfer stations was 36,948 tons. This represented a 5.17% decrease compared to August 2019 totals of 38,962 tons. Based on the tons accepted during the first eight (8) months of 2020, it is projected that for the entire year 2020, a total of 405,460 tons will be accepted at the two (2) transfer stations. If this projection is accurate, 2020's projected tonnage will be 2.69% less than the 428,450 tons accepted in 2019. This decrease is most likely attributable to changes in waste generation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are some year-to-year comparisons regarding transfer station activity for the Board:

Parsippany Troy-Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 22,202 (2,280 less tons than last year)

Customers- 4,394 (503 less customers than last year)

Cash customers- 328 (73 more cash customers than last year)

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 14,746 (267 more tons than last year)
Customers- 3,688 (387 more customers than last year)
Cash Customers- 843 (305 more cash customers than last year)

Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Improvement Project- This project involves the replacement of the main tipping floor, trench drains, and related steel repair work. Information remains on the MCMUA website reminding our customers of this construction activity in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

Persistent Construction, Inc. (Persistent) continues to work diligently to be well ahead of their proposed schedule as it relates to Phase 2. The curing of the concrete for the tipping floor was adequate for use on Monday, August 31. The curing process of the concrete aprons for tipping floor doors #3 and #4 still needs some time and are not ready for heavy truck traffic. This includes the newly installed trench drain system in Phase 2. Persistent removed the protection block to facilitate work outside the building. These block are now outside and are not needed until tipping floor doors #3 and #4 are returned to normal use.

Persistent Construction has also completed the additional work provided for in Change Order #1- the demo near the front entrance, installing new drainage and valves to our underground storage tank (UGST) and the sanitary sewer. Use of the North tipping floor was limited at times during the steel demolition work in the loading bays. Persistent constantly worked with the MCMUA Operational staff and Mascaro making space available to continually service our customers. Change Order #4 was also approved and then completed in August providing for a minor extension of the tipping floor behind loading bays #3 and #4 and the North tipping floor to prevent pooling of water while providing proper sloping so that the newly poured floor appropriately meets the existing floor. All safety bollards listed in the plans have been installed and painted, the new trench drain system is functional, and this project is rapidly coming to a conclusion.

The final steel beam work and shroud install project has started under Alaimo Engineering oversight. Persistent and ABBA Metal Works (ABBA) have started shop work and fabrication based on the final plans and drawings. Two (2) of the main steel support beams were found to be twisted and damaged and were in need of full replacement. Adjustments to steel work found in Phase 1 due to loading trailer heights and lengths, were then applied to Phase 2's steel construction plans. The final clean-up, demobilization, and addressing the punch-list items is currently scheduled for Monday, September 14.

Transfer Stations Administrative Matters- J.P. Mascaro and Sons continue to operate the MCMUA transfer stations under the current Emergency Contract. New equipment has been ordered for the start of the new Contract. The MCMUA Operational staff continues working with Mascaro on the major repair lists and improvements at both transfer stations mentioned at previous MCMUA Board meetings. To increase communications, and to continue to have Mascaro understand their obligations under the Contract, the MCMUA Operational staff has implemented regular scheduled meetings via video conference with their management staff. Video conferences will occur every other Monday, accompanied by a detailed agenda of relative topics. Operational issues or concerns, safety, staffing, purchasing, physical improvements, clerical procedures and recordkeeping, environmental compliance, and lessons learned are just a few examples of what these bi-weekly meetings are meant to improve. The first video conference meeting occurred on Monday, August 31 and was received well by both parties.

MORRIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

County Concrete Corporation- Class B Recycling Facility Modification- As mentioned during the August 11 Board meeting, County Concrete, Corp. is looking to include Block 2401, Lot 8 which utilizes the scale to weigh all class B materials and is adjacent to the recycling operations. This was inadvertently omitted from County Concrete's original class B Recycling application, and will not alter or expand the current recycling operations in any manner. MCMUA staff was told by Roxbury Township that a formal Resolution would be considered at

one of their late August meetings. Staff is waiting for receipt of this municipal Resolution prior to issuing a request for Administrative Action to NJDEP updating the Plan with this minor correction.

Morris County Transfer Station Contract- With the Award of Contract for the operation of the transfer stations being executed on August 5, MCMUA staff will now be working with the SWAC and the Morris County Freeholders on a formal Plan Amendment that incorporates the terms and conditions contained in the Contract and also abides by the new NJDEP social justice requirements. This Plan amendment will eventually be presented to the MCMUA Board in order to provide a recommendation regarding the Plan amendment to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The SWAC was updated by MCMUA staff about a future meeting to discuss and review this amendment. We are still waiting for direction from NJDEP on how to apply the new social justice requirements with respect to this proposed Plan amendment.

Northeast Products, LLC- Plan Modification- The MCMUA received notification before the COVID-19 pandemic that Northeast Products, LLC. (Northeast) is looking to combine the existing permitted capacity included within the Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) of 125 tons per day of trees, tree parts, stumps, brush, pallets and dimensional lumber (untreated and unpainted) and additional 125 per day of uncomposted leaves during the October to May. Northeast would like to combine these tonnage capacities to be 250 tons per day of trees, tree parts, stumps, brush, pallets, dimensional lumber (untreated and unpainted), and uncomposted leaves. MCMUA staff has contacted the NJDEP for clarification on this request. Northeast Products is currently in the County Plan for 500 tons per day, and of that, 125 tons can be leaves (October to May). Additionally, included as correspondence for the Board, the MCMUA was also copied on a request from Northeast Products to the NJDEP for moving piles of “finished” product to different locations on their site. The MCMUA received a copy of their updated site plan reflecting this request. Much like the County Concrete matter mentioned above, staff is still waiting for a Resolution by the host municipality of Roxbury prior to issuing a request for Administrative Action to NJDEP on this minor Plan modification.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- The third 2020 MCMUA HHW one-day drop-off event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA) from 9:00AM till 2:00PM. The new HHW one-day drop-off event trailer, MCMUA logoed pop-up tents and chairs that were ordered for use at these events will all be utilized.

The permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station was reopened and still continues to service Morris County residents only. The MCMUA staff continues to reduce monetary interactions while keeping paperless transactions and proper social distancing with all its customers. The MCMUA staff provided service to 267 appointments, bringing our 2020 calendar year totals to 1,076 appointments.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Both of the MCMUA Vegetative Waste Recycling Facilities in Parsippany and Mount Olive continue to be fully operational, receiving an increased amount of brush and tree parts from the recent storms and Hurricane Isaias. To generate space for servicing our Morris County Municipalities, residents, and landscapers, grinding at Parsippany is continually performed when time allows. The residential compost and mulch deliveries have started to slow down. The annual screening process started in Mount Olive/ Camp Pulaski on August 24. As of September 1, Mount Olive had produced over 4,000 cubic yards (CY) of quality screened compost. Efficient work performed by the MCMUA vegetative waste staff has allowed us to rescreen the tailings/ overs to produce more product and less waste. The rental screener is scheduled to move from Mount Olive to Parsippany on Friday, September 4. From there, Parsippany will have use of the same machinery for two (2) full working weeks. Credit must be given to the MCMUA Operational staff for working together to use the equipment effectively. A copy of the Vegetative Waste Report will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the September 8 meeting.

Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing- Joint projects with Naturcycle and the MCMUA vegetative materials continued in the month of August 2020. McCarey Landscaping in the Middletown, New York area became a new customer that does a lot of large DOT projects.

McCarey Landscaping took a trial load and liked it. Hopefully they start regular orders soon. Naturcycle also used MCMUA compost in a green roof blend for trays. Naturcycle supplies the nursery that grows these trays.

Maintenance And Repair of Vegetative Waste Heavy Equipment Contract- The MCMUA requires maintenance and repair of the heavy equipment used at its vegetative waste facilities and seeks to enter into a contract with Eagle Trucking Equipment, Inc. to perform these services. The award of the contract will be for six months in an amount not to exceed \$44,000. A Resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration at the September 8 meeting authorizing this Contract under a “non-fair and open” basis.

Back-up Trucking Services for Residential Vegetative Waste Deliveries- A Resolution on the residential vegetative waste deliveries will not be presented until the October 6 Board meeting. MCMUA staff has a deadline of September 4 for willing vendors to submit their quotes. The MCMUA will then be utilizing the “Non-Fair and Open” method which requires documentation to be submitted and on file ten (10) days prior to the award. The current Contract with Kirk Allen Trucking Services, LLC expires on October 6. The Resolution will be written with the intent to sign a Contract after it has been awarded. Kirk Allen Trucking has successfully provided this back-up delivery service for the MCMUA for the last twelve (12) months.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Ms. Sweedy reported the following: (1) The July ReCommunity/Republic statement was finalized and the rate for single stream for July was -\$79.26 per ton. We just received the preliminary rate for single stream for the month of August, the preliminary rate is -\$69.90 per ton, an improvement of \$9.36 per ton compared to the rate for July. There was an increase in value for corrugated cardboard, mixed paper and HDPE #2 Plastic (natural). She spoke with Eric Gabrielson at Republic Services/ReCommunity this afternoon and he had some positive comments about the curbside loads that the MUA brings to Republic Services. He stated that there is a significant difference in just viewing the loads coming in, compared to loads brought in from other municipalities by other haulers! MUA loads have the lowest amount of contaminants!; (2) Our recycling inspections at multi-family complexes continue as we try to improve the quality of the recycling stream by reducing unacceptable items and bringing this information to the property managers so they can work with the residents in these complexes.; and (3) Several educational videos have been posted on the MUA website and Staff continues to work on scripts for other videos. The videos provide important information to educate the Public and prompt viewers to follow guidelines to recycle right!

Recycling Report

Tonnage and Value – The July 2020 ReCommunity/Republic statement was finalized in the amount of **(\$118,337.10)**. The per ton rate for single-stream was **(\$79.26)**, a difference of \$1.72 below the rate **(\$80.98)** paid in June 2020. The August statement and tonnages by material and municipality has not been received and/or compiled as of the writing of this report, but expected to be available for the Board meeting and will be reported on at that time.

Curbside Contract Proposals & Resolutions

Pequannock Township:

- On 8/12/20 staff was notified that Pequannock Township decided to accept Gaeta’s proposal for dual-stream curbside recycling collection, on a twice-a-week collection basis. The MCMUA had been providing single-stream service for the past 5-years and the twice-a-week collection of dual stream recyclables was not a service that made sense for the MCMUA to bid on for Pequannock.

Mt. Arlington Borough:

- On 8/21/20, staff forward a copy of the new agreement for recycling services for the municipal recycling depot, to Beth Dwyer, Acting Borough Clerk and Paul Nelson, Municipal Recycling Coordinator, for their review and for signature by the mayor. The Agreement is for five years starting on 1/1/21. The depot service (cost per pull) will start at \$114.25 and increase by 2% each year.

Morris Plains:

- On 8/24/20, staff provided the proposed shared services agreement for curbside recycling collection services (and service for the municipal recycling depot) to Ana Thomas, CFO, and Mike Laudati, Municipal Recycling Coordinator. The new agreement would become effective on 1/1/21. The MCMUA provided a favorable all-in-one pricing scenario to Morris Plains which takes away some of the risk and unknowns with marketing the recyclable materials from Morris Plains.

Town of Boonton:

- On 8/12/20, staff received a call from, Charlene Oselador, from the Administrator's office at the Town of Boonton. She was inquiring about the end date of the current shared services agreement for curbside recycling collection, at the request of the administrator, Neil Henry.
- On 8/26/20, staff spoke with Ms. Oselador and told her that the new proposal for a shared services agreement, for curbside recycling services (and service for the municipal recycling depot) would be prepared and provided in the near future. She requested that staff email the proposal directly to Mr. Henry.

Mendham Township:

- Mendham Township is going out to bid for curbside recycling services for one year. The bid opening is scheduled for 10/9/20, with services to begin on 1/1/21. Staff received a copy of the bid specifications on 8/10/20 and MCMUA Curbside supervisors began reviewing the bid and provide detailed information about staff and equipment needed in order to formulate a cost proposal.

Netcong Borough:

- Netcong Borough is soliciting proposals for solid waste collection services (curbside trash and recycling collection). Staff requested and received a copy of the bid from Netcong Borough and staff is reviewing the bid.

Other Collection Proposals: The MCMUA has been evaluating all its current curbside contracts and is working on formulating proposals to sign up our other customers for 5-years renewals based on similar types of all-in-one proposals like the one provided to Morris Plains.

Recycling Customer Support & Curbside Support

On 8/13/20, the following curbside equipment was sold at auction:

- 1995 Mustang Skid Steer (with sweeper and 4 tires): opening bid, \$1,500.00; sold for \$5,500.00
- 1996 International Roll-off Truck: opening bid \$1,500.00; sold for \$16,800.00
- 2005 Rudco Compactor (with receiver box): opening bid, \$2,000.00; sold for \$4,100.00

On August 31, staff reported that work on the wiring for the new phone system at the armory is near completion. The intercom system will need additional attention. Once the wiring has been completely installed, the new Cisco phone system will be put in place. Staff looks forward to the updated phone system in order to improve communication with municipal recycling coordinators and residents.

Recycling Inspections and Education

On 8/12/20, staff contacted the Morris County Housing Authority (MCHA) regarding high levels of contaminants at the Bennet Avenue and Peer Place complexes, as reported by MCMUA curbside crews. Staff requested that the MCHA monitor the disposal areas and provide reminders to residents about recycling right. Staff provided flyers (acceptable and unacceptable in the recycling stream) for distribution to residents at the five complexes. In addition, signage was recommended, and offered for the disposal areas.

On 8/18/20, staff conducted inspections at the following complexes in Hanover Township:
Sterling Parc Complex:

- Plastic bags found in recycling dumpster
- Mandated recyclable plastic bottles aluminum cans and cardboard found in trash

Hanover Hills Condominiums:

- Plastic bags, motor oil bottle, paper plates, food waste found in recycling dumpsters
- A few of plastic bottles and a cardboard box found in trash dumpster

A resident was seen using a ReBag (apartment bag) to carry recyclables out to disposal area, reducing plastic bag contamination in recycling stream! Inspections will continue at multi-family complexes in order to address contamination issues currently found in the recycling stream. Educational materials (for distribution to residents) and signs for disposal areas will be offered to each property manager.

On 8/19/20, staff emailed a reminder to the municipal recycling coordinator regarding the September 1, deadline set by the NJDEP, for the 2019 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) reports. Staff was very busy providing assistance to municipal recycling coordinators with their reports throughout the month of August. Many coordinators had unforeseen challenges, including obtaining tonnage information, due to the pandemic. Gratefully, all 39 MTG reports were submitted on time!

On 8/21/20, staff was asked by Joe Schmidt, CEHA, to reach out to NutraMed Packaging in Whippany. Mike Flora spotted generator disposing of plastic bottles (mandated recyclables) at the Parsippany transfer station. On 8/28/20, staff spoke with Kunal Gupta, VP, and will be meeting with him on 9/3/20.

On 8/21/20, Tim Quinn, Mt. Olive Township Municipal Recycling Coordinator, provided an update regarding Ryan Homes at Mountain Ridge. He advised that Rubinetti Disposal have been retained to collect recyclables from the Mountain Ridge Estates complex. The resident from that complex (anonymous) provided an update stating that residents were provided with new recycling containers, but have not been provided with the list of acceptable recyclables. The resident reported about the first recycling collection by Rubinetti Disposal, on 8/28/20. The collection crew refused to take cardboard that had put out for recycling. The crew was unable to articulate why they were unable to take the cardboard when approached by the resident. The resident reached out to Rubinetti Disposal and was told that the crew made a mistake and should have taken the cardboard. The resident is committed to recycling right and meeting recycling requirements. It would be valuable to have more residents like this at multifamily complexes!

On 8/31/20, staff spoke with Tom Dente, onsite property manager at the Sterling Parc complex. Staff provided detailed specifications regarding rear-load dumpsters and 32-gallon recycling containers. Tom plans to purchase two dumpsters for recyclables for the shed that is utilized by the residents at the senior housing building. He also plans to provide new recycling containers for those units in the complex that receive curbside collection. Tom has placed recycling signs in the central disposal areas that clearly show acceptable recyclables and unacceptable materials. He has worked hard at improving the overall recycling program at this complex, which is very much appreciated by MCMUA staff and crews!

Miscellaneous Presentations/Meetings/Conference Calls/Correspondence

On 8/11/20, staff replied to an email from Jeffrey Schmehl, Project Manager for KRE Group. They are building an “apartment community” in Rockaway Township. He asked for recycling information and requested to schedule a meeting. Staff sent mandated requirements and copied Al Knoth, Rockaway Township Recycling Coordinator, in the correspondence.

On 8/12/20 & 8/21/20, MCMUA staff created several informational video clips to be posted on the MCMUA website and YouTube Channel. The videos are short snippets about the proper management of waste and recycling right. Each video highlights specific items such as mandated recyclables, plastic bags, plant pots/trays, and the proper disposal of household hazardous wastes in brief, direct messaging. The videos will be wonderful addition to the MCMUA’s website, as residents will be able to garner important information by viewing the videos.

On 8/17/20, staff invited Gary Sondermeyer, of Bayshore Recycling, and Eric Gabrielson, of Republic Services, to be guest speakers at the municipal recycling coordinators meeting scheduled for 9/22/20 via WebEx. The MCMUA will host the virtual meeting that will meet NJDEP requirements.

Clean Communities

Educational Programs: One virtual program, via Zoom, took place on August 18 as part of the Mendham Township Public Library's summer program. Rizzo's Reptile Discovery did a great job presenting the animals, and answering questions from the audience (who watched the program from home).

Road Clean-ups: The MCMUA hired Adopt-a-Highway Litter Removal Service of America to conduct two litter cleanups in August. On August 13, the cleanup of Gold Mine Road, and Link Road, near the transfer station, in Mt. Olive Township took place. A total of five miles cleaned. There were 35 bags of trash and 18 bags of recyclables collected from the cleanup. A second litter cleanup was conducted on August 31. Five miles were cleaned on Sussex Turnpike, in Randolph Township and Morris Township. There were 27 bags of trash and 14 bags of recyclables collected from the cleanup.

On 8/12/20, staff attended a Clean Communities County Coordinators' meeting via Zoom. The following topics were discussed:

- COVID 19 Challenges
 - Following CDC guidelines for those conducting litter cleanups
 - Volunteer Waiver forms
 - Additional protective equipment (PPE) such as masks
- Town-wide litter cleanups not mandatory during 2020
- Virtual Educational Litter Abatement Programs
- Future Meetings, Virtual Certification Training for Clean Communities Coordinators
- Rise to the Challenge Awards

Sandy Huber, Executive Director of the NJ Clean Communities Council, announced that she is retiring (as of January 2021) and invited Clean Communities County coordinators to "throw their hats in the ring" to pursue this position! She also announced that the 2020 Clean Communities conference (that had been postponed to October) has been canceled. It is anticipated that the 2021 conference will take place in May, as long as the pandemic has been resolved. In addition, Sandy mentioned that the League of Municipalities would be virtual this year and the Rise to the Challenge awards would be presented at that time.

On 8/17/20, an Award nomination for Ina Braun, also known as the "Bagtivist," was submitted to the NJ Clean Communities Council. Ms. Braun creates reusable bags out of old t-shirts and recently has been sewing masks to protect people from COVID-19. Ina would like to replace all single-use plastic bags with reusable bags. Litter abatement and sustainable practices are her passion. This Jefferson Township resident certainly rises to the challenge!

On 8/18/20, a letter of recommendation on behalf of Jennifer Carchich, a Science teacher at the Unity Charter School, was provided to the Alliance of NJ Environmental Education (ANJEE).

The recommendation is part of the nomination for an Environmental Educator award. Jennifer has been a strong environmental partner. She has facilitated several litter cleanups and conducted environmental projects with students to qualify for attendance at the NJ Clean Communities Environmental Student Exchange and Clean Communities Kids Day. She plays an active role in conservation and sustainable practices!

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Platt asked if there are any updates on the status discussions with N.J. American? Mr. Gindoff replied that he reached out to his contact at N.J. American and reminded him he owed me a response. He did tell me that he spoke to one of his contacts down at DEP and he wanted to reach out to his other close contact there. He apologized to me, but I don't have another update at this point. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he reached out to Vince Monaco this week and that is what he told me. Mr. Druetzler about update on Southeast Morris County M.U.A. and Mr. Gindoff replied that we have been trying to pin them down for a meeting. We spoke to Laura Cummings the end of last week and she was going to get back to us with some dates. Mr. Druetzler mentioned that Sal Iannacone passed away. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he is a Board member on the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee and Sal was a major founder of that Committee and an active member up until a few months ago.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Szwak mentioned that her husband has been using the Mt. Olive Transfer Station and she went to the HHW Permanent Facility and it was a very smooth operation. It was a very positive experience and complimented MUA Staff.

There being no further 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.

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hudzik and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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