

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on October 6, 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. William Hudzik, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Fletcher Platt, Ms. Laura Szwak and Mr. Christopher Dour

ABSENT: Mr. Gene Feyl.

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

Chairman Dour asked if there were any comments on the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020. Ms. Szwak asked that the Minutes be amended after the Roll Call vote on the Treasurer's Report noting that she re-entered the meeting. Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting as amended:

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020 as amended and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8      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 September 2020. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions year-to-date through the month of September 2020. The investment report shows no new investments were purchased for the month of September 2020. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

Mr. Kaletcher made a correction to Water Division Disbursements. In line item Southeast MCMUA, should read "(July 2020)" not "(July 2018).

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

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that he has Resolution No. 20-64, which is a Water budget amendment for the 2020 budget reallocating budgetary funds from surplus line items to line items in deficit or that have risk of going into deficit. Decreased appropriations equal increased appropriations, so there is a net zero impact on the overall Water Operating budget. He asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-64  
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS  
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8  
WATER 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>
Electricity	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 670,000.00
Salaries – Admin	\$ 257,390.00	\$ 227,390.00
 <u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	 <u>From:</u>	 <u>To:</u>
Legal Consultation	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Minor Construction	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 55,000.00

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to amend the Water Division 2020 Fiscal Budget and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the next two resolutions are the 2021 budget introductions. He mentioned that 2021 budget meetings were held in September concluding with a September 24<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee meeting. A memo and documentation were mailed out with your packet last week and if there are any questions, feel free to ask. There being no questions, Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-65**  
**2021 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**SOLID WASTE BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2021 TO December 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2021 and ending, December 31, 2021 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$44,578,301.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$44,578,301.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$0.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rates, fees and other charges in effect will produce sufficient revenues, together with all other anticipated revenues to satisfy all obligations to the holders of bonds of the Authority, to meet operating expenses, capital outlays, debt service requirements, and to provide for such reserves, all as may be required by law, regulation or terms of contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the purposes described in this section of the budget, must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on October 6, 2020 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2021 and ending, December 31, 2021 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 10, 2020.

_____ Marilyn Regner, Secretary	_____ (Date)
Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote: 1 <sup>st</sup> : MR. PLATT    2 <sup>nd</sup> : MR. HUDZIK
	Aye                      Nay                      Abstain                      Absent
MR. BARRY	X
MR. DRUETZLER	X
MR. FEYL	X
MR. HUDZIK	X
DR. KOMINOS	X
DR. NUSBAUM	X
MR. PLATT	X
MS. SZWAK	X
MR. DOUR	X

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-66**  
**2021 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**WATER BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2021 TO December 31, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2021 and ending, December 31, 2021 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$4,631,090.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$6,303,855.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$1,672,765.00.; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$0.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rates, fees and other charges in effect will produce sufficient revenues, together with all other anticipated revenues to satisfy all obligations to the holders of bonds of the Authority, to meet operating expenses, capital outlays, debt service requirements, and to provide for such reserves, all as may be required by law, regulation or terms of contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the purposes described in this section of the budget, must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on October 6, 2020 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2021 and ending, December 31, 2021 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 10, 2020.

Marilyn Regner, Secretary	(Date)			
Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote: 1 <sup>st</sup> :	MR. HUDZIK	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	MR. PLATT
	Aye	Naye	Abstain	Absent
MR. BARRY	X			
MR. DRUETZLER	X			
MR. FEYL				X
MR. HUDZIK	X			
DR. KOMINOS	X			
DR. NUSBAUM	X			
MR. PLATT	X			
MS. SZWAK	X			
MR. DOUR	X			

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 20-67**

**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. 20-67 containing 7 pages for a total of \$3,356,566.74 dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	5210-5242	\$	289,226.09
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	11461-11551	\$	<u>3,067,340.65</u>
		\$	<b>3,356,566.74</b>

**CERTIFICATION**

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

DATE: October 6, 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: October 6, 2020.

DATE: October 6, 2020

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that a reverse on-line auction was held at the end of September. The lowest bid was Freepoint Energy Solutions, who is our current electricity supplier. Our current generation rate is 7.8 cents per kilowatt hour and the auction low bid was 7.3 cents per kilowatt hour, resulting in an annual savings of \$21,887 and \$43,775 over two years. Chairman Dour and Larry Gindoff commended Larry for doing a great job on the auction.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned a few things regarding some personnel and people. First of all, as you are all aware, Board Member Gene Feyl fell ill at the end of last week. We are not exactly sure of his status. The latest update he heard today from John Bonnani was that he is still in ICU, doing a little better. Mr. Gindoff informed the Board that Marilyn got a card out to his family on behalf of the Board and Staff and that arrived over the weekend. We send our best wishes to him and keep him in our prayers. Joe Maraziti is here this evening in place of Brad Carney, as his Mom is not doing so well and facing some tough times. Let's keep Brad and his family in our prayers. Finally, one of our long-term mechanics, Mike Schaeffer, is also facing some difficult times now. He has been a great employee of the MUA and we should also keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

On a more positive note, Christine Scano, who works with Larry Kaletcher in the Payroll Department, has been acclimating more and more into the recycling world and today she was notified that she has been awarded her Certified Recycling Professional Certificate, so we

congratulate Christine Scano as she evolves into becoming one of our recycling professionals. Secondly, he mentioned that we are hiring a Water Repairman for filling up Tony's crew for the first time in about two years. So Thomas Vander Ploeg will be starting with us on November 1<sup>st</sup> and Tony looks forward to that. At this moment, the MUA is fully staffed, which is not easy. It has been an accomplishment. He gave kudos to Fred Wilson, our HR Director, who works hard in getting people in and out and really tries to keep us totally staffed. It takes a lot of work, especially in our Curbside Department, as those people tend to come and go quickly for various reasons. Even though we are fully staffed, it doesn't mean there aren't a lot of people out on family leave, medical leave, the world of COVID has certainly complicated things. The people that are working have been doing yeoman's work. People like James, Bobby Ross, Mike Nunn and Tony Milonas have really been stepping up and keeping the MUA functioning really well and on a positive note. He gave kudos to the Staff as we work through many issues as things change.

Dr. Nusbaum asked does the County and/or Human Resources have some professional guidance on the CDC's protections for Staff, especially in the Transfer Stations and in the field they have to follow. Mr. Gindoff replied yes; we are constantly tweaking our guidance and our practices based on our Risk Management's Office at the County level who gives us guidance based on the best they know. We are now all taking temperatures before we enter the building at the beginning of the workday. We address concerns from Staff as they bring them up and we try to keep moving forward in this tough time.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the Correspondence report was sent out with the pre-meeting packet and there are two additional pieces of correspondence. He gave an update on Item No. 1 in the Correspondence where we are talking about the MUA being admitted into the FirstNet Extended Primary Service. He explained that over the last three or four weeks, the water system has been thrown into manual mode due to the fact that AT&T unbeknownst to us decommissioned their 3G service which most of our modems operating our automated water system were running on. Tony Milonas has been doing a great job manually operating the water system for the last two or three weeks as our engineers from PCS, who works with our SCADA system, have been working with AT&T to rebound from this decommissioning of 3G service and moving forward into a new LTE type of service, as well as a new tiered service level where we are treated more as a utility now instead of just a standard customer. He mentioned that it is blessing that we are moving into a better quality of service. We are pretty much automated now and Tony is running on an old temporary service until we move forward.

Mr. Hudzik asked if we got notice from AT&T that they were doing all this work and Mr. Gindoff replied no, it was disturbing that we did not.

Mr. Gindoff also mentioned the two additional pieces of correspondence: (1) Issuance of the Notice To Proceed to J.P. Mascaro on the new Transfer Station Contract, which will commence on December 15, 2020; and (2) Response to an informational request from John Bonanni regarding what level of funding do independent agencies receive from the County and in addition, a summary of the status of recycling as related to China

Letter dated September 29, 2020 to Tara L. Weitz, Client Solutions Executive III, AT&T, New Jersey – Local & Education, from Larry Gindoff regarding MCMUA Request For Consideration in FirstNet Extended Primary.

Letter dated September 22, 2020 to Scott Brubaker, Deputy Director, NJDEP Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Program, from James E. Deacon regarding Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan Modification Request for County Concrete Corporation, Class B Recycling Facility Modification in the Kenvil section of Roxbury Township, NJ, as well as

Roxbury Township's Resolution No. 2020-237 Consenting To The Modification Request.

Letter dated September 10, 2020 to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee

Assembly Budget Committee from Liz Sweedy regarding opposition to proposed reallocation of \$12 million from the State Recycling Fund.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) We sold approximately 1,332 MG to date so far, which is above the same time period in 2019, which was 1,166 MG and in 2018, which was 1,175 MG. We are on a very strong pace for water sales for the rest of this year.; (2) On Thursday, September 17, we learned of AT&T Wireless Service was lost to all SCADA equipment. Upon troubleshooting, a ticket was placed to AT&T and quickly advanced to a Tier 2 due to the criticality of the water system. In working PCS, Tony was able to implement some temporary provisions to get service restored on Friday, October 2. This is just a short-term fix. There is still a lot of work necessary to complete the transfer, including upgrade of all the modems to all the facilities, but the order for that equipment has been placed and PCS is confident it will happen before the end of the year.; (3) We have advertised on October 1 for Contract W-21, our annual bid to Furnish and Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution. Bids will be received on Thursday, October 22 at 11 a.m upon which we will be prepared to recommend a resolution at the November meeting.

Mr. Druetzler questioned if we are doing the bid for three years and Mr. McAloon replied that he believes that we did not change the length of that contract. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we get a lot of feedback from the vendors and they are uncomfortable bidding on the three-year term and this is an easy bid, so we decided not to change it.

With regard to the AT&T item discussed before, Chairman Dour asked is there an additional cost to the MUA for this? Mr. McAloon replied from a service standpoint, he does not have that answer, but he does believe the equipment and price quote from PCS was around \$25,000. In terms of the monthly service charge, he does not know if that is changing or not. He mentioned that there is an Account Manager has been assigned to the MCMUA and we could certainly ask that question. Mr. Gindoff was under the impression that the price per month might come in a little less, but we are still waiting for that.

(4) We received confirmation from Roxbury that the reimbursement request is added to the October 13 agenda for approval. This was the emergency repair that John Garcia made on the 3/4" copper service for 874 Route 46 in Roxbury in accordance with our Water Specifications and the Water Supply Agreement for Roxbury. They own all of the infrastructure off our distribution mains. We responded in a timely manner to correct the emergency water leak that was observed and expect full reimbursement for that.; (5) For the Pole Barn and Maintenance Garage, we have been working with Tony to get the permits submitted and to get the 50% design review conducted. Time is of the essence on the Maintenance Garage, as we are hoping to get the roof replaced in the Fall of this year, so we are working to get that advance as soon as possible and come up with a realistic construction schedule.; (5) We had the Pre-Construction Meeting for the Nolan's Ridge Combination Vacuum/Air Relief Valve on Wednesday, September 16. Hutton Construction is in the process of ordering the materials and anticipates commencement the week of October 12. The actual field work is anticipated to be completed within three days. It is a minor straightforward construction. We have also circulated an agreement from Mt. Arlington to retain ownership and maintenance of that upon installation.; (6) We received John Garcia Payment Application No. 2 for the water main work on Howard Boulevard. The County has completed the paving over this section, so we are glad that we are able to get our infrastructure in preparation for the Water Storage Tank Rehab Project.

Mr. Platt had a question regarding that. In the Capital Budget, there is \$500,000 for 2021 for the Mt. Arlington P.S. electrical work. Can you outline what is included in that? Mr. McAloon replied that part of the Asset Management Plan identified existing electrical upgrades similar to what we did at Markewicz for the Mt. Arlington Booster Station. That station already has 480V service, but the gears of an age where it is at the end of its service life. So a similar construction program where we will actually come in and replace the electrical gear, that is currently in place.

Mr. Platt asked is that work necessary before you do the tank rehabilitation? Mr. McAloon replied that we need to advance the tank rehab, so there is some prep work that we will undertake in order to prepare for the tank rehabilitation, but the electrical gear upgrade is not required prior to the tank rehab. We are confident that the electrical gear will be able to handle the temporary operation without significant impact. Mr. Platt asked Mr. McAloon to provide a detailed schedule for those associated projects.

(7) On the Markewicz Pump Station, we conducted our final punch list walk-through on Monday, September 21. There are couple of lingering items, pretty much the demobilization of all the Contractor's equipment, garbage and leftover materials, as well as the furnishing of the red-line drawings completed, so we are confident this will be submitted in a timely manner. We are recommending release of retainage meaning that the Contractor has achieved substantial completion for this work. There was Payment Application No. 13 from last month. Unfortunately that was not processed due to several factors, mostly the timely submission and the need to complete significant portions of the work at that time. It has been completed and therefore we recommend Payment Application No. 14.; (8) We have a meeting scheduled with Southeast MUA for tomorrow to continue our Water Supply Agreement discussion.

Mr. Platt mentioned that he would like to discuss that in closed session and Mr. McAloon replied, sure.

(9) Suburban Consulting Engineers participated in the budget meetings with MCMUA Staff and the Budget Committee to review of the 2021 Water Budget. We discussed and agreed that a 4% increase in the wholesale rate is reasonable and necessary to the operation of the Water Division. We are prepared to present Resolution No. 20-68, Resolution To Schedule Public Hearing To Amend Water Rate Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-68**  
**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND WATER RATE OF**  
**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("the Authority") is authorized by the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq.) to establish rents, rates, fees and other charges and to amend the same from time to time so that the revenues of the Authority will at all times be adequate to pay the expenses of operation and maintenance of the Authority system including reserves, insurance, extensions and replacements, debt service, and to maintain such reserves or sinking funds therefor as may be required by the terms of any contract or as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to schedule a public hearing to amend the base water rate charged by the Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 6th day of October, 2020 as follows:

1. The base rate to be charged by the Authority for the provision of water is proposed to increase from \$2,729 to \$2,838 per million gallons (MG).

2. A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 10, 2020 at the regular public meeting of the Authority commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority offices (first floor meeting room), 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph Township, New Jersey 07869.

3. The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:

a. publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to the hearing date; and



- b. mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority and to each water utility, whether public or private, served by the Authority, at least 20 days prior to the hearing date.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at the Regular Meeting held on October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to Schedule Public Hearing To Amend Water Rate of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and Mr. Platt seconded the Motion.

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

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

**PROJECT STATUS**

1. General System

A. SCE is prepared to report on the monthly water sales at the meeting.

B. **AT&T SCADA Communications** – On Thursday September 17, the Water Superintendent learned AT&T Wireless Service was lost to all of the SCADA equipment, requiring the water system be operated manually. Upon troubleshooting, a trouble ticket was place with AT&T support and it was quickly advanced to a Tier 2 ticket and assigned to a ticket manager. After several days of AT&T trouble shooting, and short term corrective measures being taken by MCMUA to partially restore service, MCMUA was notified the current service platform was in the process of being decommissioned, which had resulted in the outage, and migration to the new platform was necessary. MCMUA has placed an order for the necessary equipment, which is anticipated to arrive over a period of several weeks and will be implemented. Operations are able to continue in a manual operation to provide water service to the customers.

2. Contract W-21 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Bid

Contract W-21 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for 2021 was advertised on Thursday October 1, 2020. This is the annual contract to furnish and deliver to each of the MCMUA’s wells, the necessary Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for water disinfection. Bids will be received for this project on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 11:00 am and it is anticipated a resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration recommending award at the November meeting.

3. Water Division Emergency Contractor

**874 Route 46 Water Main Repair** – Roxbury advised the \$7,175.00 reimbursement request has been added to the October 13, 2020 agenda for approval. This was the emergency repair work related to 874 Route 46 in Roxbury, the ¾” copper water service. In accordance with

the existing water supply agreement between MCMUA and Township of Roxbury, as well as the “Potable Water System Regulations, Specifications and Rate Schedule”, the cost of these repairs are the responsibility of the Township of Roxbury due to the break being located on the copper service to 874 Route 46. SCE has advised the Township of our position and they have acknowledged and confirmed the responsibility for financial reimbursement. We will formalize correspondence and request compensation.

4. Well #7 Pole Barn

SCE has prepared the necessary NJDEP Land Use permits and circulated for MCMUA signatures. We are in the process of scheduling a 50% design review meeting with MCMUA to confirm proposed design.

5. Maintenance Garage Updates

SCE is in the process of scheduling a 50% design review meeting with MCMUA to confirm the proposed design. As time is of the essence, we are still hopeful for fall construction commencement on the roof and window replacements.

6. Nolan’s Ridge Combination Vacuum / Air Relief Valve Project

The pre-construction meeting for this work was conducted on Wednesday September 16 and including the Contractor, representatives from Mt. Arlington Borough and the Mt. Arlington Police Department. The Contractor advised material lead time was approximately 3-4 weeks and anticipates construction commencement the week of October 12, with an estimated construction duration of three (3) days. A DRAFT agreement for Mt. Arlington to own, operate, and maintain the Nolan’s Ridge Combination Vacuum / Air Relief Valve, chamber, piping, and all necessary accessories and appurtenances was prepared by MCMUA legal counsel and circulated for review by Mt. Arlington.

7. Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation

**Contract A – Tank Isolation**

SCE has finalized and submitted the NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2 for the installation of the proposed valve chamber necessary for the tank isolation project. Additionally, a site visit with PCS has been scheduled for Thursday October 1, 2020 to review and evaluate the necessary SCADA programming for the temporary water system operation. Following this meeting SCE can finalize the necessary documents for the proposed station improvements.

John Garcia has submitted Payment Application #2 for the water main installation across Howard Boulevard. SCE has reviewed the payment application and recommends payment in the amount of **\$13,422.13**. This includes the release of retainage as the project has been completed and all of the necessary closeout documents have been provided.

8. Markewicz Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Construction

A final punch list walkthrough with MM, SCE, MCMUA, and board member Fletcher Platt was held on Monday September 21 in which final items necessary for completion were identified.

As you are aware, Payment Application #13 was not recommended to be processed at the September meeting due to the Contractors failure to submit prior to the cut-off date, as well as line items which were not satisfactorily completed. The Contractor has submitted a revised application which includes partial release of retainage due to the achievement of substantial completion. The only remaining items are final demobilization and removal of equipment which is scheduled this week as well as furnishing red-line drawings for the work completed. The remaining contract balance will be withheld until these final items are completed, anticipated to be completed prior to the November meeting.

**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 T		505 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	505	100%
Days Remaining:	0	0%
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	\$2,002,444.45
Percent of Work Complete	100%
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
Payment Application #14	\$94,939.21
Total Retainage to Date	\$20,024.44

**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%

9. South East Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

A virtual meeting between SMCMUA and MCMUA has been scheduled for Wednesday October 7, 2020 to continue the Water Supply Agreement discussions.

10. *Water Rate Hearing*

SCE participated in budget meetings first with staff then with the MCMUA Budget Committee to review the 2021 water budget. It was agreed that a 4% increase in the wholesale water rate is necessary to for the operation of the water division while attending to the anticipated capital repair and maintenance schedule. A resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration establishing a public hearing regarding this rate increase, which will conducted during the November Board meeting.

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

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) Some additional stats and comments on tonnage, at Mt. Olive some comparisons to September of last year, 1,402 tons more than last year in September, 576 more customers were serviced than last year, and 289 more self-generated residential customers than last year. As far as Parsippany goes, 1,594 less tons in September last year, 303 less customers in September last year and 108 more self-generated homeowner residential customers at Parsippany. There was a 800 ton increase from last week in Parsippany, most of that could be attributed to Harding Township having a bulk clean-up week. ; (2) Regarding the improvement project, on Thursday, October 1, a delivery of steel framing components arrived at the Parsippany Transfer Station. These parts are related to the integral framing of the shrouds in loading bays 3 & 4 near the north tipping floor. The new contracted crew worked through that day on assembling the components and were back on site on October 2 prior to 7 a.m. resuming work. Things are progressively nicely with the shrouds in 3 & 4 bays.

Mr. Lemanowicz mentioned that we did get the materials for the shrouds, and there is still some outstanding steel from my last communication with the Contractor and this is all a function of COVID. He understands that steel was hung up all over the place. They are back on it and we should be wrapping this thing up soon.

(3) With regard to our HHW event days, the last 2020 one-day event is this Saturday, October 10 at Chatham High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; (4) With regard to Vegetative Waste, the Kirk Allen resolution mentioned in the highlights is going to be pushed to the November Board meeting, due to them missing some paperwork submissions to us still.; (5) Included in tonight's packet is the Vegetative Waste Report. Some quick takeaways from that report compared to 2019, obviously the bad news, just like everything else due to COVID 19, we lost money from our residential deliveries and further exacerbated by the use of our back-up delivery with Kirk Allen. Good news is this month we got out of that hole due mostly to the outbound commercial sales with Naturcycle, which have been very good and the increase of inbound brush and leaves. The end result sales year-to-date 2020 were \$3,661.00 ahead of 2019 for Vegetative Waste.; and (6) Lastly, there are two resolutions tonight concerning the Public Hearings in November.

Mr. Druetzler asked what the increases are and Mr. Deacon replied with regard to the Transfer Station, the main thing is the cost recovery, not only for the transfer stations. Any spills, discharges, medical waste dumping, stuff like that, the MUA wants to recoup the costs it takes to address the spill or medical waste. Basically that would be the employee's salary, overtime, standard hours, and any expendable items; kind of piggybacking on what the County does with their cost recovery ordinance. The other things at the transfer station are basically flat fees, especially up at Mt. Olive for the homeowners during the summer months.

Mr. Druetzler asked if we have flat fees now and Mr. Deacon replied, no we do not, this would be new. The flat fees are in three categories: Cars and SUVs, Trucks and Vans, and Large Exempt Vehicles/Vehicles with Trailers. The idea would be to cut down the lines with the flat fee, credit card, quick not even over the scale. In Parsippany, it would still would be over the scale, but it would be a quick flat fee for the transfer stations. With Vegetative Waste, there are some increases and some decreases. Starting off with lake weed, we are looking to increase from \$3.50 a cubic yard to up to \$5.00 a cubic yard; the sale of wood mulch, based on comparable

rates in the area, we looking to drop that from \$15.00 down to \$10.00 a cubic yard, same can be said for the unscreened compost, we are currently at \$8.00 a cubic yard and we are going to drop it down to \$5.00; and the wood chips for towns is free and we are bumping that up to \$2.00 a cubic yard.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we also have increases on the residential deliveries of \$20.00 a delivery. Our prices were significantly underpriced and it costs us a lot to do that work.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the only one that would be new is the unscreened compost. The cost will be \$100.00 for 5 cy and \$125.00 for 10 cy. The last thing for vegetative waste is we have homeowners that want to come and dump vegetative waste themselves. That would be passenger vehicles or trailers, at the discretion of the Site Supervisor, for a flat fee of \$20.00 per vehicle or trailer at our compost sites.

Mr. Gindoff added that since we have increased our attempt to use credit cards has facilitated our ability to do a lot of this.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-69**  
**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RATE SCHEDULE OF THE MORRIS COUNTY**  
**MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY – SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“the Authority”) is authorized by the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1, et seq.) to establish rents, rates, fees and other charges and to amend the same from time to time so that the revenues of the Authority system including reserves, insurance, extensions and replacements, debt service, and to maintain such reserves or sinking funds therefor as may be required by the terms of any contract or as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority desires to schedule a public hearing to amend the Rate Schedule of the Authority; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 6th day of October, 2020 as follows:

- 1) The Rate Schedule is amended, based on the current per ton transfer station tipping fees and average load weight per generator vehicle type, establishing flat fee disposal options for certain types of vehicles as well as establishing a cost recovery fee as follows:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Self-Generated Residential Flat Fee Disposal Rate	<b>Passenger Vehicles (Cars and SUVs)</b>	\$20.00 Flat Fee
Self-Generated Residential Flat Fee Disposal Rate	<b>Pick-Up Trucks/ Vans</b>	\$50.00 Flat Fee
Self-Generated Residential Flat Fee Disposal Rate	<b>Large Exempt Vehicles/ Vehicles with Trailers</b>	\$100.00 Flat Fee
Cost Recovery Fee	Responsible Party (RP)	Fee assessed to customer to recover costs incurred by the MCMUA due to customer's improper (intentional or unintentional) use of its facilities, including but not limited to transfer stations and vegetative waste facilities, resulting in additional clean-up, disposal and/or repair costs. The fee shall be assessed on a per incident basis and shall equal the total labor, repair and service costs incurred by the MCMUA to handle the matter caused by such customer's improper use of the transfer station.

- 2) A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 10, 2020 at the regular public meeting of the Authority commencing at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the meeting will be conducted remotely using remote meeting software.
- 3) The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:
  - a. Publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to hearing date; and
  - b. Mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority at least 20 days prior to the hearing date.
- 4) This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to amend the rate of the of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority’s Solid Waste Transfer Station Fees and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-70  
RESOLUTION TO AMEND RATE SCHEDULE OF THE MORRIS COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY – VEGETATIVE WASTE AND END  
PRODUCT FEES**

**WHEREAS,** the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“the Authority”) is authorized by the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1, et seq.) to establish rents, rates, fees and other charges and to amend the same from time to time so that the revenues of the Authority system including reserves, insurance, extensions and replacements, debt service, and to maintain such reserves or sinking funds therefor as may be required by the terms of any contract or as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority; and

**WHEREAS,** the Authority desires to schedule a public hearing to amend the Rate Schedule of the Authority; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 6th day of October, 2020 as follows:

- 1) The Rate Schedule is amended pertaining to “Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees” as follows:

Applicable to all fees charged by the Authority for acceptance of vegetative waste products and disposition of vegetative waste end-products from MCMUA vegetative waste facilities.

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Vegetative Waste- Acceptance of Lake Weed	Any	\$5.00 per CY
Vegetative Waste- Sale of Wood Mulch	MCMUA	\$10.00 per CY
Vegetative Waste- Sale of Unscreened Compost	MCMUA	\$5.00 per CY
Vegetative Waste- Acceptance of Wood Chips	Any	\$2.00 per CY
Vegetative Waste- Inbound Residential Sales- Dumping of various Vegetative Waste Materials	Morris County Residential- <b>Passenger Vehicles or Trailers</b>	\$20.00 Flat Fee per Vehicle or Trailer

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Vegetative Waste- Residential Deliveries of Wood Mulch	MCMUA	\$150 for 5 CY \$210 for 10 CY
Vegetative Waste- Residential Deliveries of Screened Compost	MCMUA	\$155 for 5 CY \$220 for 10 CY
Vegetative Waste- Residential Deliveries of Unscreened Compost	MCMUA	\$100 for 5 CY \$125 for 10 CY

- 1) A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 10, 2020 at the regular public meeting of the Authority commencing at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the meeting will be conducted remotely using remote meeting software.
- 2) The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:
  - c. Publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to hearing date; and
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- 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 October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to amend the rate of the of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority’s Vegetative Waste And End Product Fees and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

Ms. Szwak asked when you were talking about the transfer station contract, you talked about applying social justice requirements. She asked for an example of what those social justice requirements are. Mr. Gindoff replied that they want to make sure that the people impacted by whatever facilities are to come into communities are aware of the meetings and public hearings and that they are in multiple languages. In addition, they want notices posted in supermarkets and other community locations, besides newspapers. Also, have translators at public hearings. In addition, since this is not a new facility, we may not need to do anything for the transfer station.

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

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

A tribute to the MCMUA Operational staff and the managers, overall site improvements continue at all the MCMUA solid waste facilities. Both pit scales at the Mount Olive transfer station were cleaned out and repaired by J.P. Mascaro and Sons and their hired contractor, Atlantic Scale. These repairs include the repair of the electronic “scoreboards” which will assist in properly weighing out loads from the Mount Olive transfer station. The concrete approach to the inbound scale at Mount Olive was also replaced on Saturday, September 19. Paving was completed at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station along with line striping at both facilities. Line striping at our Parsippany station is still pending completion due to miscommunication with the Contractor. The MCMUA staff continues to work with Mascaro on the remaining major repair lists and improvements mentioned at previous MCMUA Board meetings. Communication about the repairs has improved between J.P. Mascaro and Sons and the MCMUA Operational staff since the implementation of regularly scheduled meetings via video conference with their management staff. The video conferences occur every other week, accompanied by a detailed agenda of relative topics including, but not limited to, general concerns, safety, staffing, purchasing, physical improvements, clerical procedures and recordkeeping, environmental compliance, and lessons learned.

New reflective MCMUA logos were installed on all the standard sized doors at both transfer stations. The Driver’s license scanners were installed at both scale houses for use by the MCMUA Weighmasters with the assistance of Paradigm and Morris County IT. This provides the MCMUA with the ability to record user information at the scalehouses in a hands-free manner. The MCMUA is requesting quotes on the replacement of the two (2) 4000 gallon above ground storage tanks (diesel fuel) for both of the transfer stations. The MCMUA is also moving forward with the paving at the Parsippany compost entrance area/ free pile area and will be using stackable concrete blocks to surround this space. New facility gates and compost related signage will be the final step to this project. The MCMUA has budgeted for pavement projects at the

HHW facility and Curbside garage truck storage area for 2021. The MCMUA looked to piggy-back on an existing Morris County paving contract if possible for the Curbside Armory paving but that seems impractical at this time. This job is likely to be Bid or awarded using a County Co-Op next year.

As mentioned at the September 8 Board meeting, the publication of notice to Bidders for replacement of the steel deck trucks scales occurred on September 2. This Bid included all four (4) truck scales, the inbound and outbound units at both MCMUA transfer stations. The non-mandatory site tour took place on Monday, September 14, with one (1) potential Bidder attending in Mount Olive only. The deadline for submission of written questions regarding the Bid documents was September 23. No comments or questions were received by the MCMUA. The Bid due date for this project is scheduled for October 28, with anticipation of Contract award at the November 10 Board meeting.

## **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** For the month of September 2020, the quantity of solid waste accepted at the two (2) transfer stations was 37,767 tons. This represented a 6.52% increase compared to September 2019 totals of 35,454 tons. For the 3rd Quarter of 2020, the total tonnage was 3.06% less than that accepted in the 3rd quarter of 2019. Based on the tons accepted during the first nine (9) months of 2020, it is projected that for the entire year 2020, a total of 409,649 tons will be accepted at the two (2) transfer stations. If this projection is accurate, 2020's projected tonnage will be 1.72% less than the 428,450 tons accepted in 2019. This decrease continues to be attributable to changes in waste generation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. Issues in getting steel due to the COVID-19 pandemic have delayed Persistent Construction, Inc. (Persistent) and sub-contractor ABBA Metal Works (ABBA) as it relates to the completion of Phase 2. The column repairs and fabrication of the steel shrouds in loading bays #3 and #4 are now set to begin on September 30. Use of the North tipping floor will be limited at times during the steel work in these loading bays. Persistent has continued to work with the MCMUA Operational staff and Mascaro making space available to continually service our customers. Manda Corp. will then begin the sandblasting and painting of these materials on October 7 which will continue for about two (2) weeks. The final clean-up, punch-list items, and demobilization by Persistent Construction is scheduled for October 28. Project end date right now is set for Wednesday, November 4. This updated project schedule from Persistent was provided to Alaimo Engineering.

In the meantime, the concrete on tipping floor and aprons in Phase 2 is fully cured and being used for heavy truck traffic and dumping waste. The newly installed trench drain system is working well. Persistent Construction 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. All the safety bollards listed in the Alaimo Engineering's plans have been installed and painted.

**Transfer Stations Administrative Matters-** J.P. Mascaro and Sons continue to operate the MCMUA transfer stations under the current Emergency Contract until the Notice to Proceed date of December 15, 2020. New equipment has been ordered for the start of this new Contract. Six (6) new yard jockey trucks were put into service on September 11, four (4) in Mount Olive and two (2) in Parsippany. The Parsippany yard jockey trucks are still pending proper DEP decals. Much needed heavy equipment is anticipated for arrival in late October/ early November 2020.

## **MORRIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**County Concrete Corporation- Class B Recycling Facility Modification-** MCMUA staff received a formal Resolution from the Town of Roxbury approving County Concrete, Corp.'s request to include Block 2401, Lot 8 which utilizes the scale to weigh all class B materials and is adjacent to the recycling operations. This property 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 then generated and submitted a request for an

Administrative Action to NJDEP, updating the Plan with this minor correction. Roxbury Township's Resolution, along with County Concrete's original request and updated site map, were included in the submission to the NJDEP. A copy of this Administrative Action request and the Roxbury Resolution #2020-237 have been included a correspondence for the October 6 Board meeting.

**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 MCMUA staff received direction from NJDEP on how to apply the new social justice requirements with respect to this proposed Plan amendment and has asked the SWAC members about a late October video conference meeting to discuss and review this amendment. When the SWAC meeting date is finalized and scheduled, the meeting will be advertised as required.

**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 wanted 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. Northeast Products is currently in the County Plan for 500 tons per day, and of that, 125 tons can be leaves (October to May). MCMUA staff had contacted the NJDEP for clarification on this request and received word that this change would require a full Plan amendment, and could not be achieved through an Administrative Action (AA). The MCMUA notified Northeast Products, LLC on the NJDEP's guidelines, with Northeast deciding not to move forward with the changes.

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

**Program Participation-** The third 2020 MCMUA HHW one-day drop-off event occurred on Saturday, September 12 at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA) from 9:00AM till 2:00PM. The MCMUA staff and our current waste disposal contractor, MXI, serviced 889 Morris County residents that day. The vehicles never backed up onto West Hanover Avenue with the crew consistently managing two (2) lines all day. Our final 2020 event day will take place at Chatham High School on Saturday, October 10 from 9:00AM till 2:00PM.

The permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station was reopened to Morris County small businesses (VSQG's) and out-of-County residents on a limited basis. Scheduled appointments were slightly increased on the available Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings. The MCMUA website was updated on these changes to inform our customers. Staff still continues to practice proper social distancing. The MCMUA staff provided service to 263 appointments, six (6) of those were out-of-County residents and five (5) were small businesses. This brings the MCMUA's 2020 calendar year HHW facility totals to 1,339 appointments.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The MCMUA Vegetative Waste Recycling staff in Parsippany and Mount Olive/ Camp Pulaski worked hard over the past month to screen materials at both sites. A rental screener was utilized for two (2) weeks per location, generating 8000 cubic yards (CY) of screened compost total. 1000 CY out of the 4000 CY per site was set aside for our residential customers. The efficient work performed by the MCMUA Vegetative Waste staff allowed us to rescreen the tailings/overs to produce more product and generate less waste for disposal. As mentioned at the September 8 Board meeting, the MCMUA continues 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. The new US Pride Products HF 800 heavy duty log splitter is being used at Camp Pulaski to split down the larger tree parts for future grinding. The MCMUA may look to again rent a grinder in

October for Mount Olive in preparation for leaf season. The residential compost and mulch deliveries also continued in September 2020, as time permitted. A copy of the Vegetative Waste Report will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the October 6 meeting.

**Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing-** Joint projects with Naturcycle and the MCMUA vegetative materials continued in the month of September 2020. A new customer, McCarey Landscaping, is currently taking MCMUA unscreened compost from our Parsippany facility into Middletown, New York. The Pier 26 ecology project in Manhattan mentioned at past Board meetings was just completed. It was large enough to trigger the 500 cubic yards (CY) plus clause in our Naturcycle Contract, so the MCMUA will receive a “bonus” when Naturcycle receives their final payment. Once verified, the final amounts should be around \$2,500. And last is Naturcycle’s use of their “Super Sack”, for smaller projects. This sack holds about 35 CY of Green Roof soil which includes about 5 CY of MCMUA compost. This “Super Sack” is used in difficult places and is an example of how materials get installed. It is currently being used on a job in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Shared Services Agreement-** The MCMUA has enjoyed the use of a shared services agreement with Parsippany-Troy Hills Township for the use of some of their equipment when needed by the MCMUA. In addition to a backup front-end loader garbage truck, the shared services agreement with Parsippany-Troy Hills also provides for the rental of grinding machinery and an operator which we use at the vegetative waste facilities. This agreement is very beneficial to the MCMUA as it allows us to operate our facilities using Parsippany’s equipment by rental without investing in this grinding equipment which would have a cost of approximately \$750,000 if purchased. A Resolution will be put before the Board for its consideration at the October 6 meeting authorizing the renewal of the shared services Contract with Parsippany-Troy Hills Township.

**Back-up Trucking Services for Residential Vegetative Waste Deliveries-** MCMUA staff had set a deadline of September 4 for willing vendors to submit their quotes for providing this back-up service. The MCMUA will be utilizing the “Non-Fair and Open” method which requires documentation to be submitted and on file ten (10) days prior to the award. MCMUA staff has prepared a Resolution to present at the October 6 Board meeting on the residential vegetative waste deliveries being awarding to Kirk Allen Trucking, LLC. The current Contract with Kirk Allen Trucking Services, LLC expires on October 8, 2020. The Resolution will be written with the intent to sign a Contract after it has been awarded. This service is to be utilized on an as-needed basis for help with the MCMUA’s deliveries of vegetative waste products (compost and mulch) to our Morris County residents. While the MCMUA currently has two (2) trucks and drivers to perform most of these deliveries, contracting with Kirk Allen Trucking will continue to provide backup capabilities for the MCMUA program for times when either a driver and/or a delivery truck is not available. Additionally, this backup trucking service could be used during the busier times when more than two (2) simultaneous deliveries are required. Kirk Allen Trucking has successfully provided this back-up delivery service for the MCMUA for the last twelve (12) months.

**Solid Waste Rate Hearings -** The MCMUA is seeking to establish and/or set pricing on certain transfer station and vegetative waste facility services for 2021. They include a cost recovery rate for when customers cost the MCMUA significant money when they dump improper materials at the transfer stations, e.g. medical waste. We will also be looking to establish fixed drop-off rates for residents to use so they can dump and pay by credit card without needing to go over the scale.

With respect to vegetative materials, we will be looking to adjust pricing based on costs and market pricing as well as establish new pricing for new residential use of our sites for drop-off and pick up. A resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration establishing a public hearing regarding these rates which will be conducted during the November Board meeting.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Ms. Sweedy reported the following: (1) The August per ton rate for single stream was -\$69.90, which was an improvement over the rate for July. The preliminary rate for single stream for the month of September is -\$62.53 per ton, a difference of \$7.37 from August.; (2) In September, we held our Municipal Recycling Coordinator’s meeting for the first time via WebEx. If you would like to view the meeting, it is available on our website. We had two really great guest speakers,

Eric Gabrielson from Republic Services and Gary Sondermeyer of Bayshore Recycling. It is a really good meeting to check out.

Ms. Sweedy asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-71**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES**  
**AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR SOLID WASTE,**  
**RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES WITH THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (Township) desires to assist the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) by performing its garbage collection routes when the MCMUA collection vehicle is not working or is scheduled for repairs; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to assist the Township in the same way when needed; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township may need additional services performed by each other for solid waste or recycling collection or other related work; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into a contract with a local unit for the provision of solid waste and recycling collection services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), a County as a "Contracting Unit," according to the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2, and a County Utility Authority, according to the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1 et seq., are considered "local units." Local units are encouraged and authorized to enter into agreements which promote the sharing and/or consolidation of services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(a)(3)(b), any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, local units entering into shared services agreements must adopt a resolution authorizing and clearly identifying the agreement and ensure that a copy of the agreement shall be open to public inspection at the offices of the local unit immediately after passage of a resolution to become a party to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5(c), the agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of appropriate resolutions by all the parties thereto, and execution of agreements authorized thereunder as set forth in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into this agreement to provide for assistance with the collection and disposal of solid waste and collection of recyclables and other related work.

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement with the Township, in substantially similar form as that on file in the office of the MCMUA.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Platt made a Motion to authorize a shared services agreement providing for Solid Waste, Recycling Collection Services With the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-72  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO  
PROVIDE FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTING, AND MARKETING OF  
RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BETWEEN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS  
COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 1, 2021**

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Borough of Morris Plains desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2025, and

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement entitled "Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Borough of Morris Plains commencing on or about January 1, 2021." See attached Exhibit 1.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Authority's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to authorize the execution of an agreement to provide for Curbside Collection, Transporting And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough of Morris Plains Commencing On Or About January 1, 2021 and Mr. Platt seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-73  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO  
PROVIDE FOR TRANSPORTING AND MARKETING OF RECYCLABLE  
MATERIALS BETWEEN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF MT. ARLINGTON COMMENCING ON OR  
ABOUT JANUARY 1, 2021**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Borough of Mt. Arlington (Municipality or Borough) has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing transportation services and providing markets for disposition of Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20(14), the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Borough of Mt. Arlington desires to execute a new five (5) year agreement for Transportation and Marketing of Recyclable Materials commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2025, and

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement entitled “Agreement for Transporting and Marketing of Recyclable Materials between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Borough of Mt. Arlington commencing on or about January 1, 2021.” See attached Exhibit 1.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect 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, October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to authorize the execution of an Agreement to Provide for Transporting and Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Borough of Mt. Arlington Commencing On Or About January 1, 2021 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-74**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) 30 YARD ROLL OFF CONTAINERS AND THREE (3) 40 YARD ROLL OFF CONTAINERS THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #041217-WQI PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) is authorized by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 to make purchases and contracts for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, and further provided that the contracting unit has made a determination that the use of a cooperative purchasing agreement will result in cost savings after all factors have been considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) for the MCMUA has determined that the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) is a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing system and agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit. Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017); and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA QPA has further determined that Sourcewell utilizes a cooperative purchasing system and agreement that complies with the competitive bidding process set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and meets the criteria of the New Jersey pay-to-play law at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell has advertised and awarded cooperative purchasing agreements for a variety of goods and equipment, including Roll off Containers; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, five (5) 30 yard roll off containers and three (3) 40 yard roll off containers are available through Wastequip Manufacturing Company, LLC, in the total amount of \$35,630.00. The purchase would be made through Wastequip Manufacturing, LLC; and

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

**WHEREAS**, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$5,610.00 by obtaining the roll off containers from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 18, 2020, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of five (5) roll off Containers and three (3) 40 yard roll off containers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on September 30, 2020 and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$35,630.00 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of five (5) 30 yard roll off containers and three (3) 40 yard roll off containers in the amount of \$35,630.00

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to authorize the purchase of Five (5) 30 Yard Roll-Off Containers and Three (3) 40 Yard Roll-Off Containers Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System #041217-WQI Purchasing Contract For 2020 and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

In your Curbside Contracts, proposals and resolutions, you are working with Mendham Commons in Mendham Borough, Ms. Szwak asked if this is the first time for a townhouse complex? Ms. Sweedy replied that Complex is looking for service and it is not through the Township, so we could definitely provide service to that complex. Ms. Sweedy mentioned that currently we have no others that are not related to a municipality. It is not part of a municipal contract and this would be our first. Ms. Szwak commented that it would be nice to think that our involvement will improve some of the recycling in some of these multi-family units.

**Recycling Report**

**Tonnage and Value** – The August 2020 ReCommunity/Republic statement was finalized in the amount of **(\$99,284.60)**. The per ton rate for single-stream was **(\$69.90)**, a difference of \$9.36 below the rate **(\$79.26)** paid in July 2020. The September statement and tonnages by material and municipality has not been received and/or compiled as of the writing of this report, but may be available for the Board meeting and will be reported on at that time.

**Curbside Contract Proposals & Resolutions**

**Mendham Commons in Mendham Borough:**

- On 9/9/20, staff spoke with the representative of the Mendham Commons complex in Mendham Borough. He requested a cost proposal for curbside collection of single-stream recyclables for 300 townhomes. Staff is working on a cost proposal.

**Mendham Borough:**

- On 9/16/20, staff was contacted by Mendham Borough for a quote for curbside recycling collection services and service for recycling depot collection. Staff is working on a cost proposal.

**Hanover Township:**

- On 9/17/20, staff provided an all-inclusive cost proposal to Hanover Township.

**Boonton Township:**

- On 9/18/20, staff spoke with Boonton Township regarding changing the shared services agreement to an all-inclusive cost with the effective date of 1/1/2021. An all-inclusive cost proposal was provided to the Township and is under consideration.

#### Netcong Borough:

- On 9/18/20, staff spoke with and mailed a letter to Netcong Borough with an all-inclusive cost proposal on the shared services agreement that is due to renew on 1/1/2021.

#### Mendham Township:

- On 9/25/20, staff presented a curbside recycling collection services proposal to Mendham Township. The proposal will be for 5 years.

#### Roxbury Township:

- On 9/25/20, staff provided a proposal to Roxbury Township for weekly curbside dual-stream collection services. This proposal does not include the depot, which would be an additional cost. MCMUA currently only provide depot service for Roxbury and has never provided curbside collection in Roxbury.

### **Municipal Recycling Coordinators Meeting**

On 9/22/20, the MCMUA hosted a municipal recycling coordinators (MRC) meeting via WebEx. Due to the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, this was the only County-held MRC meeting during the year. The NJDEP's requirement that all MRCs attend one County-held meeting in 2020, in order to receive a Municipal Tonnage Grant, made attendance at this meeting mandatory. Host, Executive Director Larry Gindoff, welcomed coordinators to the meeting. Speakers included Liz Sweedy, District Recycling Coordinator and Deirdre Gallagher, MCMUA Assistant Recycling Specialist. Guest speakers were Eric Gabrielson, Morris Recycling Operations Manager, for Republic Services, and Gary Sondermeyer, Vice President of Operations for Bayshore Recycling.

Liz Sweedy informed attendees that the NJ Legislature's latest proposed budget no longer contained the language that would reallocate \$12 million dollars of Recycling funds and \$10 million dollars of Clean Communities funds to Parks Services. This news was well received, as the funding will remain in place! Earlier this month, the Association of NJ Recyclers (ANJR), urged County and Municipal Recycling and Clean Communities coordinators to reach out to legislators, asking them **not** to support the reallocation of funds in order to keep recycling and litter abatement programs viable. The MCMUA provided such a letter dated Sept 10 which has been included with Correspondence..

Deirdre Gallagher provided an overview of the MCMUA's permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility and demonstrated how to make appointments online. Eric Gabrielson provided a presentation and information about fires that occur at material recovery facilities (MRF) due to unacceptable (often-flammable) materials that are brought in with the recycling stream. Gary Sondermeyer of Bayshore Recycling provided a comprehensive presentation about food waste reduction, and the food waste recycling legislation recently enacted.

This meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety, on the MCMUA website (municipal recycling coordinators page): [https://mcmua.com/sw\\_recy\\_mrc.asp](https://mcmua.com/sw_recy_mrc.asp) and click on the following You Tube link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq7Iuq\\_-Ra4&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq7Iuq_-Ra4&feature=emb_title).

### **Recycling Inspections and Education**

On 9/3/20, staff met with Nutra-Med Inc., Whippany as staff was asked to contact him because of a transfer station incident.

On 9/3/20, staff visited a construction site on Route 10, in Parsippany. The 30-cubic yard roll-off container, owned by Integrity Hauling had cardboard mixed with construction debris. To remedy the situation they had a roll-off delivered and they will keep all mandated recyclables separate from trash/construction debris.

On 9/9/20, staff (Curbside Department) received training from Mark Carter of the Morris County Motor Services department regarding the Dossier program. The program is designed to keep inventory of fleet vehicles, such as vehicle maintenance and mechanic hours. It also provides options to keep detailed information about parts used, and provides alerts for routine maintenance, for oil, tires and brake changes/replacement. This program promotes proper care of MCMUA vehicles and is helpful to MCMUA mechanics.

On 9/9/20, Chris Vidal and Larry Gindoff participated as panelists in a presentation to the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee entitled “Don’t Bag Recycling.”

On 9/22/20, staff inspected centralized disposal areas at the Eden Lane Condominium complex in Hanover Township.

On 9/22/20, staff also inspected the central disposal area at the Oak Ridge complex in Hanover Township (there is one disposal area in this complex). On 9/24/20, staff attended the first of five-part webinars series hosted by the Association of NJ Recyclers. The Webinars are taking the place of the ANJR Symposium, due to the pandemic. The speakers included the following:

On 9/25/20, staff attended the Alliance for NJ Environmental Education (ANJEE) Fall Outdoor Conference at Duke Farms. Staff participated in three workshops, which included the following: 1) this workshop was about how to integrate art into science; 2) this workshop was on the importance of Fungi (a natural decomposer) in relationship to soil composition; 3) this workshop was about how to use Arc GIS (a mapping information program) for remote learning.

### **Miscellaneous Presentations/Meetings/Conference Calls/Correspondence**

On 9/10/20, staff attended a Clean Communities Best Practices Committee (CCBPS) meeting via Zoom. The committee discussed how to overcome program limitations due to the pandemic and create new methods to bring litter abatement education to students.

On 9/11/20, staff spoke with Jay Mankita, an educational presenter, regarding a new approach to facilitating school presentations, including a “library” of programs (and variety of presenters) designated by specific topics and grade levels, providing convenient accessibility for teachers. Staff has invited Jay to speak to the CCBPC in October to further explore these opportunities.

On 9/11/20, staff worked with Larry Gindoff on videos about recycling at construction sites and holiday recycling. The educational videos will be featured on the MCMUA website.

On 9/15/20, staff along with Larry Gindoff attended a County Recycling Coordinators meeting hosted by ANJR via Zoom. The agenda included:

- Governor Murphy’s proposed budget and potential impact/diversion of Recycling Funds
- County Planning during COVID (including HHW events)
- ANJR School Toolkit
- ANJR Webinars

### **Clean Communities**

**Educational Programs:** One virtual program, via Zoom, took place on September 21 at Unity Charter School in Morristown. The program was well received and appreciated by all!

**Road Clean-ups:** The MCMUA hired Adopt-a-Highway Litter Removal Service of America to conduct two litter cleanups in September. On September 9, the cleanup of Sussex Turnpike in Randolph was conducted with a total of five miles cleaned. There were 29 bags of trash and 14 bags of recyclables collected from the cleanup. A second litter cleanup was conducted on September 15. A total of five miles were cleaned on Canfield Avenue, in Mine Hill Township and Dover Chester Road in Randolph. There were 25 bags of trash and 20 bags of recyclables collected from the cleanup.

### **Illegal Dumping**

There was an illegal dumping of asphalt millings on MCMUA property on West Dewey Avenue (Farley property). There is a large open area directly off the road, in front of the gate to the property. Anglers often park their vehicles there, while fishing on the Rockaway River, and it is also a popular place for drivers to pull off the road and park. Unfortunately, litter and illegal dumping are prevalent in this area Morris County Roads Department crew spread the millings to create a new surface (and to fill in the potholes) on the MCMUA property (parking area) where they were dumped.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that has been addressing with some people in the County, as well as

some other open space partners about an open space project from 2001 that the MUA partnered on called the South Branch Preserve. It was a 49 acre piece at the intersection of Route 46 and Wolf Road in Mt. Olive Township. One of the interesting things about this project is it was a partnership between the Land Conservancy, New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Green Acres, the County of Morris, as well as the MUA. Apparently, one of the things that is weird about this, besides our standard deed restriction, that is in that open space project, it allows for some farming activity to go on. The intent at that time was to see if someone could take a poorly run farm and turn it into an environmentally sensitive farm. This open space has been farmed on an off under the guidance of the Land Conservancy for the last decade and recently they looked to enter into a new lease with City Green Farms based out of Clifton. They do some community farming. They are looking to lease this land and do some environmentally sensitive community based farming that could help contribute to food banks. He has been in discussions with the County, Green Acres people, as well as the people from the Land Conservancy over a lease that they are trying to tamp down as far as what they are allowed to do to try to minimize the farming activity, while still allowing them to pursue what is allowed in that deed restriction. At some point once the lease is finalized, the issue will come before this Board for a resolution whether we want to endorse this lease or not. This will probably happen around January.

Ms. Szwak asked how long is the lease proposed for and Mr. Gindoff replied three or five years. Ms. Szwak mentioned that City Green has a fantastic program and they sell all that produce down in Paterson. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Anthony Marrone has a lot of experience with them in Clifton because he is on the Sustainability Group in Clifton and he has worked with them in their activities at their first urban farm, which is in Clifton. He is very positive about all that they do, and so therefore, I was pretty positive in wanting to see them develop this activity on Wolf Road. Green Acres has a different opinion that they don't want to set a precedent with respect to this, so they are trying to get this approved without opening it up into the future.

Ms. Szwak asked if they are doing organic farming or farming that is not going to impact the water supply, because that is the headwaters of the South Branch. Mr. Gindoff replied yes, that is the intent of it, to make sure that they only do environmentally friendly activity and make sure the lease incorporates those conditions.

Dr. Nusbaum asked if there is any Forestation on that property or are there any check and balances that they will not clear-cut or take away critical vegetation to make room for plantings? Mr. Gindoff replied there is a farming plan and a landscape site plan where they are allowed to farm versus where trails are established. We are working on a whole lot of issues and working toward a more environmentally friendly program.

Secondly, we agreed to participate in the Rosenhaus project off of Picatinny Road, Phase 2 of an open space project. This has still not closed and anticipates that it will come before us for closure within a month or two.

With respect to open space, Mr. Gindoff mentioned as he has been dealing with the County on the South Branch project, issues have come up with respect to how did the Picatinny project come to us after the County approved a project like that, and it seems that people come to the MUA as a second pot of money to close a deal. We were talking about ways to coordinate our activities with respect to making sure the Applicants that go before the County Open Space process, make that group aware if they intend to come to the MUA for any additional funding and to make sure that is up-front and transparent as part of the application process. We are trying to close the loop that some people have figured out that is there. He is working with the County on potentially coordinating our Open Space process with theirs and has supplied them with our draft Open Space Plan and offered to review with respect to the County process to see if there is any way that coordination makes sense and could also potentially steer projects towards us if they make sense from a water conservation perspective. He mentioned that he looks forward to those discussions.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we are still making quite a bit of headway with the GIS Department on our mapping system to categorize and map our open space. He advised Laura that he received permission to go into the system, give the password to Board Member so we can show you stuff.

Finally, a potential open space project that we looked at about a year ago, the Wagnauw Mountain project over in Montville/Kinnelon area. That seems to be re-invigorating that

development project. When we looked at it, they were looking to buy one piece of property that did not have any water conservation points to it and we didn't see a point to that project. It looks like they are now seeking to purchase the land around it and exclude that property and look at the lands that were more specifically had water impact. They still have not put that full plan together yet, but there are getting closer and that we would still be interested in participating. Another version of that project is likely to come before us at some point.

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

Ms. Szwak gave a report from the Open Space Committee. The Morris County Open Space Committee met and everything is virtual, including site visits. The Applicants have to provide a video for the Committee. Ms. Szwak mentioned that she went out and looked at the sites on her own. We have seven Applicants/Projects. We had nine but two dropped out. Three of the seven projects are in Washington Township and all connect. Six municipalities and one non-profit. The total amount of money that is being requested is \$2.1 million and the total amount that the County has is \$1.5 million for this program. The acres, if all were to be accepted, would be 164 acres. Ms. Szwak mentioned because we only have \$1.5 million to give out and we have \$2.1 million in requests, she would expect some people to come to the MUA to have some of their projects funded. Your discussion with the County is very apropos. There are definitely some projects there that have water quality related value. The decisions will be made on October 20.

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that he has a problem with the idea that there is only \$1.5 million available. The County has plenty of more money, millions in the Open Space Fund. Ms. Szwak mentioned that she looked into that and they have \$7.2 million dollars that is allocated for all of the programs, which included Historic Preservation, County Park Improvement, County Park Acquisition and the Trail Construction. Incidentally, MUA did not get any allocation this year; neither did Flood Mitigation or Farmland Preservation. She was told that we have a big balance, so we don't need it. Candidly, Mr. Druetzler commented you know the MUA has a lot of money, certainly Farmland and there is other money around. They could take that other money and use it. Ms. Szwak agreed and commented that is her recommendation for sure.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Chairman Dour asked if there is any comments from the Public. There being no comment from the Public, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Chairman Dour asked for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations related to Southeast Morris County MUA and New Jersey American Water Company.

**MOTION:** Mr. Platt made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:10 p.m., Mr.Druetzler seconded the Motion and it was carried unanimously.

(Mr. Lemanowicz left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)

Mr. Maraziti added that the Minutes will be released when the negotiations are complete.

(Messrs. Holt and McAloon left closed session meeting at 8:23 p.m. after Southeast Morris County M.U.A. discussion.)

Chairman Dour asked for a Motion for the meeting to go into open session.

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hudzik and it was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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