

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on October 12, 2021 at 7:03 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey. Due to the Covid-19 Virus State of Emergency, this meeting was held in person at the MCMUA Office and remotely using conference call software.

Chairman Dour called the meeting to order and read the following:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was made by posting on the MCMUA website, the Morris County Clerk's bulletin board and the officially designated newspapers for the MCMUA stating that this meeting would take place at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Additional notice regarding remote public access due to the Covid19 emergency is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

**PRESENT:** Mr. James Barry, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Gene Feyl, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Mr. William Hudzik, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum and Mr. Christopher Dour.

Dr. Dorothea Kominos entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Ms. Laura Szwak.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator; Liz Sweedy, District Recycling Coordinator; and Tom Lemanowicz, Alaimo Group.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated September 7, 2021.

**MOTION:** Mr. Barry made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: DR. NUSBAUM

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

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of September 2021. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water Divisions year-to-date through September 2021 and an Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of September 2021.

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

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

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

(Dr. Kominos entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.)

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that he has a 2021 budget resolution and explained that when we were putting together the 2021 budget, we estimated tipping fee revenue and contractual expenses on 410,000 tons. The current estimate with nine month of actuals is close to 460,000 tons. This budget amendment is showing the additional \$3.8 million dollars in contractual cost that we will incur will be offset by additional revenue. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-75**  
**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION 2021 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County M.U.A. on October 12, 2021 is amending the Solid Waste Division budget to include additional revenue and appropriations due to 2021 additional disposal tonnage activity in the amount of \$3,819,500, and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2021 budget as follows:

<u>Increase Amended Revenue:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Tipping Fees	\$41,615,000.00	\$45,434,500.00
<u>Increase Amended Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Transport & Disposal	\$23,911,200.00	\$26,827,200.00
Transfer Station Oper.	\$ 4,100,000.00	\$ 4,600,000.00
NJ Recycling Tax	\$ 1,230,000.00	\$ 1,380,000.00
Host Benefit Fees	\$ 2,078,700.00	\$ 2,332,200.00

**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 12, 2021.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to amend the Solid Waste 2021 Fiscal Budget and and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that he also has Resolution No. 21-76 and Resolution No. 21-77. He reported after numerous meetings with all MCMUA departments and our Budget Committee meeting, I am putting forward my two budget introductions for 2022, which were mailed to the Board last week. To summarize, the Water budget proposes a 4.75% rate increase and the Solid Waste budget proposes a \$1.00 per ton increase, the lowest increase in quite a number of years. Both budgets address our infrastructure and vehicle replacement needs while maintaining a healthy fund balance. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-76**  
**2022 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**SOLID WASTE BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2022 TO December 31, 2022**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2022 and ending, December 31, 2022 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$48,653,547.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$48,653,547.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$2,771,500.00 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 12, 2021 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, 2022 and ending, December 31, 2022 is hereby introduced; 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 9, 2021.

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

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(Date)

Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote: 1 <sup>st</sup> : MR. DRUETZLER      2 <sup>nd</sup> : MR. HUDZIK			
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MR. BARRY	X			
MR. DRUETZLER	X			
MR. FEYL	X			
MR. GUADAGNO	X			
MR. HUDZIK	X			
DR. KOMINOS	X			
DR. NUSBAUM	X			
MS. SZWAK				X
MR. DOUR	X			

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-77**  
**2022 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**WATER BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2022 TO December 31, 2022**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2022 and ending, December 31, 2022 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$4,190,200.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$4,700,840.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$510,640.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$1,675,000.00 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.

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

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(Date)

Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote: 1 <sup>st</sup> : MR. GUADAGNO    2 <sup>nd</sup> : MR. HUDZIK			
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MR. BARRY	X			
MR. DRUETZLER	X			
MR. FEYL	X			
MR. GUADAGNO	X			
MR. HUDZIK	X			
DR. KOMINOS	X			
DR. NUSBAUM	X			
MS. SZWAK				X
MR. DOUR	X			

Mr. Druetzler commented that Larry Kaletcher did a great job putting the budget together. The department heads and everybody and the Board had their input. Our Solid Waste budget rates are increasing less than 1% and this is in time of high inflation and our water is up 4.75% and that is really low compared to what other water authorities are doing. Once again, with the upgrades that we have to do with both Solid Waste and Water, it is very responsible here on the Board's part and on the Staff's presentation. Mr. Kaletcher thanked Frank and Mr. Gindoff seconded Frank's comments and appreciate everyone's participation and help in passing a responsible budget. Chairman Dour agreed and appreciated everything that Staff has done to pull this all together.

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 21-78**

**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. 21-78 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$3,674,356.00** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	5651-5688	\$	158,026.52
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	12481-12570	\$	<u>3,516,329.48</u>
		\$	<b>3,674,356.00</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 12, 2021

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

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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 12, 2021.

DATE: October 12, 2021

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

Mr. Druetzler asked for an explanation on two Maraziti Falcon charges. Mr. Kaletcher replied that one is for the retainer and the other is for the Sodium Hypochlorite Solution bid. Mr. Druetzler asked was there any engineering input or charges on this bid and Mr. Gindoff replied no. Mr. Druetzler mentioned we should still go out on this bid on a one, two, or three year possibility and see what happens. Mr. Gindoff replied that the Contractor has expressed that they don't like to go out for longer terms. Mr. Gindoff agreed with Frank that we could try to go out for longer terms.

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion that the vouchers be approved for payment and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned we included a bunch of correspondence under James Deacon's report related to Item No. 2 of the correspondence regarding the issues we were having on the transfer stations and handling the waste flow that was coming in. In general, Mr. Gindoff commented that he is pleased with the progress that we have made to date since all that letter writing happened and there is quite a bit of positive light at the end of that tunnel. He added that there is no additional correspondence.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **SOLID WASTE**

1. Letter dated October 1, 2021 to James E .Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, from Dana Lawson, Environmental Specialist 4, Bureau of Planning and Licensing, NJDEP, regarding Jefferson Recycling NJDEP Administrative Action approval.
2. Email dated October 4, 2021 to Christopher Dour from Larry Gindoff regarding Mascaro's ongoing challenges in managing the waste flow at the transfer stations.

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

In Mr. McAloon's absence, Mr. Gindoff reported on the following: (1) Water sales are currently up compared to last year at this point. He explained that when we budgeted our water sales for the future, we scheduled to sell 1.6 billion gallons this year and for next year's budget, we were assuming selling 1.4 billion gallons and selling 1.3 billion gallons in the years after that. Some of the reasons for that is we are losing our N.J. American Water contract, so that is a big loss in our water sales, but that is water we are currently losing money on every gallon we sell, so that is a good contract to shed and looking forward to losing that contract at the beginning of 2022.; (2) Regarding Item C, this is a notification that we had to provide to DEP just stating that we have a waiver from submitting information about the Lead Service Line Inventory as we don't have any direct service connection with actual customers.; (3) We have a resolution tonight to handle the contract we have with the U.S. Geological Survey for monitoring at our Alamatong and Flanders Wells; (4) Frank mentioned the Sodium Hypochlorite Solution bid and we will certainly try to do that for next year as a multi-year bid.; (5) The Maintenance Garage contract is complete.; (6) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation, we have been waiting for a vault to be delivered so that we could install that at the Howard Boulevard location by a contract we have with John Garcia. That has been delayed with the standard supply issues, but we got word that is due to be delivered this week. They will be installing that vault right away and that is part of the process to make sure we are ready to get the Mt. Arlington Booster Station set so that we are ready to take the tank out-of-service. We also have some work to do at the Booster Station and we are waiting for a VFD to be installed, which is our current supply chain constraint at this point. Regardless, we are preparing Contract B for the Tank Rehabilitation to get that on the street and awarded in this 2021 budget year. We anticipate those bids going out in November with proposals due in December for hopeful award at the Board's January meeting. The work will take place in 2022, but we will be awarding it in 2021.; (7) Regarding the 4G Modem Replacements that we need to do at all our wireless sites, we have previously purchased the modems through Kaman Automation and we are currently in

possession of all those modems. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we have Resolution No. 21-79 to award a contract for installation of those modems and asked for the Board's approval of same:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-79**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE**  
**INSTALLATION OF TWENTY-THREE (23) 4G MODEMS TO**  
**PCS Pump and Process Inc.**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) has a need to program, configure, install, and test twenty-three (23) 4G Modems for the SCADA. Water Division Software; and

**WHEREAS**, a Fair and Open Solicitation for Request for Quotes for the programming, configuration, installation and testing of twenty-three (23) 4G Modems for the SCADA. Water Division Software was duly advertised on September 21, 2021 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11- et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA received one (1) quote for the programming, configuration, installation and testing of twenty-three (23) 4G Modems for the SCADA Water Division Software; and

**WHEREAS**, the following quote was received;

**Vendor:** PCS Pump and Process Inc., having a business address of 41 Plymouth Street, Suite 1, Fairfield, NJ 07004 in the amount of **\$16,745.00**

**WHEREAS**, the quote of PCS Pump and Process Inc. being the most advantageous was received by the Authority to determine compliance with service specifications: and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA desires to award the contract for the for the programming, configuration, installation and testing of twenty-three (23) 4G Modems for the SCADA Water Division Software; and

through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is as set forth in this resolution per NJAC 5:30-5.4 (a) 3.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby approve the programming, configuration, installation and testing of twenty-three (23) 4G Modems for the SCADA Water Division Software contract:

Vendor Name:	PCS Pump and Process Inc.
Estimated Cost of Service:	\$16,745.00
Account Number:	02-6-600-602-325

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute the Contract of the programming, configuration, installation and testing of twenty-three (23) 4G Modems for the SCADA Water Division Software.
2. 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.

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 Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Barry made a Motion to authorize the award of contract for installation of twenty-three 4G modems to PCS Pump and Process Inc. and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolution that was mentioned in Item C of the Engineer’s Report:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-80  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR THE  
MAINTENANCE OF LAMINGTON RIVER PARTIAL RECORD  
STREAM GAUGE STATIONS AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DRAKES  
BROOK STREAM GAUGE WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available from Water Operating Account 02-6-900-923-018 for \$7,290.00 to maintain, collect and reduce the resulting data for one year from the date of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA being bound by the conditions of its allocation permit has determined that it shall enter into an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for said services, for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, renewable yearly thereafter; and

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

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, New Jersey Water Science Center, 3450 Princeton Pike, Suite 110, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648, in the form provided.
2. The authorized expenditure for this contract shall not exceed \$7,290.00.
3. The Executive Director shall cause New Jersey American Water Company to be billed for 50% of the stream gauge cost in accordance with the terms of the Water Allocation Permits issued by NJDEP to the MCMUA and New Jersey American Water Company.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2021.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Dr. Kominos made a Motion to authorize contract for the Maintenance of Lamington River Partial Record Stream Gauge Stations and for Maintenance of Drakes Brook Stream Gauge With The U. S. Geological Survey and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff explained that the following resolution is to schedule the public hearing at next month's Board meeting so we could adopt the water rate included in our budget that was discussed before and asked for the Board's approval:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-81  
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 12th day of October, 2021 as follows:

1. The base rate to be charged by the Authority for the provision of water is proposed to increase from \$2,838 to \$2,973 per million gallons (MG).

2. A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 9, 2021 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 12, 2021.

#### MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-81 to schedule public hearing to amend water rate of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff added that we will be asking for similar resolutions for solid waste regarding the transfer station tipping fees and some vegetative waste fees that we need to add or amend for next year.

### **PROJECT STATUS**

#### *1. General System:*

- A. Through September 2021, MCMUA sold approximately 1,261.661 MG to date. This total volume of water sold to date is below the total sold for the same period in 2020 (1,324.91 MG), however, is above the total sold in 2019 (1,165.22 MG) respectively.
- B. SCE participated in the budget preparation process with MCMUA staff, including identification and prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects based on the latest Asset Management Plan updates.
- C. MCMUA received correspondence from NJDEP with regard to the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSL) update required to be submitted to the NJDEP. A formal response was prepared to highlight, as a bulk water supply system, MCMUA is not responsible for any service connections to the transmission mains and therefore the system does not contain any lead service lines.

D. As part of the condition of its allocation permit for the Alamatong Well Field, MCMUA is required to monitor the Drakes Brook to observe any impacts of these diversions. Each year the MCMUA is required to enter into an agreement with U.S. Geological Survey to perform the monitoring from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 for the MCMUA cost of \$7,290. We have prepared a resolution for consideration by the Board providing for approval to proceed with the authorization of the Drakes Brook monitoring.

2. Contract W-22 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Bid

Contract W-22 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for 2022 was advertised. 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 21, 2021 at 11:00 am. It is anticipated a resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration recommending award at the November meeting.

3. Maintenance Garage Updates:

Hilt Construction has completed the installation and remaining work items necessary for final plumbing inspection approval. The Contractor is working to furnish the necessary closeout documents including the final payment application. Upon receipt of these documents the retainage can be released and this project can be closed.

4. Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation:

**Contract A – Tank Isolation**

The Contractor advised the chamber and necessary materials are anticipated to be ready the week of 10/11, with installation to follow. It is anticipated this work will be complete in October/early November. This will allow temporary operation and testing of system operation for several months prior to the tank rehabilitation project.

**Contract B – Tank Rehabilitation**

With the interconnection work anticipated to be performed in October/early November, provided below is the tentative schedule of events related to the Request for Bids for the tank rehabilitation portion of the project:

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Thursday, November 4, 2021
- Non-Mandatory Site Visit: Tuesday, November 16, 2021
- Deadline for Submission of Written Questions Regarding Bid Documents: Wednesday, November 24, 2021
- Bids Due: Thursday, December 16, 2021
- Contract Award: Anticipated on Tuesday, January 11, 2021

SCE will closely monitor the progress of the interconnection and the performance testing of the system operation to ensure tank dewatering for rehabilitation can be successfully performed.

5. 4G Modem Replacements and Integration Services:

The MCMUA received one (1) quote for the programming, configuration, installation, and testing of the twenty-three (23) 4G modems as part of the Water Division SCADA upgrade. PCS Pump and Process, Inc. of Fairfield, NJ provided a responsive quote with a total value of **\$16,745.00** as part of the Fair and Open Solicitation for Request for Quotes. This project includes the installation of the equipment furnished by Kaman Automation. SCE is prepared to present a Resolution to the Board recommending award of this contract.

6. Well #7 Pole Barn

NJDEP has provided written response that technical review of the submitted permits have been performed and final administrative signatures and approvals should be anticipated in the coming weeks. Once approvals are received, we will evaluate a reasonable bid schedule to determine bid opening and anticipated award.

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

Mr. Lemanowicz provided the following highlights: (1) We visited the Par-Troy Transfer Station shortly after IDA to review an issue with one of the shroud supports. Apparently, a truck hit one of the supports and we provided Mascaro with a drawing of the new support and how to install it, for which we are waiting. Steel is delayed, so we are going to put that in and we also found some issues with some of the fascia block so we are putting together some recommendations for that, as well as some new curbing to help with the trucks from hitting those braces again.; (2) We also reviewed both in-house and with a conference call with Staff our list of projects that are coming up and how we will be dealing with that. Some documentation will be coming in, both with respect to plans and proposals and such for the transfer stations, which include periodic inspections, the relocation of APC piping, the noise study, we have been following the stormwater management program, which will be a continuous submittal, the permitting for Mt. Olive is going to be finalized coming up and the permitting for Parsippany at the end of next year. In re-doing Parsippany's permit, we are looking for an expansion of the capacity. We are researching and looking into getting a water service for the Mt. Olive facility for fire protection. The tipping floor repair at Mt. Olive has been passed on to the Spring. We also have some mapping to perform that is required for the emergency exit plan.

Mr. Druetlzer asked when you are talking about increased capacity, are you talking about expanding the facility? Mr. Lemanowicz replied no, simply permitting. Mr. Gindoff added that we are going to have them evaluate the floor size and storage so that we could justify a higher number to DEP. Mr. Deacon added that Parsippany is always the facility that we run close to that 1380, especially after holidays and weekends. He mentioned that right now we have written permission to exceed that permit, which we have done about four times at Parsippany during IDA and one time at Mt. Olive. What we are looking for is there to be no waste left on the floor. We are hopeful this will happen by Saturday. Our Operations Meeting with Mascaro yesterday, they assured by Saturday or the beginning of next week that Parsippany will be clean and Mt. Olive right now is clean. We are hopeful that Parsippany follows suit. They have really been stepping up with those third party haulers.

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) We got the new fuel tanks, but the pumps were delayed. They should be in next week and when they are delivered, they will be installed. They also provide training to the on-site staff.; (2) DLS will start the Mt. Olive office improvements at the end of this week or beginning of next week; (3) The final HHW Event will take place next Saturday, October 25, at Chatham High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; (4) Regarding Vegetative Waste, the facilities really look good after we rented that dozer. He thanked the Mosquito Commission and Mr. Christian McMorland, the head of the Mosquito Commission, for his help and his operator, Bill Karlak. Mr. Karlak has been helping at Parsippany with the rip-rap drain and they re-graded both sides of the entrance way.

Mr. Deacon asked for the Board's approval of the following resolutions to schedule public hearings at next month's Board meeting to amend the rate schedule of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Tariff To Adjust Tipping Fees for 2022 and to amend the rate schedule of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees. He mentioned with regard to the rate increase for Vegetative Waste is basically wood chips and then for sale of wood mulch and unscreened compost, there will be "more you order" percent discount.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-82 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND RATE SCHEDULE OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TARIFF TO ADJUST TIPPING FEES FOR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") owns two transfer stations which are used for the disposal of all waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates for the disposal of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, NJ are set forth in a Tariff, said Tariff having been approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA seeks to schedule a public hearing to amend the rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 from the previous tip fee of \$101.50/ton to a tip fee of \$102.50/ton with these amended rates becoming effective January 1, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey on this 12th day of October, 2021 as follows:

- 1) The rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 is proposed to be amended from the previous tip fee of \$101.50/ton to a tip fee of \$102.50/ton.
- 2) A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the aforesaid rates of the MCMUA shall be held on November 9, 2021 at the regular public meeting of the MCMUA 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 in each municipality served by the MCMUA 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 12, 2021.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Barry made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-82 to schedule public hearing to amend the rate schedule of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Tariff To Adjust Tipping Fees For 2022 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-83  
RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING 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 12th day of October 2021 as follows:

1. The Rate Schedule pertaining to “Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees” is proposed 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>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Vegetative Waste – Inbound Pricing Wood Chips	Any	\$3.00 for 1 CY
Vegetative Waste- Outbound Residential Sales- Pickup of Screened Compost Materials	Morris County Residential- <b>Passenger Vehicles or Trailers</b>	\$50.00 Flat Fee per Vehicle (up to 2 CY) <b>OR</b> Trailer (less than 18’ in length)
Vegetative Waste- Residential Deliveries of Wood Chips	MCMUA	\$100.00 for 5 CY \$125.00 for 10 CY
Vegetative Waste- Sale of Screened Compost Bulk Price Discounts	Any	100 to 250 CY for 10% off the base price 250 to 500 CY for 20% off the base price 500 CY and over 30% off the base price  The customer has 30 days to remove material from the site or the discount is null and void
Vegetative Waste- Sale of Wood Mulch Bulk Price Discounts	Any	100 to 250 CY for 10% off the base price 250 to 500 CY for 20% off the base price 500 CY and over 30% off the base price  The customer has 30 days to remove material from the site or the discount is null and void
Vegetative Waste- Sale of Unscreened Compost Bulk Price Discounts	Any	100 to 500 CY for 10% off the base price 500 to 1000 CY for 20% off the base price 1000 CY and over for 30% off the base price  The customer has 30 days to remove material from the site or the discount is null and void

1. A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 9, 2021 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:

- 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.
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 12, 2021.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-83 to schedule public hearing to amend the rate schedule of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

(5) It was a tough month for the MCMUA, Operations Staff and the on-site Mascaro personnel through support of our Director Larry and Brad, our counsel, we had some back and forth meetings and letters and it ended up with a very good WebEx call with Mascaro. Moving forward through improved communication with Mascaro, I see us really turning the corner. The Operations Staff takes pride in our facilities and we are going to be asking for some additional support from our Solid Waste Engineer with some of the stuff he mentioned. The facilities did take a beating with the extra tonnage from IDA and the holiday weekend and as far as the numbers game of leaving trash on the floor. When everything gets cleaned up, we are looking forward to getting back to the way we were.

Chairman Dour asked if we have any damage due to the increased loadings due to the Hurricane, do we have any recourse as far as getting some money back from the Federal or State government? Mr. Gindoff replied that he does not know but will ask the County.

Mr. Gindoff commented that he is pleased with the progress we have made since we put these letters and reports out and feels a lot more comfortable with where we are at this point moving forward. He mentioned that he appreciates all the work that James and all our Staff did, as well as with the help of Brad. He was very helpful and needed at the time. Chairman Dour commented that obviously the amount of material that was moved out, they seemed to be very reactive to our letters and requirements. Mr. Gindoff commented that Mascaro is trying hard to deal with this situation. It is not just them, it is a regional and national issue with both the level of waste coming in, as well as the difficulty of finding adequate truck drivers to haul this waste. It is a difficult problem for them to handle and they have been wrestling with it and working hard at it throughout the whole time.

Mr. Druetzler asked is waste stabilizing, still increasing or falling off? Mr. Gindoff replied that it is not where it was two or three weeks ago, but compared to where it was two years ago, it is way up. Different patterns of people working at home has really increased the amount of waste, especially the amount of construction debris from people doing home repairs and people moving.

We are scheduled to be about 33% construction debris this year and in the 90's, we were about 15% construction debris. A lot of that is recycling also. Mr. Gindoff added that from a regional perspective, it seems that we are doing a lot better than the other facilities that are still struggling with the same issues in the eastern part of the State.

Mr. Carney asked that Mascaro is putting together a Contingency Plan correct? Mr. Gindoff replied correct. Mr. Carney suggested that we provide the Fire Marshall with that Contingency Plan.

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

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder, Assistant Operations Manager Mike Nunn, and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon were scheduled and are currently attending the Association of Environmental Authorities- Environmental Professional Development Academy (AEA-EPDA). Cohort members of this EPD Academy will participate in a standard course of instruction in the basic technical, leadership, and management skills needed to perform front-line supervisory functions in New Jersey public environmental authorities and agencies. The Academy is divided into four (4) subject area "Tracks" covering:

- Track #1- Administration- Began on Wednesday, September 15 at the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority in Manalapan Township, New Jersey.
- Track #2- Operations- Scheduled to start on October 27 and will include MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle.
- Followed by Track #3- Finance and Track #4- Human Recourses (HR) to take place in 2022.

All of these Tracks are four (4) days total, core competencies include communication, critical thinking, industry analysis, information literacy, technological literacy, and community and workplace ethical conduct. MCMUA Executive Director Larry Gindoff is a proud graduate of the 2017 AEA-EPDA cohort.

MCMUA Vegetative and Hazardous Waste Specialist Anthony Marrone has been enrolled in the 2021-2022 New Jersey Recycling Certification Series through the New Jersey Rutgers Cooperative Extension- Office of Continuing Professional Education starting in September of 2021. After completion of the full 21-day recycling certification program, MCMUA Marrone must attend the ten (10) required courses and successfully complete all course proficiency assignments to become a New Jersey Certified Recycling Professional (CRP).

MCMUA staff met virtually with Alaimo Engineering on Tuesday, September 28 to discuss upcoming projects and budgeting for engineering costs in 2022. Scheduled repairs and improvements at both transfer stations, the upcoming General Permit renewal for the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station, pending projects and requested plans, oversight with J.P. Mascaro and Sons repairs, and scheduled routine site visits were just a few of the topics discussed. Continued support from the solid waste engineer greatly assists the MCMUA Operations staff in keeping the transfer stations in compliance and in good standing order.

### **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** For the month of September 2021, the quantity of solid waste accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations was 43,042 tons. The 43,042 tons accepted in September 2021 was 13.97% greater than the 37,767 tons accepted a year ago in September of 2020. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 experienced a 12.96% increase over the tonnage accepted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020. The annual projection for 2021 based on the first nine (9) months of tonnage accepted is currently 458,229 tons. If this projection holds true, it would represent a 9.93% increase over the 415,100 tons accepted in 2020. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

## September Comparison Statistics:

### Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound- 17,418 Tons- 2,540 Tons more than 2020

Total Customers- 4,096- 413 more than 2020

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 784- 3 more than 2020

### Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound- 25,623 Tons- 2,735 Tons more than 2020

Total Customers- 5,355- 398 more than 2020

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 369- 3 more than 2020

**Transfer Stations Accumulation of Solid Waste Issues-** Included with the Solid Waste Report for the October 12 Board meeting is a packet of correspondence related the accumulation of large amounts of solid waste being left on the MCMUA transfer station tipping floors by J.P. Mascaro and Sons. Issues presented during the September 7 Board meeting were exacerbated during the month due to additional challenges faced following Hurricane Ida leading to necessary dialogue with J.P. Mascaro and Sons management and Counsel. Provided below is a timeline and some action items related to this matter.

- As approved by the MCMUA Board at the September 7 meeting, Resolution No. 21-73 allowed Mascaro to utilize third-party outside subcontractor hauler(s) to help assist with routinely managing the increased amount of solid waste at both stations, while supplementing the lack of CDL drivers due to the current challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Following Hurricane Ida, the NJDEP and NJDOT had made available a special permit, granting temporary single-trip permit type to overweight/oversized vehicles, for waste/debris removal associated with the solid waste emergency on New Jersey interstates and National highways for the additional weight capacity from 80,000 pounds to 90,000 pounds. MCMUA staff provided this information to J.P. Mascaro and Sons who began (and is currently) working with the Pennsylvania DEP and DOT on approval of this load weight permit increase.
- On September 9, the NJDEP approved the MCMUA's formal request to increase our permitted capacity limits at both stations along with relief from clearing the tipping floor each 24 hours through an official exemption. Since this approval, NJDEP inspections and site visits have increased to weekly for compliance assistance vs. compliance enforcement to allow relief during this Statewide solid waste emergency. The MCMUA has remained in constant communication with the NJDEP, the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office, and other County and local agencies.
- Following the exchange of correspondence highlighted in the attached packet, the MCMUA staff and Counsel met virtually with J.P. Mascaro and Sons management and Counsel on Tuesday, October 5 to discuss and review a list of related topics and concerns and ways to effectively move forward. One of the deliverables from the meeting was for J.P. Mascaro and Sons to provide the MCMUA with a contingency plan when dealing with these increased "peak" periods or "unexpected circumstances" during the contract.
- J.P. Mascaro and Sons continues to work toward addressing waste left on the floors of the transfer stations through third party haulers, hiring more CDL drivers, pulling assets from other Mascaro divisions, and working with the PA approved landfills on extended hours- to include Saturdays and possibly Sundays. Mount Olive's floor was cleared on September 29 with continued progress noticed at the MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. The MCMUA will continue to work with J.P. Mascaro and Sons on documented repairs needed as result of damages caused during this emergency. Alamio Engineering is updated on any of these damages that may need professional oversight. Communication will continue to improve with J.P. Mascaro and Sons management and the MCMUA Operations staff, with Mascaro staff and Counsel confirming their commitment to Morris County, the MCMUA facilities, and their services related to the contract.

**Major Transfer Station Repair Projects-** Above Ground Storage Tanks (AGST) Diesel Fuel-replacement of the 4000 gallon holding tanks and the pumping system at both MCMUA transfer stations. The MCMUA Operations staff remains in contact with T.R. Weniger, Inc. with the shipment of the new fuel pumps now slated for the second week in October. When installed, factory training will be provided to onsite MCMUA and J.P. Mascaro and Sons staff.

Mount Olive Transfer Station Tipping Floor Restoration- repairs to the main tipping floor, repairs to the heavily damaged trench drain system, and some alterations to the observation desk near the loading pits. Due to the abovementioned operational issues at the Mount Olive transfer station, the MCMUA staff and Alaimo Engineering withdrew the Bid for the Mount Olive transfer station tipping floor restoration, Contract No. 2021-1. The October 1 Bid cancellation was due to the concerns that the operation challenges will not be corrected by the time the work for the anticipated Bid was to commence. Notice of this cancellation was posted and provided to the potential bidders. At this time, it is anticipated that the restoration project will be rebid in the spring of 2022.

The Mount Olive transfer station small exempt vehicle drop-off area (SEVDOA) and scale house improvements have also been delayed due to the recent issues. Engineering and prospective design for all these projects, including the potential for connection to public water and sewer in Mount Olive, will continue and will be reflected and accounted for in the 2022-2023 MCMUA solid waste budget schedules.

**Transfer Station Site Improvements-** As approved by the MCMUA Board, DLS Maintenance and Construction, LLC (DLS) will soon start the office improvements at the Mount Olive transfer station. The project was delayed due to Hurricane Ida, with other related emergencies coming up for DLS. The project will include the replacement of all the transfer station office windows, installing new flooring, complete all the wall patching and repairs that occurred during the spray insulation project, and final painting of the offices (4), conference room (1), bathrooms (2), and the main reception/lobby area. MCMUA staff has already started clearing and prepping the area for DLS. The MCMUA Operations staff has also started working with J.P. Mascaro and Sons on the replacement of old, stained, and/or damaged ceiling tiles and the tile tracks throughout the office area.

J.P. Mascaro and Sons and subcontractor Delaware Valley Paving continued their improvements in the faded line striping at both transfer stations. Only the rubble strips near the outbound scale are pending completion at Parsippany. Line striping in Mount Olive was started on October 2. J.P. Mascaro Management has also been onsite within the recent weeks to assess damage that has occurred with the large amounts of waste currently being processed. Alaimo Engineering has been requested by the MCMUA to oversee repairs deemed as “structural” or larger project items.

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Jefferson Recycling, LLC., a class B recycling facility on Route 15 North in Jefferson Township, requested to accept tires for recycling within their existing 700 ton per day approval. Following Township of Jefferson approval of Resolution #21-223 on September 1, on September 8 the MCMUA submitted a Plan Administrative Action (AA) request to the NJDEP. Attached as correspondence for the October 12 Board meeting is the NJDEP approved Administrative Action (AA).

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

**Program Participation-** The MCMUA HHW one-day drop-off event that occurred on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the Morris County Public Safety Academy (MCPSTA) located at 500 West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township serviced a total of 693 vehicles. The lines were minimal throughout the day and were assisted by very nice weather. As a reminder to the Board, the final 2021 event day is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Chatham High School, 255 Lafayette Avenue in Chatham Township.

In September 2021, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 215 serviced appointments, which included

183 Morris County residents, 5 VSQG/small businesses, and 27 out-of-Morris County residents. MCMUA's 2021 totals now equal 2,275 serviced appointments, 2,047 of those appointments being Morris County residents.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Essex Fence Company, LLC. began installing new fencing and two (2) new gates at the Mount Olive/ Camp Pulaski Vegetative Waste facility on Monday, October 4. This improvement project includes adding additional fencing to either sides of the entrance gates to help with trespassing. The gates are located on opposite sides of the facility. One (1) will be a 22' cantilever style slide gates for easy opening and closing afterhours, and the other will be a 15' barrier style swing gate. The MCMUA is removing of some older posts and fencing around these areas. The MCMUA rented a Foley Cat D6 LGP Oval Track Dozer to properly grade both vegetative waste facilities during the month of September 2021. Starting on Friday, September 10 in Mount Olive, the dozer was used for one (1) full work week. This was followed by the next week in Parsippany. The dozer was cleaned and picked up on September 28 by Foley, Inc. Assisting with this project in Parsippany was the Morris County Mosquito Commission, and their heavy equipment operator. The Mosquito Commission helped clean and reset the large rip-rap stone drainage system in Parsippany and assisted in regrading both sides of the entrance roadway dug up during the recent paving project. The MCMUA Operations staff appreciates all the help from the Mosquito Commission during the entire month of September. The two (2) new 2021 Volvo L110H wheel loaders purchased for the Parsippany facility are still slated to arrive sometime in October/November of 2021. The NJDEP Division of Air Quality, Bureau of Mobile Source, through the New Jersey Equipment Modernization Program (NJEMP), will be reimbursing the MCMUA 30% on the replacement equipment which will total \$150,923.40, all based on the decommissioning of the two (2) older Volvo loaders at Parsippany. MCMUA staff has also been working through the Sourcewell Contract on the purchase of a new Komptech Topturn X5000 windrow turner to replace the 1999 Scarab windrow turner in Mount Olive. This new equipment will be shared between the two (2) vegetative waste facilities and is a candidate for the same NJDEP NJEMP reimbursement for up to \$100,000 with proof of the decommissioning of the older Scarab. Appropriate paperwork for this has already been submitted to the NJDEP for review and approval. For additional vegetative waste flow information, a copy of the Vegetative Waste Report will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the October 12 meeting.

**Parsippany Vegetative Waste Facility Improvement Project-** The MCMUA Operations staff continues to work with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (Suburban) on "Phase 2" of the improvement project at the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility behind the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA). "Phase 2" includes a concrete lug block retaining wall that will surround the free pile area, a small retaining wall in front of the office trailer to meet the new blacktop, a few small sections of fencing that need to be replaced near the trailer and entrance road, and two (2) new facility gates to be installed before and after the free pile area. Once the design and drawings are complete, Suburban's anticipated timing is for the final Bid to be awarded in December 2021/ January 2022.

**Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing-** The MCMUA Operations staff met virtually with Naturcycle on Tuesday, September 5 to discuss shared costs for the 2021 screening project. These costs included freight and rental of the equipment, diesel fuel and DEF/urea used, MCMUA employee overtime, and the final disposal of overs/tailings as solid waste at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station. The project was completed and the Emerald Equipment Phoenix 3300 Powerscreen was cleared from the Parsippany compost site on September 1. Also discussed during this meeting was the MCMUA Compost Brochure, with the first draft submitted to MCMUA for approval of layout and content. Naturcycle will now be sending it out to add color, graphics, and additional formatting. Food waste research- Naturcycle has had initial discussions with a food waste broker and is preparing a proposal with options for MCMUA staff to consider in the future. Some upcoming October 2021 MCMUA/Naturcycle joint projects include:

- The Belmont Park Arena (or UBS Arena home to the New York Islanders), in Elmont, New York, next to the Belmont Park race track- Screened compost from the MCMUA

Parsippany facility which was approved for use in engineered soil. It is approximately 1,000 cubic yards (CY) total with the start date pushed into October 2021.

- A New York State Department of Transportation (NYDOT) wetland soil project with screened compost from the Parsippany facility to be used in engineered soil. This involves approximately 500 CY total, and the start time has been delayed.
- New York City Parks project- McCarey Landscaping is ordering 350 CY of screened compost from the Parsippany facility for a planting mix. Approximately 350 CY total with an early October 2021 start date.
- Cedar Hill Landscaping has been authorized for up to 100 CY of unscreened material
- Naturcycle also still plans to purchase over 1,000 yards of screened material for various soil projects.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Ms. Sweedy reported the following: (1) The per ton rate for August for single stream was +\$65.80. The preliminary rate for single stream for the month of September is +\$76.72 per ton, an increase of \$10.92 per ton over the rate for August. During September it was primarily the paper that continued the positive trend and resulted in the rise in pricing. With regard to commingled, there was an increase in aluminum, while the other commodities stabilized at the previous month's pricing.;

(2) During the month of September, our school recycling inspections resumed. Steve Rinaldi at the NJDEP has invited me to speak about our school recycling inspection program at the Waste Wise meeting on November 3 and provide details about our year 2019 school recycling inspections that involve 30 schools. I am looking forward to share what we learned and also get the information out about doing inspections and trying to teach, not just the custodians, but provide education in each classroom so teachers can follow the guidelines.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

**Tonnage and Value** – The August 2021 Republic statement was finalized in the amount of \$87,928.27. The per ton rate for single-stream was positive \$65.80, an increase of \$21.60 in comparison to the rate of \$44.20 received in July 2021. The preliminary rate for single-stream for the month of September is \$76.69, an increase of \$10.89 per ton, over the rate for August.

### **Curbside Contract Proposals & Resolutions**

On 9/1/21, staff advised Neil Henry, Administrator of the Town of Boonton, that the new 5-year shared services agreement for curbside recycling collection services and marketing, was mailed. Mr. Henry replied and stated that the Town of Boonton will go out to bid for these services. Staff requested a copy of the bid package.

On 9/16/21, staff received a call from John LaPoint, Lincoln Park Borough Recycling Coordinator, requesting a cost proposal for curbside recycling collection services and marketing of recyclables. Staff is working on the proposal for Lincoln Park Borough.

On 9/20/21, staff sent an email to Marcia H. Istvan, Acting Municipal Clerk for Mine Hill Township, asking if the town has any questions about the shared service proposal for curbside recycling collection services and marketing of recyclables. There has been no reply yet.

### **Recycling Inspections and Education**

On 9/17/21, staff spoke with Henry Friedel, DC Collaborative Inc., who will be the general contractor on the renovation project of the Dover Public Library. Mr. Friedel asked questions about County recycling requirements. Staff will meet with him in October to provide him with the information he is seeking.

On 9/18/21, staff exhibited at the Morris Plains Borough Farmer's Market. Staff provided educational flyers, decals and reusable shopping bags to residents. Information about the NJ Bag Ban law and recycling right were the main topics of conversation. Residents asked many questions and are committed to following recycling guidelines in order to improve the recycling stream.

On 9/21/21, staff attended the meeting hosted by the Association of New Jersey Recyclers for County Recycling Coordinators. The Agenda included the following:

- Recycle Coach – Avoid the Spark education

- NJ Climate Alliance - Organics work plan
- NJ Composting Council

On 9/21/21, staff spoke with Zafar Billah, Section Chief, NJDEP, Bureau of Recycling & Hazardous Waste Management, Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste, requesting a speaker for the Municipal Recycling Coordinators meeting in February. Alexander Sadat, Environmental Engineer, will speak about Recycling Depots, Convenience Centers & Recycling Exemptions.

On 9/21/2021, staff attended the ANJR Board meeting and took the minutes.

On 9/23/21, the MCMUA hosted a virtual WebEx meeting for municipal recycling coordinators from those towns participating in the MCMUA's Curbside Recycling Collection program. Speakers provided information about the curbside collection process, introduced new recycling procedures, reviewed acceptable and unacceptable materials, and other pertinent information for 2022. The agenda included the following:

*Mike Nunn, Assistance Operations Manager:*

- Curbside Contact Information and the importance of direct contact
- Direct any complaints or concerns directly to the Curbside Department staff
- Recycling setout must be at the curb by 6 a.m. the day of collection (preferably the night before)
- Towns should alert Curbside supervisors of road closure in a timely manner, allowing time to coordinate collection on the roads to be closed
- If there is a change to recycling collection due to inclement weather, residents should visit MCMUA.com for the latest information

*Liz Sweedy, District Recycling Coordinator*

- The MCMUA is promoting an educational campaign, No Plastic Bags/film in Recycling.
- New and Important for 2022: items that are not acceptable in the recycling stream: **Plastic bags/film, shredded paper, aerosol & pressurized cans, paint cans, pizza boxes.**
- Educational flyers (updated for 2022) are available on the MCMUA website. Links:  
Acceptable:  
[https://mcmua.com/docs/Single\\_streamFlyer\\_Residential\\_lettersized.pdf](https://mcmua.com/docs/Single_streamFlyer_Residential_lettersized.pdf)  
Unacceptable:  
<https://mcmua.com/docs/Single%20stream%20unacceptable%20items.pdf>
- Decals: Free decals are available and residents are asked to put decals on recycling & trash containers to avoid confusion. link: [www.mcmua.com/sw\\_recy\\_decals.asp](http://www.mcmua.com/sw_recy_decals.asp)
- Appropriate reusable containers must be used for recyclables. 32-gallon containers are recommended (that do not exceed 50 lbs. in weight) with a lid and handles. No plastic bags please!

*Chris Vidal, Curbside Recycling Customer Service Coordinator*

- Municipal recycling depots must keep roll-off containers covered to avoid moisture (rain, snow/ice)
- Distribution of No Plastic Bags signs for depots
- Overview of acceptable recyclables and proper preparation at the curb

A three-page overview was sent to the municipal recycling coordinators from the curbside towns after the meeting. The meeting was approved for 1 CRP (Rutgers, Certified Recycling Professional) recertification credit. The meeting was videoed and available on the following link: <https://youtu.be/hQw1h-Jyh7w>.

On 9/27/2021, staff met with Long Hill Township Boy Scout Leaders from Cub Scout Pack 56. Staff provided recycling and litter abatement information. Outreach materials and recycling decals were provided for distribution at the Pack meeting on 9/30/21.

On 9/28/2021, staff met with Bill Cox, Superintendent of Lakeview Construction, Pleasant Prairie, WI. Mr. Cox is the general contractor for the renovation of the T-Mobile store in Parsippany Troy Hills Township. The 30 cubic-yard trash roll-off container had corrugated cardboard (mandated recyclable) mixed with trash. Staff provided him with recycling and waste flow information and requirements, and contact information regarding any other inquiries.

On 9/28/21, staff attended the Association of NJ Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators (ANJHHWC) meeting. The agenda included the following:

- Paint Care Legislation

- Avoid the Spark campaign, Lithium Ion batteries and Alkaline batteries
- NJDEP Audit of Household Hazardous Waste Events and Facilities

On 9/28/2021, staff inspected the 30 cubic-yard roll-off container for cardboard at the Morris County Safety Training Academy, from the Household Hazardous Waste event on 9/25/2021. The container was located at the Safety Training parking lot. Staff found food waste, used gloves, plastic bags/wrap, and a large box of kitty litter, mixed with cardboard. Staff advised

MXI (HHW event contractor) about the issues and requested that MXI staff be informed about proper recycling requirements and that the recycling container be monitored at all future events.

On 9/28/21, staff spoke to Marin Regenthal, Behavioral Health Services Office Manager, at 1 Medical Drive (a County building location) to discuss the problem with contaminants found in the recycling stream. This is a follow up to the August inspection. Staff created a flyer to address the main problems and provided it to Marin for distribution to employees. Cleaning staff has been contacted regarding the issues. Staff will continue to work with employees and cleaning staff at this location. Tom Dungan and Dave Endly of Morris County Buildings & Grounds and Joe Smith and Dilcea Yela of Employment Horizons, were provided with inspection results and a copy of the flyer.

On 9/30/21, staff conducted recycling inspections at schools in Hanover Township, as schools are open for in-person classes this school year. Staff inspected disposal areas at the Bee Meadow School, Mount View Road School, and Salem Drive School. Some common issues found in the recycling dumpsters were plastic laminate sheets, plastic bags/film and paper cups. Staff will provide inspection results with photos to each school's business administrator, Principal and head custodian. Staff will also recommend and offer a recycling education session for custodial staff.

## **Clean Communities**

### **Clean Communities Road Cleanups in September - two cleanups:**

On 9/3/21, a litter cleanup was conducted on Howard Blvd in Roxbury Township and Mt. Arlington Borough. Total miles cleaned = 5 linear miles

Bags of trash: 28

Bags of recyclables: 13

On 9/21/21, a litter cleanup was conducted on Canfield Avenue and Randolph Avenue in Mine Hill Township and Randolph Township. Total miles cleaned = 5 linear miles

Bags of trash: 22

Bags of recyclables: 12

### **A total of 10 liner miles cleaned in September!**

Clean Communities did not sponsor any educational program during the month of September.

On 9/27/21, staff sent an email to Clean Communities Municipal coordinators with links on the NJDEP website regarding the Bag Ban legislation. The information included a link for frequently asked questions and penalties for businesses who are not in compliance.

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/>  
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#faq>  
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#penalties>

A Bag Ban meeting will be hosted by the MCMUA, on December 9, at 9 a.m., via WebEx.

On 9/30/21, staff attended the Clean Communities County Coordinators meeting hosted by NJ Clean Communities Council.

The agenda included the following:

#### **New Jersey Bag Ban**

- Bag Up NJ Website
- Bag Up PSA
- Bag Giveaway Programs

- Promotional Items: Bags, Reusable Straws, pads, diner Placemats
- Skip the Straw Campaign

2022 NJCCC Certification training/Conference & Awards  
Clean Communities Model Website  
Statistical Reports  
Balloon Release Ban

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

There being no comment from the Public, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn  
the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.,  
seconded by Mr. Guadagno and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary