

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 12, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. 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. The necessary notice of this meeting was published according to the law.

Chairwoman Kominos 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, April 12, 2022. 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.

Chairwoman Kominos requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. James Barry, Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Mr. William Hudzik, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

Ms. Laura Szwak entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

ABSENT: Mr. Gene Feyl.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Michael McAloon, Suburban Consulting Engineers; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator; Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator; and Tom Lemanowicz; Alaimo Group.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 8, 2022.

MOTION: Ms. Hudzik made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2022 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Dour & Dr. Nusbaum

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

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of March 2022. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water Divisions through the first quarter of 2022. The Investment Report shows that on March 1, 2022, Four Million Dollars was invested from the Morris County MUA Solid Waste Operating Account into two (2) Certificate of Deposits with Connect One Bank. One CD was for Two Million Dollars for a six month term and the second CD was for \$2 million dollars

for a 12 month term, both earning 0.35 percent. Both CDs will earn approximately \$10,525.00 in interest. Connect One Bank is part of the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act and it is listed in the Morris County MUA's Cash Management Plan. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

(Ms. Laura Szwak entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.)

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of Resolution No. 22-32. He explained that this resolution will allow the Morris County MUA to utilize the State Contract with Dell for computer equipment and this Coop has been approved by the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-32  
RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A STATE  
PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing program which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA intends to enter into contracts with the following Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

<u>Commodity/Service</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>State Contract#</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>
Computer Equipment	Dell	M0483/19-TELE00656	\$20,000.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

**BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED;** that the governing body of the MCMUA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Treasurer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **April 15, 2022 to February 28, 2023.**

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, April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Authorize The Use Of A State Purchasing Contract For 2022 With Dell and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned he anticipates that a line item for this will be included with the Vendors under the State Contracts at the Reorganization Meeting next year.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that he has the Approval of Vouchers, Bill Resolution No. 22-33 and asked if anyone has any questions. There being no questions, Dr. Kominos asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolution:

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 22-33**

**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. 22-33 containing 7 pages for a total of \$3,611,169.66 dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	5837-5868	\$ 332,941.54
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	12973-13059	<u>\$ 3,278,228.12</u>
		<b>\$ 3,611,169.66</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: April 12, 2022

BOARD CHAIRWOMAN APPROVAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

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: April 12, 2022.

DATE: April 12, 2022

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

With regard to the Correspondence report, Mr. Gindoff highlighted the following: (1) The first item in the correspondence is a draft of a Vision/Mission Statement for the MUA. He mentioned that a few of our Staff attended the Environmental Professional Development Academy and they have been pushing students to work with their agencies to develop such Statements. We drafted up one for the Board's perusal and will be open for comments in the next month or so on it. If no comments are received, at some point would like to take formal action on it and adopt it as our official Vision/Mission Statement after hearing from the Board. Ms. Szwak mentioned that she had some comments and Mr. Gindoff replied he would like to hear them.; (2) The item regarding the draft amendment of the Mt. Arlington Water Agreement will be discussed during the Water Report; (3) On the map for the Tipping Fees, this is typically what Atlantic County puts together every year. He mentioned that he likes to show that Morris County is in line with the region for what our tipping fees are. Some are higher and some are lower, but we are right in the average of what other people are doing around the State.; and (4) Lastly, we have five or six pages extracted from the Recycling Report and we have them as a separate report for Correspondence, which will be doing from here on in.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:**

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. Draft of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority's Vision Statement and Mission Statement.

**WATER**

2. NJDEP Contract Approval Application – Amended Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement executed March 25, 2022.

**SOLID WASTE**

3. New Jersey Solid Waste Disposal Fees – 2022.

**RECYCLING**

4. Email dated March 15, 2022 to Larry Gindoff from Steven Ward, Township Administrator, Township of Denville, regarding interest in a proposal from MCMUA to perform recycling collection.
5. Report of Recycling Education, Inspections And Customer Service Support for March 2022.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon addressed the correspondence regarding Mt. Arlington that Larry Gindoff mentioned and informed the Board that Mt. Arlington approached the MUA about additional supplies of water for several projects they have coming down the pipeline. We have been working with

Mt. Arlington to confirm the volumes of water needed and have drafted and formalized a revised Water Supply Agreement. MCMUA has contracted for 100% of its allocation and this revised Agreement will result in contracting more than our available allocation. It does require the consultation and approval of DEP, however, through recent discussions with the Bureau, we believe an approval of this revised Contract can be facilitated, as we are only using approximately 75% of available water. A draft of the Agreement has been included in the packet prior to being submitted to the State, as we would like to get the blessing of the Board. The Board had no problem with submitting it to the State and Mr. Gindoff stated that he will forward to the State tomorrow.

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) Unfortunately, our water sales are less than our volume sold in 2021 and 2020. Jefferson and Wharton usage has returned to normal following their system improvements that were performed.; (2) We have tentatively scheduled a meeting with Mine Hill on April 19 to discuss their outstanding balance for water sales and the water loss control program. We are confident following that meeting to have some agreement in place.; (3) The bid opening for Water Division Emergency and On-Call Service Contractor was performed on Thursday, March 31 at 2 p.m. A total of four bids were received ranging from \$17,000 and change to \$35,000. Our review of the bids indicate the apparent low bidder was John Garcia Construction Company of Clifton, New Jersey. We are prepared to award to them Contract EWR-22-W01.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-34**  
**RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT NO. EWR-22-W01 TO**  
**JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR**  
**“EMERGENCY AND ON-CALL SERVICES”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 22-W01 “Emergency and On-Call Services” and received four (4) responses to the bid solicitation on March 31, 2022 from the bidders listed below at the base bid price shown:

John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. Clifton, New Jersey	\$17,000.24
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.. Hackensack, New Jersey	\$18,752.00
Colonnelli Bros., Inc. Hackensack, New Jersey	\$28,160.00
Salmon Bros., Inc. Netcong, New Jersey	\$35,000.00

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

1. The Authority waives all immaterial defects in the bid submitted by John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., if any, and awards Contract No. 22-W01 “Emergency and On-Call Services” to John Garcia Construction Company, 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount not to exceed the base bid price of \$17,000.24.

2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 22-W01 “Emergency and On-Call Services” with John Garcia Construction Company, 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013, in the amount not to exceed the bid price of \$17,000.24. The Contract awarded herein is for one (1) year. The two one-year options for the MCMUA to renew the Contract are subject to separate annual approval by Resolution finding that the services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner with any price change not exceeding the price of the original Contract as cumulatively adjusted by the index rate for the twelve months preceding the most quarterly calculation available at the time the Contract is renewed in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Contract awarded herein to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc., shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required documents, including but not limited to the submission and approval of the contractor’s performance bond, insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.
4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
5. All bid security, except the security of the three apparent lowest responsible bidders shall be returned within 10 days after the opening of the bids, Sundays and Holidays excepted, and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and approval of the contractor’s performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them within three days thereafter, Sundays and holidays excepted.
6. Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 02-6-300-800-015 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority’s Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Award Contract No. EWR-22-W01 To John Garcia Construction Company For “Emergency And On-Call Services and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

(4) John Garcia Construction completed the interconnections with Mt. Arlington water system, as well as Roxbury water system. During that work, additional work was performed to finalize that contract and to satisfy the Mt. Arlington Road Opening permits. This Change Order increased the contract price to approximately 15.25% and the paving is scheduled to performed this week pending consideration of Change Order No. 1.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-35  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1  
TO CONTRACT 2021-W01,  
MT. ARLINGTON TANK INTERCONNECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) and John Garcia Construction Company, 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013 (“JGCC”) entered into an agreement on April 13, 2021 to perform the installation of the infrastructure to complete the interconnection of the MUA’s distribution system to the Roxbury Water Distribution System and Mt. Arlington Water Distribution System in accordance with a contract that was subject to public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, additional quantities of 12-inch diameter water main were necessary to be furnished and installed by JGCC as well as additional work to complete the project including re-connection of un-marked conduits encountered during construction activities, installation of protective site bollards, and full width paving of Oneida Drive to satisfy Mt. Arlington Road Opening Permit requirements as identified in (the “Change Order No. 1 Work”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Change Order No. 1 Work results in a increase in the contract price in the amount of \$33,222.07 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

**WHEREAS**, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (“SCE”) evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 Work and the aforementioned increase in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which increases the contract price in the amount of \$33,222.07 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed Change Order is not in excess of 20% of the total bid price; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA is satisfied that the proposed Change Order is justified and meets the requirements of N.J.S.A. 5:34-4.2 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-11; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account Number 02-6-300-800-015 for Change Order No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, Change Order No. 1 provides that the \$33,222.07 increase in the contract price and no time extension for the completion of the work is full compensation for the work required to be performed pursuant to Change Order No. 1 and JGCC, its officers, employees, successors and assigns, release the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, its members, officers, employees, and consultants of any and all claims, including, but not limited to disruption, delay, loss of productivity, idle and standby time for persons and equipment, home office overhead, extended or disrupted performance, additional mobilizations, remobilizations, indirect or impact claims, loss of profit, together with any other damages, that relate in any way to the work described in Change Order No. 1.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 with John Garcia Construction Company, 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013 increasing the contract price in the amount of \$33,222.07 and no time extension for the work described in Change Order No. 1.
2. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution and Change Order No. 1.
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 April 12, 2022.

#### **MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Authorize Execution Of Change Order No. 1 To Contract No. 2021-W01, Mt. Arlington Tank Interconnection With John Garcia Construction Company and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

(5) The tank was dewatered on Friday, March 25. There was some water left in the tank which did unfortunately freeze, but the Contractor assumed possession of the dewatered tank on Tuesday, March 29. They have been advancing the project completing scaffolding installation and preparatory work inside the tank. Abrasive blasting began today. So far from dewatering of the tank and one day of abrasive blasting, so far there has been no significant unforeseen conditions that we could have encountered within the tank. Things are progressing well. The Contractor does anticipate meeting their interim milestone completion date that we had



incorporated in the project where the tank will be dewatered for a period of 60 days and we are shooting for return to service the end of May. They did submit Payment Application No. 1. We reviewed it and found it reflective of the work complete. They also furnished a price for the application of two MCMUA logos spanning the face of the tank and the total of this work was \$27,500.00. We found it to be fair and reasonable.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-36  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1  
TO CONTRACT 2021-W02,  
MT. ARLINGTON TANK REHABILITATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") and US Tank Painting, Inc., having a business addresses of 900 Rike Drive, Millstone Township, New Jersey 08535 ("US Tank") entered into an agreement on February 17, 2022 to perform the rehabilitation of the existing Mt. Arlington water storage tank in accordance with a contract that was subject to public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director and Engineer requested the contractor provide pricing to perform additional work beyond the scope of the original contract to complete the application of decorative logos on the existing tank as identified in (the "Change Order No. 1 Work"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Change Order No. 1 Work results in an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$27,500.00 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

**WHEREAS**, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. ("SCE") evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 Work and the aforementioned increase in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which increases the contract price in the amount of \$27,500.00 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed Change Order is not in excess of 20% of the total bid price; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA is satisfied that the proposed Change Order is justified and meets the requirements of N.J.S.A. 5:34-4.2 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-11; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account Number 02-6-300-800-015for Change Order No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of Change Order No. 1 provides that the \$27,500.00 increase in the contract price and no time extension for the completion of the work is full compensation for the work required to be performed pursuant to Change Order No. 1 and US Tank, its officers, employees, successors and assigns, release the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, its members, officers, employees, and consultants of any and all claims, including, but not limited to disruption, delay, loss of productivity, idle and standby time for persons and equipment, home office overhead, extended or disrupted performance, additional mobilizations, remobilizations, indirect or impact claims, loss of profit, together with any other damages, that relate in any way to the work described in Change Order No. 1.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 with US Tank Painting, Inc., of 900 Rike Drive, Millstone Township, New Jersey 08535 increasing the contract price in the amount of \$27,500.00 and no time extension for the work described in Change Order No. 1.

2. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution and Change Order No. 1.
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 April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Authorize Execution Of Change Order No. 1 To Contract No. 2021-W02, Mt. Arlington Tank Rehabilitation With US Tank and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

(6) No comments on Southeast at this time about the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement under Correspondence.; (7) We are going to come up with a few dates to do an educational series for water and tour the water facilities. Mr. Gindoff added that we are going to plan an educational series for water and do the tour of the water facilities like we did for Solid Waste this Summer.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

**PROJECT STATUS**

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of March, MCMUA sold approximately 361.888 MG. This amount is less than the volume sold in 2021 and 2020 respectively. It should be noted that Jefferson usage has returned to normal following the identification and correction of several leaks within the distribution system. Additionally, Wharton usage also returned to normal following completion of the system-wide SCADA update.
- B. SCE reached out to Mine Hill Township as a follow-up to the correspondence previously sent with regard to the Outstanding Balance for water sales and to discuss Water Loss Control. Mine Hill has provided payment on January and February 2022 water system usage.

2. Water Division Emergency and On-Call Services Contractor

The bid opening for Contract No. EWR-22-W01 Water Division “Emergency and On-Call Services” project was held on Thursday March 31 at 2:00pm. A total of four (4) bids were received for this project ranging from \$17,000.24 to \$35,000.00.

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BASE BID AMOUNT</b>
John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.	\$17,000.24
J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.	\$18,752.00
Colonnelli Bros., Inc.	\$28,160.00
Salmon Bros., Inc.	\$35,000.00

Our review of the four (4) bids indicates the apparent lowest responsible bid submitted by **John Garcia Construction Co. Inc.** of Clifton, NJ for the base bid amount of \$17,000.24. SCE has reviewed the bid documents, contacted references, verified certifications and all other aspects of their bid appear to be complete, subject to MCMUA review and MCMUA's Attorney's review. A formal recommendation of award will be presented via Resolution at the board meeting.

3. Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation:

**Contract A – Tank Isolation**

John Garcia Construction completed the Kadel Drive interconnection piping with the Mt. Arlington Water System in preparation for the system testing, tank dewatering and construction.

SCE is prepared to present for consideration Change Order #1 for John Garcia Construction for additional work performed as part of this contract. This additional work includes additional quantities for 12-inch diameter watermain necessary to complete the installation with the Roxbury Water Distribution System, re-connection of un-marked conduits encountered during construction, installation of protective bollards around the interconnection chamber and full width paving of Oneida Drive to satisfy Mt. Arlington Road Opening Permit requirements. This change order results in an overall increase of \$33,222.07 to the existing contract approximately 15.25%. The final paving is anticipated to be performed in mid-April.

The Contractor has submitted for consideration payment application #2 in the amount of \$28,777.70. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work complete and recommends payment. This has been included on the vouchers for payment.

PCS Integrators has completed the VFD installation, startup and testing and system optimization necessary for system testing, tank dewatering and construction.

SCE has been in communication with Roxbury, Mt. Arlington, and Jefferson with regard to the tank rehabilitation project.

**Contract B – Tank Rehabilitation**

The Notice to Proceed for this project was issued on March 8, 2022. The tank has been dewatered since Friday March 25, however, due to freezing temperatures, access into the tank was not facilitated until Tuesday March 29. The Contractor has completed the scaffolding installation, anticipates beginning abrasive blasting of the tank interior on Monday April 11 as well as installation of exterior containment. During abrasive blasting of tank interior, the contractor will begin work on the ancillary tank improvements.

The Contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #1, in the amount of \$183,848.00. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work complete and recommends payment.

At the request of the Executive Director and SCE, proposed pricing for Proposed Change Order (PCO) No. 1 for the application of two (2) MCMUA logos spanning the face of the tank has been received. The total proposed value of this work is \$27,500.00. SCE has reviewed the pricing and finds this value to be fair and reasonable for the additional work associated with the proposed logo installation.

**Project Completion Summary Through April 12, 2022**

Contract Start Date	March 8, 2022	
Original Contract Completion Time	120 Calendar Days	
Interim Milestone – Tank Out of Service	60 Calendar Days	
Days Elapsed:	35	30%
Days Remaining:	85	70%

Interim Milestone Completion Date  
Original Contract Completion Date

May 28, 2022  
July 6, 2022

**Project Financial Summary Through April 12, 2022**

Original Contract Amount	\$1,527,100.00
Pending Change Order No. 1	\$27,500.00
Pending Current Contract Amount	\$1,554,600.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$187,600.00
Percent of Work Complete	12.3%
Payment Application #1	\$183,848.00
Total Retainage to Date	\$3,752.00

4. Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) Coordination

There was no new activity with respect to the updated agreement with Southeast to report, nor about progress in retaining engineering services of Howard Woods and Associates, LLC.

5. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

SCE has received the fully executed Revised Water Supply Agreement back from Mt. Arlington on Tuesday April 6. SCE will be prepared to submit this agreement on behalf of the MCMUA following any further discussion related it with the Board and/or Water Committee.

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

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) J.P. Mascaro & Sons has really done a great job the last month and a half clearing up tipping floors. We hope this continues as we start into our real busy season. The MCMUA Team continues to work with Mascaro on the repairs noted by both the Alaimo Quarterly Report and our recent safety improvements noted on the GSE inspections, which is once a year that Garden State comes out on behalf of Risk Management.; (2) The signed contract was provided to Persistent for the wall repairs mentioned in the report down in Parsippany near our APC system. Persistent informed us that the materials for the job have been ordered, but they are three weeks out, and once they receive those, we will start that project right away and get that done.

Mr. Deacon called on Tom Lemanowicz for the Alaimo update. Mr. Lemanowicz reported on the following: (1) The Air Pollution Noise Study, we are trying to get the sub-consultant scheduled, but am sure we will have a date soon.; (2) Our research into the Public Water and Sewer Connections for Mt. Olive, on the water side, N.J. American indicates that they are able to supply water to the property, so the next step is to find a route, but we have been concentrating on the sanitary and we just got an answer from Mt. Olive. Based upon the equivalent dwellings for the connection, they are looking at a nearly \$700,000 connection fee. We asked that a meter be attached to find out how much water we are using so that we can get a better idea of the flow there and hopefully get that reduced, so that we can talk and see if this is worth continuing.; (3) The Emergency Exit Plans for the Transfer Station are complete. We will have a proposal out in the next few days as far of the next phase of that work, which is to review the Codes and Regulations that are applicable and recommend whatever improvements need to happen.; and (4) The bids for the Mt. Olive Tipping Floor Improvement Project will be opened on April 29 anticipating an award recommendation at the May 10 Board Meeting.

Mr. Druetzler asked if you use that much water there and Mr. Deacon replied no. Mr. Deacon mentioned that we gave Alaimo an estimate because we would like to properly wash the floor like we do in Parsippany. In Parsippany, they use a real hose and in Mt. Olive, we use a garden hose. So with this savings, besides the Tank, the well improvements, you are also talking keeping the floor for a couple more years by getting it washed properly, hopefully every night. We are going to work with the Water guys and Tony to get a meter installed on the water pump, so hopefully that helps.

Mr. Deacon continued his report: (3) Lots of improvements at the HHW Facility and Curbside Garage that were mentioned in the Board highlights. Some proper signage at Curbside for our bulk storage and new propane cages at HHW. We have also received some quotes on some fence repair at HHW near the in-bound tunnel that is our responsibility; (4) Quick update from today on hand sanitizer, we did a big disposal for the County of Morris. The majority of that was for the Office of Emergency Management who had, during the megapod at the Rockaway Mall, the State had dumped a bunch of supplies from a warehouse in Florham Park and they had about six or seven pallets of expired hand sanitizer that we helped get rid of for them. Thanks you to MXI and the Operations guys for today. Buildings and Grounds also brought some stuff from the Administration Building that we handled. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that it was a big help for the County.; (5) Regarding Vegetative Waste, for the year-to-date 2022, we are still ahead of 2021 by about \$15,000. This difference is generated by the higher in-bound materials rather than the materials sold out-bound. The acceptance of leaves still in the season has happened much more in 2022 and our residential program has started in late March, so we expect those funds to go up. Mr. Gindoff added that Marilyn has been moving compost and deliveries like crazy, so people all across the region have her name and we have been spreading the good material across the landscape.

Ms. Szwak mentioned that you just finished that training with the Environmental Professional Development Academy and was wondering if there was one thing that you learned or are going to put into practice as a result of that training. Mr. Deacon replied the Organizational Chart, the Mission Statement, making things right and we are looking into Employee Handbook as far as the HR Track. There was no Solid Waste, so we are going to bring that to the AEA to add that to future training. Mr. Gindoff added that he noticed that they came back with a renewed sense of pride and determination to make the MUA a better place. They have been working with me and the rest of Staff to make sure that gets done.

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

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Garden State Environmental Health and Safety Consulting, Inc. (GSE), under the direction of Morris County Risk Management, has started their 2022 annual Health, Safety, and Compliance Inspections at the MCMUA facilities. The first two (2) inspections by GSE took place at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station and Mount Olive transfer station/HHW facility on Friday, March 11. All completed inspection audit summaries generated by GSE are sent to MCMUA Human Resources/Health and Safety Manager, Fred Wilson. Based on these audit summaries, MCMUA staff will continue to work to correct and improve any noted observations. Corrective actions from the transfer stations/HHWF that are under the responsibility of the MCMUA have already been photographed, documented, and filed for each location to assist with future audits and possible PEOSH/OSHA violations. Additional corrections handled by J.P. Mascaro and Sons under the contract are forwarded to the respective Site Managers for follow-up. In anticipation for the annual GSE inspection at our Curbside facility, MCMUA staff has started working on proper signage in the main garage bays. All bulk storage, which includes above ground storage tanks and 55 gallon drums, are being labeled with contents, CAS#, and NFPA 704 informational placards. Additional signage to clean up this area has already been ordered.

The MCMUA staff would like to welcome Stephen Adams back to the Solid Waste Operations team. Steve was a past employee of the MCMUA and has worked for Veolia Environmental Services in Flanders as an Environmental Specialist for the last 3+ years. With the promotion of Anthony Marrone to District Recycling Coordinator, Steve will be filling Anthony's old role as our new Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager. Steve brings a wealth of knowledge to our HHW program, and has picked up where he left off as it relates to our vegetative waste program. Steve Adams started with the MCMUA on Tuesday, March 15 and has been working closely with Anthony Marrone to keep these two (2) programs moving in the right direction. Welcome back Steve.

MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder hosted a tour of the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station for an environmental group of students attending Montville High School through Community Personnel Services (CPS) on Monday, March 21. CPS works with special needs children to help them transition into the workforce. CPS's Transition Supervisor Judy Clemente thanked MCMUA Brett Snyder for taking the time to meet with the students, saying they had a

“birds eye view of the transfer station operation and learned a lot by watching and hearing about the day to day work that is done there. The students remarked on the return trip to school that they had no idea where the refuse went when it left their homes. They now have a better appreciation for the individuals who work in garbage disposal and understanding of their jobs. The tour also gave them a better awareness of the importance of conservation and recycling.”

**Continuing Education- Solid Waste Division-** MCMUA Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder, Assistant Operations Manager Michael Nunn, and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon are now graduates of the Association of Environmental Authorities- Environmental Professional Development Academy (AEA-EPDA), attending the formal graduation ceremony on Wednesday, March 23 at Caesars, Atlantic City. MCMUA Transfer Station Justin Doyle will need to complete Track #1- Administration in the spring of 2022, and attend the AEA-EPDA “Academy Capstone” to complete his training. MCMUA Snyder, Doyle, and Deacon have also started working on the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Transfer Station Management Training Course and Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) Training Course during March of 2022.

## **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 39,406 tons of solid waste accepted by the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in March 2022 was 3.06% greater than the 38,235 tons accepted a year ago in March 2022. The favorable winter weather coupled with the strong demand for the disposal for construction and demolition (C&D Type 13C) debris lead the first quarter of 2022 to accept 9.19% more tonnage than the first quarter of 2021. With three (3) months of actual tonnage data behind us from 2022, it is currently being projected that for 2022 a total of 483,483 tons of solid waste will be handled by the two (2) transfer stations. If this annual total is reached, then 2022 would exhibit a 3.81% increase over the 465,745 tons accepted in 2021. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

### **March Comparison Statistics:**

#### Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound- 14,131 Tons- 77 Tons less than 2021

Total Customers- 3,641- 36 more than 2021

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 633- 113 less than 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Comparison: 2022- 37,815 Tons, 2021- 35,331 Tons. The Mount Olive transfer station processed 2,483 more tons in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022, over that processed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.

#### Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound- 25,274 Tons- 1,247 Tons more than 2021

Total Customers- 5,744- 346 more than 2021

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 354- 69 less than 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Comparison: 2022- 66,328 Tons, 2021- 60,043 Tons. The Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station processed 6,284 more tons in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022, over that processed in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.

**Transfer Station Site Improvements-** Verizon Lightpath upgrades were completed during the month of March at the Curbside facility, both transfer stations, and the main MCMUA office in Randolph. On Thursday, March 31, DLS Maintenance and Construction, LLC (DLS) has started working on the scale house improvement project at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. Progress has already been noted in the main area with more room for our weigh masters and managers to work. Approved through Resolution #22-30 at the March 8 Board meeting, Persistent Construction Company of Fairview, New Jersey is now awaiting materials needed for the repairs to the eastern wall of the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station by the air pollution control (APC) system. The MCMUA is in receipt of the signed contract for Persistent to replace the blocks, brick ties, fasteners and cement to repair this spilt face concrete masonry unit (CMU) wall.

**Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services-** The MCMUA staff continue to work closely with Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz, on the following transfer station projects:

- Quarterly Report(s) on Transfer Station Conditions;
- Public Water/Sewer Connection Assessment for the Mount Olive Transfer Station;
- Parsippany Solid Waste Permit and Noise Study.

On Wednesday, March 16, the MCMUA Transfer Station Managers met with Alaimo Professional Architect Colin McLain in Mount Olive to finalize the Emergency Action Plans/Emergency Evacuation Plans for both MCMUA transfer stations. The draft drawings were reviewed in detail to reflect all the current safety equipment (first aid kits, fire extinguishers, the oxygen cabinet, the AED, fire panels, spill kits, emergency exit lighting, etc.) and required emergency exit routes. When completed, these official maps will be posted throughout both facilities to satisfy the OSHA/PEOSH requirement. Alaimo's draft drawings included the HHW facility and both scale houses.

As mentioned at the March 8 Board meeting, the Mount Olive transfer station tipping floor was surveyed February 26 by Alaimo Engineering after operating hours when the tipping floor was cleared from all solid waste. This survey is meant to establish a basic topographical analysis to verify and estimate the material quantities to complete this project. This tipping floor and trench drain improvement project will include the 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. The MCMUA stills plans to use the super EUCO-Top by Euclid Chemical Corp. product for the tipping floor replacement. MCMUA staff continues to work with Alaimo Engineering on finalizing the bid specifications to address the deteriorating tipping floor and drains. The Board will be provided an update by Alaimo at the April 12 meeting.

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

**Program Participation-** In March of 2022, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 199 serviced appointments, which included 179 Morris County residents, 5 VSQG/small businesses, and 15 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2022 totals now equal 525 serviced appointments, 464 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 15 VSQG's, and 46 non-Morris County residents.

As a reminder for the Board, the four (4) 2022 HHW one-day drop-off events are scheduled for: Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the County College of Morris (CCM) Parking Lot #1, 214A Center Grove Road in Randolph, New Jersey 07869; Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA), 500 West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany, New Jersey 07054; Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the MCPSTA; and Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Chatham High School, 255 Lafayette Avenue in Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928.

**Training, Facility Maintenance, and Improvements-** The MCMUA Operations staff purchased and installed two (2) new propane cages for proper storage of the BBQ sized cylinders that are brought into the HHWF. One (1) of the older cages is being repurposed at our Curbside facility for their flammable gas storage- propane and acetylene. The HHWF now has a new eye wash/safety shower installed by a licensed plumber. Final steps of this project, which include pouring concrete so the pipes don't freeze, is being scheduled and will be completed in-house. Kenvil Weldery and Machine has also completed the repairs on the HHWF's emergency drain shutoff. This shutoff is meant to contain liquids inside the drain in the event of a large spill on the concrete pad, allowing for proper cleanup and recovery not to effect stormwater or the facility's retention pond. This shutoff is a requirement of the MCMUA Mount Olive Transfer Station Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP). The MCMUA staff is currently obtaining quotes for some fence and block wall repairs that surround the HHWF.

MCMUA employees Stephen Adams, Justin Doyle, Brett Snyder, and James Deacon are scheduled for hazardous waste refresher trainings at Veolia Environmental Services (ES) in Flanders, New Jersey during the month of May 2022. These trainings include First Responder Operations Level (HazWoper), Hazardous Materials Transportation (DOT), and Hazardous Waste Management (RCRA). Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle will also be attending the HazWoper First Responder 24 Hour Course scheduled for October 17 through the 20, 2022 at Veolia ES. This gives the MCMUA four (4) employees that can cover, manage, and sign hazardous waste manifests at the HHW facility and one-day drop-off events.

With assistance from the MCMUA Accounting Department, the HHW staff are now using a new Heartland PAX A920 Terminal to process credit card payments at the facility. The Heartland Mobile Pay remains onsite as a backup for the HHW staff. In the event the credit card machines go down at either of the transfer station scale houses, this new terminal will be used.

**Morris County Shared Services-** Through collaboration from our Executive Director Larry Gindoff and our environmental contractor MXI, the MCMUA will be handling the cost for handling, bulking, storage, transportation, and disposal of expired Consumer Packaged Hand Sanitizer through our HHW facility located at the Mount Olive transfer station. The bulk of this expired material was unused supplies meant for use at the Morris County Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management and Division of Public Health's "Mega POD" COVID-19 vaccination site that was located at the vacant Sears Department Store in the Rockaway Mall. The ethanol-based product will be sent to MXI's recycling facility in Bristol, TN (Dynamic Recycling). The flammable material will be shipped to MXI's Abingdon, VA facility where it will be handled, bulked, and then sent directly to GRR for fuels. The materials will be palletized and safely transported on our next HHW facility shipment date of April 12. The MCMUA will provide some manpower that morning to assist MXI in the process.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The MCMUA staff has begun gearing up to make residential deliveries of our double ground wood mulch and screened compost, working with Kirk Allen Trucking and vegetative waste site managers based on scheduled vacations and ongoing normal site maintenance and projects. The MCMUA Operations staff also reviewed Suburban Engineering's "Phase 2" plans for the Parsippany facility. Staff will be meeting Suburban onsite to review the details together to finalize this project. On Monday, March 21, the MCMUA Solid Waste Division supervisors met with the vegetative waste staff to discuss the new MCMUA Organizational Chart, the MCMUA mission statement, pending projects at both facilities, current condition of equipment, and to introduce Stephen Adams as the new manager of the Vegetative waste program. The arrival of the new Komptech Topturn X5000 windrow turner and the timing of the decommissioning process for the older Scarab were also discussed. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the April 12 meeting.

**Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing-** Naturcycle and the MCMUA staff had a quick meeting the morning of March 24 in preparation for the afternoon food waste conference call with the NJDEP. Naturcycle mentioned future projects scheduled for the spring of 2022, and reviewed details for our required compost sampling- OMRI and STA. Naturcycle had attended the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association (NJLCA) Trade Show and Conference on February 23 to assist in identifying any future potential customers. After the event, Naturcycle mailed their marketing packet to NJLCA members in surrounding counties and have received responses from several landscapers interested in MCMUA's compost materials.

Some upcoming MCMUA/Naturcycle joint projects include:

- East Midtown Greenway in New York, Steven Dubner Landscaping using approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) of screened compost from our Parsippany facility. Pickups for this project will resume again in April 2022.
- Wetland NY DOT soil project, approximately 500 CY of screened compost to be used in engineered soil. The project start 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 McCarey Landscaping picking up about 105 CY in October 2021. The remainder is currently being scheduled.
- Some other sales include Naturcycle's plans to purchase over 1,000 CY of screened material for various soil projects, Kirk Allen Trucking recently ordering 500 CY of screened compost from Mount Olive, and Tri-State Bulk Garden Supply is ordering 500 CY of unscreened compost from Parsippany.



## **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Marrone reported the following: (1) The finalized rate for single-stream recycling with Republic Services for the month of March 2022 came in last week at -\$0.23/ton and a total of 1,342.66 tons, which comes to a total charge of \$313.32 the MUA will pay to Republic Services for single-stream recycling. This is +\$11.99/ton more than the -\$12.22/ton acknowledged in February 2022. Large positive gains in commodity values obtained this month for plastics and aluminum are in part due to uncommon circumstances directly related to the war in Ukraine and directly tied to global supply disruptions seen in recent weeks. While high market prices may be present in the short term, they are not expected to remain as strong as we move along into our first year of the contract since they are, in part, driven by global events. On the other hand, fiber pricing is as strong as we have seen in a long time as pricing as both domestic and international markets seek out fiber to meet a growing demand.

### **Some Additional Updates on Reported Activities Are As Follows:**

(2) The MUA Completed the 2021 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Grant Application during this period. This grant fund is generated by the \$3.00/ton disposal tax and used predominantly by counties and municipalities to enhance their recycling programs. As reported last month, a requirement of the REA Grant is to increase the recycling rate for municipalities in our County with the lowest NJDEP recorded recycling rate. At that time, the MUA followed the NJDEPs recycling statistics which listed Mendham Twp., Long Hill Twp, Mountain Lakes, and Victory Gardens with the lowest rates. However, during the course of writing the grant the MUA revealed errors in what was reported on NJDEP's website. The issue stems from Long Hill Township's historic name change from Passaic Township within their reporting system throwing off numbers within their database. An issue previously reported to NJDEP by the Authority. As a result, the MUA ran its own set of numbers which show Mendham Twp., Morristown Town and Washington Twp. had the lowest rates. I am happy to report to our Long Hill residents, Chairwoman Kominos and Board Member Hudzik, that Long Hill is not on the lowest 3-list as previously reported. Work has already begun on increasing these numbers as a part of our application.

(3) As for other special projects noted in my recycling report, I would like to highlight that the MUA worked with two municipalities MRCs in Long Hill Township and Chatham Borough who expressed an interest in providing education directly to their residents with curbside recycling set outs. Both municipalities offered to employ their own staff to inspect and tag unacceptable recycling prior to pick up to assist in this avenue. MUA staff have and will continue to train municipal staff to perform these recycling inspections as well as preform inspections alongside municipal personnel. In doing so, future collaboration will ensue with curbside department staff, recycling administrative staff, and the key municipal personnel to develop a standard operating procedure and guarantee a streamlined process.

(4) Lastly, regarding the NJ Bag Ban, in just 21 days, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, New Jersey's Plastic Bag Ban begins. The law also bans paper bags for large stores and polystyrene foam food service products. Plastic straws should currently be available only upon request. For those wondering about the environmental impact on paper bags, papermaking requires a larger input of water, energy, chemicals, and materials producing a variety of wastes and emissions to be controlled or treated.

(5) The MUA has already begun work on and completed several projects to promote awareness for the ban purchased out of the Clean Communities fund in preparation. These include the purchase of many reusable shopping bags and educational materials for underserved community populations, such as food banks and senior programs and public outreach events.

(6) Looking towards the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade as an example of public outreach, the parade will feature magnetic signage on our recycling trucks, MUA participants will wear t-shirts with the Bag Up NJ Logo, and reusable shopping bags with educational materials will be distributed to the Public.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-37**  
**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY**  
**AS “BAG UP NJ” MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, P.L.202, c.117, signed into law on November 4, 2020 is the most progressive disposable bag law in the country, with the goal of phasing out single-use plastic and paper bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey is working to reduce reliance on single-use products to ensure that future generations have a clean and healthy environment to live, work, and recreate in; and

**WHEREAS**, banning or limiting the use of single-use plastic and paper carryout bags is a significant step in this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Department of State, policymakers, environmental and business groups, as well as other stakeholders, are working together to educate consumers, businesses, and communities about the new law and encouraging residents to "Bag Up" before the ban on single-use plastic bags goes into effect on May 4, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the comprehensive "Bag Up NJ" campaign will include educational programs, public and media engagement and reusable bag distribution programs throughout the state, with an emphasis on underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this statewide public education campaign will provide residents, businesses and visitors with information about the types of reusable and sustainable bags and containers that they may use and where to access these products.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority that it is critical to begin educating the public about this new law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that one way to gain important recognition is to deem the month of May each year as “Bag Up NJ” month in County of Morris, as a further reminder that all residents should bring their own reusable bags to the store; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the NJ Clean Communities Council, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Designate The Month Of May As “Bag-Up NJ” Month and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Druetzler

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-38**  
**1RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**APPROVING A VENDOR SERVICE CONTRACT ON A**  
**‘NON-FAIR AND OPEN’ BASIS PURSUANT TO THE ‘PAY-TO-PLAY’ LAW**  
**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY LRSA, INC**

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA has a need to acquire a vendor for Road Clean Ups (removal of litter) for the MCMUA Clean Communities Program on a ‘non-fair and open’ contract pursuant to the provisions of the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play” Law, P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Adopt-A-Highway LRSA, Inc., having a business address of 4407 Manchester Ave. #201 Encinitas, CA 92024 submitted the attached proposal for the work to be performed at rates as set forth below:

\$395.00 per linear mile

**WHEREAS**, the work shall be completed by December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, as a determination has been made as follows:

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

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available from Budget account number 01-1-900-500-003 for the work to be performed.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby approve the following vendor service contract as most advantageous, price and other factors considered in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 under a ‘non-fair and open’ basis:

Vendor Name: Adopt-A-Highway LRSA, Inc.

Account Number: 01-1-900-500-003

Estimated Cost of Services: \$44,000.00 (not to exceed)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as follows:

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

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to Approve A Vendor Service Contract On A ‘Non-Fair And Open’ Basis Pursuant To The ‘Pay-To-Play’ Law for Adopt-A Highway LRSA, Inc. and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-39**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) ROLL OFF TRUCK THROUGH THE  
SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #060020-NVS PURCHASING  
CONTRACT FOR 2022**

**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, as it 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 Trucks; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2022, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of one (1) Roll Off Truck through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on March 30, 2022 and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of one (1) Roll Off Truck is available for purchase through International Truck in the total amount of \$211,720.33.; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$22,759.93 by obtaining the Roll Off Truck from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; 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**, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$211,720.33 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 one (1) Roll Off Truck in the amount of \$211,720.33.

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, April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to Authorize Purchase Of One (1) Roll-Off Truck Through Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System #060020-NVS Purchasing Contract For 2022 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-40  
RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 30 YARD ROLL OFF CONTAINERS  
THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #040621-WQI  
PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR 2022**

**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, as it 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**, on March 15, 2022, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on March 30, 2022 and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$31,323.00.; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$4,149.00 by obtaining the Roll Off Containers from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; 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**, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$31,323.00 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 three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers in the amount of \$31,323.00.

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, April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to Authorize Purchase Of Three (3) 30 Yard Roll-Off Containers Through Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System #040621-WQ1 Purchasing Contract For 2022 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-41**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) 2 YARD DUMPSTERS THROUGH**  
**THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #040621-WQ1**  
**PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR 2022**

**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, as it 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 Dumpsters; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2022 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of five (5) 2 Yard Dumpsters through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment periods ended on March 30, 2022 and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of five (5) 2 Yard Dumpsters is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$4,595.00; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$820.00 by obtaining the Dumpsters from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; 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**, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$4,595.00 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) 2 Yard Dumpsters in the amount of \$4,595.00.

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, April 12, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to Authorize Purchase Of Five (5) 2 Yard Dumpsters Through Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System #040621-WQ1 Purchasing Contract For 2022 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

**RECYCLING REPORT:**

**Recycling Tonnage and Value**

The preliminary per ton rate for single-stream during March 2022 was calculated at a negative -\$0.25/ton. This is a positive increase of \$11.99 per ton on the February rate of negative -\$12.24 per ton which almost pulled numbers out of the red. This marks the second month under the new 5-year recycling contract with Republic Services. Fortunately, positive gains in commodity values in PET (#1 plastics), ONP (Sorted Residential Papers), HDPE (Colored), and aluminum helped support the single-stream value in March.

Aluminum values are up as a result of global supply disruptions following the invasion of Ukraine. This is due to Russia playing a role as a key producer of metals. Currently, base metals are already strained globally due its growing demand for use in the energy industry, namely solar panel production. As a result, the invasion has forced metal prices to surge to record highs due to demand.

Value of ONP increased slightly as both domestic and international markets are gaining momentum. This is due to an uptick in e-commerce and global tensions in the market.

**Curbside Contract Proposals**

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Both the Township of Denville and the Town of Dover reached out to the MCMUA letting us know their intention to go out to bid for recycling services to see if the MCMUA may be interested in providing collection service. The estimated timeline for the commence of services would begin within the next 4 to 8 months. However, with the MCMUA's current schedule and obligations combined with challenges of obtaining necessary additional equipment due delays, our ability to provide such service on short order is limited. A further final determination will be made when both proposals go out.



## Resolutions for Approval

### Adopt-A-Highway LRSA, Inc. “Pay-to-Play” Resolution

The MCMUA solicited competitive quotations for County roadway litter cleanups and received several responses. With Adopt-A-Highway being the most advantageous quote received, it is expected that a total for services will exceed \$17,500. The cost per linear mile on one side of the roadway is \$395: the same pricing for 2021 with an annual cap for services not to exceed \$44,000.00.

### “Bag Up NJ Month” Resolution

Signed into law on November 04, 2022, P.L. 2020, c. 117 is marked as the most aggressive disposable bag law in the country by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council. The goal is to phase out single-use plastic and paper bags while encouraging the use of reusable bags throughout the State of New Jersey. To enhance recognition for this law, staff is recommending the Board consider adopting a resolution deeming the month of May annually as “Bag Up NJ” month in the County of Morris. Similar resolutions have been distributed to all Municipal Clean Communities Coordinators to enact the resolution in their municipalities.

### Resolution for the Purchase of (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers

The MCMUA utilized the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) to seek out pricing for the purchase of (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers with retractable lids in the amount of \$31,323.00. These newer containers will replace older containers scheduled to be taken out of service and earmarked as unrepairable and eventually auctioned. These new containers will utilize easy-to-operate retractable covers to reduce the influx of contaminated loads at Municipal recycling depots due to moisture and ice.

### Resolution for the Purchase of (1) Roll Off Truck

The MCMUA utilized the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) to seek out pricing for the purchase of (1) Roll Off Truck in the amount of \$211,720.33. This new International Truck will replace an older vehicle scheduled to be taken out of service for which the equipment has been determined to be beyond the point of economic repair and eventually auctioned.

### Resolution for the Purchase of (5) 2 Yard Dumpsters

The MCMUA utilized the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) to seek out pricing for the purchase of (5) 2 Yard Dumpsters in the amount of \$4,595.00. These newer dumpsters will replace older containers scheduled to be taken out of service as they are unrepairable and will be eventually auctioned at Schools and County buildings.

## Recycling Education, Inspections and Customer Service Support

Below are summaries of recycling education programs, inspections and customer service support efforts provided during March 2022. Details regarding these activities are provided as a separate report included with this month’s correspondence.

### Recycling Education

- Sunrise Condominium Complex in Long Hill Township
- MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Synergies
- Oak Ridge Condos, in the Township of Hanover
- Chatham Township Representative
- Avalon Condos in Borough of Florham Park
- Dover High School’s Environmental Club Teacher; Principal, Director of Facilities, and Municipal Recycling Coordinator
- The Oaks senior community in the Township of Denville
- Taylor Management in the Township of Hanover at the Oak Ridge Condos

- MRCs sponsored by MCMUA to attend ANJR's Annual Meeting.
- MCMUA provided Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant support to Coordinators

### Recycling Inspections

- Uncle Giuseppe's Market Place in the Borough of Morris Plains
- New complex in the Borough of Morris Plains called The Collections
- Chatham Borough residents' recycling set-outs
- 1 Medical Drive in the Borough of Morris Plains

### Customer Service/Curbside and Joint MUA Operations Support

- Florham Park Recycling Depot
- Long Hill Recycling Depot and Curbside set-outs
- New Morris Plains Multi-Family Complexes
- Netcong Recycling Depot and Curbside set-outs
- Roxbury Recycling Depot – Pilot Food Waste Recycling Program Potential

### **Solid Waste Planning Activities**

During March, the MCMUA Environmental Information Hotline (973-829-8006) was re-recorded, voiced over by Deirdre Gallagher, to include updates to program information and newly established and re-directed phone lines. The phone truck line is provided to streamline calls for direct and efficient customer service with the MUAs provided environmental programs. This line is distributed on the MCMUA's public outreach information and provided to municipalities for circulation. One such change includes the new General Recycling Information hotline (973-285-8393) for which is all Recycling staff now have access to pick up on their phone lines directly and possess voicemail to email capability for ease of access across the department.

On March 24, 2022, Recycling Planning and Solid Waste Operations Staff participated in a joint meeting with the NJDEP and NaturCycle LLC., MUA Vegetative Marketing contractor, to discuss the feasibility of food waste recycling at our MCMUA Mount Olive Vegetative Waste Recycling Facility. The purpose of this meeting was to assess the cost-benefit analysis of accepting food waste for recycling from pre-approved and solely dedicated commercial streams for composting.

### **Staff Training and Education**

On March 11, 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone attended and took notes on the Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators (ANJHHWC) regularly scheduled education meetings for County coordinators.

During March, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone attended and completed the Recycling Economics section which is a part of the New Jersey Recycling Certification Professionals education series at Rutgers University.

### **Special Projects**

#### 2021 REA Grant Application

In March, The MCMUA completed the 2021 REA Grant application and submitted the document to the NJDEP for approval. The entitlement was in the amount of \$356,400.00 and a spending plan on both the Solid and Hazardous Waste management programs in education and operations was outlined.

#### Borough of Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade

During March, the Recycling staff designed and ordered MUA T-Shirts, reusable bag educational postcard bag inserts, parade banners, educational giveaways, and magnetic signage for the MUA vehicles Participating in the Parade. Images, seen below, were designed by Executive Director Gindoff and will be utilized in support of the NJ Bag Ban promoting reusable bags at the event.



Morris County Library Display

During March, the Recycling staff continued its annual educational recycling display at the Morris County Library in Whippany. After two years of absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first display the library has had since March of 2020. To best serve the County and to provide its residents with information on programs available through the MUA, the display highlighted both unacceptable and acceptable items as well as the general theme of “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.” Specific areas include the MUAs curbside recycling program, the NJ Bag Ban information, displays of upcycled clothing with other recycled items, options for reuse done through the visualization of reusable bags and water bottles, and the reduction of single-use items disposed of in the trash and leading to the use of natural resources, as well as the reuse and reduction of food waste and the encouragement of residents to compost when applicable.



Municipal Food Waste Recycling Pilot Project (Java’s Compost)

During March, the MCMUA Recycling staff and Executive Director Larry Gindoff reviewed Java’s Compost’s proposal submitted to the MUA during this timeframe which was reported on last month. Java’s proposal allows for the initial set up of collection containers, signage, and

supplies to begin a program for approximately 50 participants collected at participating municipal recycling depots from residential participants. The proposal also outlines weekly pickup services and transportation of food waste to Ag Choice Organics Recycling in Andover Township, NJ. On March 10, 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone spoke with Milburn Township Environmental Commission Chairwoman who currently utilizes Java's Compost's services at her depot for the collection of food waste. Marrone spoke in detail with her on the inner workings of her operations and how they can be adapted for success with the MUA's potential food waste pilot. Tours are being scheduled during April for both the Millburn and Maplewood Depots currently serviced by Java to learn firsthand how these services are set up and to get feedback from the individuals working the sites directly. Once this information has been collected, MUA Recycling staff will consider structuring the program and develop an appropriate fee structure for use to sustain the program should a municipality seek to.

### **Morris County Clean Communities Program**

#### **March Educational Programs**

During March, Morris County's Municipal Public Libraries were contacted regarding the availability of MCMUA's Clean Communities mini-grant educational programs. These focus mainly on litter abatement but also extend onto other educational topics such as recycling right and hot-button issues in sustainability for teenage audiences. Libraries we presented a choice of several pre-approved vendors for which the MUA has thoroughly assessed to ensure the main messages of the New Jersey Clean Communities Council are transmitted to the audience. One key importance is in "Keeping Morris County Litter Free." This is accomplished through engaging activities and hands-on interaction, varying with each vendor, to keep the attention of the presenter's target audience and retain the messages beyond the presentation.

A total of (7) Clean Communities signed up to reserve their participation with our mini-grant program for their summer camp curricula.

#### **March Road Cleanups**

Preparations for the 2022 Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program have been performed during this timeframe. This program focuses on the reduction of litter strewn upon county roadways. In doing so, a third-party company is hired to perform such a task and does so under the direct direction of an MUA staff member. A typical rate cleaned per day is 2.5 roadway miles one way. These cleanups are weather permitting and are performed as early as March and as late as November at the discretion of the contractor. During the preparation month, a listing of roadways is driven to assess litter, internal databases are referenced for the number of times roadways are cleaned, the Morris County Division of Roads and Bridges is contacted for hot spot litter areas, the Division of Public Health is polled for areas of illegal dumping along County roadways, Municipal Coordinators are contacted for County roadways needing attention in their locals for litter abatement, cleanup materials are collected and cataloged, and the contract is consulted to identify a plan for and schedule cleanup dates placed on the MUA calendar.


Cleanups already scheduled for completion are the roadways surrounding both the Parsippany and Mount Olive Transfer Stations, Sussex Turnpike in Randolph through Morris Township, and East Hanover Avenue from Randolph down to Morristown to name a few already scheduled for April. Generally, one cleanup per week is scheduled during this timeframe depending on the availability of the contractor hired.

#### **General Activities**

On March 26, 2022, Clean Communities and Recycling Staff participated in the annual Whippany River Cleanup. Staff onsite participated in the cleanup activities for the day, handed out reusable shopping bags, and spread the message on the NJ Bag Ban to all participants of the event. Additionally, a carton of reusable bags was also provided to the Program Director, Spring Street CDC, which distributes food from the Bethel Church, Morristown/Table of Hope. Additional delivery of reusable bags will be scheduled in the coming months.

During March, Solid Waste Planning and Operations staff outfitted the shelving in the new storage sheds. In addition, competitive quotes were received by both parties for the outfitting of the Clean Communities Chevy Colorado with safety lighting, a county mounted radio, vehicle painting, wrapping with the Clean Communities Logo and litter-free message, bed lining when hauling collected trash from cleanups, and vehicle “back rack” for mounting safety signage.

During March, an informational sheet for reusable bags was created to go along with all reusable bags the MUA will be distributing following the NJ Bag Ban at public outreach events and opportunities with its partner organizations. At the request of MCMUA Chairwoman Kominos, information on proper disposal and reuse options was inserted within the text of the document as noted below.






The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, (MCMUA) in conjunction with the Morris County Clean Communities program, is providing you with this reusable bag because of the “Bag Ban”, adopted by the New Jersey Legislature. The MCMUA hopes that by using this bag we can all take steps to eliminate plastic waste in New Jersey.

The plastic bag ban, effective May 4, 2022, mandates that retail stores, grocery stores, and foodservice businesses may not provide or sell single-use plastic carry-out bags. While there are some exceptions, this means that most stores cannot provide you with a plastic bag for your purchases.

The bag you received today, as with most reusable bags, contains care instructions regarding washing and sanitizing, along with the expected number of uses (approx. 125). If proper care is taken with reusable bags, you should have them for a significant period of time. Please review the specific instructions on any reusable bag you use to maximize the use of the bag.

Bag disposal and reuse: This bag is not recyclable in your curbside recycling container. If it needs to be discarded, put it into the regular trash. If you have more reusable bags than you need, consider donating them to non-profit organizations. Please feel free to contact the MCMUA at 973-285-8393 to discuss options for donating unused reusable bags and/or with any questions related to the Bag Ban.

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During March, Clean Communities staff received a total of (6) applications for school cleanup activities at their respective locations as well as (3) applications for the litter abatement poster contest.

During March, the MCMUA provided mini-grants opportunities to several nonprofit entities with the main goal of preserving, protecting, and maintaining water and land resources within the different watersheds/ waterbodies of Morris County. These entities are the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee, the Raritan Headwaters Association, The Passaic River Coalition, and Musconetcong Watershed Association. This year, requirements for the distribution of the grants were added to include two educational sessions on litter abatement and protection of stormwater, educational requirements for staff and board members on Clean Communities initiatives and programs, as well as the holding of at least two cleanup events in their management areas along waterways with documentation of the amount of litter abated and participants involved in the activities.

During March, Clean Communities staff sent out an email request to all Morris County’s Clean Communities Coordinators requesting their municipality to gain recognition for the disposable bag law through a resolution deeming the month of May annually as “Bag Up NJ” month. The NJ Clean Communities Council has offered reoccurring education credits to all coordinators who successfully adopt the model resolution.

During March, Clean Communities staff coordinated with the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee (WRWAC) in support of the Bio Blitz Morris Nature Festival. The event is scheduled to take place at Lewis Morris Park on June 4, 2022. Exhibitors scheduled to present for this event are Jenkinson’s Aquarium, The Grand Falloons, and Eyes of Wild which will provide a focus on litter abatement and recycling right Specific to Morris County. The MCMUA will also be participating with a table to provide educational information for distribution to the

public as well as performing an educational component. More information on the event can be found on the WRWAC website, wrwac.org, under programs.

**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.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dour and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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