

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held both 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 the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the location, date and time of this meeting was made by posting on the MCMUA website, the Morris County Clerk's bulletin board and the officially designated newspapers for the MCMUA. The meeting may be attended in person or through remote communication in conformance with the directives of the State of New Jersey. Additional notice regarding remote public access is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Chairwoman Kominos requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Gene Feyl, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Mr. William Hudzik, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Ms. Laura Szwak and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

Mr. Barry entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ABSENT: NONE.

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

Present from the Public was Pat Mascaro, Sr., William Fox, Esq. and Tom Sassaman of J. P. Mascaro & Sons.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 12, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2022 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 7 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Dr. Nusbaum

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of July 2022. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water Divisions year-to-date through the month of July 2022 and an

Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of July 2022. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that our current contract for electricity generation services with Three-Point Energy Solutions is coming to an end in November. This resolution will help us to utilize EMEX and their reverse online auction platform where multiple electricity supply companies bid for our business. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-61
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY GENERATION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE REVERSE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c.30) authorizes the purchase of energy generation service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC, having a business address of 11011 Richmond Avenue, Suite 500, Houston, Texas has proposed to conduct online reverse auction for the procurement of electric generation for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2011, EMEX, LLC was approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, as a vendor to offer an online reverse auction platform for the purchase of energy generation services by local contracting units in New Jersey, as was issued waiver number EMEX LLC-1; and

WHEREAS, there is no fee charged to the Authority by EMEX, LLC for the services associated with the reverse auction; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is paid by the successful bidder for electricity generation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, on this 9th day August, 2022 as follows:

1. The Authority authorizes EMEX, LLC to conduct an online reverse auction for multiple terms, not to exceed two years, at no cost to the Authority, for procurement of energy generation services provided that said auction is in accordance with the

Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c.30), the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, and the form of energy generation services contract that is the subject of the online reverse auction bid is approved by the Authority's staff and counsel.

2. Provided that the aforementioned conditions of Paragraph 1 of this Resolution are satisfied, the Executive Director and/or, in the alternative, the Treasurer, are authorized to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, not to exceed a term of two years, that results from the aforementioned online reverse auction for the purchase of energy generation services, but only provided that the price from the lowest responsible bidder is lower than the costs that would otherwise be incurred by the Authority from Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) during the term of the contract.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion authorizing the Purchase of Energy Generation Services For Public Use On An Online Reverse Auction Website with EMEX, LLC and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

Dr. Nusbaum asked if the terms and conditions the same or are there any improvements in the terms and conditions we should know about. Mr. Kaletcher replied that the bidders bid on blocks of two years, one year and six months. Depending on how the prices come in based on what is going on out there, we may take something that is a little less than two years, maybe a one year contract as opposed to a two year contract. Mr. Gindoff added that this a basic process that we have been going through for the last ten years, since 2012.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the following resolution authorizes the MCMUA to utilize two State Contracts for the two specific vendors that the MUA uses and/or intends to use in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-62
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;

| Commodity/Service | Vendor | State Contract# | Budgeted Amount |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Cloud Solutions | Carahsoft Technology | 19-COMP-00601 | \$65,000.00 |
| Non-OEM Auto Parts & Accessories | Parts Authority, LLC | 20-FLEET-00984 | \$6,000 |

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 **August 1, 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, August 9, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion authorizing the Use Of A State Purchasing Contract For 2022 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

Mr. Gindoff provided some background. We are going to use Sales Force’s technology platform to modernize our outward reach to our customers and people who use the MUA for

whatever reason, whether passively using our website and/or actively interacting with us. We are going to be using this platform for many aspects of the MUA, but believe that it is going to consolidate all our information from employee to employee, whether it is all our discussions and relationships we have with our constituents and/or customers and to keep everyone on the same page in the organization. It is going to be a big cultural move forward for us in helping everyone be on the same page providing the same consistent information in a timely and efficient manner.

Mr. Gene Feyl requested a presentation be made on the components and how it does benefit us and our constituents. Mr. Gindoff replied sure and added that this is only the first two-thirds of it. There is going to be another vendor that is going to be the developer aspect of it that and will have a resolution for that in the next month or two. At that point, we will have them give a presentation. Mr. Feyl commented that we should understand it before we adopt it and Mr. Hudzik concurred.

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

Mr. Kaletcher introduced Bill Resolution No. 22-63, Approval of Vouchers for Payment Dr. Kominos asked the Board to review the vouchers and when anybody is ready, feel free to make a Motion to approve.

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 22-63

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. 22-63 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,304,637.58** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

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|-----------------------|-------------|----|---------------------|
| WATER OPERATING FUNDS | 5968-5996 | \$ | 281,451.52 |
| SOLID WASTE OPERATING | 13302-13374 | \$ | <u>4,023,186.06</u> |
| | | \$ | 4,304,637.58 |

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: August 9, 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: August 9, 2022.

DATE: August 9, 2022

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

(Mr. James Barry entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Item No. 3 of the correspondence, which is a packet of correspondence between the MCMUA and J.P. Mascaro & Sons regarding the requested fuel adjustment and we will be addressing that after discussing it in closed session as contract negotiations. We can answer questions on it initially in the closed session and then we'll come into Public after closed session. There was no additional correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Email dated August 3, 2022 from Michael McAloon to Larry Gindoff regarding Mine Hill Leak Repair.

SOLID WASTE

2. Letter to Michele Reilly, Township Clerk, Township of Jefferson, from James Deacon seeking the Township's position and adoption of a resolution on Jefferson Recycling's request to process tires and tree parts, as well as untreated lumber, prior to the MCMUA issuing an administrative action request to the NJDEP.
3. Correspondence from July 28, 2022 through August 3, 2022 between the MCMUA and J. P. Mascaro regarding Fuel Adjustment.

RECYCLING

4. New Jersey Waste Wise Bulletin – Summer 2022.
5. Recycling Report Supplement – July 2022.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) For the month of July, water sales were approximately 918.31 MG. The volume sold last month 178.096 MG is the second highest amount that we have ever sold. Our peak is July of 2020 which was a shade over 200 MG and that was the significant water emergency that we had to bale Southeast out. Water sales have been pretty significant this month due to the warm exceedingly hot temperatures and very dry conditions.; (2) We are in the process of coordinating with Mine Hill to do the final leak repairs at 381 Randolph Avenue. We are hoping to have this work scheduled on Thursday, but still waiting to hear back from Mine Hill to confirm we could do the necessary shutdown. This leak was identified from a recent meeting we had with Mine Hill and we estimate that leak to be 3-5 gallons per minute, so we are hopeful to put that behind us and square up with Mine Hill on the balance due for water sales.; (3) Bids were received on July 28 for the Well #7 Pole Barn. We received a total of three bids ranging in price from \$323,229.00 to \$689,163.00. We reviewed the apparent low bidder, Dutchman Contracting LLC, whose offices are located in Reinholds, PA, and while they did exceed the Engineer's estimate, we are in a position to make recommendation of award at this meeting. We believe that the cost is due to the increase in commodities for raw material markets, specifically steel and copper, which is the majority of materials for this project. We fear delaying this award could cause further escalation and further increased costs. Mr. McAloon asked if there are any questions.

Mr. Druetzler commented that he has questions and that he is not voting for this because in the budget, we put \$150,000 for this Pole Barn. He commented that Gene Feyl had a good point that before you go out to bid for these things, there should be a presentation to the Board so we know what we are going to vote on. He further commented that this is going to approach \$400,000 and I can't see a Pole Barn for \$400,000. There always is that possibility that it could be more expensive if you rejected it. However, maybe we would look at it and maybe we don't need it. Mr. McAloon explained that the copper he is referring to is for grabbing power from the existing well facility and bringing a service over for power, lights and heat, and a welding receptacle. We do have some electrical conductors that are included and electrical panels that are part of that project.

Mr. Druetzler asked if this is enclosed and Mr. McAloon replied, yes. Mr. Feyl asked how many bids were received and Mr. McAloon replied, three. He asked how close were they to each other? Mr. McAloon replied that the low was \$323 and change, second was \$589 and the high was \$689 and change. Mr. Feyl commented that is a pretty big spread. He asked if this company has done work for us before and Mr. McAloon replied, no, however, they contacted references and this project seems to be right up their alley. Mr. Feyl commented that he is always skeptical of bids that are twice as much as each other.

Ms. Szwak asked what is the Pole Barn going to be used for? Mr. McAloon replied that at Well #7, we have some ductile iron pipe of various diameters available in the event of an emergency. Additionally, there is a backhoe and a dump truck that are sitting outside in the elements being weathered, so the goal of the Pole Barn is to get the stored materials, as well as the equipment protected out of the weather so it lasts longer.

Mr. Feyl asked if the other bidders aware of these contingencies of the copper and steel and the backhoe before they bid and Mr. McAloon replied yes; there was a Pre-Bid Meeting that was conducted out in the field and that is our evaluation on how the total submitted bids were exceeding our Engineer's estimate. Once we engage Dutchman Contracting and if we do make the award for the total bid amount, therefore the risk of any change in pricing is his to bear.

Mr. Dour asked what the size of the building and Mr. McAloon replied 40 x 30. Mr. Dour also asked do we need any approvals from the Town of putting up the building and Mr. McAloon replied a local building permit.

Mr. Feyl asked if we have the justification to deny this bid and Diane Alexander, MUA Counsel, replied that you are free to vote whatever way you want to vote. The bids came in over the Engineer's estimate and you can reject them on that basis. Just because the Engineer has recommended that you not do so, doesn't mean that you have to. He replied, so we have the justification if we vote now, and Diane Alexander replied yes; it is above the Engineer's estimate.

Chairwoman Kominos asked do we have to respond at this time; can we wait a month to vote on this resolution? Diane Alexander replied you have 60 days from bid opening. Mr. Gindoff commented that you can wait a month and we can provide you with more data and drawings so you can see what it is used for so that you could be in a better position on it. Chairwoman Kominos commented that the Board has a lot of questions and it would give the Board time to review some information and ask questions so we could feel more comfortable voting on this resolution. After discussion about the project, the Board decided to table Resolution No. 22-64 until next month's meeting and Mr. Druetzler requested that the Board be forwarded plans and other information regarding this project for their review.

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion to Table Resolution No. 22-64:

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Table Resolution No. 22-64 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

(4) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Water Tank Rehab, the Contractor has completed all the work, including demobilization from the project site. We are working with the Contractor to prepare all the necessary close-out documents, including release of liens and the final change order to reconcile unused line items. We anticipate that to occur at the September meeting. He mentioned that he has a video clip of some drone footage of the before and after that he could share when we get to the Public Portion.; (5) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement, we are actively pursuing DEP for a status update on Mt. Arlington's request for additional water supply.; (6) We also took bids for the Parsippany Compost Facility Site Improvements Phase II. Very similar to the Pole Barn, we received four bids and the lowest apparent bidder, Persistent Construction, and the other bids exceeded our Engineer's estimate for that work as well. At this time, we are recommending rejecting all bids due to exceeding the Engineer's estimate.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-65
RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR
CONTRACT NO. 2022-VW01
FOR “PARSIPPANY COMPOST FACILITY SITE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2022-VW01 “Parsippany Compost Facility Site Improvements Phase II” and received four (4) responses to the bid solicitation on July 28, 2022 from the bidders listed below at the total base and supplemental bid price shown:

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| Persistent Construction, Inc. Fairview, New Jersey | \$253,065.00 |
| Kulpeska Land Improvement Corp. Rockaway, New Jersey | \$266,095.00 |
| Giacorp Contracting Inc. Hawthorne, New Jersey | \$303,834.40 |
| Reivax Contracting Corp. Flemington, New Jersey | \$520,076.75 |

WHEREAS, all bid prices received substantially exceed the Engineer’s Cost estimate of \$211,207.50 for Phase II Site Improvements to the Parsippany Compost Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a) allows for the rejection of all bids when the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimate for the goods or services.

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

1. The Authority hereby rejects all the bids received on July 28, 2022 for Parsippany Compost Facility Site Improvements Phase II in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a).
2. The Executive Director is authorized to release the bid security submitted on July 28, 2022 by all bidders for Parsippany Compost Facility Site Improvements Phase II services.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and a copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file at the offices of the Authority.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to reject bids for Contract No. 2022-VW01 For Parsippany Compost Facility Site Improvements Phase II and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we are still looking at that project for Phase II and we may reconvene and go out for a smaller scope of work that really needs to get done in a short term, specifically the block work in front of the trailer.

(7) We continue preparation of the draft plans and cost estimates for Flanders Valley Wells #1 & 2 electrical upgrades and hope to get that finalized in the near future and we could give a presentation to the Water Committee or the Board on the scope of those improvements prior to going out to bid.

Finally on the water project regarding the pipeline, Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he was hoping to have a Water Committee Meeting or closed session to discuss the appraised value of the pipeline for the Mendham pipeline, but he didn't want to do it without Brad. However, we did finalize the appraisal with Al Capuzzi and got that done prior to this meeting. This will happen at the September meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of July, MCMUA sold approximately 918.31 MG. It should be noted that the amount of water sold in total in the month of July, 178.096 MG, was the highest amount sold since July 2020 (which was 200.368 MG). The increase in usage is attributed to the dry weather conditions and higher than average temperatures experienced during most of this month.
- B. We are in the process of coordinating the necessary controlled shutdown in order to facilitate the necessary leak repairs on the existing watermain near 381 Randolph Avenue with Mine Hill administration and water operating personnel. It is anticipated this work will occur after the August Board meeting by John Garcia Construction, the Water Division Emergency and On-Call Contractor. Additionally, we are actively coordinating with Mine Hill on the status of their internal testing to evaluate water system performance.

2. Well No. 7 Pole Barn

On Thursday July 28, at 2:00pm, the bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Three (3) bids were submitted with the total amounts from each bidder range from \$323,229.00 to \$689,163.00 as shown on the summary below. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$226,600.00. Our review of the three (3) bids indicated that ***Dutchman Contracting LLC***, whose offices are located in Reinholds, PA is the apparent low responsive bidder. The lowest submitted bid did exceed the Engineers Cost Estimate for this project. This is believe to be due to the current volatile and unstable nature of raw material markets, specifically steel and copper commodities. The future costs of these materials is unknown and could escalate further resulting in greater overall project costs. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to ***Dutchman Contracting LLC***; SCE is prepared to present to the board for consideration Resolution Authorizing the execution of this contract.

| BIDDER | TOTAL BID AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dutchman Contracting LLC | \$323,229.00 |
| ADP Group | \$589,581.52 |
| Cypreco Industries, INC | \$689,163.00 |

3. Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation:

Contract B – Tank Rehabilitation

The Contractor has completed all work including the demobilization from the project site. The Contractor is preparing the necessary closeout documents and anticipates final project closeout, including reconciliation of un-used line items via final project Change Order, and release of retainage to occur at the September meeting.

Project Completion Summary Through August 9, 2022

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| Contract Start Date | March 8, 2022 |
| Original Contract Completion Time | 120 Calendar Days |
| Interim Milestone – Tank Out of Service | 90 Calendar Days |
| Days Elapsed: | 126 100% |
| Days Remaining: | 0 0% |
| Interim Milestone Completion Date | May 28, 2022 |
| Pending Time Extension | 30 Days |
| Pending Milestone Completion Date | June 27, 2022 |
| Original Contract Completion Date | July 6, 2022 |

Project Financial Summary Through August 9, 2022

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| Original Contract Amount | \$1,527,100.00 |
| Change Order No. 1 | \$27,500.00 |
| Current Contract Amount | \$1,554,600.00 |
| Total Value of Work Complete | \$1,510,600.00 |
| Percent of Work Complete | 97.2% |
| Payment Application #1 | \$183,848.00 |
| Payment Application #2 | \$358,288.00 |
| Payment Application #3 | \$652,288.00 |
| Payment Application #4 | \$285,964.00 |
| Total Retainage to Date | \$30,212.00 |

4. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

SCE is actively pursuing an update on the status from NJDEP regarding this submission. It should be noted that Mt. Arlington water usage the past several months has been significant. We are working with their operating personnel to evaluate the potential cause of this usage and options to remedy.

5. Parsippany Compost Facility Site Improvements Ph II

On Thursday July 28, at 3:00pm, the bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Four (4) bids were submitted and the total amounts from each bidder range from \$253,065.00 to \$520,076.75 as shown on the summary below. The Engineer’s Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$211,207.50. Our review of the bids indicates a substantial departure from the anticipated project costs for a project of this size and scope, resulting in all submitted bids being higher than the Engineers Cost Estimate. SCE recommends rejecting all bids due to exceeding the Engineers Cost Estimate.

| BIDDER | TOTAL BID AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Persistent Construction, Inc. | \$253,065.00 |
| Kulpeksa Land Improvement Corp. | \$266,095.00 |
| Giacorp Contracting Inc. | \$303,834.40 |
| Reivax Contracting Corp. | \$520,076.75 |

6. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

SCE has continued the preparation of the draft plans, technical specifications and cost estimate for the electrical upgrades at Flanders Valley #1 and #2 well sites.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) Regarding Vegetative Waste, we are looking at screening, especially for our Mt. Olive Facility. We got an opportunity with our Shared Services Agreement with Parsippany, as they made some equipment available and we are looking into that to screen some compost up at Mt. Olive.; (2) Regarding lake weed, we have still been receiving stuff consistently but not as much. Steve Adams reached out to Lake Hopatcong and they have been drying out their stuff, so it is basically a third based on weight on what they bring to us. Drying it out definitely does some good for us at Mt. Olive.; (3) We received some correspondence from DEP regarding the NJPDES Permit and it looks like this is coming soon; basically making our two sites, Mt. Olive and Parsippany, get stormwater permits.

Mr. Druetzler asked have we done this before and Mr. Deacon replied, no, this is new and it is similar to what we do currently at our Parsippany Transfer Station with sampling quarterly and having SPPP and better management practices. We met with Mike and Suburban yesterday to briefly discuss a plan to basically be proactive if this comes down to us having to get a stormwater permit. Thank you Mike.

Mr. Druetzler asked since the Transfer Station is done by Alaimo, why wouldn't you do Alaimo for stormwater? Mr. Gindoff explained that Suburban from the original days of the compost sites had done Drainage Plans for the Compost Sites way before Alaimo so they have the background and mapping of the sites already done. Mr. McAloon mentioned that Suburban prepared site plans for both facilities previously and review of the permits coming down the pipeline had some requirements. They want you to demonstrate that the run-off from your site is not of a quality where you could be impacting any surface waters within the area. Particularly at Mt. Olive there is some State open waters in close proximity and one of the things we were talking about was that we make sure that we are protecting those waterways and have a means to take samples and demonstrate, particularly during a rainstorm event, the run-off of the water is of a certain condition where it is not impacting anything downstream. One of their concerns was if we were taking pressure treated wood at these sites. We don't want to be a point source for pollution downstream. By taking quarterly samples, we can identify if there was an issue, we would have a track record of what the discharges are. We talked about having a small detention basin so that we could be able to take regular samples, as well as if there was an issue, we could contain it and then call spill response or special clean-up.

Mr. Druetzler asked how do you protect the waterways by rip wrapping and Mr. McAloon replied, yes, and designing detention basins and berms to protect those waterways as much as possible. Mr. Gindoff added that these regulations are not specific to us, they are for all the compost facilities throughout the State. The DEP has been analyzing the discharges from compost facilities around the State and have realized many of them accept the non-natural wood products with their natural products and their stormwater run-off has been a problem. They have been trying to avoid this, but at this point they are instituting these stormwater requirements on all the compost facilities.

(4) Regarding Household Hazardous Waste, reminder that September 24 is our next HHW Event at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy and following that is the October event at Chatham.; (5) Regarding the Jefferson Recycling Plan Modification, we called their Engineer and asked him to put both requests into one so we could approach the Town with a letter. They are looking to process the tires and the wood material on site. That letter was sent to Jefferson and once we receive it from Jefferson, we will go from there.; (6) Regarding Public Sewer and Water Connection, we did receive quotes from a couple of companies to run that 2" water line outside the Station at Mt. Olive. We hope to move forward with that before the Tipping Floor Project.; (7) As mentioned in the report on the methane detection, we have been working with Tom Cappetti from Alaimo. We wrote him a memo about the methane detection system and giving him some background so he doesn't have to come out. We are looking to discontinue that

at this point.; (8) As far as the Permit goes, this morning we sent information to Tom Cappetti to renew the Permit at Parsippany Transfer Station.; (9) We are meeting with Piotr from Alaimo at our Parsippany Transfer Station tomorrow. We took down a section of the wall and thank you to Mascaro's operator, Carey for helping us out. Piotr is coming to look at the wall recommendations, as well as for the quarterly inspection at Parsippany. Once he is done with that inspection, he will give us a formal report on both stations on repairs that have to be done.

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that he did not think that the wall had to be taken down. He thought the rebar held the wall up pretty good. He is not happy with Piotr's decision.

(10) We received email correspondence between Persistent and the MUA and Alaimo on the Mt. Olive Tipping Floor. Mr. Lemanowicz mentioned that he saw that exchange. Going back to the Pre-Construction Meeting, there was some discussion on how to work with that trench drain to make it indestructible as possible. Persistent sent us a detail drawing and Piotr made a few modifications and they are going to get that. As far as the wall in Parsippany, Tom Lemanowicz mentioned that he could get an explanation from Piotr if that is desired. Mr. Druetzler replied that no explanation is required. We are looking at mid-September for the Tipping Floor Project.; (11) The MUA is looking to take on basic maintenance to help Mascaro out.; (12) Thanked J.P. Mascaro for the joint stormwater prevention plan training at both stations. This is something that is required by our Permit.; and (13) Regarding AEA EDPA, on August 31, we are going to be providing a Operations Track at Mt. Olive then to HHW and give them a brief overview of that and then to Camp Pulaski to give them a view of that. Thanks to Surburban for their Conference Room to be used for power point presentations.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-66
RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
APPROVING A VENDOR SERVICE CONTRACT ON A
'NON-FAIR AND OPEN' BASIS PURSUANT TO THE 'PAY-TO-PLAY' LAW
AQUINO PLUMBING & HEATING LLC

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

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

WHEREAS, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Coppola Services, Inc., having a business address of 28 Executive Parkway – Ringwood, NJ 0756 submitted proposal in the amount of \$91,890.00 for the work to be performed; and

WHEREAS, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Aquino Plumbing & Heating LLC having a business address of 627 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Suite 4 – Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 submitted proposal in the amount of \$18,988.00 for the work to be performed; and

WHEREAS, Aquino Plumbing & Heating LLC quote was most advantageous to the MCMUA needs, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the contract to be awarded includes a requirement that the work shall be completed within 120 days from the date of full execution of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract to be awarded is further subject to the following:

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.
6. The submission of the Public Works Registration Certificate to be placed on file.

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available from Budget account number 01-5-900-958-151 for the work to be performed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority does hereby award and authorizes the Executive Director to execute the contract for the work in the proposal from Aquino Plumbing & Heating LLC, dated July 13, 2022 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:

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|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Vendor Name: | Aquino Plumbing & Heating LLC |
| Cost of Service: | \$18, 988.00 |
| Account Number: | 01-1-900-958-151 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to approve a Vendor Service Contract On A ‘Non-Fair And Open Pay-To-Play Law To Aquino Plumbing & Heating LLC and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

Ms. Szwak asked how come Aquino so much cheaper? Mr. Deacon mentioned that is the Operations Staff renting the machine and trenching for them trying to reduce costs. All three companies came out and we showed them all the same stuff. She was just making sure that they were doing everything you wanted them to do.

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

Mr. Gindoff spoke about the Mascaro fuel adjustment. Last month, we had the J.P. Mascaro people on the phone after they sent us some correspondence requesting a fuel adjustment in our Contract based on a whole bunch of situations out in the world causing the fuel price to go up. As part of that process, we had our attorneys advising us and asking us to get information from Mascaro on how much is this fuel increase. In essence, they gave us a proposal to consider, but then we asked for information about the actual cost of the increased fuel on them. We finally received that information about a week ago, put it together in a spreadsheet, had some discussions/negotiations with J.P. Mascaro about those fuel surcharges and what they look like. With that, we have a recommendation from our Staff and Counsel will back it up also, on going forward with a Change Order that we negotiated with J.P. Mascaro. We are comfortable that it is based on the Fuel Adjustment that is permitted based on the law. With that stated, we have members of J.P. Mascaro on the phone and know that we would also like to go into a closed session to discuss this under contract negotiations, so the Board can ask me some questions that are privy to us only.

Chairwoman Kominos opened the meeting to the Public. Mr. Gindoff welcomed Pat Mascaro, Tom Sassaman and William Fox, Esq. to the meeting and asked if they would like to say anything. Mr. Fox asked Legal Counsel if it is not appropriate to advise everyone on the phone call that we might take official action after you come out of closed session and Counsel replied, yes and we will be going back into our Regular Meeting after closed session. Mr. Fox thanked Larry for considering this recommendation tonight and we don't need to say anything more regarding our request. The facts and the figures support themselves. As Larry said, there has been numerous interactions with our people, his Staff, Counsel for the Authority. We would be happy to answer any questions that the Board Members may have upon the return from a closed session, but the recommendation I believe for the Change Order that you have before you speaks for itself and we would welcome the Board to support that recommendation because we believe it is very much justified and asked for the Board to support that. Thank you very much Board Members. The Public Portion was closed and J.P. Mascaro attendees were asked to leave the meeting.

(Dr. Nusbaum left the meeting at 8:02 p.m., as well as Mr. Hudzik, Mike McAloon & Tom Lemanowicz)

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session for discussion regarding contract negotiations at 8:03 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session for discussion regarding contract negotiations and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:23 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

(J. P. Mascaro attendees returned to the meeting.)

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for the approval of the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-67
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION 2022 FISCAL BUDGET
FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8

WHEREAS, the Morris County M.U.A. has adopted the 2022 Authority Budget on November 9, 2021, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.) [The Local Public Contracts Law] contracts awarded under the Local Public Contract Law shall be eligible for a fuel price adjustment when the cost of fuel deviates 5% or more from the time of receipt of bids (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13); and

WHEREAS, the cost of fuel has increased greater than 5% since the June 11, 2020 bid opening; and

WHEREAS, Mascaro representatives negotiated with MCMUA representatives to establish a process to provide for fuel adjustments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority finds it necessary to amend the 2022 adopted Authority solid waste budget as follows:

| | From | To |
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| <u>Anticipated Revenue</u> | | |
| Total Anticipated Revenue | \$48,653,547.00 | \$48,653,547.00 |
| | | |
| | From | To |
| <u>Anticipated Appropriations</u> | | |
| Total Administration | \$3,284,195.00 | \$3,284,195.00 |
| Total Cost of Providing Svcs. | \$42,597,852.00 | \$44,597,852.00 |
| Total Non-Operating | \$2,771,500.00 | \$2,771,500.00 |
| | | |
| Total Operating & Non-Operating Appropriations & Accumulated Deficit | \$48,653,547.00 | \$50,653,547.00 |
| | | |
| Total Unrestricted Net Assets Utilized | \$0.00 | \$2,000,000.00 |
| | | |
| Net Total Appropriation | \$48,653,547.00 | \$48,653,547.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority 2022 Authority’s Budget is hereby amended as detailed above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board’s secretary is hereby directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval as part of the Authority’s 2022 budget.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to amend the Solid Waste Division 2022 Fiscal Budget for the MCMUA and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-68
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR FUEL ADJUSTMENT SURCHARGES TO THE AUGUST 5, 2020 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES, INC., D/B/A J.P. MASCARO & SONS, FOR THE OPERATION OF TWO MCMUA TRANSFER STATION FACILITIES AND FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE RECEIVED AT THOSE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2020, pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. § 40A:11-1, et seq., the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) solicited competitive bids for a five year contract for the operation of two MCMUA Transfer Station Facilities in Parsippany-Troy Hills and Mount Olive Townships, and for the transportation and disposal of all solid waste received at those facilities (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted on June 11, 2020 by Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J. P. Mascaro & Sons (“Mascaro”) was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the MCMUA Contract; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the MCMUA adopted Resolution No. 20-45, awarding the MCMUA Contract to Mascaro; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2020, the MCMUA and Mascaro executed the Contract, which provided for a Contract Start Date of December 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1 et sq.) [The Local Public Contracts Law] contracts awarded under the Local Public Contract Law shall be eligible for a

fuel price adjustment when the cost of fuel deviates 5% or more from the time of receipt of bids (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13); and

WHEREAS, the cost of fuel has increased greater than 5% since the June 11, 2020 bid opening; and

WHEREAS, Mascaro representatives negotiated with MCMUA representatives to establish a process to provide for fuel adjustments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13; and

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

1. Staff and Counsel shall prepare and execute the necessary documents to implement Change Order #1 to the Contract which allows for fuel adjustments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13 for when the cost of fuel deviates 5% or more from the cost existing on June 11, 2020.

2. The fuel adjustment will be calculated on a monthly basis using the formula:

Total Monthly Adjustment = Transfer/Operations Monthly Adjustment + Disposal Monthly Adjustment

where:

a. “Transfer/Operations Monthly Adjustment” = (“Current Month Fuel Cost” – \$2.67) x “Monthly Gallons Used”

b. “Disposal Monthly Adjustment” = (“Current Month Fuel Cost” – \$0.97 – \$1.70) x “Monthly Gallons Used”

c. “Current Month Fuel Cost” for Transfer/Operations is determined on EIA.gov PADD18 #2 Diesel (Central Atlantic)

d. “Current Month Fuel Cost” for Disposal Facility is based on EIA.gov PADD18 #2 Diesel (Central Atlantic) minus \$0.97 since there is less tax on off-road fuel used by the Disposal Facility.

e. “Monthly Gallons Used for Transfer / Operations” will be provided monthly by Mascaro based on actual usage to be verified by the unfettered provision of paperwork to the MCMUA by Mascaro showing such usage.

f. “Monthly Gallons Used for Disposal” will be fixed at 21,817 gallons through December 31, 2024. The “Monthly Gallons Used for Disposal” will be adjusted on an annually starting in 2024 based on the ratio of MCMUA’s tons disposed divided

by total tons disposed of at the Disposal Facility during the prior calendar year. This ratio will then be multiplied by 1,042,259 annual gallons / 12 months representing the monthly gallonage of fuel used by the Disposal Facility attributable to MCMUA Disposal to arrive at the adjusted “Monthly Gallons Used for Disposal”.

3. The monies due to Mascaro for the retroactive portion of fuel adjustment to the Contract between December 15, 2020 and July 2022 was calculated to be \$2,691,807 based on the formula provided in Paragraph #2 above and is to be paid to Mascaro in the form of a lump sum payment within 60 days of the execution of Change Order #1.

4. Monthly fuel adjustment from August 2022 through the termination of the Contract will be calculated based on the formula provided in Paragraph #2 above and then included in the monthly billing by Mascaro to the MCMUA in the form of a Fuel Adjustment surcharge and/or credit as the formula provides.

5. Fuel Adjustments shall not be provided when the Current Month Fuel Cost deviates less than 5% from the base rate Fuel Cost existing in June 2020.

6. The MCMUA Treasurer certifies funds are available for the Change Order #1 authorized by this Resolution in line item: 01-5-600-620-271.

7. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

8. 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, August 9, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize Change Order #1 For Fuel Adjustment Surcharges To The August 5, 2020 Contract Between The MCMUA And Solid Waste Services d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons as amended, to include July 31, 2022 date in place of July 2022 date, and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Pat Mascaro thanked the Board and Staff for the courtesy and cooperation extended in this matter. I assure you that it is very much needed and appreciated. Thank you.

(J.P. Mascaro left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.)

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Divisional “stay interviews” and discussions on the MCMUA’s Organizational Chart and the approved MCMUA Vision Statement and Mission Statement, continued with a formal meeting on Thursday, July 28 with the Solid Waste Planning staff. The Curbside Recycling staff meeting, which is being scheduled for early August, will conclude this administrative improvement project.

Continuing Education- Solid Waste Division- Association of Environmental Authorities- Environmental Professional Development Academy (AEA-EPDA) cohorts Justin Doyle, Mike Nunn, Brett Snyder, and James E. Deacon will be hosting a Track #2- Operations course here at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station on Wednesday, August 31. The MCMUA Operations staff continues to put the lessons learned during the EPDA to good use, continuing our outreach and networking within the AEA and SWANA communities. Plans are that the August 31 course will consist of a tour of our outstanding facilities, with a detailed overview of operations at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station, the Household Hazardous Waste facility (HHWF), and the closely related Mount Olive vegetative waste facility. Further details are still be worked on with the EPD Academy presenters. An updated will be provided to the Board at the August 9 meeting.

TRANSFER STATIONS

MCMUA Executive Director Larry Gindoff and Counsel Brad Carney continued working with J.P Mascaro and Sons (JPM) President Mr. Pasquale Mascaro, Sr. and JPM Counsel Mr. Bill Fox on an agreement on how to amend the contract to address the impact of rising fuel costs. Included in correspondence is a series of letters between J.P. Mascaro and Sons and the MCMUA that occurred since the July 12 Board meeting and leading up to this August meeting attempting to address this matter. It is anticipated that Pasquale Mascaro, Sr. and Bill Fox, Esq. will be present at the August meeting to explain their request to the entire MCMUA Board. Additionally, it is anticipated the Board will go into a closed session following the public portion of the meeting to discuss this matter under contract negotiations.

Tonnage- The July 2022 total of 38,287 tons of solid waste accepted for disposal at the two (2) transfer stations represents a 6.98% decrease from the 41,158 tons accepted a year ago in July 2021. The quantity of construction debris (C&D Type 13C) remains very high as a component of the total flow of waste. For the year 2022, it is now projected that the transfer stations will accept 472,821 tons which would be just 1.5% greater than the 465,745 tons accepted in 2021. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

The MCMUA Solid Waste Operations staff and Operations managers continue to assist J.P. Mascaro and Sons with daily maintenance afterhours and before start of business. The MCMUA Operations staff members remain onsite late and come in early morning to perform basic duties that are contractually obligated to Mascaro but are not being adequately performed. Tasks include, but are not reduced to, cleaning/washing the tipping floors and trench drains, litter cleanup and emptying the trash cans around the facility, cutting back overgrown vegetation and basic landscaping, cleaning the areas around the tarp racks and loading bays, and cleaning around the pond in Mount Olive, along with cleaning litter from the public roadways around the stations. The MCMUA Parsippany staff continues to arrive early (4:30AM/5:00AM) to un-tarp trailers to get a head start on the day and to assist J.P. Mascaro with moving waste out quickly. Afterhours Overtime Hours starting April 12, 2022 to August 2, 2022:

- MCMUA Mount Olive Staff- 128.50 Hours
- MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills Staff- 316.25 Hours
- Total MCMUA Overtime- 444.75 Hours

Transfer Station Annual SPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan) Training and Inspections- The MCMUA conducted a joint MCMUA/J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) staff annual SPPP training and inspection at both transfer stations. Starting early morning before start of business in Parsippany on July 18, the MCMUA and JPM onsite staff reviewed the current Permit, the updated SPPP, and went over best management practices (BMP's) related to spill response and controlling leachate to within the tipping building/trench drains. The event also included an overview of JPM's Contingency and Spill Response (CSR) Plan for the station. The same was performed on Tuesday, July 19 for the Mount Olive transfer station staff. JPM's Environmental Managers from Dunmore, PA were present during the Mount Olive event. The MCMUA Pollution Prevention Team Members must inspect the entire facility annually to evaluate areas that discharge stormwater authorized by our NJDEP Stormwater Permits. The team must also assess whether the SPPP has eliminated the exposure of source materials to stormwater and is being properly implemented, and/or assess whether additional measures are needed. All conducted annual inspections are documented and in the case of noncompliance the report shall identify measures taken to remedy the issue. Copies of the sign-in sheets from July 18 and 19 training and inspection events were provided to the JPM managers for their records. MCMUA sent the 2022 Annual Recertification for the Mount Olive station to the NJDEP, with Parsippany's stormwater certification having to come from our Licensed Engineer, which is still pending.

Transfer Station Site Improvements- Morris County IT completed the transfer of the main phone line (port) at the Mount Olive station back in June. This means the main phone number at the Mount Olive station is controlled under the County system and can be picked up at any extension, including the scale house. The MCMUA is now working with County IT and their subcontractor Connectek, LLC. to perform similar work at the Parsippany station. The MCMUA is looking to have Cat 6 cables installed throughout the scale house for the weigh masters and manager, and then run the Cat 6 lines to the offices in the main transfer building. This is the first step into installing the County phone system and County network, which will include the contractor's office as well. Improvements continue with correcting poor quality line striping at both stations through a J.P. Mascaro and Sons hired contractor. Back on Saturday, May 21, pit scale #1 at the Mount Olive transfer station was lifted, cleaned, and repaired. Multiple load cells and related data cables that run to the tipping floor display modules (score boards) needed to be replaced due to lack of daily maintenance. The MCMUA is still awaiting J.P. Mascaro and Sons to schedule similar work on pit scale #2 during non-operational hours.

MCMUA Assuming J.P. Mascaro and Sons Responsibilities Under the Current Contract- Internal discussions continue regarding the MCMUA Operation and Transfer Station Managers trying to amend the contract so the MCMUA can assume responsibilities and be compensated for some of operational duties that J.P. Mascaro and Sons continue to fall short with under "Technical Specifications- Responsibilities of the Contractor Section Number 4" within the current Contract. Many of these responsibilities involve repairs and/or general maintenance that are not completed in a timely manner. In discussing this potential amendment with Mascaro, we both feel it will improve the operations of the transfer stations, enabling Mascaro to focus on the primary objective of the contract which is transporting waste for disposal while enabling the MCMUA to adequately maintain its facilities.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station tipping floor and trench drain improvement project to include the repairs to the main tipping floor, utilizing a fast-curing EUCO-Top by Euclid Chemical Corp, repairs to the heavily damaged trench drain system, and some alterations to the observation desk near the loading pits. As mentioned, during the June 16 pre-construction meeting contractor Persistent Construction, Inc. and subcontractor Infrastructure Repair Service (IRS) brought up supply chain issues regarding extended lead times primarily concerning the fabrication of the drainage system needed to complete the scope of work in Mount Olive. Current lead time for the pre-caster is 4-6 weeks. Taking this reality into account, the primary work and disruption to the site will not likely start till late September. Further updates will be provided to the Board at the August 9 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz. The MCMUA staff has been actively working with Alaimo Engineering's Colin McLain on "Phase 2" of the emergency action plans (EAP) for our two (2) transfer stations. As a reminder to the Board, "Phase 2" includes identifying any deficiencies in the systems and components for a fully functional EAP.

Alaimo Engineering Structural Professional Piotr Grodek had responded to the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station to review and assess the large block wall near the North tipping floor that separates the facility from Route 280 West and New Road. This wall was damaged by Mascaro personnel while trying to use it inappropriately to support a repair of a front-end bucket loader. It has now started to lean toward Exit Ramp #1 (to Route 46 via New Road). The recommendation from the engineer was “an immediate temporary support and demolition of the damaged wall section. This section will need to be saw cut at location of approximately 25’ feet from west side of the north wall, near existing shrinkage wall crack, and removed.” Since that time, the MCMUA Operations staff has begun the removal of this mentioned section of the sound wall. It now appears that more sections of the wall may be determined as an emergency repair. MCMUA staff will continue to work with Alaimo to have a new wall engineered and installed.

Alaimo’s Piotr Grodek had also completed the second “Quarterly Report on Transfer Station Conditions” in Mount Olive back on June 16. The MCMUA is now working with Alaimo to schedule Mr. Grodek down at Parsippany so that we can receive the official findings in one (1) formal report for both stations. As mentioned at previous Board meetings, Mr. Grodek’s structural expertise had been requested by the MCMUA to make these inspections more functional for the operations staff leading into the budget season, rather than just generating another repair list. This is especially true during the lack of daily maintenance and pending repairs lists, the MCMUA believes these facilities are still the most important part to our operations. The planning for our 5 year/10 year budgets and possible capital improvements has now become a larger part of that preparation and good management practices as we continue to address the issues that are under our control.

Alaimo Engineering is currently working on the NJDEP Permit renewal for the MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. A full noise survey was completed by Lewis S. Goodfriend and Associates on June 6 to satisfy the current NJDEP Air Permit and to assist with the renewal application requirements for possibly increasing the permitted inbound daily tonnage at the Parsippany station (currently 1380 TPD). On July 22, the MCMUA provided Alaimo supporting documentation to approach the NJDEP during this Permitting process about discontinuing the use of the current Methane Detection System at the MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. The MCMUA Operations Staff put this memo/fact sheet together for Alaimo’s use, as the MCMUA is requesting that the NJDEP discontinue the Permit requirement to maintain the Methane Detection System within the main building located at 1100 Edwards Road. With assistance from Alaimo Engineering, an identical methane system within the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station scale house was decommissioned through NJDEP approval twenty (20) years ago. This scale house is closely located to Sharkey’s Landfill, is more of a confined space than the main transfer building and is occupied by both MCMUA and contractor employees for a majority of the day. The main transfer building is a large open space, excluding the offices, with most employees operating heavy machinery. Sections of this memo include the current system components, the current system activation, notification, and response, the current system calibration, maintenance, and compliance, and an overall justification for eliminating the Methane Detection System in Parsippany.

A summary of events connected to the Public Water/Sewer Connection Assessment for the Mount Olive transfer station was provided to the Board at the July 12 meeting. After receiving the official report from Northeast Water Technologies on the water leak, the MCMUA Operations staff began obtaining quotes to remove the pipe under the tipping floor to eliminate any future issues. The quotes were also for the installation of a new 2” HDPE water supply line to be placed in an area outside the pumphouse and would be run underground outside of the building, go through the building above the loading tunnel (insulated ThermoPex piping), and then reconnect in the bathroom/breakroom near the maintenance shop. Also, to install a “T” with a curb valve outside the pumphouse for future projects and possible easy connection to public water. The MCMUA would rent equipment and have staff excavate the trench for the install of the 2” pipe to reduce costs. The MCMUA got responses and quotes from John Garza Construction Company, Inc., Aquino Plumbing and Heating, LLC., and Coppola Services, Inc. After staff review, the MCMUA has prepared a resolution for the Board’s consideration at the August 9 meeting, for award of contract to Aquino Plumbing and Heating, LLC. to complete the water leak repairs. The MCMUA staff also continues to work with Alaimo Senior Project Engineer Jim Hampson on the Public Water/Sewer Connection Assessment project, looking into

a formal Franchise Agreement with the Township of Mount Olive. Further details will be provided during the solid waste engineer's report on August 12.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Jefferson Recycling, LLC- Potential Plan Modification- Attached as correspondence for the Board at the August 9 meeting is a letter dated July 27 from the MCMUA to the Clerk at Jefferson Township. This letter is asking for the Township to review some potential changes to the operations at Jefferson Recycling located at 710 Route 15 North in Jefferson. If approved by the Township, the MCMUA is requesting that a formal resolution be adopted with reference to the changes within three (3) months of receipt of the letter. As mentioned at previous Board meetings, Mr. George D. Cascino of Cascino Engineer, representing Jefferson Recycling, LLC, approached the MCMUA requesting a Plan modification through Administrative Action (AA). First, Jefferson Recycling was looking to process/shred both the tires and tree parts they receive onsite. This will also change the site plan to locate both the process and staging areas. The MCMUA had requested additional information about the onsite processing and the equipment they would be using. After receiving the information and discussing by phone with Mr. Cascino, he mentioned that Jefferson Recycling was also looking to receive untreated lumber. *“Untreated dimensional lumber” will be limited to “Unfinished lumber from new construction projects including pallets. Unfinished shall mean non-chemically treated (not pressure treated, impregnated with preservatives, insecticides, fungicides, creosote, or other chemicals, and not painted, resin-coated or otherwise surface treated, and not laminated or bonded; and not similarly altered from its natural condition). No Lumber from demolition projects will be accepted.”* The MCMUA asked that Mr. Cascino and Jefferson Recycling combine both requests into one (1) updated letter and assure that the attached proposed site plan reflect those requested changes. The MCMUA received this letter dated July 22 with the updated site plan and forwarded them to the Township. As long as Jefferson Township doesn't have any issues or questions, both changes will then be sent to the NJDEP by AA request for their final approval. Jefferson Recycling, LLC will not be increasing their permitted capacity of 700 TPD (tons per day).

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In July of 2022, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 296 serviced appointments, which included 250 Morris County residents, 6 VSQG/small businesses, and 40 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2022 totals now equal 1,432 serviced appointments, 1,267 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 29 VSQG's/small businesses, and 136 non-Morris County residents.

The final two (2) MCMUA 2022 one-day drop-off events are still scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2022, at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA) and Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Chatham High School, 255 Lafayette Avenue in Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928. As a result of a medical emergency that occurred during the June 11 event, the MCMUA contacted the Morris County Office of Emergency Management (MCOEM) about having their EMS program be made aware when an event is occurring. Similar to the Morris County Sheriff's Office- Bomb Squad being present at all our events, County EMS will now be put on alert/stand-by for a timely response to potential medical emergencies. These events are run by MCMUA employees, are set up by our current environmental contractor MXI, and see hundreds of vehicles and County residents in the span of 5+ hours. The incident on June 11 turned out to be a life saving one, due to the professionally trained MCOEM EMS responders that were able to render care quickly.

MCMUA staff finished the final touches needed for the facility's new safety shower/eye wash station. A new concrete walkway to the facility's unserviceable flag box was poured by the MCMUA Operations staff using their own equipment. Stone, small bushes, mulch, and a new flagpole were also added around the flag box which is located between the entrance and exit gates to the HHW facility. The same stone and some smaller bushes were added around the digital sign at the Mount Olive transfer station right near the main entrance gate. Completed on July 8, Effective Sign Works installed a new header on the digital sign to include the facility

address “Mount Olive Transfer Station- 168 Gold Mine Road Flanders”. This will assist the MCMUA and J.P. Mascaro and Sons staff with customers and deliveries.

2022 Annual HHW Training Events- Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder will be attending the HAZWOPER refresher training on Monday, August 15 at Veolia Environmental Services (ES) in Flanders. Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle is also scheduled to attend the HAZWOPER First Responder 24-Hour Course on October 17 through October 20, 2022, at Veolia ES.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

On July 22 the MCMUA received a “Draft Stormwater Discharge New Master General Permit” packet from the NJDEP. This packet concerns our two (2) vegetative waste facilities and the likely probability that they both will be required to obtain stormwater Permits. Similar to the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Permit the MCMUA currently has for our Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station, this Permit will require class C and B facilities in the State to sample stormwater runoff for various chemicals, metals, and hydrocarbons on a quarterly basis. Other requirements, similar to Parsippany transfer, would be things like implementing an SPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan), using best management practices (BMP’s), and having proper record keeping and NJDEP annual certifications related to the program. Newer concepts to the MCMUA are the need to generate Drainage Control Plans (DCP’s) and Drainage Control Maps for both sites. Being proactive, not reactive, to the NJDEP Draft Permit packet, MCMUA managers have scheduled a meeting on Monday, August 8 with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE) to discuss moving forward together. Details from this meeting will be brought to the Board on August 9.

In anticipation to process payments by credit cards at our compost sites, the MCMUA staff has finished the install of Paradigm CompUWeigh in the vegetative waste onsite computers/laptops. Managers will be working with the Accounting Department during the month of August on basic onsite training events. The Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility has continued receiving small amounts of lake weed from Lake Hopatcong during the month of July. As mentioned during the July 12 Board meeting, the MCMUA staff worked with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE) to finalize Bid #2022-VW01 concerning “Phase #2” of the Parsippany compost entrance area improvement project (Includes proper signage, some site cleaning/fence removal, four tier bin block walls, single tier bin block walls, new cantilever gates (2), precast concrete steps to the office trailer, site grading and landscaping, and some restoration work). The Bid opening occurred on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 3:00 PM. The lowest responsible Bidder was Persistent Construction, Inc. Persistent’s Bid far exceeded the MCMUA’s budgeted amounts for this project and also exceeded the Engineer’s estimate. Further details on the next step of this pending project will be discussed during the SCE Water Engineer’s report. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the August 9 meeting.

Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing- MCMUA staff have begun working with Naturcycle on the annual compost screening program at both facilities. September dates are being proposed with staff working around scheduled vacations and other projects. Naturcycle has already contacted screener rental companies for quotes and availability.

Some other upcoming MCMUA/Naturcycle joint projects include:

- 595 Dean Street in Brooklyn, New York- Steven Dubner Landscaping plans to use screened compost from MCMUA’s Parsippany facility for a project that is calling for approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) total. This project is still pending approval.
- Gansevoort Peninsula, Hudson River Park, New York City- Steven Dubner Landscaping will be using screened compost from MCMUA’s Parsippany facility for a project that calls for approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) total. Pickups began in June of 2022. This project will trigger the 1% revenue share for the MCMUA on engineered soil revenue.
- East Midtown Greenway, Manhattan, New York City- Steven Dubner Landscaping is using approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) of screened compost from MCMUA’s Parsippany facility. Pickups for this project started back in April.

- The Spiral, Manhattan, New York City- JCC Construction will be using screened compost from MCMUA's Parsippany facility for project. It includes approximately 100 cubic yards (CY) total, pickups began back in April.

Some other sales include Jackman Excavating placing a bulk order for 200 cubic yards (CY) of screened compost from Mount Olive, and Naturcycle continuing to purchase screened compost from the Parsippany facility for use on various soil projects.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following: (1) Regarding the pricing for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services, the finalized rate for the month of July 2022 was calculated to be -\$16.31/ton on 1,181.08 tons delivered this month. This is down from the 1,445.51 tons delivered last month. The July 2022 charge to the MUA is -\$19,267.21. As the global economic crisis continues to play a role in market pricing, the ripple effects of inflation through commodity price shocks are slowing purchasing habits for recycled content and exacerbating lower value pricing seen this month. Pricing for almost all types of recycled content in July averaged values less than or equal to those noted at the beginning of the MCMUA's new Republic contract in February 2022. The good news is that recovered fiber pricing in July for both paper and cardboard held steady at the same positive rates seen last month which is typical of these two commodities. However, July pricing for bales of recovered plastics and metal materials continued their decline in value even further, averaging losses in \$10 to \$15 per ton reliant on commodity type. While the outlook in recycled content pricing remains uncertain, declines have continued their downward trend into the month of August. Current recycling market pricing as of today shows regional averages still on the decline with some commodities such as PET and HDPE fetching record lows. Some hope for a turn-around may be found in recycled content requirements for certain plastic, glass, and paper products but they are far off at this point.

(2) Regarding Special Projects for the Recycling Division, the month of July closed out the MCMUA and the Township's joint Tag-it and Leave-it inspections in Long Hill which ran for three months in length. Statistics obtained through the Recycle Coach Program showed an increase of 42.7% in users and product interaction reports increasing 42.3% when assessed against the previous months leading up to the campaign. Therefore, the positive change in the quality of recycling and decreases in contamination observed in residential set-outs during each subsequent inspection coincided with the information obtained through the Recycle Coach program. Due to the success of this joint effort, DPW Supervisor and Municipal Recycling Coordinator Al Gallo, will be speaking at the MCMUA's Municipal Recycling Coordinators meeting to discuss what it took to gain the administration's support, the Township's involvement in the program, and the positive support it received with the public to encourage and invigorate other coordinators to run their own successful programs.

(3) Regarding Curbside Recycling Division Incumbent Worker Training and Employee Retention, during the month of July, Human Resources Officer Fredrick Wilson and Recycling Administrative Staff worked with the Morris, Sussex, and Warren Employment and Training Services Division and the Morris County Department of Employee Resources regarding support services, education assistance, and grant funding in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the MCMUA. Previously, Federal and State grant funding utilized by a similar County Utility, who applied for a grant to address their driver shortage by sending their employees through a partnership with a dedicated CDL training school for onsite training and promoting them afterwards. After learning of this, the MCMUA sought to replicate it with our own Curbside Division and connected with the Employment and Training Services Division to investigate a similar CDL training program for our use. Assistance from this Division will allow for "On-The-Job Training" (OJT) to assist the MCMUA to train existing staff and hire qualified unemployed workers for full-time, long-term employment by offsetting the MCMUA's training expenses. Grant funding is available for up to \$5,000. Such a program will allow the MCMUA to fill vacant positions in its Curbside Recycling Division with qualified candidates, provide an obtainable step for career advancement for sanitation workers and encourage employee retention. In addition to this, the Recycling Division also connected with the Morris County One-Stop Career Center, Division of the New Jersey Department of Labor, and Workforce Development directly to explore additional grant funding available and other education programs for our curbside staff. The NJDOL is also working with the MCMUA to post our open vacancies to the

NJ US National Labor Exchange Job Board to link qualified candidates to the MCMUA utilizing the one-stop career center offices throughout the State of New Jersey. Following up on this, the Administrative Staff attended an NJDOL Grants Webinar today which outlines the Department's grants funding range, participant eligibility, program purposes, and other important characteristics needed to prepare and apply for applications with the Department's partner One-Stop Offices.

(4) With regard to the Clean Communities 2021 Statistical Report, the 31st of July closed out the 2021-2022 Morris County Clean Communities Program with the submission of a Statistical Report due to the New Jersey Clean Communities Council. Much like the NJDEP REA Grant, submissions include several deliverables and programmatic information which outlines the program's main goal of identifying litter problems and determining appropriate solutions for it. Specifics of the submission are outlined in the Board Report but included three key areas for which the program is based on which include: Litter abatement, Enforcement of program specific ordinances, and Public Education and Outreach of those same efforts. Notable achievements include work on the Education and Enforcement of the NJ Bag Ban, 23 sponsored cleanups throughout the County collecting over 744 bags of litter involving over 250 individuals, and providing 21 educational programs across the county on the importance of litter prevention and abatement.

(5) Lastly, I would like to point out two items from the July Recycling Supplemental Report which are in response to two questions presented by the MCMUA Board. The first update involves a complement to Board Member Nusbaum's questions and comments regarding the NJ Bag Ban and its effect on plastic film recycling in New Jersey. Following our conversation, the MCMUA began work on a revised plastic film packaging, bag, and wrap recycling flyer to support these programs. The new flyer will outline both acceptable and unacceptable materials along with a list of current recycling drop-off locations and how to find the most up to date listing as sites go on and offline for recycling. In addition to this, the Trex Company hosts two programs available to the public: The first is a school program, the Plastic Film Recycling Challenge, for which schools win a participating award and the winner received a Trex bench. Information on this will be included in the new Morris County Clean Communities School Paperwork packets. The second is for commercial recycling partnerships where large plastic film producers are provided a bailer, free transportation of bailed film, as well as monetary incentives for recycling. This information will also be included with our information packets and forwarded to our municipal coordinators for distribution. The importance of showcasing open drop-off sites and reducing contamination within the recycling stream for these services will go a long way to removing plastic wraps and films from curbside recycling and diverting them out of the solid waste stream towards dedicated recycling outlets.

The second update involves a supplement to Board Member Szwak's inquiry on translation services for our recycling flyers presented at last meeting. While the Division of Public Health is still working on translating our recycling educational flyers in Spanish for our contract municipalities District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham contacted the Clean Communities Council for a list of companies to perform translation services on our behalf. A list of 5 companies was received who are able to translate multiple languages. Once the basic Spanish flyers are created, an email will circulate amongst the Municipal Recycling Coordinators asking if additional languages are needed for translation services in their respective municipalities for which the REA Grant will cover the cost. At present, our MCMUA website does provide the ability for visitors to change the written language on the webpage with over one hundred different languages. It is powered by Google Translate.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

The preliminary per ton rate for single-stream during July 2022 was calculated at a negative -\$16.33 per ton. This is a decrease of \$14.66 per ton from the June rate of a negative -\$1.67 per

ton bringing numbers farther into the red. Following last month's trend, recovered fiber pricing held relatively steady while both plastics and metals pricing continues to decline sharply.

The global economic crisis continues to play a role in market pricing as the effects of inflation have slowed purchasing habits for recycled content further driving down values. In addition to this, the value of oil continues its return to pre-war pricing and carries with it the price of recycled plastics as well. Pricing for July mirrors values noted at the beginning of the MCMUA's new Republic contract in February 2022.

Resolution(s) for Approval

It is anticipated the Treasurer will be presenting a resolution authorizing the use of a State Contract to purchase Carahsoft Cloud Solutions which is an authorized reseller of a cloud-based software platform called Salesforce. The MCMUA has been investigating a means of dramatically improving customer/constituent relations and interactions as well as employee efficiencies and capabilities. The MCMUA believes the use and development of systems within Salesforce will greatly enhance our ability to provide public outreach while consolidating our internal and public facing knowledgebase, so information is current, consistent, and retained as employees come and go. Matters to be addressed by Salesforce will be impact the entirety of the MCMUA and our culture but specifically and initially it will:

- Replace the current www.MCMUA.com website with a modern, responsive website which greatly enhances capabilities for users. The existing model of the website being a knowledge-base for users will be expanded to also serve as a portal for customer interactions with the MCMUA. The information provided by the website will just be the public, outward facing version of the information curated and used internally by MCMUA staff as part of our Salesforce databases. One primary goal is to provide information to users quickly and easily while working to avoid the need for customers to contact the MCMUA via phone or email for simple information. By using Salesforce, we will be leveraging all the investments we have been making into consolidating our phone systems under the County's phone system.
- Coordinate information throughout the MCMUA enabling employees to easily access all information and to retain the information through changing personnel.
- Databases to be developed and used will include but not be limited to: facilities, materials, services, accounts, customers, assets, contracts, resolution, tasks, projects, proposals, sales and inspections.

There will also be a second component to this plan to hire a second party developer to get the MCMUA off the ground in developing the Salesforce platform to specifically serve our needs. It is anticipated a resolution will be placed before the Board for its consideration in the coming months authorizing the uses of such a developer.

Recycling Correspondence

In July 2022, the attached Summer 2022 edition of The New Jersey WasteWise Bulletin newsletter was provided to the County Recycling Coordinators for distribution to their municipal recycling coordinators and the wider community they serve and represent. This newsletter is being shared with the MCMUA Board as it provides further edification on several previously presented topics by the Recycling Division, such as the NJ Recycled Content Law, recyclable material categories, exceptions to the NJ Bag Ban, and other important recycling information.

Shared Service Agreement(s)

Township of Long Hill School District

On July 29, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff held a meeting with the Township of Long Hill's Board of Education Interim Facilities Manager and Assistant Business Administrator to discuss recycling collection at its three school buildings. The MCMUA presented a proposal for a three-year agreement with two one-year renewals for weekly garbage and every other week recycling collection. The recycling containers will be collected every other week on Mondays. This assumes that all corrugated cardboard will be broken down and flattened before being placed in the recycling container to reduce pickups. The combined price for garbage and

recycling was presented at \$27,500.00 per year. The price to pick up recycling only is \$13,000.00 per year. While the Township was receptive to the proposal, they are only paying \$15,660.00 a year for both trash and recycling. However, it should be noted that the Township initiated the meeting with the MCMUA due to the current hauler only recycling corrugated cardboard. Moreover, it was discovered at the time of the proposal that a possible waste flow violation exists, and the matter is currently under investigation by the MCMUA and the Township Board of Education. With the above items still pending, the Township will keep the MCMUA staff posted about the proposal.

Borough of Netcong

On July 13, 2022, at the request of the Borough of Netcong, Recycling Administrative Staff met with the Borough's Business Administrator and Public Works Staff to discuss our current recycling agreement and the Borough's intention to go out to bid for trash, recycling, and vegetative waste services. During that meeting, Staff suggested that due diligence be performed, and Municipal Recycling Facility visits take place before making a final decision on the matter. Staff also informed the Borough of additional services that were performed and are scheduled to be provided outside of the contract as a reminder that the MCMUA is dedicated to a higher level of recycling educational services than the competition. Such additional services are our presence at the Netcong Farmers Market & Touch a Truck Event, container lids for recycling roll-off containers at the depot to reduce contamination, as well as donations of reusable shopping bags for distribution at the Boroughs food pantry, to name a few examples.

On July 15, 2022, the bid document was forwarded from the Borough to the MCMUA and was broken up into various collection options with the possible option to move toward dual-stream recycling. At this time, the Recycling Administrative and Operations Staff as well as the MCMUA Treasurer discussed the bid and data for operations to perform services in the Borough. A price quote is being formulated for submission at this time.

Township of Mine Hill

On July 15, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff spoke with the Township's Acting Municipal Clerk, regarding the renewal of the MCMUA's shared services agreement ending at the end of the year. The Township intends to go out to bid for these services and is considering dual-stream service as a part of the bid.

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

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

Recycling and Clean Communities Public Outreach and Education

- MCMUA Participation at the annual County of Morris 4-H Fair in Chester.
- MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Synergies

Recycling Inspections

- MCMUA, Morris County Division of Public Health, and Roxbury Townships MRC Recycling Inspections at Businesses in Roxbury Township.
- MCMUA and Long Hill Township's Joint Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections of Curbside Recycling Set-Outs

Customer Service/Curbside and Joint MUA Operations Support

- MCMUA meeting with the Borough of Wharton, Borough of Mount Arlington, Town of Morristown, and the Borough of Morris Plains, and their recycling depot staff and Municipal Recycling Coordinators to improve recycling rates, reduce recycling contamination, answer questions, and support current and future education efforts.

- MCMUA Recycling Administrative Staff and Operations Administrative Staff Organizational Chart Meeting.
- MCMUA Recycling Administrative Staff and Curbside Recycling Operations Collaborations.

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

Curbside Recycling Division Incumbent Worker Training and Employee Retention

On July 22, 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone worked with the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Morris, Sussex, and Warren Employment and Training Services Division within the County of Morris' Department of Human Services regarding support services, education assistance, and grant funding according to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the MCMUA. Assistance from this Division will allow for "On-The-Job Training" (OJT) to assist the MCMUA to train existing staff and hire qualified unemployed workers for full-time, long-term employment by offsetting the MCMUA's training expenses. Grant funding is available for up to \$5,000 for the employee to attend an approved job or career training program if training is performed while employed with the host agency. Such a program will allow the MCMUA to fill vacant positions in its Curbside Recycling Division with qualified candidates, provide an obtainable step for career advancement for sanitation workers which may have been closed off due to financial constraints, and encourage employee retention. Those who complete the program would be required to remain employed in good standing for one year after they complete the program or forfeit the cost of the training. At present, the MCMUA has issues finding both sanitation workers and drivers who hold Commercial Drivers Licenses, CDLs, as well as retaining them on staff once hired. Full staffing numbers would have the Division at 14 total Drivers and 16 total Workers. At the time of this report, the MCMUA is currently down three drivers and two laborers in this Division. However, these numbers always change, and it is challenging to get to the point of being fully staffed resulting in the need to pull our supervisors, mechanics, and other department employees from their daily jobs to either drive or work the back of a truck. Should this program be enacted and the MCMUA begins to work closely with the Morris County Division of Employment and training services to obtain funding and work with an applicable Commercial Driving School, it would go a long way towards improving working conditions amongst our employees in multiple facets at the MCMUA's Curbside Recycling Division.

On July 28, 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Marrone and Human Resources Officer Fredrick Wilson met with the Morris County Director of Employee Resources, Manager of Labor Relations, and several other County officials at the Morris County Administrators Office Building. They are faced with the same issue of retaining employees, not being able to find CDL drivers at the current salary paid, and issues paying for CDL education classes, as well as, finding time on the job to do so. At this meeting, Marrone discussed how a similar agency, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority used an UPSKILL: NJ Incumbent Worker Grant to address their Driver Shortage. It formed a partnership with a dedicated CDL training school for onsite training. This is an example of a successful partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The article is linked [HERE](#). After the meeting, the Morris County Department of Employee Resources will be putting together a plan in place for future action and will be speaking directly with the Council 6 Union to gauge their input on the process.

On July 29, 2022, Marrone spoke with the Business Services Representative from the Morris County One-Stop Career Center, Division of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and worked together on finding additional grant funding available for the CDL training and other education programs for our curbside staff. In addition to this, the NJDOL will also be assisting the MCMUA with posting our open vacancies to the NJ US National Labor Exchange Job Board. The Board is an online system that links qualified candidates according to their profiles to the MCMUA utilizing the one-stop career center offices throughout the State of New Jersey.

MCMUA Sponsored Internship with the Morris County School of Technology

In July 2022, The Morris County School of Technology's Environmental Academy Structured Coordinator, met with the Recycling Administrative Staff to discuss an outline of tasks and responsibilities for our currently approved 2022 – 2023 school year intern with the MCMUA. The coordinator was specifically interested in the current array of tasks outlined for our intern, Olivia Pasquariello, expected to start in mid-August 2022. The following tasks were:

- Work with the Open Space Program in the form of assistance with property inspections, cataloging flora and fauna on purchased properties, and other related environmental activities as they relate to the program.
- Creation of a Morris County environmental activity book for the MCMUA's public outreach events.
- Developing and performing educational environmental outreach programs for public and private schools
- Engaging in Ms. Paquariello's interest in promoting sustainable fashion by bringing awareness to the environmentally detrimental trend known as "Fast Fashion" and creating educational information on the recycling of textiles.
 - The "Fast Fashion" trend stems from the pressure to reduce manufacturing costs and production time at the cost of the environment. As a result, the movement's large-scale negative impact on water, air, and land resources is accounted for using cheap, toxic textile dyes.
 - Promoting the use of second-hand clothing and ensuring gently used textiles are reused and are easily donated is key toward sustainable efforts in this area.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Clean Communities 2021 Statistical Report

In July 2022, District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham and District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone finalized the collection of all outstanding deliverables and programmatic information for the 2021-2022 Morris County Program Statistical Report, which was due on July 31, 2022, to the New Jersey Clean Communities Council. The MCMUA submitted its report to the State of New Jersey on July 29, 2022, and subsequently received confirmation for its submittal. Noteworthy achievements for the 2021-2022 program are:

- The MCMUA conducted (15) cleanups on County Roads
 - 61 participants equaling 290-man hours
 - 472 bags of litter were picked up and disposed of properly
 - 220 bags of recyclables were picked up and recycled properly
 - 75 road miles cleaned
- The MCMUA worked alongside and supported the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program (SLAP) (5) cleanups on County Roads
 - 16 participants equaling 112-man hours
 - 6 bags of litter were picked up and disposed of properly
 - 6 bags of recyclables were picked up and recycled properly
 - 10 acres of public property cleaned
- The MCMUA worked with and supported (3) cleanups at public and private schools in Morris County
 - 156 participants equaling 1170-man hours
 - 29 bags of litter were picked up and disposed of properly
 - 11 bags of recyclables were picked up and recycled properly
 - 26 acres of public property cleaned
- The MCMUA worked with and supported (3) Adopt-A-River Mini Grant Programs in Morris County
 - The organizations are the Whippany Watershed Action Committee (WRWAC), Raritan Headwaters Association, and Musconetcong Watershed Association.
 - These organizations were provided funding to host cleanup activities, water quality education, and antilitter/pollution awareness in their respective areas.
- The MCMUA worked with and sponsored (12) educational programs for schools, libraries, and environmental events on the importance of litter prevention and abatement, as well as recycling instruction.

- The MCMUA provided publicity on the various NJ Clean Communities Councils initiatives during this reporting period with an estimated reach of 490,000 individuals.
- The MCMUA worked directly with the Morris County Division of Public Health during this reporting period at least monthly and at times weekly, on many reported illegal dumping cases and followed up on them for investigation as well as created and distributed education and signage.
- Promoted the NJ Bag Ban law by distributing 1,612 insulated reusable bags to Morris County employees.
- Purchased over 4,000 reusable bags from Shop Rite and distributed them to various food pantries, temporary assistance offices, and other programs for underserved populations and special needs groups.
- Provided the New Jersey Action Council's Bag Ban flyer to vendors and businesses at various events alongside the Morris County Division of Public Health and held (5) additional educational outreach events in addition to those mentioned above on the NJ Bag Ban.
- Provided promotional materials such as reusable bags at a variety of events which are not limited to the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade, Lake Hopatcong Block Party, Morris County 4H Fair, and various municipal events.
- Hosted (1) annual Clean Communities Coordinator meeting with 57 attendees present.

Clean Communities Activities About the NJ Bag Ban

In July 2022, the Recycling Administrative Staff continues to receive questions, requests for information, and now mostly complaints of non-compliance regarding New Jersey's Ban on Plastic Carryout Bags and polystyrene foam effective May 4, 2022. Regarding the latter item, the Recycling Administrative Staff makes an active effort to work alongside the Morris County Division of Public Health as the educator, while the Division of Public Health proves to be the needed enforcer of the law when performing investigations that make their way to this office. Moreover, the Recycling Administrative Staff actively supports our municipal coordinators by distributing information, materials, and educational instruction regarding the ban, as well as providing backing out in the field.



Pictured in the Borough of Morris Plains is District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone showing support for a newly installed sign by Morris Plains Clean Communities Coordinator Ellie Falco as a reminder to bring reusable bags when shopping. |

On July 21, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff met with the administrative staff for the non-profit special education and adult services program, Spectrum360, to meet with and provide them with their donation request of reusable shopping bags for their learners. A total of 250 insulated reusable shopping bags were donated along with MCMUA recycling educational program materials. In addition to this, the Recycling Administrative Staff coordinated and arranged for The Grand Falloons to provide the adult program with an educational component and demonstration on how to take care of the bags when it fits into their curriculum schedule.

Morris County Clean Communities 2021-2022 Poster Contest

At the end of July 2022, the Recycling Administrative Staff selected 4 winners for the *Keep Morris County Litter Free*, poster contest out of the 14 posters it received from students in grades 5-12, for 2021-2022. Winners were selected and notified accordingly of the MCMUA's

selection and informed to pick up their award at the main office. The poster contest winners will also have their artwork images printed on recycling containers for use at their respective schools.



Pictured above from left to right are the four winning posters whereas the first two are from the Valleyview Middle School in Denville, the third from Central Middle School in Parsippany-Troy Hills School District, and the fourth winning poster from Brooklawn Middle School in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups

The 2022 Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued during July with the MCMUA's cleanup contractor Adopt-A-Highway LRSA for the following location:

Jefferson Township

On July 7, 2022, the area of Berkshire Valley Road in Jefferson Township was cleaned from Taylor Road to Yellow Trail. Cleanup totals are as follows:

- Bags of trash = 17
- Bags of recyclables = 13
- Large Litter = 1 (large metal table with a marble top)
- Total miles = 2.5 (5 linear)
 - Note: The amount of litter removed from Berkshire Valley Road in 2022 was half the amount removed in 2021 highlighting the importance clean communities has on preventing litter in the first place.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Dour asked for an update on the Audit Report. Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that once he received the draft of the Audit, it was mailed out to the Board for any additional questions or comments. His hopes was to have the Auditors present the Audit at tonight's meeting, but they had a conflict because they were at another Township, so they will be coming to the September meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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