

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on September 13, 2022 at 7:02 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. James Barry, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Mr. William Hudzik, Ms. Laura Szwak and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

Dr. Nusbaum entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ABSENT: Mr. Christopher Dour and Mr. Gene Feyl.

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

Present from the Public was Man Lee, Nisivoccia; and Albert .J. Capuzzi.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 9, 2022.

(Dr. Nusbaum entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2022 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of August 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. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher welcomed Man Lee from our auditors, Nisivoccia LLP, who will discuss the 2021 MCMUA Audit. She mentioned that she will be going over some of the financial highlights for 2021. On December 31, 2021, you ended up with about 70 million dollars in current assets, of that approximately 67 million dollars is in cash and cash equivalents and investments, which was approximately a seven million dollar increase from the previous year in 2020. Also, you have about approximately three million dollars in various receivables, which was only a slight increase from the previous year. About 32 million dollars in capital assets and of that about 1.8 million dollars in construction in progress. So at December 31, the biggest project that you have still in progress was the Mt. Arlington Tank Rehab Project. In terms of liabilities, approximately 8.6 million dollars in current liabilities, which consists of all your accounts payables, contracts payable, any escrow deposits that you have on hand, which is about 432,000 dollar increase from the previous year. In non-current liabilities, you have 48 million dollars. That is comprised of 40 million dollars in other post-employment benefits, 6.9 million dollars in net pension liability and about 500,00 dollars in accrued sick and vacation time. At the end of the year, you had 46 million dollars in net position, in which 32 million dollars was related to investments in capital assets, so the unrestricted net position is approximately just a little bit under 14 million dollars. Obviously that is factoring in the net pension liability and the OPEB liability. If you factor out those two liabilities, your unrestricted net position is really about 61 million dollars. In terms of your revenue and expenses, you had an increase in operating revenue of 6.7 million dollars. The biggest increase is in tipping fees and curbside recycling receipts and about a 4.5 million dollar increase in operating expenses from the previous year. Most of that 4.5 million dollar increase is in your increase in transportation and disposal cost. In terms of Recommendations, there are none, so as in previous year Larry and Larry and their Staff have always done an excellent job and they make the Audit process a very smooth process as in previous years. We thank you both for all your hard work.

Chairwoman Kominos expressed her appreciation for her presentation because it was very clear and a very nice job understanding what is going on. Mr. Gindoff expressed appreciation for her Staff working through the Audit process with us, and also for the help you give us and Larry throughout the year. It is certainly very helpful.

Mr. Druetzler asked if she will be making a presentation earlier next year, before September, and Man Lee replied that the main reason that we haven't been issuing the Audit like we use to in April is because of the State of New Jersey. They have delayed the pension report year after year. Last year we waited until December and we couldn't wait for their reports anymore, This year we made a decision earlier that we didn't want to wait until December. This is out of our control. Mr. Gindoff commented that we did wait two extra months for the State, where we could have taken the same action we did with the qualified recommendation. Mr. Kaletcher, Larry Gindoff and the Board thanked Man Lee.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion for the acceptance of the 2021 MCMUA Audit.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to accept the 2021 MCMUA Audit and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kalether explained that the next three Resolutions he is providing are 2022 budget amendments. In regards to Resolution No. 22-69, when we were budgeting for 2022, we used 440,000 tons as the basis of calculating our tipping revenue. Through August, we are forecasting approximately 473,000 tons. Resolution No. 22-69 shows the DCA that any additional contractual costs generated by the additional tonnage will be covered by additional revenues. Mr. Kalether asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-69
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. on September 13, 2022 is amending the Solid Waste Division budget to include additional revenue and appropriations due to 2022 additional disposal tonnage activity in the amount of \$3,055,600, and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2022 budget as follows:

<u>Increase Amended Revenue:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Tipping Fees (Oper. Rev.)	\$45,100,000.00	\$48,155,600.00

<u>Increase Amended Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Transport & Disposal (Transfer St. O&M)	\$25,660,800.00	\$27,993,600.00
Transfer Station Oper. (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 4,400,000.00	\$ 4,800,000.00
NJ Recycling Tax (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 1,440,000.00
Host Benefit Fees (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 2,230,800.00	\$ 2,433,600.00

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 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 Pursuant To NJAC 5:31-2.8 and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE
(Ms. Szwak seemed to be on mute and the meeting could not receive responses from Ms. Szwak when called upon.)

Mr. Kaletcher explained that the next two budget amendments are moving budget line item surpluses to line items that have or are forecasted to have line item deficits. He noted that these are net zero impacts to each of the budgets, Solid Waste and Water. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following two budget amendment resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-70
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2022 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Health Insurance (Fringe Benefits COPS)	\$1,607,640.00	\$1,567,640.00
Oper. – Salary & Wages	\$2,883,022.00	\$2,798,022.00

<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Admin. – Salary & Wages	\$ 785,739.00	\$ 870,739.00
Telephone (Misc. Admin.)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Equipment Mtce. (Misc. Admin.)	\$ 56,642.00	\$ 76,642.00
Office & Comp. Eq. (Misc. Admin.)	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 21,650.00

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to amend the 2022 Fiscal Budget For The MCMUA Pursuant To NJAC 5:31-2.8 – Solid Waste Division and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler asked about the increase in the Telephone and Mr. Kaletcher replied those line items include Optimum and Cable networking that there have been some increases in the cost. Mr. Gindoff added that we have been expanding lots of our networks to get on the County network at all our facilities.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE
(Ms. Szwak seemed to be on mute and the meeting could not receive responses from Ms. Szwak when called upon.)

RESOLUTION NO. 22-71
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE MORRIS
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
WATER DIVISION

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2022 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Salaries – Admin.	\$ 264,180.00	\$ 243,180.00
 <u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	 <u>From:</u>	 <u>To:</u>
SMCSMUA (Misc. COPS)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Telephone (Misc. COPS)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 41,000.00

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to amend the 2022 Fiscal Budget For The MCMUA Pursuant To NJAC 5:31-2.8 – Water Division and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the following two resolutions allow the MUA to utilize Co-op Pricing for specific vendors that we are planning to use. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-72
RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED ESCNJ
COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM - #65MCESCCPS CONTRACT VENDORS FOR
2022

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System “ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System”, which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, goods or services utilizing the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

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

Vendor	ESCNJ Contract #	Goods or Services	2022 Budgeted Amount
Core & Main	#65MCESCCPS ESCNJ 19/20-27	AM – Water Meter Management Services	\$3,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System 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 **September 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, September 13, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase Contracts With Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Contract Vendors For 2022 With Core and Main for Water Meter Management Services and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-73
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
Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment & Supplies	MBT – Gen-El Safety & Industrial Products	T0106/17-Fleet-00786	\$8,000.00

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **September 1, 2022** to **February 28, 2023**.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Authorize The Use Of A State Purchasing Contract For 2022 With MBT Gen-El Safety & Industrial Products for Safety Supplies and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that this is for the purchase of spill kits.

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

Mr. Kaletcher introduced Bill Resolution No. 22-74, 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.

Mr. Kaletcher advised the Board that on the bill list you will see two payments for J.P, Mascaro. One payment is in the amount of \$2,691,807.00; it was a resolution that we passed last month for retroactive payment from January 2021 through July 2022 and \$3,177,429.34 is for the August 2022 activity, which includes about \$255,000 worth of fuel surcharges.

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 22-74

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. 22-74 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$6,610,521.82** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	5997-6023	\$ 159,313.38
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	13374-13452	\$ <u>6,451,208.44</u>
		\$ 6,610,521.82

CERTIFICATION

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

DATE: September 13, 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: September 13, 2022.

DATE: September 13, 2022

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the MUA has started its budget process for 2023. He wanted the Board to know that he would be reaching out to the Budget Committee at some point and is looking at a Budget Committee Meeting either September 28 or September 29 or the following week, October 4 or October 5. He will be sending out an email to check on availability.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Item No. 1 of the correspondence, which was the letter from Steve Pudney of NJDEP regarding the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement and anticipate us discussing that under contract negotiations in the closed session at the end of the meeting. He also added that Art Nusbaum forwarded us a couple of articles on some discussions about County Concrete proposing to divert the Black River in the Roxbury area, which is north of our Alamatong Wellfield and just to put us on alert to be ready to react to this to see what sorts of impact it will have on us. Mr. Gindoff is not sure if it will. He asked Tony Milonas and Mike McAloon about that and the only real impact of the diversion of the river is to make sure that it continues to recharge our wellfield. This is what we have to be most concerned with, not the activity at County Concrete. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he is going to reach out to Roxbury to make sure that they know that we are a stakeholder in this and to keep us involved in this process so we know what is going on here.

Dr, Nusbaum mentioned that from what Frank Markewicz use to tell us is there is a lot of recharge from the surface to the sand stratus to the underground aquifer and he believes that Roxbury Township received a multi-page application from County Concrete that was sent to the DEP. So Mike McAloon might want to get a hold of that document, might want to check the geology in that area and check the quality of the excess sand and gravel that they removed and want to fill in that lake with. There are some acres that they want to convert to possible buildable property in Roxbury, so it could be a significant impact on the Alamatong depending on what the recharge is. We do want to have our experts check what is happening, look at their application and then give this a thorough review. Mr. Gindoff commented that he will obtain a copy of the application and he will assign it to Mike McAloon to give a thorough review on that. Dr. Nusbaum thanked him.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Letter dated August 10, 2022 from Steven Pudney, Bureau of Water Systems Engineering, NJDEP, to Larry Gindoff regarding Mt. Arlington's request for additional water, the NJDEP Bureau of Water System Engineering has approved the contract for sale of water in the amounts of 0.500 MGD, 15.500 MGM and 147.500 MGY.
2. NJDEP Drought Monitor dated August 28, 2022.

SOLID WASTE

3. Rate Increase Notice for Refuse Collection Fee Commencing November 2022 for the Township of Denville will be \$115.50 per quarter in accordance with a recent 5-year Contract awarded to Gaeta Recycling of Paterson, New Jersey.

RECYCLING

4. Recycling Report Supplement – August 2022.
5. Plastic Film Recycling Flyer.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) Water sales remain strong. In fact, we saw the second highest usages we have ever seen since 2012, behind of July 2020, which was a significant water emergency for Southeast. Water sales continue to remain strong even though DEP did declare a regional drought watch in all the regions within the State included in the Correspondence packet. Happy to report that all of our water supplies continue to remain within normal operating conditions.; (2) We are coordinating with Mine Hill for the necessary shutdown to repair the leak in

front of 381 Randolph Avenue. To refresh everyone’s memory, Mine Hill is claiming false readings on bills and identified that leak as being the major source. So an investigative test was performed by Emergency and On-Call Contractor John Garcia and identified the leak to be around 3-5 gallons per minute. We are working with Mine Hill to get authorization to shutdown and complete the repair.; (3) With regard to the Pole Barn, after tabling it last month, we met with the Water Committee on Wednesday, September 7, and as an outcome of the meeting, the Water Committee recommended to proceed with the award to Dutchman Contracting LLC. Mr. McAloon asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-76
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT NO. 2022-W02 TO
DUTCHMAN CONTRACTING LLC FOR “MCMUA WELL NO. 7 POLE BARN”

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2022-W02 “MCMUA Well No. 7 Pole Barn” and received three (3) responses to the bid solicitation on July 28, 2022 from the bidders listed below at the total base and supplemental bid price shown:

Dutchman Contracting LLC. Reinholds, Pennsylvania	\$323,229.00
ADP Group Inc. Paterson, New Jersey	\$589,581.52
Cypreco Industries, Inc. Neptune, New Jersey	\$689,163.00

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

1. The Authority waives all immaterial defects in the bid submitted by Dutchman Contracting LLC., if any, and awards Contract No. 2022-W02 “MCMUA Well No. 7 Pole Barn” to Dutchman Contracting LLC., having a business addresses of 278 N Ridge Rd, Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount not to exceed the base bid price of \$323,229.00.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2022-W02 “MCMUA Well No. 7 Pole Barn” with Dutchman Contracting LLC., having a business addresses of 278 N Ridge Rd, Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569, in the amount not to exceed the bid price of \$323,229.00.
3. The Contract awarded herein to Dutchman Contracting LLC., shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required documents, including but not limited to the submission and approval of the contractor’s performance bond,

insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.

4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
5. All bid security, except the security of the three apparent lowest responsible bidders shall be returned within 10 days after the opening of the bids, Sundays and Holidays excepted, and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and approval of the contractor's performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them within three days thereafter, Sundays and holidays excepted.
6. Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item: 02-6-300-800-015 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority's Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to award Contract No. 2022-W02 To Dutchman Contracting LLC For MCMUA Well No. 7 Pole Barn and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler informed the Board that we had a good discussion. Frankly, "Pole Barn" was not the right terminology for this project and that caused a little problem. We were assured by Tony that this will complete his needs for the foreseeable future. This will make his operation more efficient and able to store equipment out of the weather which is always good for the equipment. Dorothea and I feel better about this and are prepared to go for it.

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

(4) Happy to report that all the work associated with the Mt. Arlington Tank Rehabilitation Project has been closed out and accepted by the MCMUA. This includes the temporary by-pass system at Kadel Drive, as well as all the work up at the tank. Mr. McAloon asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-75
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE WORK
PERFORMED FOR CONTRACT 2021-W02,
MT. ARLINGTON TANK REHABILITATION AND
AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT AND RELEASE OF RETAINAGE**

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

WHEREAS, US Tank successfully achieved Interim Milestone Date of Tank out of Service and substantially completed the work on Monday, June 27; and

WHEREAS, MCMUA's consulting engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. ("SCE") evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punchlist items were satisfactorily completed; and

WHEREAS, US Tank successfully completed the work to the satisfaction of the Owner and Engineer, and SCE is satisfied that US Tank furnished the necessary project closeout documents including certified payroll reports, maintenance bond, and release of all liens; and

WHEREAS, reconciliation of un-used quantities, Pit Weld Repairs (If and Where Directed), Weld Plate Repairs (If and Where Directed), Structural Repairs Allowance (If and Where Directed), and Unforeseen Conditions Allowance (If and Where Directed) were not necessary to be furnished, installed, or performed by US Tank; and

WHEREAS, the Change Order No. 3 Work results in a decrease in the contract price in the amount of \$44,000.00 and no time extension of the contract time for the final completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, SCE evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 3 Work and the aforementioned decrease in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 3 which decreases the contract price in the amount of \$44,000.00 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, SCE recommends accepting the work and processing the final payment to US Tank in the amount of \$30,212.00, which includes the release of retainage; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account number 02-6-300-800-015 for the release of the aforementioned final payment to BRE

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

1. The MCMUA determines that the work performed by US Tank pursuant to Contract 2021-W02 Mt. Arlington Tank Rehabilitation has reached final completion and the completed work is accepted.
2. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment to US Tank in the amount of \$30,212.00, which includes the release of retainage.
3. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.

4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to Accept The Work Performed For Contract No. 2021-W02, Mt. Arlington Tank Rehabilitation And Authorizing Final Payment And Release Of Retainage To US Tank Painting and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler asked if we have a video? Mr. Gindoff said no but he will post a video on You-Tube and get it to everyone so they can view it at their leisure. He explained that Mike did a nice aerial of drone photo of the before and after and it is impressive.

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

(5) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement, we are going to discuss it in closed session.; and (6) With regard to Flanders Valley Wells 1 and 2 Upgrades, we are in the process of finalizing the design. The Water Committee looked at our preliminary plans and is on board with us. Advertising for bids to facilitate award at the November meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of August, MCMUA sold approximately 1,110.543 MG. It should be noted that the total amount sold during the month of August (188.540 MG) is the second highest amount sold in a single month since 2012, only behind July of 2020 (200.368 MG).
- B. In accordance with NJDEP Regional Drinking-Water-Supply Indicators & Declared Water-Supply Status, as of the August 28, 2022 updated, all regions in the state are currently in Level 3, Drought Watch. A copy of this document will be included in Correspondence. MCMUA water supply sources remain within normal operating conditions.
- C. 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. Mine Hill was not accepting of the anticipated 8-hour shutdown to complete the necessary repairs. Mine Hill is currently in the process of evaluating the cost of installing an insert valve to reduce impact on the normal system operation. Additionally, we are actively coordinating with Mine Hill on the status of their internal testing to evaluate water system performance. As part of the 381 Randolph Avenue leak investigation, SCE recommends payment to John Garcia Construction Co., the MCMUA emergency and on-call contractor for the Water Division in the amount of \$12,507.82 associated with the initial leak investigation.

2. Well No. 7 Pole Barn

During the August Board meeting, the board determined action on this project would be tabled until the September Meeting. During a Water Committee Meeting held on Wednesday September 7, 2022 this project was further discussed. Based on the outcome of this meeting, the Water Committee recommends awarding the project to ***Dutchman Contracting LLC***, whose offices are located in Reinholds, PA in the amount of \$323,229.00; 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 A – Tank Isolation

SCE recommends payment to John Garcia Construction Co., in the amount of \$3,837.77 for the cost associated with removal of the Kadel Drive temporary by-pass system upon successful completion of the tank rehabilitation project.

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, including reconciliation of un-used line items via final project Change Order, and release of retainage payment application. SCE is prepared to present the final project resolution including release of retainage payment, in the amount of \$30,212.00 pending receipt of all closeout documents.

Project Completion Summary Through September 13, 2022

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 September 13, 2022

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	100%
Payment Application #1	\$183,848.00
Payment Application #2	\$358,288.00
Payment Application #3	\$652,288.00
Payment Application #4	\$285,964.00
Pending Payment Application #5	\$30,212.00
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

4. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

NJDEP approved the revised contractual amounts to the Mt. Arlington / MCMUA Water Supply Contract on Thursday August 11, 2022. A Water Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday September 7, 2022 to discuss the next steps in further detail. SCE is prepared to discuss the outcome of that meeting during Closed Session, if necessary. 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. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

SCE has presented the plans and current Engineers Cost Estimate for the proposed work to the Water Committee at the Wednesday September 7, 2022 Water Committee Meeting. SCE is prepared to discuss the scope of the improvements and current Engineers Cost Estimate to the Board for consideration to authorize advertising for bids to facilitate anticipated award at the November Board Meeting.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) Details on the fuel adjustment are mentioned in the report.; (2) Pit Scale No. 2 at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station was lifted and cleaned this past Saturday the 10th. Atlantic Scale found seven damaged load cells and a total of 10 cables that needed to be replaced. With that moving along with the scales, there is a resolution for the side rails for the scales, inbound and outbound at both stations, and asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-77
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
ATLANTIC SCALE COMPANY, INC.**

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to acquire a vendor for Side Rails at the MCMUA Transfer Stations 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, Atlantic Scale Company, Inc., having a business address of 136 Washington Ave. Nutley, NJ 07110 submitted the attached proposal for the side rails in the amount of:

\$28,100.00

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

WHEREAS, as a determination has been made as follows:

1. The known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed \$17,500.00;
2. The required Business Entity Disclosure Certification form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
3. The required Political Contribution Disclosure form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
4. The contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

5. In lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is as set forth in this resolution per N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4 (a) 3.

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

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

Vendor Name: Atlantic Scale Company, Inc.

Account Number: 01-5-900-958-151

Estimated Cost of Services: \$28,100.00 (not to exceed)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to Approve A Vendor Service Contract On A ‘Non-Fair And Open’ Basis Pursuant To The Pay-To-Play’ Law to Atlantic Scale Company, Inc. and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler asked if we got the wrong type of scale and Mr. Deacon replied no, this is just an add-on for bumper guards to keep the trucks on the scale. These bumper guards will be installed in-house to save on costs.

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

(3) Still working with the County IT Department on the install of the County network and phones at our Parsippany Transfer Station. Connectek will hopefully be out to finish their wiring this Friday, the 16th. ; (4) We met Colin of Alaimo today at the Parsippany Transfer Station on Phase II of the Emergency Evacuation Plan and things are moving forward very nicely, thanks to Colin.; (5) We will be receiving this week the second quarterly report for both stations and a

report on the wall down at Parsippany from Piotr of Alaimo in the next few days. Thank you Piotr.; (6) There is an HHW Event on Saturday, the 24th.; (7) Keith, our Vegetative Waste Manager, estimates that we have screened about 3200 to 3600 yards of material so far down at Parsippany. He still has seven of the 14 rows left on site that he would like to screen and the idea is to keep the screener on site to screen all of Parsippany while we have the rental equipment. Also with vegetative waste, stone deliveries started coming to Parsippany compost, so that our team can start re-grading the site in preparation for leaf season.

With regard to County IT helping the MUA, Commissioner-liaison Tayfun Selen mentioned that if you need any help, please let me know. Mr. Deacon advised him that John Spirou has been assisting the MUA down at Parsippany with getting the County network and phone system down there. A few months ago, we completed our Mt. Olive station, so they have been a huge help. Thank you.

Mr. Lemanowicz reported that we are wrapping up the quarterly report, as well as the report on the wall in Parsippany. Looking at the wall, we found some more structural issues and Piotr's report will explain that in detail. The other item we are working on is the permit renewal for Parsippany and that will include the Noise Report and the APC Report. With respect to the Mt. Olive Floor Rehabilitation, there was some issues with the trench drains. We want to make them a little stronger. Couple ideas went back and forth and we settled on something and found the parts that had an excessive lead time, so we revised that and the shop drawings are in progress now. He reported that he was reminded that there was an issue with the Contract and that never got resolved and will look into that to get that straightened out.

Mr. Druetzler expressed his concerns about the wall in Parsippany. If someone didn't run into it, we wouldn't be talking about it. It looks like we are making a major problem out of a simple wall. He also expressed concern with Tom Capetti asking the MUA for copies of permit documents that Alaimo should have, as they have done this work from Day-1. He asked Tom Lemanowicz to look into both matters and Mr. Lemanowicz replied he would.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Association of Environmental Authorities- Environmental Professional Development Academy (AEA-EPDA) cohorts Justin Doyle, Michael Nunn, Brett Snyder, and James E. Deacon hosted a Track #2- Operations course at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station on Wednesday, August 31. The course included about 20 EPDA students, the AEA Course leads, and MCMUA Executive Director Larry Gindoff, who is also a graduate of the EPD Academy. MCMUA Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal was also present and will be attending the Academy starting with the Operations- Track #2. Transfer Station Managers Justin Doyle and Brett Snyder gave a detailed description of both MCMUA transfer stations, and how we operate. The tour continued with MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams giving a detailed overview at our permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility. The EPDA then got into two (2) vans and were transported to our Camp Pulaski/ Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility. MCMUA Adams again explained the operations and fielded different questions and answers. The EPDA ended in the Suburban Consulting Engineering conference room within their main office building on Route 206 North in Flanders. Cohorts were walked through a timeline of events related to the solid waste emergency/ Hurricane Ida in 2021. This was followed by a detailed breakdown of the MCMUA's Water Division and related water system by Suburban PE, Project Manager Michael Mcaloon. The MCMUA Operations staff received positive feedback from the group and the AEA Course leads and will more than likely be asked to host Track #2- Operations courses in the future.

Approved during the June 7 Board meeting, the MCMUA Vision and Mission Statements have now been printed, framed, and posted throughout all of the MCMUA's facilities and common areas. The MCMUA employees remain proud of their vision and mission, and it becomes important that new employees and/or visitors to our facilities understand its meaning, providing a full explanation of the MCMUA's purpose and our overall intention.

TRANSFER STATIONS

MCMUA Executive Director Larry Gindoff and Counsel Brad Carney and Diane Alexander had worked with J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) President Mr. Pasquale Mascaro, Sr. and JPM Counsel Mr. Bill Fox on Change Order No. 1 that amends the contract to address the impact of rising (diesel) fuel costs. Resolution #22-68, adopted at the August 9 meeting, authorized Change Order No. 1 for fuel adjustment surcharges to the August 5, 2020 Contract. The associated retroactive fuel adjustment check in the amount of \$2,691,807.00 will be included within the schedule of warrants for payment at the September 13 Board meeting. The schedule of warrants will also reflect a standard J.P. Mascaro and Sons check for the transfer station contract in the amount of \$3,177,429.34 for August activity. Of that total amount, \$254,990.25 pertains to the August 2022 on-going fuel charge adjustment. It should be noted that the price of diesel fuel has gone down, with July 2022 being \$5.80 per gallon vs. \$5.33 per gallon in August.

Tonnage- The 42,761 tons accepted at the two (2) transfer stations for disposal in August 2022 was 2.03% more than the 41,912 tons accepted a year ago in August 2021. Based on the first eight (8) months of 2022 disposal tonnage, it is being projected that the transfer stations will handle 473,335 tons for all of 2022. The continuation of unprecedented amounts of construction and demolition (Type 13C) debris contribute significantly to these elevated waste generation patterns. To put in perspective, the 37% of waste comprised of construction and demolition materials generated last month is much higher than it was ten (10) years ago when we only generated about 21% construction debris as part of our mix. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

August Comparison Statistics:

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 15,208- 128 less than 2021

Total Customers- 4,214- 341 more than 2021

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 952- 33 more than 2021

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- 27,551- 977 more than 2021

Total Customers- 6,344- 606 more than 2021

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 395- same than 2021

Transfer Station Site Improvements- On Wednesday, August 24, Advance Scale was onsite afterhours at the Mount Olive transfer facility. The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a scheduled cleaning and physical inspection of pit scale #1. Upon completion of work, all load cells and cables were found to be in good operating order. The scale decks were found to be in good condition with noted normal wear and tear. Subsequently, Atlantic Scale was onsite on Friday, August 26 to rectify issues found with some load cells and cables after the cleaning was completed. Pit scale #2 is now scheduled by Mascaro for similar work on Saturday, September 10 after operating hours.

The MCMUA has had a few incidents concerning the new steel truck scales, especially at the Parsippany facility. Trucks drive off the scale and need to be lifted back on, causing delays in operations. With this, the MCMUA is looking to purchase 7560SD side rails, composed of four (4) modules, for both stations, inbound and outbound. These rails will be installed in-house to reduce costs. A resolution will be presented to the Board at the September 13 meeting for consideration, utilizing the non-fair and open basis pursuant to the pay-to-play law for the approximately \$28,000 purchase of this equipment.

Morris County IT and their subcontractor Connectek, LLC completed the transfer of the main phone line (port) at the Mount Olive station back in June 2022. Similar work started down at our Parsippany location on Tuesday, August 30. Two (2) quad Cat 6 cables and two (2) dual Cat 6 cables were installed in the front office (Weigh Master area) of the scale house. Two (2) additional dual Cat 6 cables were installed in the middle office, two (2) in the back office, and one (1) dual for AP for the Transfer Station Manager. Pending work is needed for completion in the main transfer building office area which includes installing three (3) dual Cat 6 cables and

one (1) dual for AP in main area, and a Cat 6 -24 Port patch panel in both the scale house and main building. The MCMUA staff continues to work with County IT on the installation of County phones and the County network for the Parsippany transfer facility.

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. These discussions are still on-going but hopeful a resolution to the matter may be worked out in the coming months potentially resulting on a Change Order No. 2 to the Mascaro contract.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- The MCMUA staff continues to work closely with Alaimo Associate Mr. Thomas Cappetti, Jr. on the NJDEP Permit renewal for the MCMUA Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. Mr. Cappetti requested and was provided information like the current NJDEP stormwater and air Permits, the Parsippany Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual, a list of the current approved disposal landfills, along with daily/weekly/monthly tonnage numbers related to the station. A hard copy of the last Permit submission has also been provided to Alaimo to assist with the process. As a reminder for the Board, this NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit will expire on October 17, 2022.

The public water/sewer connection assessment for the Mount Olive transfer station is also an ongoing project between the MCMUA staff and Alaimo Senior Project Engineer Mr. Jim Hampson. Being that this possible improvement project becomes a large investment, staff continues to investigate costs in anticipation for the 2023 internal budget meetings. MCMUA staff also continues to communicate with Aquino Plumbing and Heating, LLC on the water line repairs mentioned at previous Board meetings. When all the supplies needed are received, the MCMUA will rent equipment and have staff excavate the trench for the install of the 2” HDPE water supply line and “T” with a curb valve to assist in reducing overall costs.

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: Persistent Construction has been communicating with Alaimo Engineering about the extended lead times concerning the trench drain supplies. The current lead time for the 12” grates are many months out, putting the project on hold well into the winter months. This becomes a concern with the related concrete work and the curing of the EUCO-Top. As an alternative, Persistent offered Alaimo and the MCMUA the “US Foundry 6455 Heavy Duty Slotted Cast Iron 15” x 24” Grate”, which is in stock and more available. This would bring the width of the proposed trench grates from 12” to 15”, which is technically the same heavy duty load rating and both according to the manufacturer, classified to “transfer highway traffic load, exceeding AASHTO H-20/HS-20 specification.” However, the proposed grate submittal increases the grate section weight to 82 lbs. each. According to contract drawings, the original trench drain width was 10”. Increasing grate to 15” width will increase the weight accordingly. The MCMUA must remember that every day Mascaro employees lift several grate sections in order to clean and washout the trench drains. The proposed weight was recently approved by both MCMUA Operations Manager Bobby Ross and J.P. Mascaro and Sons’ General Manager Brian Rosar, finding that the North tipping floor at our Parsippany station currently has similar grate sections. In addition, Persistent ensures that increasing the width of the drain will not involve any additional cost for the MCMUA. Alaimo Engineering continues to review Persistent’s submitted shop drawings in a timely fashion. Further updates will be provided to the Board at the September 13 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz.

Alaimo Engineering Structural Professional Mr. Piotr Grodek has completed the second “Quarterly Report on Transfer Station Conditions” for both stations while also performing a comprehensive review of the large block wall near the North tipping floor that separates the

facility from Route 280 West and New Road. A 25' section of this damaged wall had been saw cut and removed by the MCMUA Operations staff on Tuesday, August 9 before Alaimo's site visit to Parsippany on August 10. The MCMUA is now awaiting Mr. Grodek's official report and findings for both the wall and the quarterly report(s) to take necessary actions. The MCMUA staff will continue to work with J.P. Mascaro and Sons on the needed repairs that fall under their responsibility per the contract.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Jefferson Recycling, LLC- Potential Plan Modification- Mr. George D. Cascino of Cascino Engineer, representing Jefferson Recycling, LLC. located at 710 Route 15 North in Jefferson requesting a Plan modification through Administrative Action (AA) to process/shred both the tires and tree parts they currently receive and to include untreated lumber their permitted capacity of 700 TPD (tons per day). The MCMUA is still awaiting a reply from Jefferson Township from the letter dated July 27 requesting that a formal resolution to be adopted with reference to the changes within three (3) months of receipt of the letter. 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 final approval.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

2022 Annual HHW Training Events- Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder attended 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. MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams continues to work on materials for an "in-house" annual training, which will cater more to our operations during the one-day events and running the permanent HHW facility.

Program Participation- In August of 2022, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 306 serviced appointments, which included 270 Morris County residents, 7 VSQG/small businesses, and 29 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2022 totals now equal 1,738 serviced appointments, 1,537 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 36 VSQG's/small businesses, and 165 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. The MCPSTA September 24th event has been published early and often by the MCMUA and the County of Morris due to low attendance at both of the 2022 spring events.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

During the week of August 15, the MCMUA utilized its shared services agreement with Parsippany Parks and Forestry to share a rental of a McCloskey 621 trommel compost screener. The trommel screener was deployed to the Mount Olive Compost facility and over the course of three (3) full working days was able to screen all the finished material that the MCMUA will need for next year's residential deliveries. The total amount of generated screened compost from this project was estimated to be about 2,700 cubic yards (CY).

The Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility has seen a decrease in inbound lake weed from Lake Hopatcong during August 2022. Their harvesting program has been drying weeds in Jefferson Township and then bringing them to the MCMUA once they have had some time to dry out. The Lake Hopatcong Commission are working with the Jefferson Township DPW to turn the weeds and to load them into their dump trucks once they are dry. The Lake Hopatcong Commission are dependent on their availability to volunteer assistance to the harvesting program. This also explains why the MCMUA tends to receive these materials all at once. With that said, the Lake Hopatcong Commission does not have any weeds stockpiled or drying right currently, and don't expect additional loads to be disposed at the MCMUA facility until mid-September.

MCMUA staff continues to move forward with the creation of an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual for our Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility. Staff met on Wednesday, August 10 to continue the process in generating a viable working document. When completed, staff can use the O&M Manual from Mount Olive and edit for our Parsippany facility. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the September 13 meeting.

Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing- Naturcycle has secured the rental of a McCloskey 621 trommel screener with a ½” screen directly from Commonwealth Equipment. This is the same machine that was rented by Parsippany Parks and Forestry and was just used at the Mount Olive facility, mentioned above. The rental will cost \$15,000 for one (1) month, \$10,000 to be paid by Naturcycle and \$5,000 to be paid by the MCMUA. The machine will be delivered to the Parsippany site following the Labor Day holiday on Tuesday, September 6, and will start right away pending weather. MCMUA staff will screen all the available material at the Parsippany facility and rescreen as needed. This should take approximately two (2) weeks. Once complete, Naturcycle will arrange for transport of this screener to the Mount Olive facility and will cover the cost of the transport. MCMUA staff will then screen all available remaining material at the facility and rescreen as needed. When complete, staff will clean the machine in preparation for pickup by Commonwealth Equipment. The disposal costs for the overs/tailings generated will be split 50/50 between Naturcycle and MCMUA. This includes any material mutually agreed to be waste, which will then be taken and disposed of at the Mount Olive transfer station. The MCMUA will provide the diesel fuel for the machine during the entire rental period. The MCMUA does not anticipate a need for overtime hours as some screening has already taken place. Again, this assumption is based on weather. This scheduled screening event at both MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities becomes important with the anticipation of leaf season starting early this year. Due to the dry summer conditions Morris County has experienced, leaves have begun to turn and fall compared to last year, where due to the wet and warm fall season, both of the MCMUA facilities were taking in leaves well into January of 2022.

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. Pick-ups began in August.
- 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.

Naturcycle has begun to market our finished product more aggressively now that we are approaching leaf season and need to empty out both facilities so that the MCMUA Vegetative Waste staff can make the necessary preparations. Naturcycle has negotiated a sale with Kirk Allen Trucking for the remaining screened compost from last year at the Parsippany facility (approximately 700 CY), and for several hundred cubic yards more from our Mount Olive facility. Again, this is critical as we expect the leaves to fall early this year due to on-going drought conditions in New Jersey. It is essential that the MCMUA continue to be able to accommodate our Morris County Municipalities and landscaping customers with all their vegetative waste disposal needs.

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 August 2022 was calculated to be -\$44.85/ton on 1,302.41 tons delivered this month. This is up 121.33 from the 1,181.08 tons delivered last month. The August 2022 charge to the MUA is a negative \$58,418.54. This is a

decrease of \$28.52 per ton from the July rate of a negative \$16.31 per ton bringing numbers further into the red from last month's bill of \$19,267.21 from Republic Services.

So, what exactly is happening with the recycled content markets, and why is the MUA seeing such hefty pricing for single stream recycling this month? In short, the economic crisis is continuing to play a role in market pricing, with inflation having slowed the push for materials made from recycled content. The result is plummeting commodities pricing for cardboard, mixed paper, plastics, and even Aluminum, with the only commodity remaining at steady pricing from last month being steel. Regarding plastics, unstable pricing depressed markets as companies who use recycled content cut back on buying in anticipation of a decline in sales with a weakened economy and an excess of material lowering prices. As for fiber market pricing, uncertainty regarding the economy, weakened export markets and higher than average inventories of recycled content resulting from retail markets holding onto unsold inventories have lowered prices as well. While it is expected that recycled materials pricing will likely remain lax for the remainder of this year, it should improve at the beginning of next year.

(2) Regarding Special Projects for the Recycling Division:

Food Waste Recycling Pilot with Partner Municipalities and the County College of Morris:

- During August, the Recycling Administrative Staff continued work on the logistics and details surrounding food waste recycling opportunities for Morris County.
- During this time, four companies were contacted which were willing to provide services to municipalities in different parts of the County through a mix of municipal recycling depot drop-off locations and residential curbside pickups, with its residential participants dealing directly with the companies involved.
- These companies were Java's Compost, Green Bucket Compost, the Neighborhood Compost Company, and the Community Compost Company.
- Proposals, pricing, and options were subsequently provided to five interested municipalities, which included the Town of Morristown, the Township of Roxbury, the Township of Morris, the Borough of Morris Plains, and the Township of Long Hill.
- In addition to these services, the MCMUA began work with the County College of Morris to provide food waste recycling services and a dedicated food waste reduction and recycling education class for its Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts program classes so that the students can bring this education to their place of employment beyond their schooling.
- If approved, the MCMUA intends to support establishing both initiatives through an MCMUA-sponsored mini-grant program for their first year.
- A total of (2) municipalities will be awarded a 2023 grant, after the submittal and review of an application, for the total costs necessary for 15 residents, which is the number needed to establish these services at a participating depot.
- As for the County College option, the total cost of collection services will be reimbursed for one year upon an established written agreement for the same year.

(3) Two Public Outreach Events Were Attended By the Recycling Administration:

On August 13, Recycling Administrative Staff attended the Morris Plains Farmer's Market alongside the Morris Plains Clean Communities Coordinator Ellie Falco.

- The MCMUA set up a table and distributed recycling information to residents regarding the Morris County Curbside Recycling Program and featured its new drop and win game. The game attracted many residents to the table to play the game and answer a solid waste or water question to win a prize with MCMUAs Board Member Frank Druetzler present at the event and assisting in directing residents to our table to participate.
- It should be noted that at the time of the event, division staff was asked several questions regarding food waste recycling and possible services provided by the Borough's residents.
- As a result, the Municipal Recycling Coordinator was subsequently provided information and quotations the MCMUA received from its solicitation attempts regarding food waste at municipal depots and curbside collection services to assist in this avenue.

Secondly, this past weekend on September 10, 2022, the MCMUA was present at the Borough of Netcong Farmers Market for its Touch-A-Truck event.

- With the curbside recycling shared services agreement up at the end of this year and the Borough going out to bid for these services instead of just renewing, the Division sought to make its presence known along with the benefits we provide which are not typically available with other bidders.
- As such, the MCMUA set up an information table and brought its newly upgraded Clean Communities Chevy Colorado, and it's For Mini-Packer to the event.
- Drove of young and potential future MUA employees were given the chance to interact with the MUA onsite, ask questions, see how the truck works, sit in the cab, and wear an MUA logoed hard hat and safety vest while throwing recyclables in the back of the truck. At the same time, their parents photographed and videoed the whole event and posted it on social media.
- The event was a huge hit not just with the participants of the market but with the Borough and our staff as well going a long way to show the Borough that they are more than just a contract.

(4) With regard to Clean Communities, today NJ.com and the Start Ledger ran an article on the impact of the NJ Bag ban and the possibility of bringing back paper bags for at home deliveries due to the unintended consequences of reusable bags.

- While a bill is being formulated to do this not much else is known at this time other than it is being weighted.
- Tomorrow the NJDEP has a stakeholder meeting on enforcement of and the impacts of the plastic bag ban which it is anticipated that this will be brought up.
- More in this development will be provided at next month's meeting to the Board.

(5) Lastly, I would like to bring to the attention of the Board one follow-up item from the August Recycling Report and further mentioned in the correspondence section of the packet:

- During August, MCMUA Board Member Nusbaum and I continued our discussions on plastic film recycling services and work towards ensuring the availability of this service in Morris County.
- As a result of our collaboration, the MCMUA completed its work on a double-sided plastic film handout which outlines the recycling process, acceptable and unacceptable items with photographs, and a list of locations that accept plastic film for recycling in Morris County.
- The new plastic film recycling flyer, along with the TREX Plastic Film Recycling Challenge and commercial recycling partnerships flyers, were subsequently forwarded to all municipal coordinators in Morris County and have will be circulated with our other public outreach materials.
- Correspondingly, the MCMUA spot-checked several of the locations which were listed and found bins to still be in operation; however, a number of those bins possessed contamination from nonacceptable items.
- To remedy this, the MCMUA will print a large quantity of the newly created infographic flyers for onsite education on what can and cannot be placed in these bins for recycling for use and distribution by our municipal coordinators.
- This comes at a crucial time as the current regional average price for plastic films has also seen notable price drops in value as well, and contamination in this stream of non-mandated recyclables may sway some locations to cancel to program altogether.
 - Such an example was seen with the ShopRite of Succasunna.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-78
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE BETWEEN
THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) desires to assist the County of Morris (County) in reducing the amount of waste it generates, increase recycling and reduce costs for waste collection and disposal by providing the County with those collection and disposal services; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into this agreement to provide for the collection and disposal of waste.

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement, as attached, with the County.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. This resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 13, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Authorize The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Collection And Disposal Of Waste Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and The County Of Morris and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE
(Messrs. Barry and Hudzik seemed to be on mute and the meeting could not receive responses from them when called upon.)

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

The finalized per ton rate for single-stream during August 2022 was calculated at a negative -\$44.85 per ton. This is a decrease of \$28.52 per ton from the July rate of a negative -\$16.33 per ton. With numbers diving farther into the red, the month of August saw all product categories of recovered content fall in value. In addition, plastics and metals pricing continued sharply declining towards pricing not seen since the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic in March of 2020. The total charge for residential single-stream recycling for August 2022 is \$58,418.54 on 1,302.41 tons of recyclables.

Concerning plastics (PET and HDPE), pricing typically increases in the spring and then tapers off at the end of summer. This is partly due to beverage companies placing their raw material orders for bottles at that time. Nevertheless, unstable pricing depressed plastics markets as companies who use recycled content to make other products cut back on their buying as they anticipated a sales decline in a weakened economy. This resulted in a glut of material as warehouses began to fill, reaching their capacity and lowering prices.

As for sorted residential containers (SRC) and old corrugated containers (OCC), pricing also saw significant decreases this month. Unlike previous months, where overall pricing could rely on recovered fiber to hold numbers relatively steady, uncertainty regarding the state of the economy is explained in current pricing this month. Export markets are not as strong as they were, and domestic mills are now holding higher than average inventories of recycled content, unable to be repurposed into new materials as retail outlets are holding onto unsold inventories.

Lastly, inflation has also slowed the push for materials made from recycled content, as last year's pricing highs are half of what they were per pound presently. While recycled materials pricing will likely remain lax for the remainder of this year, it is expected that they will improve at the beginning of next year.

Resolution for Approval

County of Morris:

On August 19, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff forwarded the County of Morris' waste shared services agreement to Morris County Council for review and signature by the County Commissioners. The current agreement ends on December 31, 2022. The new contract is for five years, starting on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2027. The cost for 2023 is \$77,966.76, plus 2% increases each year until the end of the contract. The agreement is on the agenda for the upcoming County Commissioners' meeting, and the Agreement and Resolution are provided for consideration by the MUA Board.

Revised Shared Service Agreement Request

Borough of Netcong:

During August, the MCMUA worked on a curbside recycling proposal for a two-year or five-year option with lump sum pricing. The 5-year agreement includes a discounted price. The Borough's two-year shared service agreement ends on 12/31/2022, and the municipality will bid for solid waste, recycling, and vegetative waste collection, all as different bidding options. The Staff will present the proposal on September 20, 2022, and the bid opening is scheduled for September 21, 2022.

Chatham Township:

On September 02, 2022, at the request of the Township, Recycling Administrative Staff forwarded a proposal for weekly collection of recyclables to Chatham Township. If approved, the agreement would be effective January 2023, and the MCMUA would provide curbside single-stream collection every Friday instead of its current every other week service. The additional cost for this weekly service would be \$45,000.00 over the current \$189,720 annual cost for every other week's service. Both scenarios include the marketing of recyclables.

Recycling Correspondence

In August 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and MCMUA Board Member Dr. Arthur Nusbaum discussed on several occasions the new NJ Bag Ban Law and its effect on plastic film recycling services in Morris County. Stores that previously provided plastic bags with purchases are now eliminating these recycling outlets from their facilities despite the monetary benefit obtained for doing so with dedicated end markets. In addition, contamination within the recycling stream for these services also affects the availability of these outlets, which remain. The MCMUA created a new plastic film packaging recycling flyer to provide public education and outreach on the matter. It was emailed to all municipal coordinators in Morris County and is included as correspondence with this month's Board Report. Correspondingly, the MCMUA spot-checked several of the locations listed and found bins in the following areas:

- Kohls in Roxbury Township – Bin located at the back customer service desk.
- Home Depot in Roxbury Township – Bin located at the contractor's service desk.
- Walmart in Roxbury Township – Bin located in the front alcove.
- Home Depot in Dover Town - Bin located at the contractor's service desk.
- Target Store in Rockaway Township - Bin located at the customer service desk.



Pictured left to right is the recycling setup at Target Store in Rockaway Township and the Home Depot Store in Dover Town.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' education programs, inspections, and customer service support efforts during August 2022. In addition, this month's correspondence provides details regarding these activities as a separate report.

Recycling and Clean Communities Public Outreach and Education

- Township of Washington – Library Staff Education and Clean Communities Public Outreach Presentation.
- Township of Rockaway – MCMUA Meets with Township Representatives to Improve Recycling Rates, Services, and Support Education Efforts.
- Township of Hanover – Residential Recycling Assistance.
- Borough of Morris Plains – MCMUA at the Morris Plains Farmers Market.
- Town of Dover High School – MCMUA Recycling Educational Efforts Result in a New Recycling Program for the School District.
- Township of Chatham – MCMUA Works with Municipal Representatives and the Township Environmental Commission to Provide Recycling Education.
- Township of Roxbury – MCMUA Works with the Township MRC to Provide Recycling Education and Depot Improvements.
- MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Synergies.

Recycling Inspections

- Township of Hanover – Compliant-Based Recycling Compliance Inspection at Office Complex.
- Borough of Chatham – Curbside Recycling Violation Inspection and Education.
- Township of Mine Hill – Canfield School Recycling Dumpsters Inspection and Education.

Customer Service/Curbside and Joint MUA Operations Support

- Town of Morristown - MCMUA works with MRC to Further Recycling Education Efforts
- 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

In August 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone worked with Human Resources Officer Fredrick Wilson and continued work on the previously reported issue of finding, training, and retaining curbside Recycling Division employees. Currently, the Morris

County Department of Employee Resources is still in the process of putting together a plan for future action. It is working directly with the Council 6 Union. In the meantime, Employee Resources inquired if the MCMUA has funding available, outside of the grant for primary education, for CDL training and would be willing to send individuals to class for this purpose. The MCMUA will afford two eligible employees for movement into the program. Wilson will follow up directly with the County to get further onboarding information for those employees into the program. Marrone and Wilson researched other opportunities, and the addition of a possible apprenticeship title for CDL drivers would also be warranted for newly hired employees to obtain their licensure within 30 days of employment. The MCMUA would cover the cost of training and provide time for staff to do so. The County will have to write to NJ Civil Service Commission for approval of such a title usage and provide an education agreement with the applicant for employee retention after schooling.

Municipal Food Waste Recycling Pilot Project

In August 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff continued work on the logistics and details surrounding food waste recycling opportunities for Morris County. During this time, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone spoke with four companies willing to provide services to municipalities in different parts of the County through a mix of municipal recycling depot drop-off locations and residential curbside pickups. Both options would be subscription-based, and those participating would deal directly with the companies involved, eliminating the need for the municipality to onboard, train, and manage contacts. In addition, all would be willing to provide tonnage reports to the municipality they work in and a variety of other customer benefits such as compost drop-off, onsite education services, and customer information and billing portals. These companies were Java's Compost, Green Bucket Compost, the Neighborhood Compost Company, and the Community Compost Company. Proposals, pricing, and options were subsequently provided to interested municipalities, which included the Town of Morristown, the Township of Roxbury, the Township of Morris, the Borough of Morris Plains, and the Township of Long Hill.

In addition to the above, the MCMUA started work with the County College of Morris to provide food waste recycling services for its Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts program classes. In essence, the program will allow students in various cooking programs to recycle their cuttings, peels, cores, and other food waste that would have originally been landfilled. The MCMUA and the College will also work together on a class to teach students various food waste reduction strategies. These include how to reduce wasted food through better planning, the storing of food for longer preservation and optimal quality, proper date labeling procedures following a first-in, first-out rotation procedure, the NJ Food Waste Recycling and Food Waste-to-Energy Production Law, how to measure food waste in the kitchen, and finally information on food waste composting options with onsite practice. As a note, this will not include the campus cafeteria areas where the public drops off food from eating meals to have a controlled and clean stream with proper training on food waste recycling. The MCMUA will also incorporate the importance of recycling according to the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan in the kitchen into these class curriculums once established so that the students can bring this education to their place of employment beyond their schooling.

The MCMUA will be funding this initiative out of this year's REA Grant and will include 5-gallon buckets to put the generated kitchen waste in from the cooking classes and 64-gallon recycling containers placed in the dumpster area directly outside of the building back door to put bulk materials in for collection. Taking this a step further, the Hospitality Management Department meet with the County College of Morris Landscape and Horticultural Technology (LHT) department to discover if the compost created in the food waste recycling process can then be used to grow vegetables, herbs, and other harvests in their meals made in class. This will set up a farm-to-table project for their students and provide circularity to the entire program.

Recycle Coach Meeting, Education, and Updates

On August 18, 2022, the Recycling Administrative Staff met with the NJ Recycle Coach Customer Success Manager for education on the new administrative portal for the application and grant funding opportunities. Staff learned how to utilize recently added features in the free program, become updated on the revised alerts feature that we use for recycling collection

notices for curbside collections, and become informed on the program's future initiatives. The updated portal also has the feature where a resident can take a photo of an item where it explains what it is and if it can be recycled in the resident's municipal program or not, tutorials on different recycling initiatives with photos, and how residents answer questions about recycling broken up by the municipality. The MCMUA also inquired about creating a one-page information sheet explaining the program, its use, features, and how to download it. This sheet is currently under development. Recycle Coach will also provide a short tutorial on these new features, and the sheet will be provided to all municipalities on October 26, 2022, Morris County Municipal Recycling Coordinator Meeting.

MCMUA Sponsored Internship with the Morris County School of Technology

In August 2022, The MCMUA's new intern from the Morris County School of Technology's Environmental Academy, Olivia Pasquariello, began her internship this month. Ms. Pasquariello is a senior in high school and will complete her senior year at the County College of Morris this year. On her first day, the Recycling Administrative Staff reviewed her Work Based Learning Plan (WBL), which lists her core strengths and what the intern seeks to gain from the internship experience. Possessing an interest in sustainable fashion, the MCMUA assisted her with educational information on recycling, the environment, and how recycling affects people through this specific interest in textiles. Furthering this, Ms. Pasquariello began work on designing fashions from previously used fabrics and is also creating new items from other recyclable materials, such as the upcycled T-Shirt bag pictured below, which will divert textiles otherwise destined for the landfill; Ms. Pasquariello is also working on promoting second-hand clothing and educating people about the harm of fast fashion to the environment. In doing so, Ms. Pasquariello has already compiled information on several companies that will not only pay for suitable clothing and shoes but also ensure that textiles in poor condition are recycled for other uses to ensure that all materials make their way to a recycling end market after collection. More importantly, these companies will work with their host agency to ensure a recycling tonnage report is provided to the municipality for NJDEP reportage. This information will be provided to all Morris County Municipal Recycling Coordinators, and Ms. Pasquariello will work to ensure each depot possesses a clothing bin for this purpose. An educational flyer will also be created on how and where to recycle old clothing in Morris County and why it is essential. Some areas for focus will be on nontraditional means other than donating, such as outlets for resale, clothing swaps, repurposing/upcycling, and even composting for natural fibers.



Pictured is the MCMUA Intern Olivia Pasquariello with District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone holding an upcycled T-Shirt bag made by Pasquariello.

MCMUA and Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Education and Joint Efforts

On August 16, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff attended and took minutes for the ANJR Board meeting. At this meeting, the association discussed the downturn in recycling markets, expectations for the future, and possible solutions.

On August 17, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff attended an ANJR Planning Committee meeting to discuss the upcoming symposium and a list of speakers. Several speakers have been solidified, and topics range from food waste recycling initiatives to information retransition from private back to public collections for recyclables. One suggestion from the MUA under consideration was to invite a representative from the TREX Company to discuss plastic film recycling for commercial accounts.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

New Jersey Clean Communities County Coordinators Meeting

On August 24, 2022, District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham attended the NJ Clean Communities County Coordinators Meeting at the Barnegat Bay Eco Center in Toms River, NJ. At the time of the event, the speakers discussed the following:

- The importance of providing opportunities for Clean Communities Coordinators (CCC) to obtain CCC recertification credits.
- Safety classes for coordinators to attend regarding volunteers participating in cleanup events. Following this, Birmingham researched possible vendors for this service, and the Council will investigate contracting with the same professional utilized by the Rutgers Recycling Certification class.
- The NJDEP is hosting a webinar on the progress of the NJ Bag Ban Law and best practices for those agencies educating and enforcing the Ban.
- Stormwater run-off, which causes recreational waterfront area closings. Projects with examples in the realm of green infrastructure, stormwater run-off prevention measures, and the fixing of sewerage pipes were discussed.

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups

The 2022 Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program was paused during August with the MCMUA's cleanup contractor Adopt-A-Highway LRSA to conserve program funding. Cleanups will resume in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Druetzler congratulated Larry Kaletcher on the Audit. He gave him credit for having No Recommendations the last several years.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Gindoff informed the Board that Gene Feyl has resigned from volunteering for the County of Morris and the MUA due to medical issues. He commended Gene for the time he served at the MUA and his work on the Open Space Plan and serving as the MUA Representative on the Morris County Open Space Committee. As a result of this, he mentioned that he was asked by the County of Morris to fill Gene Feyl's position on the County Open Space Committee. He asked for a Motion to appoint him as the MUA Representative on the County Open Space Committee. Ms. Szwak made a Motion to appoint Larry Gindoff as the MUA Representative on the County Open Space Committee. It was seconded by Mr. Hudzik and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he attended a recent County Open Space Committee meeting and reported that there are five projects similar in scope to the previous year. He mentioned that he is looking forward to serving on this Committee and will report back to the Board when he is able to provide more information on the projects.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Mr. Gindoff asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session for discussion regarding the Mendham Pipeline, property acquisition and Attorney-client privilege, as well as the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement contract negotiations and Attorney-client privilege at 8:16 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session for discussion regarding the Mendham Pipeline and Attorney-Client Privilege and the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement contract negotiations and Attorney-client privilege at 8:16 p.m. and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

(Mr. McAloon and Tom Lemanowicz left the meeting for the closed session on discussion on the Mendham Pipeline at 8:16 p.m.)

(Mr. McAloon re-entered the second portion of the closed session regarding the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement contract negotiations and Attorney-client privilege.)

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:53 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:53 p.m. and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m., seconded by Mr. Guadagno and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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