

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey as well as remotely using conference call software.

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. Christopher Dour, Ms. Maria Farris, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Ms. Laura Szwak, and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

ABSENT: Mr. Frank Druetzler and Mr. William Hudzik.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers; Michael Kobylarz, P.E. Alaimo Engineering; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator; Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator; and Amelinda Lopez, Stenographer.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairwoman Kominos requested MCMUA Counsel, Brad Carney to conduct tonight's public hearings. Brad Carney stated that the MCMUA will be conducting the following two Public Hearings this evening: (1) Public Hearing To Amend The Water Rate Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For 2024; and (2) Public Hearing To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees; Vegetative Waste And End Product Fees; and Household Hazardous Waste Fees Effective 2024.

Mr. Carney announced the first Public Hearing will be To Amend The Water Rate of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA). The MCMUA adopted Resolution No. 2023-078 at the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting setting forth the date of this public hearing.

The Resolution called for the provision of notice for a Public Hearing in two newspapers, as well as written notice to each of the MCMUA's water customers. Notice was given in accordance with the statute and proofs of publication and mail receipts are on file at the MCMUA office.

Mr. Carney mentioned that we have a Stenographer, Amelinda Lopez, transcribing everything that is being said, so it is important to be mindful that we don't talk over one another. Mr. Carney read into the record exhibits that have been pre-marked. Mr. Carney stated that we are going to call on the Treasurer and the MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer as witnesses for presentations and testimony. Mr. Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, was sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule.

Mr. Michael McAloon, MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer, was sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule. Members of the Authority were invited to ask questions regarding the testimonies. There were no questions from the Board. Seeing no comments, Mr. Carney opened the hearing to questions from the Public. There were no members from the Public present.

At this time, Mr. Carney recommended that Chairwoman Kominos ask the Board to consider Resolution No. 2023-084, which is a Resolution to Amend the Water Rate Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For 2024 increasing the wholesale water rate by 4.93% as testified by Mr. Kaletcher and Mr. McAloon from \$3,144 per million gallons to \$3,299 per million gallons.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of Resolution No. 2023-084:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-084
RESOLUTION TO AMEND WATER RATE OF
MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR 2024

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

WHEREAS, the Authority adopted Resolution No. 2023-078 on October 10, 2023 to schedule the public hearing for the proposed amendment of the water rate of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend the base water rate from \$3,144.00 to \$3,299.00 per million gallons; and

WHEREAS, the Authority caused Notice to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 of a hearing on the proposed amended rate; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held as noticed at the Authority's Meeting on November 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, testimony regarding reasonableness and necessity of the proposed increase was submitted by Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, MCMUA and Michael McAloon, P.E., MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has considered the matter and has determined that the proposed amendment to the rate is necessary and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 14th day of November, 2023 as follows:

1. The base rate to be charged by the Authority for the provision of water is hereby amended to be \$3,299.00 per million gallons (MG).

2. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law and the amended water rate established by this Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at a Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Amend The Water Rate of the Morris County M.U.A. to \$3,299 per million gallons and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Carney announced the second Public Hearing will be To Amend Rate Schedule of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees; Vegetative Waste And End Product Fees; and Household Hazardous Waste Fees Effective 2024. The MCMUA adopted Resolution No. 2023-079 at the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting setting forth the date of this public hearing.

The Resolution called for the provision of notice for a Public Hearing in two newspapers, as well as written notice to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority. Notice was given in accordance with the statute and proofs of publication and mail receipts are on file at the MCMUA office.

Mr. Carney read into the record exhibits that have been pre-marked. Mr. Carney stated that we are going to call on the Treasurer and the Solid Waste Coordinator as witnesses for presentations and testimony. Mr. Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer, was previously sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule.

Mr. James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, was sworn in and proceeded with the presentation of his statement into the record as a basis for the establishment of the proposed new rate schedule. Members of the Authority were invited to ask questions regarding the testimonies. There were no questions from the Board. Seeing no comments, Mr. Carney opened the hearing to questions from the Public. There were no members from the Public present.

At this time, Mr. Carney recommended that Chairwoman ask the Board to consider Resolution No. 2023-085, which is a Resolution To Amend the Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees; Vegetative Waste And End Product Fees; and Household Hazardous Waste Fees Effective 2024, as testified by Mr. Kaletcher and Mr. Deacon.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of Resolution No. 2023-085:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-085
RESOLUTION TO AMEND RATE SCHEDULE OF THE
MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
TO ADJUST SOLID WASTE FEES; VEGETATIVE WASTE AND END PRODUCT
FEES; AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES EFFECTIVE 2024

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

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

WHEREAS, the rates for the disposal of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, NJ may not exceed the rates that are set forth in a Tariff, said Tariff having been approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s transfer station in Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ accepts tires for recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates two vegetative waste processing facilities which are used for the acceptance of vegetative waste for recycling into end products which have fees for these services and products; and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates a household hazardous waste drop-off facility used for the acceptance hazardous wastes from in-county, out-of-county residential generators as well as eligible very small quantity commercial generators and which have fees associated with these services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority adopted Resolution No. 2023-079 on October 10, 2023 to schedule a public hearing for proposed amendments of the rates for solid waste fees; vegetative waste and end product fees; and household hazardous waste fees; and

WHEREAS, the Authority caused Notice to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 of a hearing on the proposed amended rates; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA conducted a Public Hearing, as noticed, on November 14, 2023, at which time testimony was provided by Larry Kaletcher, MCMUA Treasurer and James E. Deacon, MCMUA Solid Waste Coordinator that the adjustments in the rates for the disposal of all waste types, fees for vegetative waste and end product and fees for household hazardous waste disposal are reasonable and necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey on this 14th day of November, 2023 as follows:

- 1) The rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, and 27 are hereby amended from the previous tip fee of \$107.50/ton to a tip fee of \$111.25/ton. The rate of waste type 25 is amended from the previous tip fee of \$107.50 to \$101.99/ton, except that in the event that the NJDEP approves a tariff filing or petition proposing to increase tipping fee for waste type 25 to \$111.25/ton in which case the tipping fee for waste type 25

shall be \$111.25/ton upon the date of such approval from NJDEP. The rate for recycling tires is amended from the previous recycling fee of \$200.00/ton to a fee of \$500.00/ton. Tires are only accepted at the MCMUA's Parsippany Transfer Station.

- 2) The Rate Schedule is amended pertaining to "Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees" as follows: Applicable to all fees charged by the Authority for acceptance of vegetative waste products and disposition of vegetative waste end-products from MCMUA vegetative waste facilities. Fees are assessed by the cubic yard (CY).

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Amended Fee</u>
Brush Compacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$7.50	\$9.50
Brush Compacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$9.00	\$11.00
Brush Compacted Inbound	Commercial	\$14.00	\$16.00
Brush Uncompacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$6.50	\$7.50
Brush Uncompacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$8.00	\$9.00
Brush Uncompacted Inbound	Commercial	\$13.00	\$14.00

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Amended Fee</u>
Grass Compacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$10.50	\$12.50
Grass Compacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$9.00	\$11.00
Grass Compacted Inbound	Commercial	\$18.00	\$20.00
Grass Uncompacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$9.50	\$9.50
Grass Uncompacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$11.00	\$12.00
Grass Uncompacted Inbound	Commercial	\$17.00	\$18.00

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Amended Fee</u>
Leaves Compacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$7.50	\$9.50
Leaves Compacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$9.00	\$11.00
Leaves Compacted Inbound	Commercial	\$14.00	\$16.00
Leaves Uncompacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$6.50	\$6.50
Leaves Uncompacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$8.00	\$9.00
Leaves Uncompacted Inbound	Commercial	\$13.00	\$14.00

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Amended Fee</u>
Lake Weed	In-County Municipal	\$5.00	\$6.00
Lake Weed	Out-of-County	\$5.00	\$6.00
Wood Chips	In-County Municipal	\$3.00	\$4.00
Wood Chips	Out-of-County	\$3.00	\$4.00
Wood Chips	Commercial	\$3.00	\$4.00

Bagged Material Surcharge: All inbound materials accepted in bags will have a \$2.00 per cubic yard surcharge added to the applicable fee. Acceptable bags shall include paper lawn/leaf type bags and must be compostable. Plastic bags are strictly prohibited. Bagged materials are only accepted at the MCMUA's Mount Olive Vegetative Waste Facility.

- 3) The Rate Schedule is amended pertaining to "Household Hazardous Waste Fees" as follows: Applicable to all fees charged by the Authority for acceptance of household hazardous waste at the permanent household hazardous waste facility. Fees are assessed by the pound (lb.).

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Amended Fee</u>
Household Hazardous Waste (all types except propane tanks)	Out-of-Morris County Residential Generator	\$1.50	\$2.00
Household Hazardous Waste (all types except propane tanks)	Eligible Very Small Quantity Commercial Generator	\$1.50	\$2.00
Household Hazardous Waste Latex/Acrylic/Water Based Paint	Any	\$1.50	\$2.00

- 4) This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law and the amended rates and amended fees established by this Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Amend The Rate Schedule of the Morris County M.U.A. To Adjust Solid Waste Fees; Vegetative Waste And End Product Fees; and Household Hazardous Waste Fees Effective 2024 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Stenographer, Amelinda Lopez, took transcripts of the Public Hearings for the Authority. TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORITY AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD.

The public hearings were concluded at 7:35 p.m. The Stenographer was dismissed.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023 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 Division for the month of October 2023. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for the month of October 2023 and highlighted under Receipts-Water/Other, a check received from the County in the amount of \$147,333.32 for reimbursement for the Mt. Arlington Water Tank Rehabilitation for the soft costs. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions along with an Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of October 2023. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the next two resolutions are the Budget adoption resolutions for Solid Waste and Water. On Thursday, November 9, 2023, the Department of Community Affairs approved the MCMUA's 2024 Budget Introduction, which means that is approved to be adopted at tonight's meeting and asked for the Board's approval of same:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-086
2024 SOLID WASTE
ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2024 TO December 31, 2024

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 has been presented for adoption before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of November 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$56,038,430.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$56,038,430.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$3,298,075.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized of \$0.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on November 14, 2023 that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2024 and, ending, December 31, 2024 is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

	<u>November 14, 2023</u>
Marilyn Regner, Secretary	Date
Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote: 1 st : MR. DOUR 2 nd : MS. SZWAK
	Aye Nay Abstain Absent
MR. BARRY	X
MR. DRUETZLER	X
MS. FARRIS	X
MR. GUADAGNO	X
MR. HUDZIK	X
DR. KOMINOS	X
DR. NUSBAUM	X
MS. SZWAK	X
MR. DOUR	X

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-087
2024 WATER
ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2024 TO December 31, 2024

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 has been presented for adoption before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of November 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$5,238,550.00 Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit, if any, of \$5,238,550.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$1,550,000.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized of \$0.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on November 14, 2023 that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2024 and, ending, December 31, 2024 is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

		<u>November 14, 2023</u>	
_____		(Date)	
Marilyn Regner, Secretary			
Governing Body	Recorded Vote:	1 st : MS. SZWAK	2 nd : MR. GUADAGNO
Member:	Aye	Nay	Abstain Absent
MR. BARRY	X		
MR. DRUETZLER			X
MS. FARRIS	X		
MR. GUADAGNO	X		
MR. HUDZIK			X
DR. KOMINOS	X		
DR. NUSBAUM	X		
MS. SZWAK	X		
MR. DOUR	X		

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

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-088

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. 2023-088 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,565,816.74** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6407-6441	\$	202,482.62
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14479-14564	\$	<u>4,363,334.12</u>
		\$	4,565,816.74

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: November 14, 2023

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: October 10, 2023.

DATE: November 14, 2023

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we have been working on the budget cycle that we just concluded for the last ten months, and it is great to get through it concluding with these adopted budgets for 2024 and the rates. Thanks to Larry Kaletcher for guiding us through this and all the work we got from Board Members, Consultants and Staff has been wonderful.

Regarding Correspondence, Mr. Gindoff mentioned letter received November 13, 2023 from Lake Hopatcong Foundation recognizing Cheryl Birmingham, our Clean Communities Coordinator, as well as Anthony Marrone for their help in leading two groups at the November 5 Lake Hopatcong Clean-up event, in which they collected 26,000 lbs. (13 tons) of garbage that day. Finally, included in the Correspondence Report, the State of New Jersey, DEP, at the October 25 ANJR Symposium, recognized Anthony Marrone for the leadership award, and we are all really proud of him and congratulate him on that award. He mentioned that he appreciates all the work and efforts that Anthony provides and looks forward to many more years of great leadership from him.

CORRESPONDENCE:

WATER

1. Letter dated November 8, 2023 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, from Mike McAloon, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Suburban Consulting Engineers, regarding Release of Retainage to Brave Industrial Paint, LLC for completion of MCMUA Bid No. 2023-W02, Cleaning of Three 3MG Potable Water Storage Tanks.
2. Morris County Press Release dated November 9, 2023 entitled "Drew Forest Recommended for \$5 Million Preservation Grant".

RECYCLING

- 3. DEP News Release dated October 25, 2023 entitled “New Jersey Honors Recycling And Sustainability Leaders During Annual Awards Program” – Honored Anthony Marrone for Leadership.
- 4. Recycling Report Supplement – October 2023.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Through the month of October, we sold approximately 1,269 million gallons; slightly below the same time period in 2022 and 2021.; (2) SCE prepared the Rate Hearing Testimony for the 2024 Water Rate and assisted with the Annual Capital Improvement Plans for the budget process.; (3) SCE performed a facility inspection and summary report for the MCMUA’s potential new office location.; (4) Through normal operation and testing, we identified an issue with the existing Mine Hill pressure reducing valve, which has failed during the operation and testing. For the Board’s edification, this is the secondary source of supply to provide water into Mine Hill and Wharton. The primary source of that is through the Mine Hill Booster Pump Station. We scheduled a field meeting with John Garcia last week and worked out a game plan for him to perform the work under the Emergency and On-Call Services that we have with them. The vendor indicated a four to six week lead time on that pressure reducing valve, so we are eager to get the project started once we have all the equipment. This valve chamber is located above grade, so we are less impacted by inclement weather.; (5) At 100 Stierli Court, this is the developer that wants to perform the water main extension and serve the existing facility from a new connection. They advised that they are in a position to begin the watermain work. Tony Milonas, the Water Superintendent, is getting the meter purchased that is necessary for that installation.

Regarding 100 Stierli Court Water Connection, Mr. Dour asked does that relate to the improvements of resizing the line along Howard Boulevard and Mr. McAloon replied it is unrelated; it is just a small amount of water that they need on a daily basis. This will actually billed through Roxbury’s contract. Mr. Dour asked that that section that we are improving under Route 80, does that go as far as Stierli Court and Mr. McAloon replied, no. We are just replacing a small section of 16” as part of that project that they offered up for us. It is a very small section under the bridges, but in the event that we had to advance the new 16” main larger in the future, it would just be a little less pipe than we would have to do. Through sampling of their existing well, there are some issues with the water quality, so they want to tie into our main. The MUA has a stub at Stierli Court with a hydrant on the end of it, so they are going to tie into the end of that hydrant.; (6) The annual Sodium Hypochlorite bid was performed and we received one bid from Miracle Chemical Company from Farmingdale, New Jersey in the amount of \$31,120.00, which is \$3.89/gallon. It is a one-year term with an option to extend for two one-year terms.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-089
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT NO. W-24 TO W. R.
NEUMANN COMPANY, INC., TRADING AS MIRACLE
CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR “FURNISH AND DELIVER OF
SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. W-24 “Furnish and Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution” and received one (1) bid on November 2, 2023 from:

W.R. Neumann Company, Inc. (trading as) Miracle Chemical Company Farmingdale, New Jersey	\$3.89 / gallon
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WHEREAS, the bid documents provide that the estimated annual amount of 15% solution of sodium hypochlorite is 8000 gallons, but that the Authority makes no warranty as to the actual annual amount to be delivered and that no minimum purchase is implied or guaranteed.

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

1. The Authority exercises its discretion to waive all immaterial defects, if any, with respect to the bid of W.R. Neumann Company, Inc., trading as Miracle Chemical Company, received on November 2, 2023.
2. The Authority awards Contract No. W-24 “Furnish and Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution” to W.R. Neumann Company, Inc., trading as Miracle Chemical Company, having a business addresses of 1151 B Highway #33, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount not to exceed the bid price of \$ 3.89 per gallon.
3. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. W-24 “Furnish and Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution” with W.R. Neumann Company, Inc., trading as Miracle Chemical Company, having a business addresses of 1151 B Highway #33, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727, in the amount not to exceed \$31,120.00.
4. The Contract awarded herein to W.R. Neumann Company, Inc., trading as Miracle Chemical Company, shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required documents, including insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.
5. 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.
6. Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 02-6-600-630-320 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 November 14, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Award Contract No. W-24 To W. R. Neumann Company, Inc., Trading as Miracle Chemical Company For “Furnish And Deliver Of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

(7) Brave Industrial Paint has successfully completed all work, all open punch list items, and all closeout work associated with the Tank Cleaning Project to the satisfaction of the Engineer and the MUA. We are recommending final payment in the amount of \$9,984.00, as well as executing Change Order No. 1, which provides for a \$600.00 credit for unused work associated with the water testing following disinfection. Mr. McAloon asked for the Board’s approval of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-090
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE WORK
FOR CONTRACT 2023-W02,
CLEANING OF THE THREE 3MG POTABLE WATER STORAGE TANKS**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) and Brave Industrial Paint, LLC., 177 Elmwood Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740 (“Brave” or the “Contractor”) entered into an agreement on August 29, 2023 to perform exterior tank cleaning of three (3) three-million gallon (MG) Potable Water Storage Tanks, and interior washout of two (2) three-million gallon Potable Water Storage Tanks in accordance with a contract that was subject to public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor successfully completed the work on Thursday, October 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (“SCE”) evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punchlist items were satisfactorily addressed; and

WHEREAS, Brave successfully completed the work to the satisfaction of the Owner and Engineer, and furnished the necessary project closeout documents including certified payroll reports, and release of all liens; and

WHEREAS, reconciliation of un-used quantities, Water Tests on Markewicz Tank #1 and Tank #2 were not necessary to be performed by Brave; and

WHEREAS, the Change Order No. 1 Work results in a decrease in the contract price in the amount of \$600.00 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, SCE evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 Work and the aforementioned decrease in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order

No. 1 which decreases the contract price in the amount of \$600.00 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends processing the final payment to Brave in the amount of \$9,984.00, 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 final payment and retainage to Brave.

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

1. The MCMUA determines that the work performed by Brave pursuant to Contract 2023-W02 has reached final completion and the completed work is accepted.
2. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment to Brave in the amount of \$9,984.00, which includes the release of retainage in the amount of \$768.32.
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 November 14, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to Accept The Work For Contract No. 2023-W02, "Cleaning Of Three 3MG Potable Water Storage Tanks" and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

(8) Regarding Parsippany Transfer Station, Astro Electrical Contractors is beginning mobilization this week. They have an equipment ship date of early December, so based on their updated schedule, they show completion within the overall contract schedule.

Ms. Szwak asked what is the difference between PFOS and PFAS? Mr. McAloon replied they all fall under the same PFAS family. There are six of them that are regulated. There are relatively the same, but different formulations. Mr. Gindoff added that PFAS is the grouping name and all the others are the individual chemicals and Dr. Kominos concurred that is correct.

Mr. Carney mentioned that the EPA has a website that shows a road map and the comment period of those six PFAS chemicals ended in May. The website is still saying that they are projecting that final rule will come out by the end of this year. The federal limits are going to be more strict than the State limits right now. Ms. Szwak asked aren't we involved in some kind of a lawsuit and Mr. Carney replied, yes. The MUA is involved in a multi-district State litigation that is before a Federal District Judge in South Carolina. That is part of a class action lawsuit that we could discuss further in Executive Session, but the Complaint there is for damages that would not

only include the proposed carbon filtration treatment, but also the maintenance over the lifetime of that system.

Ms. Szwak mentioned that Dr. Nusbaum asked last month, if there are any DEP studies about the water quality of the Hercules' wells and Mr. McAloon replied that our team is looking into that, but unfortunately didn't have anything to present at this meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of October 2023, MCMUA sold approximately 1,269.181MG. This amount is approximately 104.757 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022 and approximately 127.62 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2021.
- B. SCE has assisted in the preparation of Annual Capital Improvement Plans, annual budgeting process, and is prepared to provide Rate Hearing Testimony for the 2024 Water Rate.
- C. SCE has performed a facility inspection and summary report at the MCMUA's potential new office location.
- D. It has come to our attention the existing Mine Hill Pressure reducing valve has failed during normal operating and testing. This valve is the secondary source of supply to provide water into Mine Hill and Wharton. The primary source is through the Mine Hill booster pump located with the Mt. Arlington Booster. This valve is essential as we are working to advance the facility upgrades at the Mt. Arlington booster and this valve will be utilized to provide the necessary demands. SCE is working to schedule a field meeting with John Garcia Construction, the MUA's emergency and on-call contractor to review the proposed scope of work and anticipated schedule. We are coordinating with the PRV vendor to identify the lead time for this equipment and anticipate a 4-6 week lead time. This work can occur during winter months, as the valve is located within a below-grade chamber.

2. 100 Stierli Court Water Connection

The developer has advised they are in a position to begin the watermain extension work started. We are coordinating with the Water Superintendent to get the meter purchased and ready for installation.

3. Tank Cleaning Bid

Brave Industrial Paint LLC has successfully completed the work, all open punch list items, and all closeout work.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #2, in the amount of **\$9,984.00** which reflects the value of work completed, as well as release of retainage. Additionally, as part of the close out of this contract, change order #1 is presented which provides a \$600.00 credit on the project for un-used work associated with Water Tests on Markewicz Tank #1 and Tank #2. SCE has prepared Resolution Accepting Work and Authorizing Final Payment and Release of Retainage.

4. Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC, has continued preparation and submittal shop drawings for the project, preparation of permits and bonds. The Contractor has provided a preliminary ship date for the major MCC equipment as 12/8/23. Based on this ship date, project completion within the overall contract duration is achievable.

Project Completion Summary Through November 14, 2023

Contract Start Date	August 22, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	180 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	84 46%
Days Remaining:	96 54%
Original Contract Completion Date	February 19, 2024

Project Financial Summary Through November 14, 2023

Original Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Current Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$5,880.00
Percent of Work Complete	6.5%
Total Retainage to Date	\$120.00

5. PFOS Treatment Evaluations

SCE assisted in the preparation and distribution of the Professional Services RFP associated with the hydro-geology work and the drilling of the test wells at Alamatong Well #1 and #2. The proposals are to be submitted on December 1. It is anticipated a resolution of award will be presented at the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting.

6. Contract W-24 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Bid

The annual Sodium Hypochlorite bid opening for Contract W-24 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for 2024 was held on Thursday November 2, 2022 at 11:00am. One (1) bid was received for this project with the lowest bid submitted by Miracle Chemical Company from Farmingdale, NJ in the amount of \$31,120.00 (\$3.89 / gallon). A bid review was performed, and SCE recommends award to Miracle Chemical Company pending confirmation. It should be noted the project term is one-year, with the option to extend for two (2) additional 1-year terms for a potential of three (3) years. The awarded price in for this contract in 2022 was \$27,184.00 (\$3.398 / gallon).

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) The tonnage at Mt. Olive was up 2,765 more tons than October 2022 and Parsippany seems to be consistent with the last few months compared to 2022 or a little less.; (2) This month into November we had a lot of assistance from Alaimo and Suburban and thanked Mike McAloon and Mike Kobylarz.; (3) HHW One-Day Events are being scheduled currently with the help from MXI. We should have those dates for the Board at the December meeting and possibly locations for those events.; (4) As far as Vegetative Waste goes, leaves are coming hot and heavy. In general, we did well in October 2023 due to the nice sales from NaturCycle, as well as better residential deliveries compared to October 2022. This coupled with the fact that we didn't use Kirk Allen Trucking to help us out.; and finally, inbound revenue is behind last year's figures year-to-date.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: Mt. Olive Transfer Station: (1) We did the testing of the tipping floor repairs, did corings with the Contractor who installed the floor to determine the cause of the failures of the material. Results showed that the Euclid material did separate from the concrete base underneath. The manufacturer has requested the Contractor to do some deeper cores in a couple other locations within the concrete apron areas. We are in the process of getting that work scheduled.; (2) In regard to the Water Service, the Highlands Preservation Area Application has been submitted to the Highlands and this week, we received an acknowledgement from the Highlands and liaison at NJDEP that they are looking to coordinate a meeting to review the application with us, which will be scheduled shortly.

Mr. Dour asked that is only for the water correct, and Mr. Kobylarz replied, correct. Mr. Gindoff replied that we have mothballed the hope of sewer service at Mt. Olive. Mr. Dour wondered if that was in the works or not and Mr. Gindoff replied it was until we investigated the suitability, and it proved way too difficult.

(3) In regard to the tarp rack system replacement project, our Structural Engineer did an inspection last week and he is currently working on a proposal to do a design for that replacement project, which will be submitted shortly.

Parsippany Transfer Station: (1) Ongoing work regarding the trench drain replacement with the Contractor. Received response from J.P. Mascaro with some information on the proposed trench drain and we are currently reviewing that and will respond accordingly to them.; (2) Similarly for the tarp rack system, our Structural Engineer and Architect did an inspection for the tarp rack in addition to the main roof replacement and some additional structural improvements to that roof area. Based on those inspections and the scope of work, we will defining that and getting proposals in the next couple weeks.; and (3) We also reached out to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to eliminate the methane detection system. We received some guidance from DCA and got some names of some agencies to see if they would be able to assist us. We following up on that and hoping to get some leads on how to proceed with that project. Mr. Deacon added that the current system that we are trying to eliminate is below the floor.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

At the November 14 Board meeting, both MCMUA Treasurer Larry Kaletcher and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon will be presenting a 2024 Rate Hearing testimony regarding adjustments to solid waste fees, including the transfer station tipping fees, the vegetative waste and end product fees, and the household hazardous waste fees, effective 2024. After the Public Hearing, the Board will be presented with a resolution for consideration based on these recommendations, which were detailed and approved during the October 10 Board meeting.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 42,042 tons of solid waste accepted at the two (2) transfer stations in October 2023 was 5.90% more than the 39,701 tons accepted a year ago in October 2022. With ten (10) of the twelve (12) months completed in 2023, the annual tonnage total is now projected to be 472,148 tons which would be a 0.11% increase over the 471,643 tons accepted in 2022. This tonnage difference between years is insignificant and should be considered virtually identical. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

October Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About 16,109- 2,765* more than 2022

Total Customers- 4,171- 681 more than 2022

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 844- 17 more than 2022

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About 25,932- 424* less than 2022

Total Customers- 5,871- 38 more than 2022

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 453- 53 more than 2022

Transfer Station Site Improvements- On October 9 and 10, Persistent Construction completed the removal of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station North tipping floor free-standing wall and poured a new 8" concrete cap. The removal included portions on the North and East sides that were approximately 16' high wall. Persistent Construction was able to relocate the large MCMUA equipment storage shed and put it back in place when complete. On Friday, October 27, MCMUA Operations staff spent all day landscaping the area between the old wall and the Route 280 exit ramp. Small trees and heavy vegetation were all cut down and graded in the area, litter was all cleaned up. A load of MCMUA compost was delivered and staged. Staff now plans on having 20 green giant arborvitaes planted along the fence line in this area. Both J.P. Mascaro and Sons and MCMUA staff continue to work with the new 12' by 36' equipment shed that was delivered to Mount Olive on October 5. The shop area(s) are being cleaned in preparation to

make room. The new flagpole ordered for Mount Olive should arrive and be installed this month. The company is just awaiting the yard arm as the final part to this nautical style pole. Minor electrical work and improvements were made on Saturday, November 4 at Mount Olive. Outdated/nonfunctional heaters and thermostats (3) were removed from the main tipping floor area. Finally, with assistance from Morris County IT, County phones and network have been installed at the MCMUA Parsippany transfer station in both the main tipping building offices and throughout the scale house. Six (6) new County phones at Parsippany with different 4-digit extensions have made it easier to communicate between all the different Solid Waste divisions. This project was completed Friday, November 3.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Motor Control Center (MCC) Improvement Project includes the removal of all the outdated/inoperable electrical panels and components. The MCC equipment is still scheduled to be delivered by Astro Electrical Contractor on December 8, with a possible additional week for delivery to the actual station itself. In the meantime, MCMUA staff has been working with Suburban to get a jump on the engineering for the equivalent MCC project at the Mount Olive station, budgeted for 2024. Suburban met the Operations staff to review preparations for a Bid in early 2024.

Additional updates and current project status on the following will be provided to the MCMUA Board at the November 14 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager Mr. Michael A. Kobylarz:

- **Mount Olive Transfer Station- Tipping Floor and Trench Drain Improvement Project-** During the visual inspection of the condition of the tipping floor, trench drains, and apron areas after approximately eleven (11) months of service life on September 22, it was confirmed that there was extensive cracking along the entire length/width of the aprons across all the tipping bays. When some of the cracked areas were stepped on, water seeped out. A metal hammer was used to strike the surface of some of the cracked sections and there was a difference in the sound made which indicated the possible delamination of the Euclid material top course from the original concrete base which it was installed upon. Both issues were observed in several places throughout the apron areas. As a result, the MCMUA Operations staff, Alaimo Project Manager Michael Kobylarz, and representatives from Infrastructure Repair Services, LLC. (IRS) met at the Mount Olive station on November 2 at 5:30AM before start of business to perform core sampling. The core samples (5) samples at approximately 4" down) taken that morning confirmed that the Euclid material had delaminated from the original concrete base. Two (2) out of the five (5) delaminated. This follow-up inspection was documented by Alaimo and will include a detailed report on the findings. Pictures were taken throughout the early-morning inspection. Mr. Otto De Jager of IRS stated that the full extent of repairs length and width, a true measurement, would need to be confirmed in the Spring, due to the possibility of more damage occurring with freezing temperatures during the winter months.
- **Mount Olive Transfer Station- Water Connection Assessment Project-** On October 24, the MCMUA staff received Alaimo's full packet for the NJDEP Highlands Preservation Area Approval (HPAA) which included a Waiver for Safety. Alaimo Engineering believes this waiver would apply to this project at the Mount Olive station.
- **Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- Damaged Trench Drain Repairs/Replacement-** Alaimo continued to communicate with both Persistent Construction Company and Mr. Tom Cook, Director of Purchasing for JP Mascaro and Sons, throughout the month of October. Considering that the project cannot be performed during cold weather, correct replacement of the damaged drain system needs to now be prioritized for early Spring of 2024.
- On Monday, November 6, Alaimo Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek met with the MCMUA Operations staff to review the planned 2024 project of a total replacement of the outdated/damaged tarp rack system in Mount Olive. Some of the additional improvements discussed were extending the concrete curbing on both sides about 24' feet to the end of the tunnel so equipment, trucks, and trailers could no longer "reach" the tarp racks to damage them. The curbing would prevent accidents, forcing equipment to stay in the middle of the tunnel. The new concrete would include steps to the new designed galvanized steel tarp rack. The new system will be designed in pieces, therefore in the cases where there is damage, pieces and parts can be replaced vs. fixing the entire rack.

Alaimo's plans also include extending the rack into the tunnel about 4' to 5' feet to assist the laborers with proper tarping, preventing drivers to pull up or back down, making the system much safer for all employees.

- On Tuesday, November 7, Alaimo Structural Engineer Piotr Grodek and Architect Colin McLain met MCMUA Operations Manager Bobby Ross at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station to (1) review future design ideas for bringing the station's tarp rack system, currently located outside of the scale house, to the main tipping building, connecting it to Loading Bays #1 and #2. Installing a permanent overhang (roof) to #1 and #2 protecting the onsite personnel from the elements and will assist with bird issues. Alaimo reviewed the current conditions and will prepare a quote to install a new tarp rack system. This structure will be attached to the main building utilizing existing footings. And (2), a detailed review of the transfer station building main roof and all the structural components related to the replacement. Also discussed was the potential installation of solar panels on top of this new roof and whether it is feasible. Alaimo checked all the existing roof top and bar joist framing supporting the roof. Alaimo will now do an assessment based on their findings to determine if the existing roof framing will support solar panels if the MCMUA decides to implement it in the future. The Parsippany roof project is the most substantial solid waste project budgeted for 2024.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- The final MCMUA 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event that occurred on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Pequannock Valley Park, Marvin Road/ PV Road in the Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township processed 440 vehicles. Although heavy rains in the morning didn't help the overall turnout, residents from the northern part of Morris County were grateful and appreciated the choice of location. Also attending that Saturday were members of the Sustainable Riverdale Green Team (a local branch of Sustainable NJ) who spoke with Program Manager Stephen Adams and took pictures of the entire set up. The Green Team were impressed by the set-up and the efficiency of the process. As a comparison for the Board, the MCMUA's four (4) one-day events in 2023 totaled 2,112 participants taking advantage of the program. 2022 event totals equaled 2,342 vehicles, a difference of 230 cars from 2022 to 2023. Although the one-day drop-off events were consistently lower, the MCMUA's permanent facility has seen increases in both customers and volume. MXI is currently averaging one (1) HHW manifested shipment per month from the facility throughout 2023. Program Manager Stephen Adams is already communicating potential 2024 dates with MXI for four (4) event days, which will consist of two (2) in the spring and two (2) in early fall.

In October of 2023, the permanent HHWF had a total of 219 serviced appointments, which included 206 Morris County residents, 4 VSQG/small businesses, and 9 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2023 totals now equal 2,351 serviced appointments, 2,166 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 37 VSQG's, and 148 non-Morris County residents.

HHWF October Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023)- In October of 2022, the permanent HHWF had a total of 234 serviced appointments, which included 220 Morris County residents, 10 out-of-County residents, and 4 VSQG/small businesses. MCMUA's total serviced appointments at the end of October last year was 2,221. 2023 now exceeds 2022 totals by 130 serviced appointments.

On Thursday, November 9, MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams hosted the second in-house HHW training event. This training was held at the HHW facility with the MCMUA staff that either supervise the HHW permanent facility on days that are open to customers and/or participate in our HHW one-day drop-off events. Manager Adams provided staff with a basic overview of the facility and practiced proper spill cleanup techniques using different types of absorbent materials.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Leaf season hours began on Saturday, October 21 at the Parsippany facility and will end on Saturday, December 2. The hours will be 7:00AM to noon and 1:00PM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday; and 7:00AM till noon and 1:00PM to 3:00PM, Saturdays, closed Sunday. The

Mount Olive/Camp Pulaski facility will have no special leaf season hours. The Holiday schedule for Parsippany will be open on November 7 (Election Day), November 10 (Veterans Day observed), and November 24 (day after Thanksgiving); but will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. Mount Olive will be closed for all holidays. Both facilities have seen an increase in inbound leaves over the last few weeks with the colder weather. Additionally, MCMUA Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams is working with MCMUA QPA Shana O'Mara to establish a Bid contract covering scheduled and emergency equipment services for both Vegetative Waste facilities. This contract would allow our program to create established relationships with companies capable of servicing heavy equipment at these sites. Equipment would include the front-end loaders, the Toro tub grinder, and two (2) windrow turners. By securing a fixed rate for routine services this way, the MCMUA will be able to protect itself from unexpected price increases stemming from piecemeal requests throughout the year. The tentative plan is to advertise this Bid by mid-December 2023.

The Vegetative Waste program has gone out for quotes to cover supplemental delivery services for our residential compost and mulch delivery program. Our current contract with Kirk Allen Trucking, which has been very successful this past year, is coming to a close and will need to be replaced for the 2024 calendar year. Several responses have already come in and staff anticipates being able to award a new contract via Resolution at the December 12 Board meeting. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the November 14 meeting.

Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing- Naturcycle continues looking at options for the unscreened materials left over at the Parsippany facility from annual screening project. Some upcoming MCMUA/Naturcycle joint projects include:

- Belmont Park Retail Village- Steven Dubner Landscaping using screened compost from our Parsippany facility for this project. The volume of compost required is still to be determined.
- The Spiral NYC, Manhattan, New York City- JCC Construction used screened compost from our Parsippany facility. Approximately 100 cubic yards (CY) to finish the work left incomplete earlier this year.
- Potential erosion control project in Manhattan, New York City- Approximately 100 CY of compost/mulch blend from our Parsippany facility. Completed for the year and will resume after the winter.
- Erosion control project in East Rutherford, New Jersey- Potentially involves 3,000 CY of compost/mulch blend from our Mount Olive facility. This has been rescheduled for 2024.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following: The finalized October 2023 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services was calculated at (Negative) -\$73.17/ton On 1,208.40 tons delivered for a positive increase in pricing of \$6.18 per ton from the September rate.

- So far, this Fall season has brought notable rises in recyclables pricing across all market types, with fiber and plastics grades experiencing noteworthy increases at the end of September, throughout October, and into mid-November.
- While recovered fiber prices have steadily increased throughout the year from their drastic collapse last Fall, and plastics have had much difficulty sustaining trades at higher numbers from their steady decrease last summer, market experts are forecasting a positive outlook for the remainder of the fourth quarter.
- While the business of recycling still is not what it used to be over five years ago, with a long road ahead to recovery, anticipation of increased holiday sales this season is expected to support markets for materials made from recycled content as consumers are expected to increasingly spend more than last year on commodities during this holiday season.
- I also wanted to mention that the October report featured a line graph detailing single-stream pricing costs attributed to the MCMUA under its contract with Republic Services for the last two years as a compliment to the provided monthly reports.

Regarding Projects for the Solid Waste Planning Division, I would like to highlight a few items of note:

MCMUA Welcomes its New Assistant District Recycling Coordinator:

- As covered in this month's report, the MCMUA publicly posted and solicited applications for the unfilled vacancy replacing Chris Vidal's position after her retirement last month.
- With over 40 applications from individuals outside and within the organization, 11 interviews with qualified individuals were held before deciding on our new hire, Maura Toomey, for the role.
- Ms. Toomey brings her experience in program management, policy research, environmental outreach and education, curriculum development, lobbying, grant writing, employee training, and community organizing.
- With an expected start date of Monday, November 27, 2023, we look forward to working with her and the new direction she will bring to further waste reduction and improve recycling in Morris County.
- I would also like to take the opportunity to recognize Cheryl Birmingham, Alex McNulty, and Brianna Cumberton from the Division, who have stepped up during this transitional period to ensure no step back in service was provided to the public. Their of their efforts are most certainly appreciated.

Shared Service Agreements:

- ***Chatham Borough Municipal Recycling Collection Proposal 2024 - 2028:***
 - Late Wednesday night, November 8th, The Borough Administrator and Qualified Purchasing Agent informed the MCMUA of their intention to reject all submitted bids and continue their shared services agreement with the MCMUA.
 - However, the Borough desired to continue discussing the proposal's specifics before a Shared Services Agreement is finalized, and a meeting is scheduled for next week.
 - With the meeting being pushed off after the Borough's officials return from the League of Municipalities Convention next week, authorizing resolution No. 2023-091 was pulled from tonight's meeting. It will be placed on next month's meeting agenda when everything is finalized.
- ***County of Morris Trash and Recycling Collection for Morris View and Morris County Jail 2024 - 2028:***
 - Following up on these shared service agreements again today before we met, I was informed that the agreements are still with the Morris County Counsel, and the matter is pending.
 - However, I was informed to expect this to be finalized by the end of the month, and these will be before the Board for their approval at the December meeting.

MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach:

- Throughout October and into the beginning of November, the Division hit the streets hard, providing community outreach education on recycling and litter abatement throughout Morris County at over ten events ranging from community events to farmers markets, joint partnerships with the Morris County Division of Public Health, Our third Municipal Recycling Coordinators Meeting, Annual Clean Communities meeting, and ending with the Lake Hopatcong Lake-Wide Community Cleanup.
- All events were well-attended, with substantial public participation supporting our state-mandated waste reduction and recycling goals and litter prevention efforts.

MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials:

- Regarding completed work with educational materials, Brianna Cumberton has done a brilliant job assisting with creating Public Service Announcements for use on our website and for our MRCs to adopt in their municipalities, updated existing flyers and our webpages to make them more relevant, continuing work on a new food waste prevention webpage, as well as creating new educational flyers for our weight masters to produce flyers to improve efficiency at our transfer stations.
- On this same note, Alex McNulty has taken our Educational Email Platform, MailChimp, and has done great work creating educational posts for our Morris County MRCs and clean communities' coordinators over the last few months.
- We have now moved on to a public out-facing Morris County Recycling newsletter that will rival the old WRAG Times (Water, Recycling, and Garbage Newsletter) and have since placed an email list subscription box on our MUA webpage to begin actively soliciting emails.

- If no one has any objections, we will add everyone’s email for these occasional blasts to keep you updated on the MUA’s activities and posts. So, don’t unsubscribe.

America Recycles Day Nov. 15, 2023:

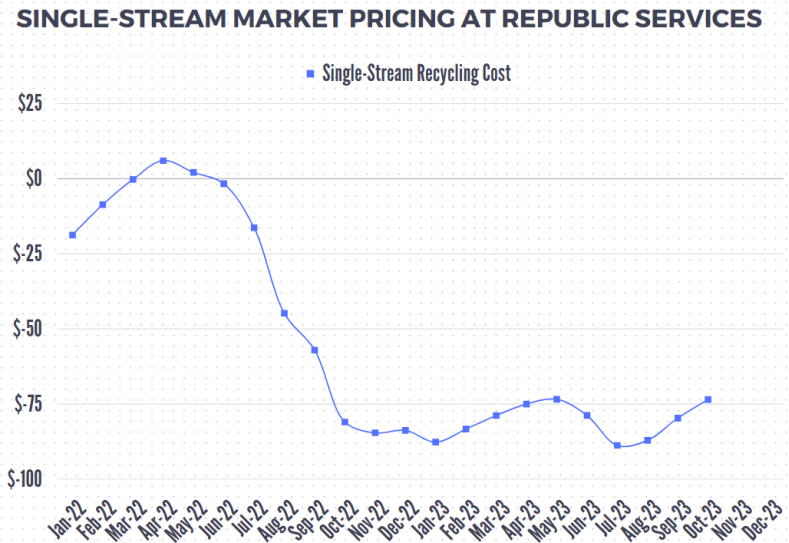
- Lastly, I want to remind everyone that tomorrow is the 26th annual celebration of America Recycles Day.
- It is a national observance in the United States dedicated to promoting recycling nationwide and inspiring people to get involved in their local communities to reduce waste.
- As a reminder, our current recycling rate is 43%, with a goal of 50%, so let’s keep recycling right!

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

October Recycling Update:

The finalized October 2023 rate for single-stream recycling was calculated at a negative -\$73.17, showing a positive increase of \$6.18 per ton from the previous month. This returns October pricing to costs seen in May when plastics traded favorably in anticipation of increased summer beverage sales typically seen at that time. October saw favorable pricing increases across all markets, with recovered fiber and plastics climbing higher than in previous months. The gradual rise in fiber follows predictions of North America's largest haulers and paper mill operators, who have publicly announced that recycled fiber mill projects are projected to come online, resulting in a slowly increasing demand for fiber. Meanwhile, curbside plastics are also rising in price, slowly rebounding from their dead-of-summer lows. As for other curbside commodities, most are stable in October and into the beginning of November.



A line graph of single-stream pricing costs attributed to the MCMUA under its contract is pictured above.

Recycling Shared Service Agreements

Chatham Borough Municipal Recycling Collection Proposal 2024 - 2028:

During October, the MCMUA prepared a shared service proposal in response to the Borough’s desire to go out to a competitive bid for recycling transportation services. Before the bid opening, the MCMUA provided its proposal electronically and in hard copy on the day of. On October 13, 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Executive Director Larry Gindoff attended the Chatham Borough Bid opening. At that time, the MCMUA appeared to have the most advantageous proposal amongst the current bidders. On October 27, 2023, Marrone contacted the Borough to see if they had decided on their bid and to follow up on the MCMUA’s submitted proposal for recycling collection services. No response was received, and the Borough has 60 Days to announce the bid winner from the bid opening day.

Borough of Florham Park Shared Services Agreement 2024 - 2028:

During October 2023, the MCMUA received confirmation that Florham Park awarded the MCMUA's shared services agreement proposal for recycling collection services at their October 19 meeting. The MCMUA was provided with several partially signed agreements and a supporting resolution. Upon receipt by the MCMUA, Marrone provided them with a fully executed proposal and supporting resolution from the October 10 MCMUA Board Meeting, renewing the contract for another five years.

Township of Mendham Shared Services Agreement, First Amendment 2021 - 2025:

On October 27, 2023, Marrone provided the Township with the MCMUA's partially executed first amendment of its shared services agreement for transitioning its recycling collection to single-stream and its supporting resolution from the October 10 MCMUA Board Meeting. The Township plans to provide the MCMUA with a fully executed agreement and accompanying resolution from the Township's November meeting in the coming weeks.

County of Morris Trash and Recycling Collection for Morris View and Morris County Jail 2024 - 2028:

During October 2023, Marrone provided the County of Morris with its written shared service agreements for recycling collection and trash disposal for the Morris View and Morris County Jail locations, which ends on December 31, 2023. In mid-October, Marrone followed up with the County QPA to push these proposals along and provided copies to the County Council's attention for review and Commissioner approval. A determination is still pending, but resolutions for authoring entering new contracts to replace these terminating agreements are anticipated to be presented to the Board for its consideration before the year's end.

Recycling Contract Customer Service Efforts and Education

Hanover Hills Condominium Complex Every-Other-Week Recycling Collection Services, Hanover Township:

During the 2023 calendar year, while collecting recyclables, the MCMUA Curbside Operations Staff observed on multiple occasions that the Hanover Hills Condominium Complex has not complied with preparation requirements for single-stream recycling, thereby rendering dumpster loads to be non-recyclable due to unacceptable contamination. This information has been, over time, relayed by the Recycling Administrative Department to the Property Management Company, resulting in several recycling education and compliance inspections alongside the curbside operations staff of the (5) disposal areas in the complex. Previously, when unacceptable materials were observed for recycling, it would result in an email noting the non-compliance with photos to the property management company and a follow-up by their maintenance staff to correct the issue for the complex's scheduled collection.

As of late, the occurrence of this problem has increased even further. To correct this issue, Marrone and Environmental Educator Alex McNulty created a letter of "Non-Compliant Preparation and Disposition of Recyclable Materials," which included the New Jersey Administrative Code and Local Municipal Ordinance as references. The letter serves as an official notice that if noncompliance continues, the MCMUA will not be able to collect unacceptably prepared materials for recycling, leaving the Hanover Hills complex in a position where it is subject to potential enforcement and fines by the local Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) and the Morris County Division of Public Health; County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) designee. This letter will not be utilized as a template for other collection agreement accounts with issues moving forward tailored to the specific municipality of origin. As a general note, the MCMUA has a recycling collection agreement with Hanover Township, which includes collecting recyclable materials from the complex every other week, and the complex also pays for additional weekly service on top of this service. The collection contract with the Township also describes the recyclable materials' preparation requirements for the material to be acceptable for recycling.

County College of Morris Mixed Paper Recycling Collection Service:

During October 2023, Marrone began reviewing the MCMUA's recycling collection contracts and learned that the 30-yard roll-off for mixed paper at the County College is predominantly shredded paper in plastic bags after an onsite inspection. With singular commodities not part of the current Republic recycling marketing contract and the container a commodity Republic does not want, paper in its shredded form, Marrone contacted several nearby facilities to find the most advantageous pricing, with Trinity Recycling of NJ the best option. After some discussions, the owner agreed to take it free of charge to evaluate the materials and let us know if the MCMUA will receive a credit for the materials moving forward, as the paper markets have fared better as of late. Moreover, knowing no contract exists and the MCMUA was providing these services free of charge and paying the recycler, CCM will work with the MCMUA to pay under a contract moving forward once terms and logistics are established.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs during October 2023. In addition, this month's correspondence provides details regarding these activities as a separate report.

Recycling and Clean Communities Projects, Public Outreach, Education, and Inspections:

- Town of Morristown Festival on the Green.
- Township of Roxbury Nixon School Green Fair.
- Borough of Morris Plains Wellness Day.
- Sustainability Fair of the Chatham's at the Chatham Borough Farmer's Market.
- NJ Composting Council Organics Waste Management Summit 2023.
- Recycling Education Workshop at Bear Minimum in Boonton Town.
- Community Lead Testing Event for Consumer Items, MCMUA/MCDPH Partnership.

- MCMUA Morris County Recycling Excels (M.O.R.E.) Program Updates.
- MCMUA Sponsored Internship with Morris County Vocational School District.
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts.

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Interviews for a New Assistant District Recycling Coordinator:

During September and mid-October, the MCMUA posted and solicited applications for the unfilled vacancy to replace the position of Chris Vidal, who recently retired from the MCMUA. The MCMUA received over 40 applications from individuals outside and within the organization. During that time, Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon, Human Resources Officer Fredrick Wilson, and Marrone held 11 interviews with qualified individuals, finally deciding on the new hire who accepted the position and waiting for clearance from the County. The new hire is expected to start before the beginning of December, bringing with her a wealth of experience and a new direction for the Department in their role.

ANJR's 41st Annual Recycling Symposium and NJDEP Awards Luncheon:

On October 25, 2023, the Recycling Administrative Staff attended ANJR's 41st Annual Recycling Symposium and NJDEP Awards Luncheon at Jumping Brook County Club in Neptune. The morning was filled with educational presentations from a variety of speakers covering topics from legislation to market reports for recycled content, food waste reduction initiatives, materials made from recycled cooking oils and animal products, applications for recycled content as an aggregate in produced materials, dirty dirt legislation, textile recycling, and electric operations for fleet vehicles in recycling operations. After the break, the NJDEP held its recycling awards ceremony for those individuals throughout the State of New Jersey with outstanding achievements in sustainability and recycling. The award winners ranged from businesses, institutions, and government, to name a few awardee categories. During the ceremony, Morris County District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone was presented with the 2023 Leadership Award for Recycling and Sustainability Leadership in the State of New

Jersey by the NJDEP. Upon being presented with the award, Marrone's achievements with the MCMUA were recognized and conveyed to the audience, with Marrone providing an acceptance speech to those in attendance.



Pictured above are the photos from the 2023 NJDEP Awards Ceremony.

The Third Morris County MRC and Annual Clean Communities Meeting of 2023:

During October 2023, the MCMUA Recycling Department continued preparation for its third and final Municipal Recycling Coordinators Meeting and annual Municipal Clean Communities Coordinator meetings at the Morris County Library.

On October 31, 2023, the MCMUA held both meetings; the MRC meeting in the morning hosted 48 participants, and the Clean Communities meeting hosted 25 participants. The MRC meeting speakers discussed battery collection and hazards from Call2Recycle, recycling inspections, enforcement, compliance best practices from the Morris County Division of Public Health, Morris County's electronic waste program update from Green Chip, and MCMUA programmatic updates for the 2024 calendar year. The Clean Communities meeting was in the afternoon, featuring the Clean Communities program reporting best practices from the NJ Clean Communities Council, updates on the Single-Use Plastics Law and how education and inspections are performed at the County level for municipal replication with educational resources by the Morris County Division of Public Health, available grant funding opportunities available by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and Morris County Clean Communities programmatic updates for the 2024 calendar year. The Kahoot! game was utilized at both meetings with great success amongst the coordinators.



Pictured above are the photos from the October 2023 MRC meeting.

MCMUA Continues Food Waste Reduction, Recovery, and Recycling Planning Efforts:

In October 2023, Marrone and Cumberton continued working on the first food waste consulting services phase with the not-for-profit Center for EcoTechnology (CET). In mid-October, CET met with the MCMUA to update the MCMUA on those parties they contacted and completed

their food waste analysis survey in Morris County. The insight gained during this process provided a further understanding of the success of current efforts and where more work was needed moving forward.

On November 3, 2023, CET and the MCMUA met again to review their past survey efforts, further pinpointing additional generators and service providers for survey participation. After the meeting, Marrone provided CET with other contacts, including education resources facility contacts and contacts with food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency food service organizations. The MCMUA will continue to work with CET into this month to obtain a comprehensive analysis of their survey for the best results. As a reminder, the goal is to complete the analysis and final reporting by the year's end.

MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations:

In October 2023, Anthony Marrone worked with the Morris County Office of Communications (MCOC) and Digital Media representatives to plan future topics and create a schedule for media releases. Examples of these releases can be found below.



Free Coats! Giveaway is Nov. 4

Need a coat? Get one for free at the annual [Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway](#) on Morristown Green, Saturday, Nov. 4. **Donate by Nov. 1** at the Mission's Thrift Store at 25 George Street in Morristown. For the distribution, the most needed sizes are **children's coats and adult size XL**. — Market Street Mission helps people experiencing **homelessness and addiction** get back on their feet. Support the cause by **donating and shopping** at their [Thrift Store](#).



Final 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop is Saturday

The final [household hazardous waste](#) drop off event for the year will be Oct. 21 at Pequannock Valley Park in Pompton Plains. Residents only. ID required. Read the rules.



Mix Leaves and Veggie Scraps For a Smaller Landfill, Better Garden

Instead of kicking your **leaves** to the curb, mix them with **vegetative food scraps** to [make compost](#), a dark, crumbly mixture that improves soil. Food scraps make up more than 20 percent of solid waste in NJ and Americans discard 40 percent of food produced, according to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. [Read the science](#): Decaying food scraps in landfills produce methane gas, a **potent greenhouse gas**. Composting, a natural process, prevents methane from developing.



Test for Lead in Food, Clothing, Toys, Makeup on Oct. 28

It's not just in old paint: Lead is sometimes found in **imported foods**, [cosmetics](#) and **traditional medicines** and other [common items](#) such as **toys, spices, jewelry, mugs, dishes, clothing, mobile devices** and [imported candies](#). On Saturday, Oct. 28, bring items that may contain lead to the Morris County Library for testing by a certified tech using an XRF lead detector. Results are ready in minutes. Ask questions and discard unwanted items. Read this [two-page flyer for more info](#). The event is run by Morris County's Division of Public Health and Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.



Donate Books

Keep unwanted books out of the waste stream. — [The Book Barn](#) in Denville accepts books and media; proceeds are donated to charity. Drop off housewares and clothing at the [Bargain Barn](#) next door. — [New Legacy Books](#), a N.J. charity, has 35 bright green drop boxes in the county. — [Morris Habitat for Humanity Restore](#) takes books, furniture, household items. — [BookSmiles](#) accepts books for children and adults, including donations of 500 to 2,000 books – or more. — Check [library](#) donation policies. **If you can't give them away:** — Most recycling facilities accept paperbacks. — **Hardcover** books go in the trash. The glue used on the binding and cover will contaminate the rest of the good recyclables. — Learn more about recycling at [Morris County MUA](#)



Drop Off Unused Prescription Drugs

This Saturday, Oct. 28, is National [Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#). Drop off unwanted or outdated meds at three participating supermarkets or visit one of the [year-round drop box](#) locations. — Morris County's [Hope One](#) is a mobile resource for addiction and mental health.

Pictured above are the posts featured in the October 2023 Newsletters and the press release provided to the Morris County Office of Communications for distribution.

MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Collaborations:

Throughout October, the Solid Waste Planning Division met with Solid Waste Inspectors from the Morris County Division of Public Health (MCDPH) on several occasions to discuss, create, and review education, outreach, and inspections at various locations and work practices throughout Morris County. On two separate occasions, October 11 and 26, Executive Director Larry Gindoff, Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon, and Marrone met with representatives of the Morris County Division of Public Health (MCDPH) to discuss issues surrounding enforcement of waste flow, source separation of mandated recyclables, and the overall improvement of solid waste and recycling efforts throughout Morris County.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanup:

In October 2023, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued with Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) LRSA, the cleanup contractor for MCMUA.

On October 17, 2023, Birmingham planned and conducted a road cleanup on Hanover Avenue, County Road 650, which includes sections of roadway from three towns: Randolph Township, Morris Township, and Parsippany Township. Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 22
- Bags of recyclables, 10
- Total miles cleaned: 2.5 (5 linear miles)

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Executive Director Gindoff asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:22 p.m. regarding litigation and attorney client privilege information regarding the Mine Hill water billing Complaint; potentially discussing the PFAS litigation; contract negotiations and property acquisition issues related to the Open Space Drew Forest Project, as well as the office lease.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:22 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Guadagno.

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

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to into open session at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:35 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Dour.

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

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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