

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on February 13, 2024 at 7:18 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

Chairman Guadagno 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.

Chairman Guadagno requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. James Barry, Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Larry Ragonese, and Ms. Laura Szwak.

ABSENT: NONE.

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

Chairman Guadagno asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024 and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ragonese

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of January 2024. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions for the month of January 2024 and the January investment report shows the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit from TD Bank. This CD has an annual rate of 4.62 percent. TD Bank is on the MUA Cash Management Plan and is part of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

Chairman Guadagno asked the Board for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution for purchasing of new copiers:

Resolution No. 2024-023

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Use of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with Konica Minolta

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 contract; and

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

Konica Minolta Contract #AEPA-21C (7) Copier Rentals \$0.007 per B&W Page & 0.45 Per Color Page Line Item #'s 02-6-900-930-050, 01-1-600-602-324, 01-3-600-626-513 & 01-5-900-925-324

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 Vendor on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contract; 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 **February 13, 2024 to December 31, 2029.**

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 February 13, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Dr. Kominos made a Motion to Authorize the Use of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract With Konica Minolta and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that this is for the seven copiers that the MUA leases for all our facilities and congratulated Marilyn on accomplishing this task.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ragonese

Chairman Guadagno asked for the Board’s approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-024

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. 2024-024 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,448,731.84** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6496-6537	\$	161,881.48
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14710-14804	\$	4,126,946.51
		\$	4,448,731.84

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: February 13, 2024

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Michael Guadagno, Chairman

SIGNED: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: February 13, 2024.

DATE: February 13, 2024

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ragonese

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned there is no additional correspondence. Regarding the appointments to the MCMUA Board, he congratulated and thanked both Larry and Maria for serving both their initial five-year terms on the Board. He expressed his appreciation to them serving and looks forward to working with you both. With regard to the letter received from Southeast Morris County asking us to adopt a resolution with respect to allowing an out-of-district provision of water service. He didn't think it was appropriate to adopt this tonight; so if anyone doesn't have any issues with this, we will put this on next month's Agenda,

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

ADMINISTRATION

1. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2024-39 adopted January 5, 2024 reappointing Larry Gindoff to the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on December 31, 2025, without salary.
2. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2024-107 adopted January 10, 2024 appointing Maria Farris to Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Board to serve without salary, for a 5-year term to expire on 2/01/2029.
3. Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 2024-143 adopted January 24, 2024 appointing Larry Ragonese to Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Board to serve without salary, for a 5-year term to expire on 2/01/2029.

WATER

4. Letter dated January 24, 2024 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, MCMUA, from Drew Saskowitz, Executive Director, Southeast Morris County M.U.A. regarding Application for Water Service and Main Extension Outside the District: 679 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Township of Harding (Block 27, Lot 2) and consenting resolution.

RECYCLING

5. NorthJersey.com Article published on January 27, 2024 entitled "Recycling in New Jersey: What actually happens to the items in your recycling bins?"

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon thanked everyone for the reappointment and look forward to working together for another successful year. He reported the following: (1) Unfortunately, starting a little slow on our sales through January 24, 2024, we will continue to track them and hope they come in on budget.; (2) Closing the loop on the Mine Hill pressure reducing valve replacement, John Garcia completed that work. That valve is now operational and to be used when necessary. This is a critical piece of equipment, as it is a second way to get water in to Mine Hill pressure gradient.; (3) The developer at 100 Stierli Court is working on getting road opening approvals from Roxbury Township, as well as

the Borough of Mt. Arlington. They have advised that all materials have been ordered and they are ready to get to work once all approvals are in place. Tony Milonas will be receiving this week the meter that the MUA is to furnish and the developer to install.; (4) With regard to the Route 80 Bridges Project Over Howard Boulevard has come to fruition. Union Paving has started the clearing and stripping the topsoil to get ready for that project. A meeting was held on February 8 with all the utilities in that area who would be impacted by the project. There are five locations in which some work that will be occurring near our MUA’s infrastructure. The 100 feet of pipe that is being installed is 16” pipe, so that is a good starting point for us if we ever have to increase the diameter of that pipe. Their schedule for utility work is late Spring/early Summer.; (5) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements, the bid opening was held on Tuesday, February 6, and we received six bids. Bids came in ranging from \$1.1M to \$1.7M; Engineer’s estimate was around \$1.1M. After review of the bids, Sovereign Consulting, Inc. from Robbinsville, NJ is the apparent low responsive bidder.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-025
RESOLUTION AWARING CONTRACT NO. 2023-W02 TO
SOVEREIGN CONSULTING, INC. FOR “MT. ARLINGTON
BOOSTER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2023-W02 “Mt. Arlington Booster Pump Station Improvements” and received six (6) bids on February 6, 2024 from the companies listed below at the bid price shown:

	Base Bid	Supplemental Bid
Sovereign Consulting, Inc. Robbinsville, New Jersey	\$999,500.00	\$105,500.00
Ray Palmer Associates, Inc. Dover, New Jersey	\$992,160.00	\$126,800.00
DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc. Hillsborough, New Jersey	\$1,052,700.00	\$142,400.00
VNL Incorporated, Inc. Whitehouse Station, New Jersey	\$1,146,000.00	\$110,000.00
Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co., Inc. Newton, New Jersey	\$1,323,446.00	\$148,490.00
Cypreco Industries. Neptune, New Jersey	\$1,607,212.00	\$90,000.00

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

1. The Authority waives any immaterial defects of the bid from Sovereign Consulting, Inc. and awards Contract No. 2023-W02 “Mt. Arlington Booster Pump Station Improvements” to Sovereign Consulting, Inc., having a business address of

111-A North Gold Drive, Robbinsville, NJ-08691, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base and supplemental bid amounts, not to exceed the bid price of \$1,105,000.00.

2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2023-W02 “Mt. Arlington Booster Pump Station Improvements” with Sovereign Consulting, Inc, having a business address of 111-A North Gold Drive, Robbinsville, NJ-08691, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base and supplemental bid amounts, not to exceed the bid price of \$1,105,000.00.
3. The Contract awarded herein to Sovereign Consulting, Inc, shall commence after the execution of the Contract, approval of the Contractor’s performance bond, 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.
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 for the three apparent lowest bids, Sundays and holidays excepted, shall be returned and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and the 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. The Treasurer certifies that 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 February 13, 2024.

**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion to Award Contract No. 2023-W02, To Sovereign Consulting, Inc. For Mt. Arlington Booster Pump Station Improvements and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler asked how long will that work take and Mr. McAloon replied we do have some long lead time items, but the actual physical construction work will probably be two to three months. The goal is to get all the critical submittals in place, get the equipment on order and start work once everything is on site and ready to be installed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Ragonese

With regard to the Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 Generator Replacement Project, six bids were received and the low bidder was \$522,000, which included the base and supplemental bid and Suburban’s estimate was \$488,000. The range of bids was \$520,000 to \$527,000. There is adequate funding in place and Tony would like to get these generators replaced. Reminder, we just completed Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Motor Control Center Improvements, so we didn’t have enough money to do the generators last year, so this is the compliment to that project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-026
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 2023-W03 TO DEE-
EN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING, INC. FOR “FLANDERS
VALLEY WELLS #1 & #2 GENERATOR REPLACEMENT”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2023-W03 “Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements” and received six (6) bids on February 1, 2024 from the companies listed below at the bid price shown:

	Base Bid	Supplemental Bid
Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. Linden, New Jersey	\$282,899.00	\$237,899.00
Multi-Phase Electrical Services, Inc. Closter, New Jersey	\$286,870.00	\$235,600.00
DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc. Hillsborough, New Jersey	\$284,800.00	\$239,300.00

Power with Prestige, Inc. Newton, New Jersey	\$286,000.00	\$241,000.00
Cypreco Industries. Neptune, New Jersey	\$308,579.00	\$263,579.00
Manor II Electric, Inc. Holmdel, New Jersey	\$335,000.00	\$280,000.00

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

8. The Authority waives any immaterial defects of the bid from Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. and awards Contract No. 2023-W03 “Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Generator Replacement” to Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., having a business address of 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base and supplemental bid amounts, not to exceed the bid price of \$520,798.00.
9. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2023-W03 “Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Generator Replacement” with Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc, having a business address of 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base and supplemental bid amounts, not to exceed the bid price of \$520,798.00.
10. The Contract awarded herein to Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc, shall commence after the execution of the Contract, approval of the Contractor’s performance bond, 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.
11. 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.
12. All bid security, except the security for the three apparent lowest bids, Sundays and holidays excepted, shall be returned and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and the 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.

13. The Treasurer certifies that 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.

14. 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 February 13, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Award Contract No. 2023-W03, To Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. For Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 Generator Replacement and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(6) At the Parsippany Transfer Station, we are getting close to finalizing with the Contractor, Astro Electrical, so maybe by April hopefully all the close-out documents are in place; and
(7) Regarding the Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Improvements, only four bids for that project were opened on February, prices ranging from \$159,00 to \$291,000. After review of the bids, Dee-En Electrical Contracting out of Linden is the apparent low bidder. They are the apparent low bidder for the Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 Generator Replacements. We reviewed their references provided and had conversations with them. They have capable crews to advance both projects at the same time if needed.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-027
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 2024-SW01 TO
DEE-EN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING, INC. FOR "MT. OLIVE
MOTOR CONTROL CENTER IMPROVEMENTS"**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2024-SW01 "Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements" and received four (4) responses to the bid solicitation on February 1, 2024 from the bidders listed below at the total base and supplemental bid price shown:

Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. Linden, New Jersey	\$159,900.00
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DeMaio Electrical Company, Inc. Hillsborough, New Jersey	\$201,500.00
Astro Electrical Contractor LLC. Linden, New Jersey	\$275,000.00
Power With Prestige Inc. Newton, New Jersey	\$291,000.00

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

1. The Authority waives all immaterial defects in the bid submitted by Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., if any, and awards Contract No. 2024-SW01 “Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements” to Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., having a business address of 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount not to exceed the base bid price of \$159,900.00.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2024-SW01 “Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements” to Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., having a business address of 3014 Tremley Point Rd, Linden, New Jersey 07036, in the amount not to exceed the bid price of \$159,900.00.
3. The Contract awarded herein to Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., shall commence after the execution of the Contract, approval of the Contractor’s performance bond, 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.
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. The Treasurer certifies that Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 01-1-900-000-128 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority's Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion to Award Contract No. 2024-SW-01, To Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. For Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff thanked Mike McAloon and his people at Suburban Consulting. These three bids were incredibly competitive and right on target with what we needed at the end of the year and worked very well with Shana O'Mara, our Qualified Purchasing Agent to get all three bids out and back in so that we could adopt them. Thanks Mike for a great successful bidding season at the end of this 2023 year. Mike said likewise with the A-team, Marilyn, Shana, Larry, and Larry K. Great work everyone and very pleased how these bids came in and were able to get everything awarded.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of January 2024, MCMUA sold approximately 112.494 MG. This amount is approximately 6.993 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2023 and approximately 10.553 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022.
- B. Under the emergency and on-call service contract, John Garcia has completed the replacement to the Mine Hill Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV), including vendor startup on Wednesday January 24, 2024. The valve was tested to be operation and is available to be utilize when necessary. As a reminder, this valve is the secondary source of supply to provide water into Mine Hill and Wharton. In accordance with the emergency and on-call services contract, John Garcia has submitted payment in the amount of **\$35,500.89**. SCE has reviewed the Contractors request and finds this is reflective of the effort to complete this work, and recommended payment.

2. 100 Stierli Court Water Connection

The developer is in the process of finalizing all necessary approvals from Roxbury Township and the Borough of Mt. Arlington to facilitate the necessary road opening permits. The developer has advised that all necessary materials have been received. MCMUA has purchased the proposed water meter, and anticipated delivery is the week of 2/12, well before installation is needed.

3. NJDOT – Route 80 Bridges Over Howard Blvd.

The NJDOT project has commenced with preliminary site preparations. A utility coordination meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 8 at 10:00AM to review and discuss the necessary utility coordination for the project. SCE will attend and provide a summary during the board meeting.

4. Mt. Arlington Electrical Improvements

On Tuesday, February 6, bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Six (6) bids were submitted with the total amounts from each bidder range from \$1,105,000.00 to \$1,696,912.00 as shown on the summary below. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$1,134,945.00. Our review of the Six (6) bids indicated **Sovereign Consulting, Inc.**, whose offices are located in Robbinsville, NJ is the apparent low responsive bidder. The Contractor provided necessary qualifications and previous work experiences, and SCE performed a review of provided references. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to **Sovereign Consulting, Inc.**, SCE is prepared to present to the board for consideration Resolution Authorizing the execution of this contract.

BIDDER	BASE BID AMOUNT	SUPPLEMENTAL BID AMOUNT	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Sovereign Consulting, Inc.	\$999,500.00	\$105,500.00	\$1,105,000.00
Ray Plamer Associates, Inc.	\$992,160.00	\$126,800.00	\$1,118,960.00
DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc.	\$1,052,700.00	\$142,400.00	\$1,195,100.00
VNL Incorporated	\$1,146,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$1,256,000.00
Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co. Inc.	\$1,323,446.00	\$148,490.00	\$1,471,936.00
Cypreco Industries Inc.	\$1,606,912.00	\$90,000.00	\$1,696,912.00

5. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

On Thursday February 1, bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Six (6) bids were submitted with the total amounts from each bidder range from \$520,798.00 to \$615,000.00 as shown on the summary below. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$488,250.00. Our review of the bids indicated that **Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.**, whose offices are located in Linden, NJ is the apparent low responsive bidder. The Contractor provided necessary qualifications and previous work experiences, and SCE performed a review of provided references. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to **Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.**, SCE is prepared to present to the board for consideration Resolution Authorizing the execution of this contract.

BIDDER	BASE BID	SUPPLEMENTAL BID	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.	\$282,899.00	\$237,899.00	\$520,798.00
Multi-Phase Electrical Services, Inc.	\$286,870.00	\$235,600.00	\$522,470.00
DeMaio Electrical Co., Inc	\$284,800.00	\$239,300.00	\$524,100.00
Power with Prestige, Inc.	\$286,000.00	\$241,000.00	\$527,000.00
Cypreco Industries	\$308,579.00	\$263,579.00	\$572,158.00
Manor II Electric, Inc.	\$335,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$615,000.00

6. Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC, has completed the installation of the MCC and performed vendor start-up, testing and optimization. The Contractor completion the transfer of loads from the existing MCC to the newly installed MCC, and performed the decommissioning and demolition of that equipment. The Contractor continued the final site restorations; outstanding work includes completion of the punchlist, and submission of all necessary project closeout items.

The Contractor has submitted payment application #3 in the amount of **\$47,040** which reflects withholding 2% retainage. SCE has reviewed the payment application and finds this is reflective of the work completed.

Project Completion Summary Through February 13, 2024

Contract Start Date	August 22, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	180 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	175 97%
Days Remaining:	5 3%
Original Contract Completion Date	February 19, 2024

Project Financial Summary Through February 13, 2024

Original Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Current Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$76,000.00
Percent of Work Complete	84.9%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,520.00

7. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

On Thursday February 1, bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Four (4) bids were submitted with the total amounts from each bidder range from \$159,900.00 to \$291,000.00 as shown on the summary below. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$186,270.00. Our review of the four (4) bids indicated that ***Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.***, whose offices are located in Linden, NJ is the apparent low responsive bidder. The Contractor provided necessary qualifications and previous work experiences, and SCE performed a review of provided references. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to ***Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.*** SCE is prepared to present to the board for consideration Resolution Authorizing the execution of this contract.

BIDDER	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc.	\$159,900.00
DeMaio Electrical Company, Inc.	\$201,500.00
Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC.	\$275,000.00
Power With Prestige, Inc.	\$291,000.00

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) The report was a little long this month, but the purpose was to provide the Board with a basic road map of improvements that we are trying to complete in 2024. Working closely with Suburban and Alaimo to get them complete and follow our budget plan; all with the idea of independence in the future. Thanked Larry G., Larry K., and the Board for your continued support.; (2) The MCMUA received a draft permit from the DEP the other day for Parsippany, so it seems to be moving forward the permit to increase the tonnage to 1,978 daily tons per day.; (2) We also received some official drawings and/or plans from Peter, our structural engineer at Alaimo, late today on the Parsippany Transfer Station trench drains. Staff will review them, and we would like to keep that project moving for Spring.; (3) We received Alaimo’s engineering proposals for both the tarp rack replacement at Mt. Olive, as well as the roof replacement project in Parsippany. Staff will be reviewing and discussing both these proposals later this week or next week. Thanks to Mike Kobylarz and team for getting us that.; (4) The Motor Control Center at Parsippany was very well done and Staff was very happy with the work of Astro Electrical and the consistent oversight of Suburban. Thanks Mike and Staff.

Mr. Deacon asked for the approval of the following Resolutions:

**Resolution No. 2024-028
Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2024-003
For the Purchase of a Ford F-250**

HEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities board previously authorized the acquisition of one (1) Ford F-250 XL 4WD Red Cab 8’ for a total cost of \$45,825.00 from Nielsen Ford via the New Jersey State Contract.

WHEREAS, the total dollar amount of \$45,825.00 is not accurate due to clerical error.

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to rescind Resolution No. 2023-003 for the purchase of one (1) Ford F-250 XL 4WD Red Cab 8’; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Resolution No. 2023-003, authorizing the purchase of one (1) Ford F-250 XL 4WD Red Cab 8’ in the total amount of \$45,825.00 from Nielsen Ford via the New Jersey State Contract is hereby rescinded.

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 February 13, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Rescind Resolution No. 2024-003
For The Purchase Of a Ford F-250 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution No. 2024-029
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Use of
Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - #15-C Item #7 Purchasing Contract with
Nielsen Ford

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; an

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 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council "MCCPC", 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 MCCPC contracts; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA intends to enter into a contract with the following Referenced MCCPC Vendor through this resolution and the properly executed contract, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current MCCPC contract:

Nielsen Ford (1) 2024 Ford F-150 (X1L) XL 4wd Super Cab 6.5' Box Contract 15-C Item #7
\$51,352.55 Line Item #01-3-300-800-151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from the approved MCCPC Vendor on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual MCCPC contract; 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 **February 13, 2024 to December 31, 2024.**

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 February 13, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase The Use Of Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council - #15 – C Item #7 Purchasing Contract With Nielsen Ford and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(5) All four HHW Drop-Off Events for 2024 will be held at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy.; (6) Mt. Olive Compost Trailer is being furnished week by week and has been a huge improvement for our supervisor Harry Dry. Staff is currently planning for the Parsippany Compost Trailer replacement and that should be coming the end of this month.

Mr. Deacon explained that the following Resolution is for the replacement of the old HHW Trailer at the HHW Facility in Mt. Olive and asked for the Board’s approval of same:

Resolution No. 2024-030
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Use of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract with Mobilease Modular Space Inc.

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 contract; and

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

Mobilease Modular Space Inc. (1) Office Trailer \$145,546.00
Line Item # 01-1-600-800-726, Contract #20/21-43

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 Vendor on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contract; 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 **February 13, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase The Use Of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCECCPS Purchasing Contract With Mobilease Modular Space Inc. and Dr. Kominos seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Dour asked about allowing Northeast Products to take in leaves that were problematic years ago and we haven't had any recent issues, is that correct? Mr. Deacon replied no; they are actually asking to compost their material on site and they were asked to come to us with a formal plan and a site map. Then we will approach the Township of Roxbury with a formal resolution to make sure it is alright with them. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the problem they always had was with stumps and no issues with leaves. It has been several years that the new owners have been operating the facility and it is much better. Mr. Deacon mentioned that anything to do with Northeast involves the Fire Marshall, who is always involved in the plans.

Mr. Kobylarz thanked the Board, on behalf of Alaimo Group, for awarding us a contract for 2024 to continue working with the MUA. There are a number of projects we look forward to successful completion of in the upcoming year. The most important is the trench drain replacement at the Parsippany facility. As Mr. Deacon indicated, we did receive plans and we will review them top make sure it is what MUA requires and needs at the facility and coordinate that with J.P. Mascaro to get that project under construction as soon as the weather breaks in the Spring. In regards to the public water provisions at Mt. Olive Transfer Station, we have not heard anything from DEP yet. So we will be following up with them to get that Highlands Permit. Mr. Gindoff gave kudos to Mike Kobylarz for getting us through the permitting process and getting that draft permit for increasing the capacity. It took a lot of work from the guys at Alaimo, that was not easy, and it was the first time we got a permit increase like that for 20 years. We look forward to the finalization of that.

Ms. Szwak mentioned that she appreciated that James listed in his report all the projects that are coming up and thanked him for that. Mr. Gindoff replied that it is a good road map for him also.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MCMUA Right to Know (RTK) Central Files- The MCMUA staff have completed the 2023 New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Right to Know (RTK) surveys for all the MCMUA facilities/site locations. The deadline for these survey submissions is July 15, 2024. All RTK posters (both English and Spanish) are currently up and filled out with the correct contact information, all the related Safety Data Sheets (SDS's) are up to date and in good working order, RTK handouts are readily available for employees at every location, and our facility RTK Central File Binders are all mounted and visible for inspectors. All the surveys were submitted

online to the NJDOH and the Morris County Division of Public Health, serving as Morris County's Lead Agency, has been updated.

During the February 13 regular meeting, resolutions will be presented for the Board's consideration regarding the purchase of a pickup truck for the Mount Olive transfer station manager's use. The first resolution will rescind Resolution #2024-003 presented at the January 9 meeting, for the purchase of a Ford F-250 pickup. A second resolution will authorize replacing the Ford F-250 with the purchase of Ford F-150 in its place. Due to Nielson Ford's clerical error, the pricing of \$45,825.00 for the Ford F-250 pick-up truck was not valid and the MCMUA is looking to now move forward with the purchase of a new Ford F-150 instead.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Northeast Products, Inc. (old Nature's Choice/Stump Factory in Roxbury) class B Recycling Center (PI #133630) in Roxbury Township. The MCMUA received a detailed e-mail and a sketch from Northeast's Environmental Consultant, Julio Galarza. Northeast is interested in modifying its facility to include leaf composting at the site. The facility accepts leaves during the season. Those accepted leaves are grounded down and transferred to either a farm or to a composting facility. The facility now wants to compost those leaves at the site and use its composting product to mix it with the soil byproduct of its class B operation to enhance it. Currently, the facility brings composting from approved facilities in order to do that. The facility accepts approximately 10,000 cubic yards (CY) of leaves each season. By doing this composting process onsite, they will save around 100 truck trips coming and going from the facility. Northeast's approval is due for renewal in July of 2024, so they would like to include within the renewal the modification described above which will make the facility a class B/C, or Multi-Class, Recycling facility. This request falls under the Administrative Action (AA) allowances under "Act. #5- *The modification of an existing facility including acceptance of additional waste types, on-site operational changes and expansions of facility buffer zones or expansions into buffer zones for ancillary operational activities.*" Mr. Galarza was asked to start the formal process as he's done in the past for Northeast and submit to the MCMUA. When received, the formal packet will be sent to Roxbury Township for their approval and formal Resolution at one of their meetings.

WSP USA, approached the MCMUA about obtaining a class A recycling approval for one of its paper shredding recycling centers, including it in the County Solid Waste Management Plan. The Shred-It facility is located at 81 Walsh Drive in Parsippany Township. Shred-It says they are processing, either shredding on site or simply baling either already shredded paper from mobile trucks and/or consolidating shredded paper in some way. Because this facility is accepting and processing, it should be added to the County Plan as a class A facility. Based in the limited information provided, it appears as if the Shred-It facility may be eligible to be included in the Plan via the approved "*Blanket Inclusion Process*". Morris County has a blanket vegetative waste compost facility plan inclusion policy and a blanket policy for recycling centers. The purpose of the blanket inclusion policies is to encourage and facilitate the development of the above referenced facilities by eliminating the more complicated and time-consuming process of including each compost facility and recycling center in the County Plan pursuant to a formal plan amendment process as set forth in N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 37,997 tons of solid waste accepted by the two (2) transfer stations in January 2024 was 1.15% more than the 37,567 tons accepted a year ago in January 2023. Considering January 2023 tonnage was historically high and the 471,515 total tonnage for all of 2023 was very high, this January 2024 increase of 1.15% in tonnage over January 2023 leads to an annual projection for 2024 being 506,948. If this projection holds true, it would represent a 7.51% increase over the 471,515 tons accepted in 2023. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

January Monthly Comparison Statistics (2023 to 2024):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 14,389- 282 more than 2023

Total Customers- 3,490- 176 more than 2023

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 578- 42 less than 2023

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 23,608- 149 more than 2023

Total Customers- 5,018- 18 less than 2023

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 338- 60 more than 2023

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- Coinciding with the award for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Professional Services- Solid Waste Engineering, the MCMUA staff is currently working with both the Alaimo Group, Senior Project Manager Mike Kobylarz, and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE), Senior Project Manager Mike McAloon, on planning for projects scheduled calendar year 2024. Working closely with our engineers on scheduled improvement projects proved invaluable throughout 2023, especially at the two (2) transfer stations, and the MCMUA Operations team would like to continue to collaborate with them through 2024. With that being said, the following is a “roadmap” of 2024 projects and improvements for the Board that were presented to both Alaimo and SCE:

- (Alaimo) Continue communication with the NJDEP on the Permit renewal for the Parsippany transfer station to include the modification of increasing daily tonnage allowances from current 1380 TPD to 1978 TPD. Continue the pursuit of discontinuing the Methane Detection System within and throughout the main building.
- (Alaimo) Additional core samples for the Mount Olive transfer station concerning the delaminated concrete apron. Working with Infrastructure Repair Services, LLC. (IRS), Euclid Chemical (Euclid), and Persistent Construction to get this area corrected and/or replaced in early Spring.
- (Alaimo) Continue communication with J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) on the full replacement of the damaged trench drain system at the Parsippany-Troy Hills station, to include protective safety bollards and concrete attenuators. Working with IRS, Peerless Concrete, Euclid, and JPM to get this replaced in early Spring.
- (Alaimo) Receive the Engineer’s Cost Estimates for Mount Olive transfer station and the HHW facility, as part of the structural capital project review of both stations in late 2023. Continue these types of site visits and facility reviews as needed to assist with accurate budgeting.
- (Alaimo) Updating of the Parsippany Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) due to possible changes in our current sampling locations “Street Storm A” and “DSN002A”, because of the new neighboring truck stop/parking lot.
- (Alaimo) Continue the pursuit of connection to public water at the Mount Olive transfer station. Working with the Highlands Council, Township Officials, and the NJDEP in the hopes of starting construction in 2025. Update the related site plan(s) to reflect the new Mount Olive 2” main water service line.
- (Alaimo) Start reviewing plans/proposals on the Parsippany transfer roof replacement budgeted for 2024. By far the largest 2024 solid waste improvement project, something pushed back since early 2017. With expected delays for materials and supplies, this request for Bids should hit the streets in late winter.
- (Alaimo) Start reviewing plans/proposals on the total replacement of the Mount Olive transfer station steel tarp rack(s). Bid in the beginning of the year due to possible material delays. Once this project is complete and installed, start the engineering and planning for the Parsippany tarp rack move to the main building to include a protective overhang/roof that is budgeted for 2025.
- (Alaimo) MCMUA staff is in the process of replacing proper signage at both transfer stations. Part of this project is adding additional color-coded line striping at Mount Olive to assist customers find their way around the site. When this striping is completed in early spring, Alaimo can complete their accurate and official “Line Striping Plan” for the station.
- (Alaimo) Start and/or continue planning for 2025 budgeted improvement projects like the total replacement of the North tipping floor and trench drains in Parsippany, employee

parking lot modifications in Parsippany, and possible replacement of the steel fire escape in Mount Olive.

- (SCE) Continued project oversight with the 2024 Mount Olive transfer station Motor Control Center (MCC) improvements/replacement mentioned below.
- (SCE) Start planning and engineering for the installation of an emergency generator for the main tipping building at both transfer stations budgeted for 2025.
- (SCE) Once the two (2) mobile office trailers are set and outfitted with related safety equipment and supplies, the Vegetative Waste Emergency Action Plans (EAP's) can be completed, finalized, printed, and posted.
- (SCE) Continue communication, planning, and engineering for possible future NJDEP stormwater permitting requirements, including control construction of the current drainage swale area at the Parsippany facility.
- (SCE) Update of the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility site plan to include the UAV drone flight and stockpile volume analysis based on the current NJDEP General Approval, similar to what was performed in Mount Olive in 2019.
- (SCE) Assist the MCMUA staff with possible engineering concerning Parsippany compost "Phase 2" entrance improvement project abandoned in 2022 due to high costs.

Additional updates, current project status, and payment recommendations on the following can be found in the Water Engineer's Report and will be provided to the MCMUA Board at the February 13 meeting by SCE Senior Project Manager, Micheal McAloon:

- The Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Motor Control Center (MCC) Improvement Project includes the removal of all the outdated/inoperable electrical panels and components. On January 30 and 31, Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC. (Astro) finished installing the new MCC, with all the electrical circuits switched over and operational. New concrete sidewalk, cabinets, conduit, and equipment needed in the station's main electrical shed. The old MCC unit was removed and recycled. The entire construction area was left clean, and broom swept. With the project now 100% complete, Astro is just awaiting final inspection by municipal officials. The MCMUA Operations team was pleased with the overall professionalism of Astro as a contractor during this improvement project and the dedicated oversight from SCE to see this project to completion.
- SCE opened a total of four (4) Bids submitted for the MCC replacement/improvement project at the Mount Olive transfer station on Thursday, February 1 at 10:00AM at the MCMUA main office. During the February 13 Board meeting, SCE will present a resolution for the anticipated award of "Bid #2024-SW01 Mount Olive Motor Control Center Improvements" to the apparent lowest responsible Bidder, DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. out of Linden, New Jersey, pending legal review of the Bid documents.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Manager Stephen Adams is currently working with Atlantic Scale on the annual calibration for the Mettler Toledo heavy duty floor scale at the facility. Both MCMUA Steve Adams and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon attended the Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators (ANJHHWC) meeting in West Trenton on Thursday, January 18. The Operations staff continued working with Mobilease Modular Space, Inc. on the replacement of the HHW facility office trailer using ESCNJ cooperative pricing and are now prepared to present a resolution for the Board's consideration at the February 13 meeting. The office trailer is the same size as the units purchased for the MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities- 10' by 44'. The only difference in this mobile office is the location of the two (2) exterior doors and the approach of the rear steps, all planned to match the current footprint at the HHW facility. As a reminder to the Board, all utilities, septic, water supply, and electric, would remain the same at the permanent facility.

Program Participation- In January of 2024, the permanent HHWF had a total of 211 serviced appointments, which included 196 Morris County residents, 3 VSQG/small businesses, and 12 out-of-County residents. As comparison, in January of 2023, the permanent HHWF had a total of 175 serviced appointments, which included 160 Morris County residents, 12 out-of-County residents, and 3 VSQG/small businesses. This means, January of 2024 exceeded January 2023 totals by 36 serviced appointments. Consistent increased volumes and appointments made for a busy first month at the facility, with MXI already conducting a hazardous waste shipment event on January 26.

The finalized MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste One-Day Drop-Off Events for 2024, two (2) in the spring and two (2) in early fall, rain or shine, 9:00AM to 2:00PM:

- Saturday, May 11, 2024- Morris County Public Safety Academy (MCPSTA), 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
- Saturday, June 22, 2024- MCPSTA
- Saturday, September 14, 2024- MCPSTA
- Saturday, October 26, 2024- MCPSTA

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA Program Manager Stephen Adams attended a virtual meeting with Naturcycle, LLC. on Thursday, February 1 to discuss potential vegetative waste projects and improvements slated for 2024. Discussed was additional screening of the unscreened compost at Parsippany in late winter/early spring to maximize quality products for commercial sales and residential deliveries, and some future 2024 potential sales. 2023 was a successful year for Naturcycle and commercial sales of MCMUA materials. Naturcycle is also intending to conduct their annual mailing campaign to local landscapers prior to the spring season. Some joint MCMUA/Naturcycle outbound vegetative materials marketing projects include:

- Belmont Park Retail Village- Steven Dubner Landscaping using screened compost from Parsippany for project. Approximately 1,300 cubic yards (CY) of compost from the Parsippany facility.
- The Spiral NYC, Manhattan, New York City- JCC Construction used screened compost from our Parsippany facility. Approximately 100 CY to finish work left incomplete from 2023.
- Potential erosion control project in Manhattan, New York- Approximately 100 CY of compost/mulch blend from the Parsippany facility. Completed for 2023 and will resume after the winter.
- Potential erosion control project in East Rutherford, New Jersey- Approximately 3,000 CY of compost/mulch blend from the Mount Olive facility, rescheduled for 2024.

Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., and subcontractor Magic Touch finished the installation of the new 10' by 44' office trailer at the Mount Olive vegetative waste facility. This installation included the final utilities (building, plumbing, and electric) and work on the trailer's two (2) sets of entrance steps and bottom protective skirt. With assistance from Morris County IT, the computer system is now back online. Project details now shift to the Parsippany facility and the installation of an identical office trailer. Current information and communications from Mobilease have the factory offline date for the trailer as the week of February 26. Mobilease will schedule the modular to be shipped Monday, March 4, which will have the unit arriving onsite that Tuesday or Wednesday. If all goes as planned, the schedule for the contractors to start footings will be Monday, March 4. Magic Touch will get those dug, inspected, and poured the same week, in hopes of setting the unit that Thursday or Friday. The job application for the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position at Mount Olive compost has been posted by Morris County Division of Personnel and on the MCMUA website. Staff have started to receive interest and resumes for the position and will begin the interview process in mid to late February 2024. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided at the February 13 MCMUA Board meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The January 2024 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services has been finalized at a (Negative) -\$59.34/ton for a positive increase in pricing of \$3.84 per ton from the December rate.

- Moving into the new year, gradual rises in pricing are noted in commingled containers for plastic and metal grades, experiencing noteworthy increases as of today's review.
 - This is partly due to increased consumer demand and higher costs for virgin-made products.

- As for recovered fiber, prices for paper and cardboard have also continued to steadily increase into the new year, recovering to the highs noted before their drastic collapse in the fall of 2022.
 - With lower-than-expected generation over this past holiday season and higher demand for recycled scrap materials, recycled fiber pricing continues to rise.
 - This implies that consumer behavior directly affects the recycling industry as domestic mills scramble to purchase recycled content.
- While the business of recycling still is not what it used to be over six years ago, with a long road ahead to recovery, experts are reporting that with its slow recovery as of late, markets can expect this trend to continue into 2024 across all commodity types.

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

MCMUA's First Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) Meeting of 2024:

- On January 31, the MCMUA hosted its first MRC Meeting of the calendar year.
- The meeting was dedicated to assisting Morris County's Recycling Coordinators with the 2023 NJDEP Municipal Tonnage Grant Reporting while covering our County Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Grant requirement obligations.
- With 73 recycling professionals in attendance, only 6 Coordinators were absent and must attend one of our other three meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2024 to adhere to their State and county-mandated requirements.
 - The meeting was one of our largest attended to date and was well received by those in attendance.
 - Also, while there is no obligation, should any of our Board Members wish to attend a tour we have scheduled for our MRCs at either Republic Services, where our materials go, or any of the others, please let me know, and I will send out the listing of dates to get you scheduled.

Solid Waste Planning Collaboration with the 2024 Boat Shrink Wrap Program:

- In January, the Solid Waste Planning Division began work on organizing a program to recycle boat shrink wrap generated within the County of Morris for a second year from the opening season.
- Working with the recycler, Ultra-Poly Corporation, and several interested public and private parties, including the non-profit Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF), details were discussed for how to implement the program best and build upon last year's success with a late April start date.
- During the upcoming year, we hope to expand the program to the public during hosted event drop-off days at Lake Hopatcong State Park with the help of the LHF.

MCMUAs Food Waste Planning Efforts with Center for EcoTechnology:

- In January, the not-for-profit Center for EcoTechnology (CET) concluded its food waste consultation and planning services with the MUA.
- Contacting over 650 stakeholders and interviewing over 20 organizations to understand current practices for managing wasted food and documenting existing opportunities, CET

surveyed the Morris County landscape, providing insights and recommendations in several areas.

- This includes highlighting best practices to prioritize food waste prevention, highlighting donation and composting activities, providing suggested educational resources, creating networking opportunities, and supporting food donation and source separation initiatives.
- The MCMUA will meet with CET program staff on February 22 to review the completed report and determine the next steps.

Mr. Marrone mentioned that we have a tour of Republic Services going on ever month and if any Board Member is interested in attending that tour or any others, please let me know.

Regarding the Recycling Coordinators Meeting we just had, Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Anthony just ran a great Recycling Coordinators Meeting. He laid out the year for all our Recycling Coordinators, getting all the towns involved. Anthony, Maura Toomey, our newest Assistant Recycling Coordinator, as well as Brianna Cumberton, our part-time Environmental Outreach Coordinator, ran this meeting. It was really well run and nice to see the youthful turnover and invigoration of our Recycling Department. He could see people were looking to MUA Recycling Staff for leadership.

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

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the Use of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Contract
with Beyer Ford

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Beyer Ford Contract #23/24-11 (1) 2024 Bronco \$34,168.96 Line Item #01-1-900-500-002

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 Vendor on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contract; 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 **February 13, 2024 to December 31, 2024**.

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 February 13, 2024.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Michael Guadagno, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase The Use Of ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCECCPS Purchasing Contract With Beyer Ford and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

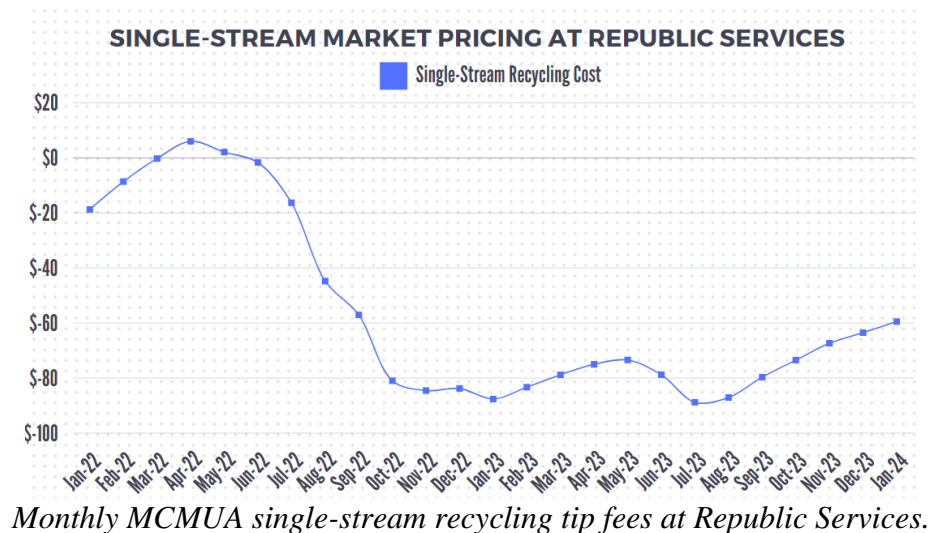
ROLL CALL: AYES: 9 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

January Recycling Update:

In January 2024, the finalized rate for single-stream recycling is calculated at negative -\$59.34, which shows a positive increase of \$3.84 per ton from the previous month. This pricing improvement was limited a bit by the inclusion of the MCMUA’s 2024 transfer station tipping fee increase, which is included as a residual component of this price calculation. The pricing that will be reported for February 2024 at next month’s meeting will consist of Republic Services’ annual cost increase related to the operation of the Mine Hill recycling facility. The price of recycled content has been slowly recovering, showing an overall positive trend for the last six months. Concerning fiber markets, market experts have reported that lower generation for recycled materials and higher demand continues to drive up recycled fiber pricing. This past holiday season, the Northeast region saw lower-than-expected corrugated box demand, with generation still below expectations.



Resolution for Board Consideration

Resolution for a Ford Bronco Sport (4x4) for the Clean Communities Program

The MCMUA utilized the Educational Services Commission of NJ Purchasing Program (ESC Co-Op) to seek pricing for purchasing one administration vehicle for use by the Solid Waste Planning and MCMUA Administration Staff through the Morris County Clean Communities Program. Its primary purpose will be to assist with road cleanup events throughout the year, for illegal dumping enforcement and complaint investigations, and to allow transportation to public educational outreach initiatives. The Morris County Clean Communities will utilize its 25% cap on equipment purchases of our 2023 Grant, \$28,000, and will be funding the remainder out of the following program period's grant funding, \$6,168.96, in June 2024. When received, the MCMUA will wrap the vehicle in litter abatement messaging with the Morris County Clean Communities Logo and "Keep Morris County Litter Free" tagline.

Recycling Contract Customer Service Efforts and Education

Throughout January 2024, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone sat with Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Maura Toomey to review the Shared Services Agreement (SSA) process and our current collection contracts to understand better the entire procedure and the variation in agreements with our partners. Time was spent reviewing each contact's files, organizing them, reading through them, and training on the Paradigm Software system where disposal tickets are entered. As a result of this process, a master spreadsheet was created that accurately lists all the pertinent points of each contract, such as costs associated with the contract, contract length of service, the contract type and frequency of services, MCMUA assets assigned to each account, and any special restrictions or credits associated with the contract. This spreadsheet is cataloged by account type, separating public from private accounts accordingly for easy review. A separate list was also created, which lists those public and private contracts that the MCMUA does not currently collect under contract but can seek to pursue work when they come due. Furthermore, sample quotations for smaller accounts and temporary collection services were also created to be utilized in future efforts, formalizing working with increased entities and making billing more transparent, moving away from previous inefficient and informal efforts.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs during January 2024. 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:

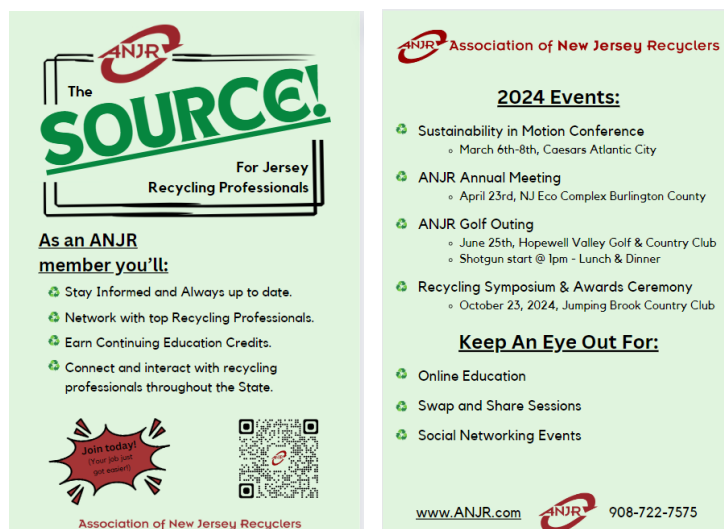
- Eden Lane Condominium Complex Recycling Education, Hanover Township
- Morris County Housing Authority (MCHA) Recycling Educational Presentations
- Community Lead Testing Event, MCMUA and MCDPH Partnership
- Morris County Office Recycling Excels (M.O.R.E.) Program Site Inspections
- Wharton Borough Recycling Education and Inspections at New Construction Sites
- Sun Valley Condominium Complex Education and Inspection, Florham Park Township
- Annex Fitness Recycling Education and Inspection, Florham Park Township
- Recycle Coach Administrative Program Training
- MCMUA Sponsored Internship with Morris County Vocational School District
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts
- MCMUA and Morris County Office of Communications Collaborations

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA, the New Jersey County Recycling Coordinators, and the ANJR Joint Efforts:

Throughout January 2024, Marrone attended, participated in, and helped organize several education and planning efforts for the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) as a Board

Member. These meetings revolved around grant assistance for the organization, pending bottle bill legislation, updated with the single-use plastics law, the Sustainability in Motion Conference in March, upcoming winter and spring educational webinars, and the Spring Swap-and-Share Educational meetings for the first half of the new year. Other topics discussed included market updates, legislative pushes, a statewide recycling list, and other educational initiatives. During this time, Marrone also created several promotional pieces for use by ANJR to garner support for the organization and utilize moving forward. One of these was an informative postcard for use on the table at the March Conference, where Marrone will attend to inform and educate participants on the many resources provided by the organization.



Pictured above are images from the informational postcard created.

2022 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Deliverables:

During January 2024, Marrone sat with Toomey to review the NJDEP System for Administering Grants (SAGE) system for submitting grant reports to the State. This system is currently utilized to submit the County Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) grant, and it was further discussed that the Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) reporting would also be moving over to this program in the future for our Morris County Municipalities.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In January 2024, Marrone began work on planning for, gauging interest in, and developing a program to recycle boat shrink wrap generated within the County of Morris for a second year. Over the month, Marrone worked with Roxbury Township’s Municipal Recycling Coordinator, the owner of Ultra-Poly Corporation, who will recycle the collected materials, and the Executive Director from the non-profit Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) to finalize details for implementing the 2024 pilot boat shrink wrap recycling program with April start date.

On January 11, 2024, Marrone organized a meeting with representatives of Ultra-Poly Corporation and several interested parties to work out the best method for recycling collected materials for the opening season for recycling. During the upcoming year, the LHF hopes to expand the program to the public during hosted event drop-off days at Lake Hopatcong State Park, which is under consideration by Ultra-Poly. A second meeting is being scheduled for February with the participating Marinas and the LHF to iron out the specifics of the program further before the program’s start date for the spring season.

MCMUA’s First Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) Meeting of 2024:

On January 31, 2024, the MCMUA hosted its first MRC Meeting of the calendar year. It was dedicated solely to assisting Morris County’s Recycling Coordinators with the 2023 NJDEP Municipal Tonnage Grant Reporting while covering our County Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Grant requirement obligations. It was an impressive meeting to start 2024 with a great collaboration between the MCMUA’s recycling team, including Marrone, Toomay, Cumberton, and Birmingham, who joined with other state, county, and municipal presenters. A lot of foundational material was presented to a large audience, setting out a strategy to work together to improve our county-wide recycling program.

MCMUA Interview on Solid Waste and Recycling for NorthJersey.com News Article:

In January 2024, the MCMUA was contacted by NorthJersey.com, looking to run a story on solid waste and recycling in New Jersey. The contacting reporter was explicitly interested in where materials go after they are collected at the curb for processing and marketing. Gannett was looking to interview a staff representative to learn more specifically how the process pertained to the County of Morris.

On January 18, 2024, Marrone sat for an interview and explained to the covering reporter the History of Solid Waste in New Jersey and its recycling process broken down by County, our County specific Solid Waste Management Plan and how it impacts recycling, mandatory source separation and recycling, our MCMUA curbside operations and educational efforts, an explanation of the processing centers specific to Morris County, and closing with some advice and education on how to recycle and improve the process correctly. The most important takeaway from these efforts is that “recycling is not only good for the environment but the economy as well...creating jobs, and it needs to be understood that recyclables are raw materials needed to make new products, not garbage.”

In addition to being posted through the NorthJersey.com reader base, the article was passed around through the NJDEP WasteWise network and provided by the NJDEP Solid Waste Bureau with each County and Municipal recycling coordinator for distribution to the public. To read the article for yourself, please visit <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/environment/2024/01/27/nj-recycling-laws-and-process-can-be-complex-we-break-it-down/72241993007/>.

Solid Waste Planning and Operations Collaborations:

Project Dependence:

In January 2024, the supervisors of the two departments met for a third month for the MCMUA’s Project Dependence Meetings. Conducted bi-weekly to work collaboratively on internal projects, shared service agreement matters, curbside operations improvements, waste reduction efforts, and recycling enhancements. The discussions from the January meetings covered a range of topics, including updates to our existing Shared Services Agreements, temporary recycling requests received into the MCMUA, the completion of our new customer support and program news pages for the MCMUA webpage, the purchasing of a GPS-based vehicle software system and cameras for the recycling operations of vehicles, staffing management, and other operations-based matters. Discussions like these are beginning to improve our internal and external processes while allowing us to work collectively on mutually beneficial goals with established deadlines.



The first two images illustrate where to find the support page on the homepage and what it looks like to the public. The bottom two images are taken from the website's footer, displaying news feeds and the MCMUA News Landing Page.

Class A Recycling Facility Tour with Republic Services in Mine Hill, NJ:

On January 24, 2024, Toomey met with Eric Gabrielson, Operations Manager at Republic Services, to visit the facility and get familiar with how our collected materials were processed for the market. January is one of the busiest months for the facility, and it was a great learning experience to see the facility working at total capacity. During their visit, Toomey and

Gabrielson reviewed our Schedule A list of acceptable single-stream and unacceptable recyclable materials to ensure that it accurately reflects what the facility accepts. Any informational changes discovered during this meeting will be updated in our current agreements and translated to our newer contracts.

Gabrielson also emphasized that metal chemical containers, pressurized containers, and batteries continue to present a problem at his facility, with several smaller fires taking place over the past year. To create more awareness on the subject, the MCMUA will create several PSAs to educate the public on the danger and unacceptance of these materials in the collection process for recycling. It should be noted that these materials are already on the Schedule A list as unacceptable for recycling, and resources should be provided to educate the public on this matter.

MCMUA Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:

During January 2024, the MCMUA began assisting its municipalities in collecting recycling reports, distributing them to municipal recycling coordinators, and posting them to the MCMUA webpage for the 2023 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) reporting period. The MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division made edits to the existing MRC subpages on the MCMUA website, making information more accessible to understand, creating additional educational pieces, and updating the information contained. In addition, the MCMUA also offered personalized assistance to several municipal coordinators in answering questions regarding reporting, filing, and cataloging information obtained.

MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations:

In January 2024, Marrone and Toomey had several meetings with Solid Waste Inspectors from the Morris County Division of Public Health (MCDPH) to discuss, create, and review education, outreach, and inspections at various locations and work practices throughout Morris County. They have established a continuing working relationship to revise existing and create new educational materials in a multi-lingual format. They are also working on future outreach initiatives, joint educational information pushes to the public, solid waste enforcement programs, and training materials for new and existing employees.

On January 24, 2024, the MCDPH met with the MCMUA to review several educational materials for public distribution. These materials can be handed out by our MRCs during their recycling compliance inspections as an additional education piece to supplement their efforts. The second material is a referral sheet that the MRCs can utilize for follow-up inspections and enforcement by the MCDPH if they encounter noncompliance issues after MRC efforts.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

MCMUA Administrative Support, NJ Food Council Bag Redistribution Committee:

On January 12, 2024, Marrone and Birmingham attended the New Jersey Food Council's (NJFC) Project Committee meeting, supporting the current efforts surrounding the New Jersey Bag Ban Law. During this meeting, the NJFC updated the single-use plastics law and statistics supporting the ban. At the same time, Marrone and Birmingham and other leaders in the public and private sectors spoke on their current program efforts to work towards an innovative bag collection and redistribution solutions to the excess reusable bag issue. Currently, Morris County has supported several food banks and public collection efforts throughout Morris County, along with assisting in creating educational materials for statewide use and replication in other programs.

2024 Morris County Clean Communities Calendars:

The NJ Clean Communities Council partnered with Recycle Coach and created new litter abatement materials. One of the new items is a 2024 Litter Awareness wall calendar. Morris County Clean Communities placed a print order for these calendars and mailed them to our Municipal Clean Communities Coordinators in the County. The last two pages of the calendar feature information on donating reusable bags, Clean Communities education, and information on preventing food waste. Copies of these calendars have also been given to MCMUA staff and

will be provided to the MCMUA Board members in attendance at the February 2024 Board Meeting.



Pictured above are images from the NJ Clean Communities education calendar.

Morris County Clean Communities 2023 Storm Water Report

In January 2024, the Morris County Clean Communities 2023 Storm Water Report was submitted to the Morris County Division of Engineering & Transportation. The report mirrors the information collected for the end-of-year report for the Clean Communities Grant deliverables. These include the number of and where cleanups were performed, the amount and types of litter collected, the number of participants involved in the processes, and linear miles cleaned, to name a few categories.

MCMUA Nominates an Awardee for the 2024 NJ Clean Communities Awards Program.

In January 2024, the Morris County Clean Communities nominated the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Grants and Program Director Donna Macalle-Holly for the NJ Clean Waterway/ Stormwater Award. Macalle-Holly coordinated the November 4, 2023, Lake-wide Community Cleanup on Lake Hopatcong, an event organized by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) and the Lake Hopatcong Commission. Lake Hopatcong is New Jersey’s largest lake, encompassing 45 miles of shoreline. The lake-wide cleanup is done in conjunction with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection’s 5-foot drawdown of the lake, which takes place every five years. During her tenure, Macalle-Holly has coordinated the three lake-wide community cleanups since 2013, 2018, and 2023. These three cleanups have resulted in the participation of over 1,500 volunteers in cleaning up over 90,000 pounds of trash from the lake over the last ten years, significantly improving the cleanup program each year she was involved. Macalle-Holly also tried to ensure that those items mandated materials, if in good condition to do so, such as whole tires, are to be recycled, if possible. Regarding tires, she arranged for each participating municipality fire department to clean off collected tires and place them at a staging area for collection by the MCMUA for recycling. Lastly, Macalle-Holly also set up an environmental education field trip program in their floating classroom, which provides hands-on learning to the public and serves as an interactive learning center on Lake Hopatcong. The award nominees will be notified in mid-February, and the awards ceremony will occur at the Sustainability in Motion Conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Druetzler thanked Dorothea Kominos for a great two years leading us; she did a super job. He wished Michael and Chris success here for us. Congratulated Maria for getting reappointed and welcome Larry Ragonese to the Board.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

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

There being no further business, Chairman Guadagno asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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