

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 10, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held both in person at the MCMUA Office and remotely using conference call software. The necessary notice of this meeting was published according to the law.

Chairwoman Kominos called the meeting to order and read the following:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the location, date and time of this meeting was made by posting on the MCMUA website, the Morris County Clerk's bulletin board and the officially designated newspapers for the MCMUA. The meeting may be attended in person or through remote communication in conformance with the directives of the State of New Jersey. Additional notice regarding remote public access is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Chairwoman Kominos requested a roll call.

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

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry and Mr. Frank Druetzler.

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

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

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2022 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Feyl

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of April 2022. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water Divisions through April 2022 and the Investment Report for this month shows that no new investments were purchased during the month of April 2022. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik 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 he has the Approval of Vouchers, Bill Resolution No. 22-42 and asked if anyone has any questions. There being no questions, Dr. Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 22-42

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the bills as shown on the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS all having been approved by the Board of officials where legally required, be and the same are hereby paid. The SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS designated as Bill Resolution No. 22-42 containing 7 pages for a total of \$3,892,112.81 dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	5869-5904	\$	533,306.26
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	13060-13145	\$	<u>3,358,806.55</u>
		\$	3,892,112.81

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: May 10, 2022

BOARD CHAIRWOMAN APPROVAL

Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

SIGNED: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: May 10, 2022.

DATE: May 10, 2022

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that our auditors have advised us that they are still waiting for pension numbers from the State of New Jersey in order to complete the 2021 Audit. Those numbers are not expected until the month of June, so at that time he will be able to at least provide a draft copy of the Audit to the Board. Mr. Gindoff added that the auditors finished up a couple weeks ago and that is just one thing that we will have to wait a couple of months to finalize.

CORRESPONDENCE:

With regard to the Correspondence report, Mr. Gindoff highlighted the following: (1) Under the Water section, regarding the email from Matt Trump from the Park Commission about the annual

Deer Hunt approval at the Alamatong Wellfield. He would appreciate it if we could make a Motion regarding that issue and seek approval for another year facilitating the Park Commission's Deer Hunt.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to keep the Deer Hunt the same as last year and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

He explained we changed a couple of allowances to allow both crossbow hunting and Saturday deer hunting last year. The Park Commission came back to us with positive feedback regarding those two allowances saying it helped the Deer Hunt in the Alamatong from the year before, whereas that was about the only site in their deer hunting program that got better in 2022 versus 2021. They really encouraged us to keep the same deer hunting procedures as they worked so well.

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

(2) Regarding Item No. 4, which was a letter received from Margo Happer, a Randolph resident and one of our compost and mulch customers, saying how great it has been to have Marilyn working with her to get her compost and mulch. This is one of many residents, who after getting instructions from Marilyn, enjoyed the experience. I appreciate that. She has been doing marvelous work as you see from the amount of stuff we have sent out from the Vegetative Waste Report. Chairwoman Kominos commented that she can attest to this, as I am a MUA customer and Marilyn does do a great job. Mr. Carney mentioned that the word in the Correspondence actually was awesome.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

ADMINISTRATION

1. Final Version of Vision/Mission Statement for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

WATER

2. Email dated April 27, 2022 to Larry Gindoff from Matt Trump, Superintendent of Natural Resources Management, Morris County Park Commission, regarding Alamatong Wellfield Deer Management Program.

SOLID WASTE

3. Email dated April 28, 2022 to George D. Cascino, Cascino Engineering, from James Deacon regarding proposed changes at the Jefferson Recycling Class B.
4. Email dated May 2, 2022 to Larry Gindoff from Margo Happer, Randolph resident, commending Marilyn Regner for the service she provided her with her delivery.
5. Letter dated May 5, 2022 to Larry Gindoff from Thomas R. Lemanowicz, P.E., Associate, Alaimo Group, regarding Recommendation of Award for Mt. Olive Tipping Floor Restoration.
6. Recycling Report Supplement – April 2022.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) For the month of April, the MUA sold approximately 476.622 MG. As we had previously spoke, we are no longer comparing that to other years due to the recent changes in our revised agreements.; (2) Per Frank Druetzler's request of last month regarding numbers on Mt. Arlington, there was a power failure that had occurred in the Mt. Arlington Tank prior to us dewatering and rehabbing the tank. As a result of that, the pump never got the signal that the tank had reached its high level, therefore, the tank was overflowing to an overflow pipe. As a result, Mt. Arlington requested consideration for credit of the volume of water that had been discharged without their use. Backup information was provided on how we came up

with those numbers to the Borough and they seemed satisfied. There also was an additional credit for once we did dewater the tank, we can only dewater to a certain level into the system upon which we had to manually dewater through one of the hydrants, so we offered a credit to Mt. Arlington for that volume of water as well. He mentioned that the total credits were less than \$3,000.00.; (3) The MUA was subpoenaed to furnish documents as part of a lawsuit between two entities and unregulated contaminant monitoring documents were furnished that was requested.; (4) Representatives from 29 Justine Place reached out to us and advised that their encroachment and illegal use of the MUA property had almost ceased. There was one final shed that needed to be relocated and they are working on getting that moved within the coming weeks. They profusely apologized for the encroachment.; (5) Prepared to present Resolution No. 22-43 for the purchase of a utility cab tractor for the total amount of \$55,674.95. This is a critical piece of equipment that the Water crew needs to maintain all the property and land they are responsible for. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that this is being purchased through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System that we have used in the past and is a Co-op purchase, not a bid.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-43
RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) UTILITY CAB TRACTOR THROUGH
THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #040319-KBA
PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR 2022

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) is authorized by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 to make purchases and contracts for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, and further provided that the contracting unit has made a determination that the use of a cooperative purchasing agreement will result in cost savings after all factors have been considered; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) for the MCMUA has determined that the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) is a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing system and agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit, as it is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017); and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA QPA has further determined that Sourcewell utilizes a cooperative purchasing system and agreement that complies with the competitive bidding process set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and meets the criteria of the New Jersey pay-to-play law at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has advertised and awarded cooperative purchasing agreements for a variety of goods and equipment, including Utility Cab Tractor; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2022, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of one (1) Utility Cab Tractor through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on May 6, 2022 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of one (1) Utility Cab Tractor is available for purchase through Powerco, Inc. in the total amount of \$55,674.94.; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$1,247.06 by obtaining the Utility Cab Tractor from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, all required documentation, including, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; Statement of Corporate Ownership; Public Contract EEO Compliance Form (Affirmative Action) and Non-collusion Affidavit has been obtained from the vendor in accordance with New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$55,674.94 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #02-6-300-800-151.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of one (1) Utility Cab Tractor in the amount of \$55,674.94

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to authorize the purchase of One (1) Utility Cab Tractor Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System #040319-KBA Purchasing Contract For 2022 and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

(6) Contracts were sent out to John Garcia for the EWR-22-W01 Water Division Emergency and On-Call Services. We anticipate receiving them back in the near future and we will get them signed by the MUA. John Garcia also successfully completed the tank isolation project and furnished the necessary close-out documents satisfying the terms of the Contract. We are prepared to recommend final payment, as well as acceptance of work resolution. There was a small credit offered back to the MUA for unused Uniform Traffic Directors and unused line items in the Contract, so as part of this final Resolution, we will reconcile the total dollar value and authorize release of retainage. Mr. Carney mentioned that this Resolution is contingent upon the receipt of the Maintenance Bond. Mr. McAloon replied that we are in receipt of a digital copy and a hard copy has been sent to the MUA today. Mr. Carney mentioned that he wants to review that Maintenance Bond and the release of any money should be contingent upon the review and acceptance of that Maintenance Bond.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-44
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 AND
ACCEPTING THE WORK
TO CONTRACT 2021-W01,
MT. ARLINGTON TANK INTERCONNECTION

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

WHEREAS, the Contractor successfully completed the work on Wednesday, April 13; and

WHEREAS, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (“SCE”) evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punchlist items were addressed; and

WHEREAS, John Garcia Construction Company successfully completed the work to the satisfaction of the Owner and Engineer, and furnished the necessary project closeout documents including certified payroll reports, maintenance bond, and release of all liens; and

WHEREAS, reconciliation of un-used quantities, 8-inch diameter water main and Uniformed Traffic Directors Allowance were not necessary to be furnished and installed; and

WHEREAS, the attached Change Order No. 2, as recommended by SCE, results in a decrease in the contract price in the amount of \$15,147.70 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work on April 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the two-year maintenance bond required by the Contract, SCE recommends processing the final payment to the contractor in the amount of \$29,699.44, which includes the release of retainage; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that funds in the amount of \$29,699.44 are available from MCMUA Budget Line Item 02-6-300-800-015.

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

1. The Authority accepts the work that was completed on April 13, 2022 for Contract 2021-W01. Upon receipt of the two-year maintenance bond required by the Contract, the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 2 with John Garcia Construction Company, 183 Friar Lane, Clifton, NJ 07013 decreasing the contract price in the amount of \$15,147.70 and no time extension for the work described in Change Order No. 2.
2. Upon receipt of the two-year maintenance bond required by the Contract and full execution of Change Order No. 2, the Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment in the amount of \$29,699.44, which includes the release of all retainage.
3. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to authorize Change Order No. 2 And Accepting The Work To Contract 2021-W01, Mt. Arlington Tank Interconnection, as amended by Mr. Carney’s language, and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

- (7) A summary was given of the occurrences that happened at the Mt. Arlington pressure gradient. When the tank was taken out-of-service, we were operating our Booster Pump continuously into the system to provide the necessary demand for the water system to Mt. Arlington, Jefferson and Roxbury. There were two utility power outages which impacted the operation of our pumps and resulted in a short-time period where less than normal pressure was observed in the distribution system. At a meeting on Wednesday, May 4, between Mt. Arlington and the MUA, we reviewed the cause and identified improvements that we could make modifications to our system to prevent this from happening in the future. Mr. Milonas was making those changes yesterday morning.;
- (8) With regard to the Tank Rehabilitation, the Contractors to work on the interior of the tank and began ancillary improvements. They submitted Payment Application No. 2 which was on the bills for payment. We are still anticipating the tank back-in-service at the end of May, early June.; and
- (9) We did submit the Water Supply Agreement to NJDEP on Wednesday, April 13, following our last meeting.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of April, MCMUA sold approximately 476.622 MG. As a follow-up to discussions during our last meeting, there was a period in which the Mt. Arlington tank was overfilled and water was being discharged through the tank overflow pipe. A power failure occurred at the Mt. Arlington tank and the tank level reading was not being accurately recorded and therefore the pump was not stopped upon reaching the high-level shut-off. Through review of the MCMUA SCADA trends, the tank reached a maximum level for approximately 5 hours, during which time the Mt. Arlington pump was operating at full speed or approximately 1160 gpm which is approximately 350,000 gallons. However, in amicable efforts with the Borough, the overall credit was increased to 500,000 gallons for the March period.

Additionally, Mt. Arlington requested consideration for a credit on the volume of water that was removed from the tank to facilitate the tank interior rehabilitation. Almost all of the tank was dewatered into the system by manually keeping the Mt. Arlington booster pumps off and the tank open to the system past the low low tank set points. The existing yard hydrant was opened to dewater the sediment laden water for the last few inches. The hydrant was opened to flow around 30 gpm for a period of two (2) days. The volume of this water was calculated to be around 85,000 gallons; however, an additional credit of 150,000 gallons was applied to Mt. Arlington during the April billing period.

- B. The MCMUA was subpoenaed to furnish documents relating to sampling, testing and/or monitoring for contaminants regulated in the State of New Jersey or listed in any applicable unregulated contaminant monitoring rule (UCMR3) which has been performed since January 1, 2000 as part of a neighboring water systems suit against a large chemical company. The necessary documents are being prepared and will be transmitted prior to the subpoena deadline.
- C. Representatives from 29 Justine Place in Succasunna, the location of the apparent encroachment and illegal use of the MCMUA property, contacted the MUA to advise a majority of the encroachment had been corrected except for a wooden shed. The representatives advised the shed was going to be relocated in the coming weeks and apologized for the encroachment. A final inspection of the area will be performed prior to the next board meeting.
- D. Purchase of Utility Cab Tractor (Kabota) – The MCMUA Qualified Purchasing Agent determined it is appropriate for the MCMUA to purchase a Utility Cab Tractor, budgeted for 2022 for the Water Department, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$55,674.94. A resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration authorizing the aforementioned purchase at the May Board meeting.

2. Water Division Emergency and On-Call Services Contractor

Formal contracts for Contract No. EWR-22-W01 Water Division “Emergency and On-Call Services” were distributed for review and signatures by **John Garcia Construction Co. Inc.** of Clifton, NJ for the base bid amount of \$17,000.24. Once the documents are signed by the Contractor, they will be furnished to MCMUA for final signature.

3. Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation:

Contract A – Tank Isolation

The final curb to curb paving has been successfully completed, along with all construction related items of the project. The Contractor has furnished the necessary closeout documents for this project, satisfying the terms of the contract. SCE recommends final payment to **John Garcia Construction Co. Inc.** in the amount of **\$29,699.44** including the release of retainage. SCE presented to the board a resolution accepting the work including final quantity reconciliation as provided in Change Order #2.

The water system operation experienced two (2) utility power outages since the tank has been removed from service; both occurrences were unrelated to the operation but was a loss to utility power to the region. During these utility power outages, there was a short time period in which higher elevation residences within Mt. Arlington reported less than normal pressures. This was a result of the PRV working to meet the small demand on the system. The setpoints of the emergency interconnection valves is results in a small operating range for these valves it had a difficult time satisfying at the low demands. Through discussions between SCE and Water System Superintendent, it was determined if the demand on the system was higher (large usage) the valve would have been able to open and stay open for a longer period and the short term loss of normal pressures would have been alleviated. The water system maintained positive pressure exceeding NJDEP requirements of 20psi at the street. We feel confident that in the event of emergency, there would be adequate supply of water.

Mt. Arlington requested modification of the setpoints to eliminate the complaints in the future, if loss of utility power occurred. However, at this point we are not recommending modification to the setting, however, would be willing to adjust if necessary. We will be coordinating further with representatives from Mt. Arlington during a virtual meeting on Wednesday May 4, 2022. Further discussion will be provided during our meeting

Contract B – Tank Rehabilitation

The Contractor has completed the installation of the secondary containment, completed the abrasive blasting of the tank interior, and began the abrasive blasting on the tank exterior. Additionally, the contractor began work on the ancillary tank improvements. The Contractor

has submitted for consideration Payment Application #2, in the amount of \$358,288.00. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work complete and recommends payment.

Project Completion Summary Through May 10, 2022

Contract Start Date	March 8, 2022
Original Contract Completion Time	120 Calendar Days
Interim Milestone – Tank Out of Service	60 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	63 53%
Days Remaining:	57 47%
Interim Milestone Completion Date	May 28, 2022
Original Contract Completion Date	July 6, 2022

Project Financial Summary Through May 10, 2022

Original Contract Amount	\$1,527,100.00
Change Order No. 1	\$27,500.00
Current Contract Amount	\$1,554,600.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$553,200.00
Percent of Work Complete	35.5%
Payment Application #1	\$183,848.00
Payment Application #2	\$358,288.00
Total Retainage to Date	\$11,064.00

4. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

SCE has submitted the Revised Water Supply Agreement between MCMUA and Mt. Arlington to NJDEP on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. We are actively following-up on the status of the revised agreement.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) Garden State Environmental performed inspections at Curbside yesterday and our Water Maintenance Garage this morning. Both locations had minor corrections.; (2) As you can see from the tonnage numbers, it increases and is very steady at both transfer stations and Mascaro has been doing a good job continuing to trailer out the waste daily.; (3) Persistent Construction has been in touch with Brett Snyder and should be starting soon on the wall by the APC as soon as they receive the materials, hopefully this week or next week; (4) A big “Thank You” to the Solid Waste Operations Staff for their hard work after hours and before the start of business at both stations with what they have been doing on some of the maintenance. The Operations Managers and the Transfer Station Managers, four of them, met this morning to review applicants for the Utilitarian position. They are looking at next week to start interviews and finalize that by the end of the month.; (5) The big highlight is the HHW Drop-Off Event for May 21st, the location has been changed from the County College to the Public Safety Training Academy. Thank you to Chief Collucci and the Academy for helping out so quickly. A lot of email blasts and information got out quickly thanks to Anthony, Steve, Larry, Digital Signs, Towns. CCM is going to help us with sign boards.; (6) Update on the fence repair at HHW, the replacement of that fence is seven weeks out for material, but it is on the agenda to get fixed. This is the damaged fence between the HHW facility and the inbound tunnel to the transfer station.; (7) The annual record DOT and Hazwopper Training will start next week.; (8) Vegetative Waste in total, we are virtually equal with last year from a revenue perspective, but we are much busier with inbound in 2022 compared to 2021, which is offset by the lack of outbound movement by NaturCycle in 2022. We expect that NaturCycle will pick up sales this month with the weather breaking. Residential deliveries are about the same this year to last year.; (9) The tipping floor at Mt. Olive that we put off in the Fall, we are looking to award tonight with your approval to Persistent Construction. There two bidders that came in. One had some material defects, so we are looking to award to Persistent. It came in higher than our Engineer’s Estimate. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we are recommending to award the bid to Persistent Construction even though it is significantly higher than our budgeted amount and the Engineer’s estimate. We think it is a good

move to go ahead with that project at this point. We don't think we will get pricing much better than we already have. If you accept the resolution, we would award it to Persistent, who is a company that did all the work for the Parsippany Transfer Station floor and did a great job there. We know this company's work and capabilities, so we would be getting a company we are familiar with and is quite capable of handling this work. Mr. Carney said that none of that should be considered. He stated that the basis for the award is that the low bidder has a material defect by not providing a Consent of Surety, which is a mandatory item required by the Local Public Contracts Law for all construction projects over \$100,000. You shouldn't be considering whether or not you think Persistent is a good company or a bad company. They are the lowest responsible bidder and you may award it to it even though it substantially exceeds the Engineer's pre-cost estimate.

Ms. Szwak asked why was the Engineer's Estimate so far off? Mr. Gindoff replied that it is a very difficult time to assess pricing with inflation going through the roof. Ms. Szwak wondered are they doing anything extra, because that is such a huge difference. Mr. Carney mentioned that both bids are well above the Engineer's pre-bid estimate. Mr. Gindoff questioned that if he re-bids the project, will we do any better? We don't know, however, we need the tipping floor fixed, as well as the trench drains associated with the tipping floor project. Mr. Gindoff responded to Laura's question about there being anything extra, they responded to what we asked them. Mr. Gindoff added that it is incredibly busy out there and there is a short supply of construction companies compared to the demand for them to work in addition to inflation for both building materials and price of labor. On a positive note, taking in record tonnage, our revenues are doing very well this year, so we have the money to cover it.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-45
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 2021-1
TO PERSISTENT CONSTRUCTION INCORPORATED
FOR THE MOUNT OLIVE TIPPING FLOOR RESTORATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter the "Authority") advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2021-1 "Mount Olive Tipping Floor Restoration" and received two (2) responses to the bid solicitation on April 29, 2022 from the bidders listed below at the base price shown:

Michael Cianciotto Plumbing and Heating LLC 8 Debow Terrace Pompton Plains, NJ 07444	\$1,674,289.78
Persistent Construction, Inc. 58 Industrial Avenue Fairview, NJ 07022	\$1,961,485.00

WHEREAS, legal counsel for the Authority has reviewed the bid documents from Michael Cianciotto Plumbing and Heating LLC and found that it did not contain a Consent of Surety as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22. Failure to submit a Consent of Surety with the original bid submission is considered a material defect that cannot be cured by MCMUA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2(b); and,

WHEREAS, legal counsel for the Authority has reviewed the bid documents from Persistent Construction Incorporated and found that it does not contain any material defects.

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

1. The bid submitted by Michael Cianciotto Plumbing and Heating LLC, 8 Debow Terrace, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444, is unresponsive for failing to submit at the time of receipt of bid a Consent of Surety as required by the bid specifications and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22 and said bid submission is rejected as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2(b).
2. The Authority waives all immaterial defects in the bid submitted by Persistent Construction Inc., if any, and awards Contract No. 2021-1 “Mount Olive Tipping Floor Restoration” to Persistent Construction Incorporated, 58 Industrial Avenue, Fairview, NJ 07022, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount not to exceed the base bid price of \$1,961,485.00.
3. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2021-1 “Mount Olive Tipping Floor Restoration” with Persistent Construction Incorporated, in the bid amount not to exceed \$1,961,485.00.
4. The contract awarded herein to Persistent Construction Incorporated, shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission and approval of the contractor’s performance bond and insurance certificates required by the Contract with said certificates being in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of the Count of Morris.
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 his Resolution.
6. The bid security of Michael Cianciotto Plumbing and Heating, LLC shall be returned within 10 days after the opening of the bids, Sundays and Holidays excepted.
7. The MCMUA Treasurer certifies that funds are available for this Contract award 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.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to authorize Change Order No. 2 And Accepting The Work To Contract 2021-W01, Mt. Arlington Tank Interconnection, as amended, and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

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

Ms. Szwak commended James for doing the Stay Interviews. Has the MUA experienced a greater turnover? Mr. Deacon replied that it is tough to keep people motivated that have been here since the start of COVID out in the field, the Operations Staff. We wanted to introduce the changes with Anthony becoming District Recycling Coordinator and Steve Adams being hired and Larry’s separation of Planning and Operations. That was Step 1, introduce the Mission Statement and make people feel part of the team. There have been comments from Parsippany as to what they can do better. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that has been a great process that James has undertaken and is doing great work with that and hopefully it is rubbing off on the Mascaro people that we care, so you could care also.

Ms. Szwak asked if there is any update on the inspection by the DEP concerning the foam in the river? Mr. Deacon replied that we met with the gentleman from DEP Water Enforcement and he is going to get back to us whether we need a to have a stormwater permit for our compost.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Jefferson Recycling, LLC- Potential Plan Modification- Attached as correspondence for the Board at the May 10 meeting is a copy of an email chain between the MCMUA and Mr. George D. Cascino of Cascino Engineer, representing Jefferson Recycling, LLC. Jefferson Recycling is requesting a Plan modification through Administrative Action for some potential changes to operations at their facility located off of Route 15 North in Jefferson Township. The total facility capacity of 700 tons per day (TPD) will not change. Jefferson Recycling is now looking to process/shred both the tires and tree parts they receive onsite. This will also change the site plan to locate both the process and staging areas. The MCMUA requested additional information about the processing before the Township of Jefferson is approached by the MCMUA for their review and possible approval through a formal Resolution.

Dan Como and Sons- Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request- The MCMUA received two (2) different OPRA requests concerning Dan Como and Sons, Inc. located in the Towaco section of Montville Township. Como and Sons is a bulk landscape material center that was included in the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) in 1996 as an exempt leaf composting facility. All hard copy information, Plan inclusion information, and related e-mail correspondence concerning Como and Sons was provided in a timely fashion to Hedinger and Lawless, L.L.C., counsel representing RER Supply, LLC.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

As mentioned at previous Board meetings, Garden State Environmental Health and Safety Consulting, Inc. (GSE), under the direction of Morris County Risk Management, has started their 2022 annual Health, Safety, and Compliance Inspections at the MCMUA facilities. The first two (2) inspections by GSE took place at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station and Mount Olive transfer station/HHW facility in March. In anticipation for the annual GSE inspection at our Curbside facility, MCMUA staff ordered and installed proper signage in the main garage bays. All the bulk storage, which includes the above ground storage tanks and 55 gallon drums, have been labeled with their contents, CAS#, capacity, and NFPA 704 informational placards where applicable. Curbside emergency contact lists have been posted above the shop phones, and additional signage and labeling of electrical boxes, fittings, and the emergency eye wash station were completed. Basic housekeeping around the bulk storage area(s) was also performed in late April completing this project before our next safety inspection.

Continuing Education and Networking- Solid Waste Division- MCMUA Transfer Station Managers Brett Snyder and Justin Doyle, and Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams all attended the New Jersey Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) 2022 Spring Conference on April 28 and April 29 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Some related sessions, topics, and/or keynote speakers included: Safety in Our Industry, Composting and Recycling- Organic Recycling Update, Bio-Gas, and Landfill Gas to Renewable Natural Gas, Legislative and Regulatory Updates including Environmental Justice and Community Outreach, What's New in the Solid Waste Industry- Closure Turf approved in New Jersey, Revolution Sorting System, New Methods and Technologies for Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities- The Use of Recycling Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in a MSE Berm (landfill cover), and Cool Use of Mixed Glass Cullet. Friday, April 29, Day #2 of the conference involved PFAS updates and Fleet Innovation and Modernization- Fleet Replacement Planning, Truck Routing Software, and Electric Trash Trucks.

Highlights mentioned by the MCMUA staff that attended the conference were the safety program presented by Atlantic County UA, how the Watershed Geo-AGRU closure turf eliminated 50,000 trucks delivering fill when closing/capping a landfill, how asphalt millings are now being beneficially reused at landfills, and the Aero Aggregates of North America presentation on Cool Use of Mixed Glass Cullet- how they use glass bottles to make a dust, then turn them into large foam blocks for use on highways producing better drainage systems. Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams was able to take a lot of good information from the Composting and Recycling Industry Update, while Transfer Station Managers Doyle and Snyder were present during the Euclid Chemical presentation, the company that makes the EUCO-Top materials that the MCMUA is looking to utilize at the Mount Olive transfer station for the tipping floor project.

MCMUA Brett Snyder, Justin Doyle, and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon also continued working on the SWANA Transfer Station Management Training and Certification Course and Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) Training and Certification Course during April of 2022.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 41,191 tons accepted in April 2022 was 5.60% more tonnage than the 39,006 tons accepted a year ago in April of 2021. In flux of solid waste continued to be very strong through April 2022, led by construction and demolition (C&D Type 13C) debris disposal. Following the first four (4) months of tonnage accepted by the two (2) transfer stations in 2022, the current projection for the annual 2022 tonnage amount is now 486,204 tons. If this projection holds true, this would represent a 4.39% increase over the 465,745 tons accepted in 2021. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

April Comparison Statistics:

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound- 14,597 Tons- 75 Tons more than 2021

Total Customers- 3,779- 98 less than 2021
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 850- 7 more than 2021

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound- 26,593 Tons- 2,110 Tons more than 2021
Total Customers- 5,771- 379 more than 2021
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 385- 80 less than 2021

Transfer Station Site Improvements- DLS Maintenance and Construction, LLC (DLS) has completed the work in the scale house at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. MCMUA staff is now actively getting the new sheetrock walls ready for paint. Once that is complete, staff will be installing new floors in the area and putting in new office furniture for Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder and the facility Weighmasters. DLS also completed the install of new solid wooden doors with hinges and handles in the office area of the Mount Olive transfer station. Persistent Construction Company of Fairview, New Jersey is still awaiting materials needed for the repairs to the eastern wall of the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station by the air pollution control (APC) system that include the replacement of the blocks, brick ties, fasteners and cement. The repair of this spilt face concrete masonry unit (CMU) wall should start sometime in Mid-May 2022.

The Solid Waste Operations staff and managers have started staying late or starting early at both of the MCMUA transfer stations to assist with basic maintenance for which J.P. Mascaro and Sons continues to fall short. The Operations staff has completed tasks like basic litter cleanup, power washing the truck scales (on and under) and the inside tipping floor walls, washing down the tipping floors and cleaning out the trench drains after waste has been cleared, cleaning the areas around the tarp racks, emptying trash collection containers that are staged around the facilities, and cleaning/raking around the outside of the retention pond at the Mount Olive transfer station. The power washing of the interior walls is slow moving but has made a notable difference. The MCMUA Operations staff continues to take pride in these transfer facilities, and puts in the time and efforts to prove it.

On Thursday, April 21, the MCMUA Solid Waste Division supervisors met with the Mount Olive transfer station staff to discuss the new MCMUA Organizational Chart, the MCMUA mission statement, and any pending projects at the transfer facilities. The Solid Waste Division supervisors plan to have the same meeting with the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station staff, early morning before start of business on Thursday, May 5. These staff meetings also serve as a type of “stay interview” with the solid waste personnel. Employees are asked about improvements or ideas they may have to make the daily operations easier and the work more efficient, while making the MCMUA an enjoyable place to work. Pending meetings will include the MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division staff and the Curbside Recycling Division staff.

Related to these Divisional staff meetings is the MCMUA’s need for a “Solid Waste Utilitarian”, an additional Operational employee that will reports to, provides coverage for, and works with the MCMUA Solid Waste Division Managers to prioritize the principal duties and responsibilities which would include, but are not reduced to: the MCMUA transfer stations in Parsippany-Troy Hills and Mount Olive Townships, the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, the Curbside Collection facility, and the two (2) Vegetative Waste facilities in Mount Olive and Parsippany. The Solid Waste Utilitarian will provide additional coverage for these facilities when needed. Basic daily job tasks include Weighmaster/ scale coverage, tipping floor coverage, additional support to the HHW facility and Curbside daily operations, and heavy equipment operations at our Vegetative Waste sites. The position is also the MCMUA planning ahead for the future use of the SEVDOA at the Mount Olive transfer station. This area will require an attendant that will assist our residential customers with traffic flow and safety concerns. The candidate will be asked to obtain both a Weighmaster License, for operations of the transfer station scales, and a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), for assistance with vegetative mulch and compost deliveries and Curbside collections. The MCMUA will assist with obtaining these Licenses and related trainings if not current. The MCMUA Operations supervisors are looking to fill the Utilitarian position by the end of May 2022.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station tipping floor and trench drain improvement project to include the repairs to the main tipping floor, utilizing a fast curing EUCO-Top by Euclid Chemical Corp, repairs to the heavily damaged trench drain system, and some alterations to the observation desk near the loading pits. MCMUA staff and Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz, submitted a Notice to Bidders on Thursday, April 14 for the Rebid of the MCMUA Mount Olive Transfer Station Tipping Floor Restoration project, Contract No. 2021-1. Two (2) Bids were submitted and opened on Friday, April 29 at 10:00AM at the MCMUA Main Office:

- 1) Michael Cianciotto Plumbing and Heating, LLC.- Total Price Bid \$1,674,289.78
- 2) Persistent Construction, Inc.- Total Price Bid \$1,961,485.00

As reference for the Board, Alaimo Engineering's preliminary estimate for the project total was \$1,179,00.00. Both Bid submissions mentioned above were reviewed by Alaimo Engineering, the MCMUA staff, and counsel to determine the lowest responsible bidder. Staff and counsel has since discovered material flaws with Michael Cianciotto Plumbing and Heating's submission which cannot be legally waived. After consideration of the current economic landscape and the slim hopes of obtain a better price if rebid again, staff is recommending to the Board that they consider adopting a resolution at the May 10 meeting awarding Contract No. 2021-1 to Persistent Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder. Persistent Construction has been used by the MCMUA to repair the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station floor a few years back, and the MCMUA was impressed with their work, the results, and the company at the time.

Alaimo Engineering and Tri-State Architects provided the MCMUA a professional services proposal concerning the emergency action plans (EAP) for our two (2) transfer stations. This proposal details "Phase 2", providing a scope of work that includes identifying any deficiencies in the systems and components for a fully functional EAP. The MCMUA also continues to work with Alaimo on the NJDEP Permit renewal for the Parsippany-Troy Hill transfer station.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In April of 2022, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 221 serviced appointments, which included 205 Morris County residents, 6 VSQG/small businesses, and 10 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2022 totals now equal 746 serviced appointments, 669 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 21 VSQG's, and 56 non-Morris County residents.

The first of four (4) HHW one-day drop-off events is quickly approaching, scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the County College of Morris (CCM) Parking Lot #1, 214A Center Grove Road in Randolph. The MCMUA staff recently received word from CCM's Director of Plant and Maintenance that due to the milling and paving project that started on Monday, May 2, in Parking Lot #1, CCM will no longer be able to host our first event. The paving project includes drainage and curb line improvements and could last for two (2) to three (3) months' time. The MCMUA's recycling and HHW trailers were moved to our Curbside facility in preparation for this project. As a result of this project, **the MCMUA's May 21 HHW one-day drop-off event has been moved from CCM to the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA), 500 West Hanover Avenue in Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.**

MCMUA has started updating our contractor, MXI, and our County partners. As a reminder for the Board, the other 2022 drop-off events will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the MCPSTA; Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the MCPSTA; and Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Chatham High School, 255 Lafayette Avenue in Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928.

Training, Facility Maintenance, and Improvements- The MCMUA's HHW staff has been asked to complete Call-2-Recycle's "Charge Up Safety! Collection Site Safety Training" online. This training provides a brief overview on how to safely collect, handle, and store used household batteries, what batteries are acceptable in our program, and how to properly prepare the boxes for shipping to avoid any potential safety incidents- followed by a short quiz. MCMUA employees Stephen Adams, Justin Doyle, Brett Snyder, and James Deacon are still scheduled for hazardous waste refresher trainings at Veolia Environmental Services (ES) in Flanders, New Jersey during the month of May 2022. These trainings include First Responder

Operations Level (HAZWOPER), Hazardous Materials Transportation (DOT), and Hazardous Waste Management (RCRA). Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle will also be attending the HAZWOPER First Responder 24 Hour Course scheduled for October 17 through the 20, 2022 at Veolia ES. This gives the MCMUA four (4) employees that can cover, manage, and sign hazardous waste manifests at the HHW facility and one-day drop-off events.

The MCMUA HHW staff continues to use the new Heartland PAX A920 Terminal to process credit card payments at the facility. The Heartland Mobile Pay remains onsite as a backup for this terminal. Proper signage was posted on the two (2) new propane cages that serve as proper storage for the BBQ sized cylinders that are brought into the HHWF. The new eye wash/safety shower installed by a licensed plumber is still awaiting the final step of pouring concrete around the base so that the pipes won't freeze during colder weather. This concrete pad, and the small pad planned for outside the HHW facility entrance gates for staging of the unserviceable United States flag box, will be scheduled and completed in-house when the weather is more favorable. The MCMUA staff is still working on obtaining quotes for some fence and block wall repairs that surround the HHWF.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Starting the week of April 25, grinding services were completed at the Mount Olive/Camp Pulaski vegetative waste facility. 26 hours of total run time, 747 gallons of fuel for the grinder with an additional 197 gallons of diesel fuel for both MCMUA loaders resulted in Mount Olive processing the entire brush pile (producing approximately 800 CY), the left over materials from last year's single grind, and all the class B (log) materials (producing approximately 1,200 CY) onsite. A Diamond Z horizontal grinder was used through our shared services agreement with Parsippany Forestry.

Mid-April 2022, the NJDEP Action Hotline received a complaint about foam in the river downstream from the Parsippany Vegetative Waste Facility. NJDEP Northern Regional Water Enforcement Inspector Jonah Balla contacted both the Morris County Department of Law and Public Safety- Fire Coordinator/Fire Academy and the MCMUA about this complaint. Morris County Fire Coordinator Lou Pepe provided the NJDEP with the type of environmentally friendly firefighting foam they use during trainings at the Fire Academy grounds, which included a copy of the safety data sheet (SDS) for the material. As a result of the complaint, NJDEP Northern Water Enforcement will be performing an onsite inspection of the Parsippany Compost facility on Wednesday, May 4 and will discuss stormwater permitting. In preparation for the site inspection, MCMUA staff reviewed and updated the onsite Environmental, Health, Safety and Regulatory Compliance binder for the Parsippany facility. Updates from this site inspection and facility walkthrough will be provided to the Board at the May 10 meeting.

The MCMUA staff began making residential deliveries of our double ground wood mulch and screened compost during the month of April. MCMUA staff continues to utilize the services of Kirk Allen Trucking to assist with these increased deliveries. The arrival of the new Komptech Topturn X5000 windrow turner and the timing of the decommissioning process for the older Scarab is currently being planned by the MCMUA Operational supervisors. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the May 10 meeting.

Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing- Naturcycle continues preparing the application for food waste RD&D (research, design, and development) project as directed. A draft document should be ready in first half of May 2022 for the MCMUA staff to review and have further discussion. Naturcycle also continues to source potential clean food waste options which includes a large indoor agricultural operation in New Jersey that is very interested in a partnership. Lastly, Naturcycle is requesting quotes from organics haulers and is preparing a budget outline.

Some upcoming MCMUA/Naturcycle joint projects include:

- East Midtown Greenway in New York, Steven Dubner Landscaping using approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) of screened compost from our Parsippany facility. Pickups for this project started in April 2022.

- The Spiral in New York City- JCC Construction will be using screened compost from MCMUA's Parsippany facility for project. It includes approximately 100 cubic yards (CY) total, pickups began in April.
- Some other sales include Naturcycle's plans to purchase over 1,000 CY of screened material for various soil projects, shipping Mount Olive's double ground wood mulch in super sacks to Brooklyn Grange which started in April, and Naturcycle delivering some OMRI Listed compost from Mount Olive to two (2) small local farms in April.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following: (1) Our former Clean Communities Coordinator Christine Scano has left us during the month of April. To fill that position, our Assistant Recycling Specialist Cheryl Birmingham has stepped up to take on those responsibilities. Cheryl has already been performing many of those duties in the role and has full confidence that she will do very well in the position. He wished her luck as she moves forward in this new role.; (2) Regarding the single stream recycling at Republic Services, the finalized rate for the month of April 2022 came in this afternoon at +\$6.02/ton. This is very good news. This is positive increase from the -\$0.23/ton acknowledged in March and the -\$12.24/ton rate finalized in February. So, values are on a very positive upswing from where they were over time. Large positive gains in commodity values were obtained in April for plastics as prices continue to rise there. Paper and cardboard remained at consistent, strong pricing and aluminum and steel cans dropped negligibly during this period. Overall, we had a very good month.; (3) Following up on our Tag-it and Leave-It inspections in Long Hill Township, Monday, May 9, 2022 the MCMUA Recycling Administrative staff went along with Long Hill's Recycling Coordinator and Code Enforcement Officer began joint Tag-It and Leave-It inspections within the town for curbside recycling set-ups. Inspection dates were selected on a rotating schedule that followed the Township's Trash Collection Zones. The process will then be handed over to the town with periodic assistance provided by the MUA. The initiative has attained heavy support by the Township's Administration and they have even diverted their own manpower in support of the cause. This also has a heavy presence on social media and even made the front page of the Township's website. Recycling inspections on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the community of Millington resulted in 52 homes being tagged leaving materials out on the curb and corrected for the next collection day. Most notable issues were bagged recyclables, food contamination, plastic bags, films, and wraps. Styrofoam and other foam packaging (block Styrofoam only accepted at depot), and cups with straws being most prevalent. While onsite several direct interactions with the public were performed as teachable moments out in the field as the material set-ups were actually corrected onsite with MUA Staff. It was a very positive inspection that we had.

I would also like to recognize a Star Recycler within our midst for a completely flawless recycling set-out. That being of non-other than our own Chairwoman. To recognize your efforts, a star recycler sticker will be mailed to you to put on your recycling can.

Lastly, I would like to point out that our Recycling Administrative staff had the opportunity to connect directly with and provide concurrent feedback with our curbside recycling staff through the process. Doing so, really allowed them to become involved in the decision-making process and fostered support for it. It was an added benefit to doing the inspections as well. A lot of the guys that were collecting really felt that it was good we asked for their opinion.

(4) Regarding Other Special Projects that happened this month, I would like to highlight that the MUA continued research on the development of a suitable food waste reduction plan for the County. In doing so, the Staff not only reviewed other county and municipal approaches, but they also looked towards a basis for development in other avenues. One worthwhile approach is being developed for the creation involving a home composting education class on the benefits of composting at the source of generation. Our Assistant Recycling Specialist, Deirdre Gallagher is currently working on that.

(5) Finally, the NJ Bag Ban is currently in effect and it began 6 days ago. In support of this, the MUA Staff reached out to all Municipal Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinators informing them of the MUA's willingness to assist with any operations in the form of supplementary supplies, educational materials, direct education out in the field. In terms of

enforcement, Coordinators were instructed to have their complaints forwarded to the Morris County Division of Public Health for investigation through the NJDEP Hotline. We received our first complaint which was Uncle Giuseppe's in Morris Plains for still distributing plastic bags.

On the topic of Morris Plains, I hope to see everyone on Saturday, May 28th for our participation in the Memorial Day Parade.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-46
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR
TRANSPORTING AND MARKETING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BETWEEN
THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT JULY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, the provisions of the "New Jersey Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act," (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.11 et al.) (the "Act"), require every municipality in this State to provide for the source separation and recycling of marketable materials generated from residential premises within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Township of Washington has adopted and enforces a mandatory source separation ordinance for Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals pursuant to the Act by providing transportation services and providing markets for disposition of Recyclable Materials; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20(14), the MCMUA may enter into contracts with municipalities for the provision of recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized as a local unit pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), to enter into a contract with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in an agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the marketing of recyclable materials recovered through a recycling program is exempt from public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s); and

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

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

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township of Washington desire to enter into a new agreement to provide for the Transporting and Marketing of Recyclable Materials commencing July 1, 2022 for one (1) year until June 30, 2023.

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

1. The Executive Director of is authorized to execute said Agreement in substantially similar form as that on file in the office of the MCMUA.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

3. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of 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 May 10, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to authorize the execution of an Agreement for the Transporting and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the MCMUA and the Township of Washington commencing on or about July 1, 2022 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

The preliminary per ton rate for single-stream during April 2022 was calculated at a positive \$6.00/ton. This is a positive increase of \$6.23 per ton on the March rate of negative -\$0.23 per ton pulling numbers out of the red. This is largely attributed to rising positive gains in plastic commodity values among PET (#1 plastics), HDPE (#2 Natural), & HDPE (#2 Colored).

- Plastics continue to rise due to a strained oil market and global supply disruptions. This gives way to a costly price on plastics following the continued invasion of Ukraine and further sanctions/restrictions on foreign commodities.
- ONP (Sorted Residential Papers) and OCC (Old Corrugated Containers) remained at consistent pricing. This accounts for an upshot in a lack of fiber to meet the present demand and global tensions in the market.
- Aluminum and Steel Cans dropped negligibly during this period yet they remain highly-priced.

Shared Service Agreements / Resolution for Approval

On April 28, 2022, the Recycling staff received an executed shared services agreement with the Township of Washington for recycling depot services and for one year. A resolution will be put before the Board for its consideration authorizing the execution of this agreement which is

Transportation Costs - From July 1, 2022, until June 30, 2023, the MCMUA will charge the Municipality \$205.00 per container load of material delivered from the Municipality's depot at 54 Rock Road.

Recycling Education, Inspections and Customer Service Support

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

Recycling Education

- USAG Picatinny Arsenal
- MCMUA multi-family recycling education at Rutgers CRP Class
- MCMUA Program Educational Materials Distribution
- MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Synergies
- Community Earth Day Event in Mendham Township
- Stirling Street Fair in Long Hill Township
- The Oaks senior community in the Township of Denville

Recycling Inspections

- 1 Medical Drive in the Borough of Morris Plains
- Long Hill Township residents' recycling set-outs

Customer Service/Curbside and Joint MUA Operations Support

- Chatham Borough Recycling Contract Meeting
- MCMUA Curbside Recycling and Administrative Recycling Synergies
- MCMUA provided Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant support to Coordinators

Solid Waste Planning Activities

In April, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone met with Vegetative and Hazardous Waste Manager Steve Adams and Qualified Purchasing Agent Shana O'Mara to assist in writing a Request for Proposal regarding the MUA's Vegetative Waste Material Marketing Contract. With the final extension terminating in July 2022, Marrone provided program information on the past three years of our current contract as well as institutional knowledge on the markets and vendors in the field as a baseline. This request for proposals for the marketing of recyclable materials is expected to be issued in May with receipt of proposals in time for action by the Board to adopt a resolution awarding a marketing contract at the June Board meeting. The MCMUA currently contracts with Naturcycle, LLC. for this marketing service.

On April 21, 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Vegetative and Hazardous Waste Manager Steven Adams met with the MCMUA's Electronic Waste Recycling Program Coordinator Frank Marella to assist with troubleshooting collection issues and site material compliance issues faced at several notable municipal recycling depots. Marrone set up appointments with Municipal Recycling Coordinators and Department of Public Works Supervisors for the following municipalities:

- Morristown Town
- Lincoln Park Borough
- Randolph Township

Staff Training and Education

On April 4 & 5, 2022, Recycling Staff attended the 2022 Association of New Jersey Recyclers Annual Meeting. During that time, multiple speakers discussed multifamily complex recycling problems and solutions, recycling market overviews, NJDEP solid waste program updates, and extended producer responsibilities for manufacturers. Correspondingly, MCMUA Assistant Recycling Coordinator Christine Vidal was re-elected Recording Secretary for ANJR for a new term.

On April 14, 2022, Recycling Administration Staff attended training on operations with the new Reveal Verizon Connect GPS reporting system for the curbside recycling compactors and roll-off trucks. Staff will now be able to utilize the many available features of the new system to further streamlined recycling services in contracted municipalities.

On April 12 & 13, 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone attended and completed the Recycling Collection Techniques section which is a part of the New Jersey Recycling Certification Professionals education series at Rutgers University.

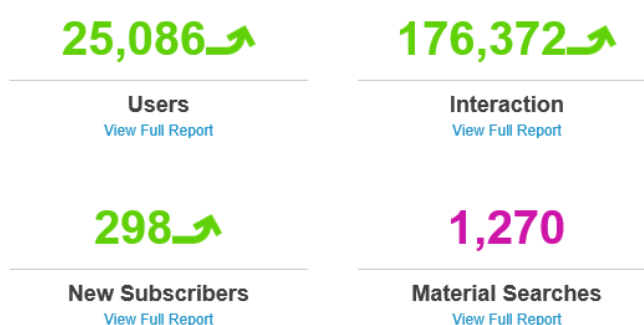
Special Projects

Recycle Coach

During April, the Recycling staff reviewed County and Municipal information contained within the Recycle Coach program. Updates include event information, searchable features for what goes in your curbside recycling bin, and educational material. Countywide, overall users and interactions have increased because of promotion by the MCMUA with previously non-participating municipalities.



Here is your Recycle Coach Activity Report for the month of **April 2022**.



Municipal Food Waste Recycling Pilot Project

During April, Recycling Staff continued research and development of a suitable food waste reduction plan for the County and reviewed other county approaches as a basis for future development.

Other counties rely upon onsite composting in reducing food waste. For example, Ocean County has a Master Composter Program in which the County trains volunteers for free in exchange for volunteer service hours. Each applicant must complete an application and obtain sponsorship by a group, to ensure the program continued opportunities to establish an outreach network. Many types of groups can sponsor an applicant, including garden clubs, municipalities, environmental commissions, recycling committees, retirement communities, and service clubs.

Regarding a potential partnership with Java's Compost or a similar company, food waste scrap pickup by Java's from residents, the staff participated in site visits to Department of Public Works garages in Maplewood and Millburn to see and discuss those experience with a residential food waste project with Java's Compost. While out, staff also inspected potential sites including the Park Commission Community Garden in Whippany and Foster Fields in Morristown.

In addition to a dedicated recycling service, a consideration of collaboration between the MUA, Park Commission, and Rutgers Extension Office for a composting education project is under consideration for direct education of the public on the benefits of composting.

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Educational Programs

During April, staff received many requests for information from both public and private entities regarding the NJ Bag Ban. Staff responded by providing educational information on the topic in both print and digital format on the topic. One website of importance is the NJDEP's website on

getting Past Plastic which can be found here: (<https://www.nj.gov/dep/get-past-plastic/>) for additional clarification on this subject.

Road Cleanups

The 2022 Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program began in April with the MUA's cleanup contractor Adopt-A-Highway LRSA and consisted of the following locations:

April 13, 2022: Sussex Turnpike was cleaned from the intersection with West Hanover Avenue to Sudberry Drive. Miles in Randolph, 1.5 and miles in Morris Township, 1.0.

- Bags of trash, 28
- Bags of recyclables, 15
- Total miles = 2.5 (5 linear)

April 28, 2022: portions of Berkshire Valley Road (BVR) and West Dewey Avenue in Roxbury were cleaned. Berkshire Valley Road was cleaned from the RR tracks near Route 46 to the Route 80 underpass. West Dewey was cleaned from the intersection with BVR to the American Company.

- Bags of trash, 31
- Bags of recyclables, 22
- Total miles = 2.5 (5 linear)

In addition to scheduling cleanup locations, the MCMUA's Clean Communities Chevy Colorado is currently being equipped at various approved vendors with safety features for roadway cleanups. These include safety lighting, a county mounted radio, vehicle painting, wrapping with the Clean Communities Logo, and litter-free message, bed lining for hauling collected trash from cleanups, and vehicle "back rack" for mounting safety signage.

General Activities

The following tasks were completed as a part of the MCMUA's Clean Communities program with Department Staff:

- Sent out various update emails to Morris County Municipal Clean Communities Coordinators regarding the NJ Bag Ban and other programmatic updates.
- Scheduled, prepared, and distributed school litter cleanup supplies to various parties.
- Categorized existing and reordered new supplies for the upcoming round of school cleanups before the end of the 2021-2022 school and Clean Communities Grant period.
- Department staff provided Roxbury Township with "no dumping" signage and other illegal dumping information.



During April, Clean Communities staff received a total of (14) applications for school cleanup activities at their respective locations, and (2) were already completed. In addition to the school cleanups (5) applications for the poster contests were also submitted before the deadline and awards are pending.

During April, the MCMUA received applications for mini-grant opportunities from several nonprofit entities with the main goal of preserving, protecting, and maintaining water and land resources within the different watersheds/waterbodies of Morris County. Cleanup operations and outreach activities with several of these organizations have already begun and department staff is being kept abreast of ongoing operations with these grants as the operations periods move closer to their deadline.

During April, department staff sent out a reminder email request to all Morris County's Clean Communities Coordinators requesting their municipality to gain recognition for the disposable bag law through a resolution deeming the month of May annually as "Bag Up NJ" month. The NJ Clean Communities Council has offered reoccurring education credits to all coordinators who successfully adopt the model resolution and several municipalities provided the MUA copies of their resolution for submittal to the Council on their behalf along with our approved resolution.

During April, Clean Communities staff coordinated operations in preparation for several upcoming outreach events such as the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade, the WRWAC Bio Blitz Morris Nature Festival, the 4-H fair in Chester Township, and the Lake Hopatcong Block Party.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that last month he distributed the draft Mission and Vision Statement and asked for the Boards' comments on it. He mentioned that he received some comments from Laura Szwak which he incorporated in this new version. He thanked Laura and mentioned that her comments were very useful. He also received additional comments from Frank Druetzler this morning who couldn't make it this evening, as he was sick. I recommend that we table the approval of that until he could get his comments in. He was recommending some more detail in it versus some of more general concepts we have, so it will be tweaked and another draft sent out. Mr. Gindoff asked the Board to table this resolution adopting the Vision and Mission Statements for the MCMUA. Ms. Szwak made a comment that we should be careful about not making the Mission and Vision Statements too detailed.

Mr. Carney mentioned that a Motion should be made to table Resolution No. 22-47 regarding the adoption of the MCMUA Vision and Mission Statements.

MOTION: Mr. Feyl made a Motion to table Resolution No. 22-47, seconded by Ms. Szwak and carried unanimously.

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.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dour and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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