

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on October 11, 2022 at 7:05 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.

Acting Chairman Christopher Dour 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.

Acting Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. James Barry, Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. William Hudzik, Dr. Nusbaum and Ms. Laura Szwak.

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Guadagno and Dr. Dorothea Kominos

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

Acting Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated September 13, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2022 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: 1

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Acting Chairman Dour 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 Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that he has Resolution No. 22-79 and Resolution No. 22-80. He reported 2023 budget sent to Board members last week involved the participation of all departments along with review and input from the Budget Committee. Both the Solid Waste and Water proposed budget and associated rate increases address, staffing, infrastructure, fuel adjustment and vehicle upgrade needs. To summarize, the Water budget proposes a 5.75% rate increase and the Solid Waste budget proposes a \$5.00 per ton increase which is 4.88%. Ms. Szwak asked about why the line items specifying Sales Force went up so much. Mr. Gindoff explained this is a new expenditure for the MCMUA and therefore shows up as an increase over that line item which did not previously include this new cloud-based computer service in the line item which should improve employee efficiency as well as customer service. There being no other questions, Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 22-79**  
**2023 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**SOLID WASTE BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2023 TO December 31, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2023 and ending, December 31, 2023 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$51,784,592.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$51,784,592.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$1,641,050.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rates, fees and other charges in effect will produce sufficient revenues, together with all other anticipated revenues to satisfy all obligations to the holders of bonds of the Authority, to meet operating expenses, capital outlays, debt service requirements, and to provide for such reserves, all as may be required by law, regulation or terms of contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the purposes described in this section of the budget, must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on October 11, 2022 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2023 and ending, December 31, 2023 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 7, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-80**  
**2023 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**WATER BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2023 TO December 31, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2023 and ending, December 31, 2023 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$4,663,800.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$4,828,104.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$164,304.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$1,790,000.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of rates, fees and other charges in effect will produce sufficient revenues, together with all other anticipated revenues to satisfy all obligations to the holders of bonds of the Authority, to meet operating expenses, capital outlays, debt service requirements, and to provide for such reserves, all as may be required by law, regulation or terms of contracts and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the purposes described in this section of the budget, must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 7, 2022.

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary (Date)

Governing Body Member:	Recorded Vote: 1 <sup>st</sup> : MS. SZWAK 2 <sup>nd</sup> : MR. HUDZIK			
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MR. BARRY	X			
MR. DRUETZLER	X			
MR. GUADAGNO				X
MR. HUDZIK	X			
DR. KOMINOS				X
DR. NUSBAUM	X			
MS. SZWAK	X			
MR. DOUR	X			

Mr. Kaletcher introduced Bill Resolution No. 22-81, Approval of Vouchers for Payment. Mr. Kaletcher mention that a revised schedule went out a little bit after the initial schedule was sent so to make sure the Board was considering the correct, revised schedule. Mr. Dour asked the Board to review the vouchers and when anybody is ready, feel free to make a Motion to approve.

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 22-81**

**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. 22-81 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,073,507.33** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6024-6050	\$	82,806.44
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	13453-13530	\$	<u>3,990,700.89</u>
		\$	<b>4,073,507.33</b>

**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: October 11, 2022

BOARD ACTING CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Acting 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: October 11, 2022.

DATE: October 11, 2022

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there are no additional correspondence from what was provided last week. Of note, we sent out a letter to Mine Hill asking for payment on their outstanding water balance within 30 days, or we would notify the DCA of such outstanding balance owed the MCMUA.

### CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

#### ADMINISTRATION

1. Commissioner Resolution 2022-831 adopted September 28, 2022 appointing Larry Gindoff to the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Committee to fill unexpired 2-year term of Gene Feyl) and to serve without salary until December 31, 2023.

#### WATER

2. Letter dated October 4, 2022 from Larry Gindoff to Mayor Sam Morris, Township of Mine Hill regarding outstanding balance of water billings.
3. Water Asset Management Plan – Table 1 – Risk Based Prioritization Summary.

#### SOLID WASTE

4. Letter dated September 22, 2022 to Anthony Fontana, Chief, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program, Bureau of Hazardous Waste and Transfer Facilities from James E. Deacon notifying the Department of construction activity involving the repairs of the Tipping Floor at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station and also including additional ancillary repairs.

#### RECYCLING

5. Recycling Report Supplement – September 2022.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported on the following: (1) Water sales continue to remain strong though it appears Deville has gotten over its water emergency and their usage is closer to typical usage. (2) Update on Mine Hill and the MCMUA requesting payment on its outstanding water balance to the MCMUA. Mr. McAloon also explained that we are still waiting for Mine Hill to let us know when it is a good time to fix the leak in the Town following them notifying their impacted residents of the anticipated temporary loss of service during the leak repair (3) Mr. McAloon explained the Asset Management Plan snapshots distributed to the Board under Correspondence showing how the MCMUA has been making progress on the projects identified as high risk. (4) Explained how #4 motor failed at one of our main production wells, which we are addressing but the 9-year life of this motor is shorter than we expected and/or would have liked but on the bright side the cost of replacements is cheaper than we anticipated enabling us to consider purchasing a spare at this time. (5) Mr. McAloon stated we

received one bid for the Sodium Hypochlorite use and while the price went up, it was within reason. Recommendation on awarding the bid will be presented to the Board for its consideration at the November 7, 2022 meeting. (6) Mr. McAloon stated we had a preconstruction meeting with Dutchman who is our awarded contractor for the Pole Bard project at well #7 and he anticipated they will complete this project in short-order. (7) Suburban is working on the draft of the amended water supply agreement with Mt. Arlington. (8) We are prepared to go to bid for the Flanders Valley Well #1 and #2, electrical upgrades. We did have to change the bid period up slightly and the plan is to issue bids in October, accept bids in November and award at the December meeting. (9) A meeting has been scheduled with SMCMUA to continue discussing our mutual needs and moving forward with potential synergies and other contractual matters.

Mr. Gindoff reminded the Board that Suburban Consulting Engineers has a conflict of interest regarding our dealing with New Jersey American Water (NJAW), as Suburban continues to perform engineering services for NJAW, and as such, Mr. Gindoff would handle the following resolution regarding sale of the Mendham Pipeline as a public capital improvement no longer needed. The terms including the \$1.2 million minimum asking price with a 10% deposit, and requirement to use for water delivery were agreed to by the Board at the September meeting. Mr. Carney explained to the Board the anticipated schedule of events following adoption of the resolution currently before it such as notice and public hearing requirements. Additionally, Mr. Carney stated his office is currently in the process of drafting a form of agreement to be used for this potential exchange of assets. Mr. Gindoff asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-82**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE**  
**OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EASEMENT**  
**NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") has the power to sell real property, easements, and water facilities, no longer necessary for the purposes of the Authority, by virtue of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized to sell real property, capital improvements, or personal property, or interests therein, not needed for public purpose, by open public sale to the highest bidder by virtue of the provisions of the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a); and

WHEREAS, the Authority owns 1.56 miles (8,220 feet) of 12" Ductile Pipe Water Main. Beginning at intersection of Old Brookside Road and Woodland Avenue and ending at intersection of Cold Hill Road and Mountainside Road. There are six 12" mainline Gate Valves. Two 12" mainline Butterfly Valves. Six Fire Hydrant Assemblies. One Air Release Chamber which consists of a 7 ft. x 7 ft. x 7 ft. concrete chamber with a 4" Air Release Valve, 6" Air Vent and other piping. Also included in the assets are two PRV (Pressure Reducing Valve) / Meter Chambers. One at the intersection of Old Brookside Road and Woodland Avenue. The other on Cold Hill Road before Mountainside Road. These Chambers each consist of a 17 ft. length x 10 ft. width x 7 ft. Height Concrete Chamber with a 4" PRV, a 6" Surge Valve, a 6" Turbine Meter and other piping. Both Chambers are equipped with Heaters, De-Humidifiers, Sump Pumps, Exhaust Fans, Stair Ladders and Lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has an Easement for the Old Brookside Meter Chamber, located on Block 120, Lot 1, on Tax Map #19 of the Township of Mendham, known as 54 Woodland Road, owned by Stephen Crescentini (the "Meter Chamber Easement"); and

WHEREAS, Albert J. Capuzzi, PE, DBIA, was retained by the Authority to undertake a valuation of the water main, which opines as to the estimated market value of the subject infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to conduct a public sale of the infrastructure attached hereto as Exhibit A and the aforementioned easement to the highest bidder, as required by the Local Lands and Buildings Law, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities

Authority as follows:

1. The infrastructure attached hereto as Exhibit A and the Meter Chamber Easement are no longer needed by the Authority for a public purpose.
2. The Authority desires to sell the existing 1.56 mile, 12-inch ductile iron pipeline that is located along Woodland Road and Cold Hill Road, in Mendham Township, along with two additional chambers (“Old Brookside” and “30-2 Cold Hill Road”), valves and hydrants, as specified in Exhibit A, attached hereto and further referred to as “the Water Main” to the highest bidder subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution and the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.
3. The Authority further desires to convey its Easement for the Old Brookside Meter Chamber, located on Block 120, Lot 1, on Tax Map #19 of the Township of Mendham, known as 54 Woodland Road, owned by Stephen Crescentini.
4. The Authority shall conduct an open public sale to the highest bidder after advertisement thereof in a newspaper circulating in the Township of Mendham, by two insertions at least once a week during two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not earlier than seven days prior to the receipt of bids.
5. The minimum acceptable bid for the water main, shall be \$1,200,000, with the reservation of the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted. Said reservation shall be included in the advertisement of the sale and the public notice thereof shall be given at the time of sale.
6. All bidders shall be required to submit a cash deposit by certified check in the amount of 10% of the bid at the time of receipt of the bid.
7. The successful bidder shall utilize the Water Main and Meter Chamber Easement solely for water distribution purposes. Said condition shall be included in the advertisement of the sale.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 11, 2022.

#### MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

#### **Exhibit A**

#### **Mendham Pipeline Assets Description**

Pipeline consists of approximately 8,400 linear feet of 12” Ductile Pipe Water main. Beginning at intersection of Old Brookside Rd. and Woodland Ave. and Ending at intersection of Cold Hill Rd. and Mountainside Rd.

There are six 12” mainline Gate Valves. Two 12” mainline Butterfly Valves. Six Fire Hydrant Assemblies. One Air Release Chamber which consists of a 7 ft. x 7 ft. X 7 ft. concrete chamber with a 4” Air Release Valve, 6” Air Vent and other piping.

Also included in the assets are Two PRV (Pressure Reducing Valve) / Meter Chambers. One at the intersection of Old Brookside Rd. and Woodland Ave. The other on Cold Hill Rd. before Mountainside Rd. These Chambers each consist of a 17 ft. Length X 10 ft. Width X 7 ft. Height Concrete Chamber with a 4" PRV a 6" Surge Valve a 6" Turbine Meter and other piping. Both Chambers are equipped with Heaters, De-Humidifiers, Sump Pumps, Exhaust Fans, Stair Ladders and Lighting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to authorize the Public Sale Of Capital Improvements And Easement No Longer Needed For Public Use and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-83**  
**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND WATER RATE OF**  
**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR 2023**

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

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to schedule a public hearing to amend the base water rate charged by the Authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 11th day of October, 2022 as follows:

1. The base rate to be charged by the Authority for the provision of water is proposed to increase from \$2,973 to \$3,144 per million gallons (MG).
2. A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 7, 2022 at the regular public meeting of the Authority commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority offices (first floor meeting room), 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph Township, New Jersey 07869.
3. The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:
  - a. publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to the hearing date; and
  - b. mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority and to each water utility, whether public or private, served by the Authority, at least 20 days prior to the hearing date.
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 October 11, 2022.



MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-83 to schedule public hearing to amend water rate of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**PROJECT STATUS**

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of September, MCMUA sold approximately 1254.729 MG. It should be noted that the total amount sold during the month of August to Denville has dropped closer to normal totals.
- B. Formal correspondence has been sent to Mine Hill regarding the outstanding balance of **\$317,998.16** for unpaid water usage from March 2021 to August 2022. We are hopeful payment will be received within thirty (30) days. SCE and MUA are actively working to complete the final leak repairs at 381 Randolph Avenue to correct the identified leak of approximately 3-5gpm.
- C. SCE participated in the budget preparation process with MCMUA staff, including identification and prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects based on the latest Asset Management Plan updates. A digital copy of the critical projects identified by Jacobs in 2015, as well an updated prioritization list which was utilized for budget preparation has been included in correspondence.
- D. Alamatong Well #4 motor has failed. This motor is 100HP and is a main production well for the MUA. MUA attempted to receive three (3) quotes, however, only two responses were received, these are tabulated below. Work on this well was most recently performed in 2013 which is approximately 9 years ago since the last replacement. A. C. Schultes has been engaged to proceed with performing this replacement work.

COMPANY	TOTAL QUOTE AMOUNT
A. C. Schultes	\$13,764.00
Longo	\$14,370.00

2. Contract W-23 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Bid

Contract W-23 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for 2023 was advertised. This is the annual contract to furnish and deliver to each of the MCMUA's wells, the necessary Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for water disinfection. Bids will be received for this project on Thursday, October 6, 2021 at 11:00 am. It is anticipated a resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration recommending award at the November meeting.

3. Well No. 7 Pole Barn

Signed contracts have been received and returned to **Dutchman Contracting LLC**. A pre-

construction meeting has been scheduled for Friday October 7, 2022 at 10:00AM at the project site. We will provide an update on the contractors anticipated work schedule at the meeting.

**Project Completion Summary Through October 11, 2022**

Contract Start Date	October 7, 2022
Original Contract Completion Time	180 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	4 2%
Days Remaining:	176 98%
Original Contract Completion Date	April 5, 2023

**Project Financial Summary Through October 11, 2022**

Original Contract Amount	\$323,229.00
Current Contract Amount	\$323,229.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$0.00
Percent of Work Complete	0.00%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

4. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

SCE began drafting the updated terms and conditions for this agreement following the Water Committee meeting and the Closed Session.

5. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

SCE is prepared to discuss the scope of the improvements and current Engineers Cost Estimate to the Board for consideration to authorize advertising for bids to facilitate anticipated award at the November Board Meeting.

- Publication of Notice to Bidders: Tuesday, October 18, 2022
- Non-Mandatory Site Visit: Tuesday, October 25, 2022
- Deadline for Submission of Written Questions Regarding Bid Documents: Friday, November 4, 2022
- Bids Due: Tuesday, November 22, 2022
- Contract Award: Anticipated on Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6. Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) Coordination

A meeting between SMCMUA and MCMUA has been scheduled for Monday October 17, 2022 at 2:00PM to continue coordination discussions.

**SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) He made a correction to last month’s report stating the truck scale rails to be installed by staff to prevent trucks from driving off the scales are for the Parsippany transfer station only. It is an issue there with the tight turn into the scales versus the straight on approach at the Mt. Olive scales which do not currently necessitate the installation of such guards. (2) Provided an update on the progress of fixing the leaking water line at the Mt. Olive transfer station. Trenching was completed are staff is still working on punching through a thick rebar-concrete wall which would allow Aquino Plumbing to complete the line installation. He anticipates that to be completed very soon. (3) Discussed the previous HHW day with 728 participants and the upcoming last HHW Day scheduled for October 22 at Chatham High School. (4) Regarding vegetative waste, the activity in September 2022 was busy and the revenue generated in 2022, year-to-date, is being to pull ahead of the equivalent time period in 2021. We are approximately \$25,000 ahead of 2021 figures at this point. Leaf season extended hours are established in Parsippany on this year and staff will be in contact with the municipalities using the Parsippany site to make sure we are providing adequate access and hours for the facility.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-84**  
**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND RATE SCHEDULE OF**  
**THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TARIFF TO ADJUST**  
**SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES FOR 2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, the rates for the disposal of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, NJ are set forth in a Tariff, said Tariff having been approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA seeks to schedule a public hearing to amend the rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 from the previous tip fee of \$102.50/ton to a tip fee of \$107.50/ton with these amended rates becoming effective January 1, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey on this 11th day of October, 2022 as follows:

- 1) The rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 is proposed to be amended from the previous tip fee of \$102.50/ton to a tip fee of \$107.50/ton.
- 2) A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the aforesaid rates of the MCMUA shall be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at the regular public meeting of the MCMUA commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority offices (first floor meeting room) 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph Township, New Jersey 07869.
- 3) The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:
  - a. Publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to the hearing date; and
  - b. Mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk in each municipality served by the MCMUA at least 20 days prior to the hearing date
- 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 October 11, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Dour, Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-84 to schedule public hearing to amend water rate of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Tom Lemanowicz, PE provided an update on some of the engineering projects Alaimo is working on with the MCMUA. Regarding the tipping floor improvement project, they are mobilizing this week and will start with Phase 1, left side of the transfer station as you face it. There was a discrepancy in the repair and redesign of the observation deck which may require additional material than originally specified and associated change order. Likewise, there is going to be a change order need with respect to the change in grate size and the amount of concrete coating needs to handle this change. These change orders are likely to be presented to the Board at the November meeting. Mr. Deacon provided the Board an update on how operation will work during construction including the use of the SEVDOA (small exempt vehicle drop-off area). The Board inquired if NJDEP sent inspectors up to see if we were complying with the all “during-construction” requirements. Mr. Deacon comments he wasn’t sure.

## **SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

### **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 41,472 tons accepted at the two (2) transfer stations in September 2022 was 3.65% less than the 43,042 tons accepted a year ago in September 2021. It should be noted both these high tonnage quantities for September haven’t been seen since before the 2008 recession. With the first nine (9) months of 2022 behind us, it is being projected that 474,713 tons will be accepted for the entire year which would be 1.93% more than the 465,745 tons accepted in 2021. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

### **September Comparison Statistics:**

#### **Mount Olive Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- 14,637- 2,781 less than 2021

Total Customers- 3,772- 324 less than 2021

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 777- 7 more than 2021

2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Comparison- 2021 Inbound Tonnage- 127,836; 2022 Inbound Tonnage- 127,559; 277 less total tons. The decrease in both tonnage and incoming customers at Mount Olive transfer from year to year can be attributed to Hurricane Ida and the 2021 solid waste emergency beginning in late August.

#### **Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- 26,835- 1,211 more than 2021

Total Customers- 6,019- 664 more than 2021

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 415- 46 more than 2021

2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Comparison- 2021 Inbound Tonnage- 213,643; 2022 Inbound Tonnage- 226,207; 12,564 more total tons. September’s surprising increases, as compared to the busy month of September 2021, at Parsippany transfer can be attributed to a lot of demolition projects in the area. Main projects include the Novartis facility in East Hanover, Saint Claires Denville hospital, and the office buildings/complex in Morris Plains on Route 10.

**Diesel Fuel Adjustment Surcharges J.P Mascaro and Sons-** (Change Order No. 1, Resolution #22-68) The schedule of warrants for the October 11 Board meeting will reflect a standard J.P. Mascaro and Sons check for the transfer station contract in the amount of \$3,085,083.32 for September activity. Of that total amount, \$252,127.79 pertains to the September 2022 on-going fuel charge adjustment. It should be noted that the price of diesel fuel has gone down, with July 2022 being \$5.80 per gallon vs. \$5.12 per gallon in September. (August was \$5.33 per gallon)

**Transfer Station Site Improvements-** The MCMUA has ordered the Mettler Toledo 7560SD side rails, composed of four (4) modules, for the Parsippany transfer station, for both the inbound and outbound scales. Installation will be completed in-house once the materials and hardware are received. This purchase was approved by the Board at the September 13 meeting. Also, Morris County IT and their subcontractor Connectek, LLC have completed the Cat 6 wiring and installation of all the ports needed for County network and phones at the Parsippany transfer station. Verizon Fios was also installed on Friday, September 16 at Parsippany as an alternative to running overhead wires or trenching for underground lines from the scale house to the main transfer building. The MCMUA continues to work closely with County IT to complete this project. Finally, the MCMUA Operations staff is looking to excavate the trench for the install of

the 2" HDPE water supply line and "T" with a curb valve at the Mount Olive station. Weather pending, once the trench is complete, the MCMUA will contact Aquino Plumbing and Heating, LLC on the water line repairs mentioned at previous Board meetings.

**Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services-** The MCMUA received the 2022 Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station Permit renewal application from Alaimo Engineering on September 22. The renewal included a modification to increase the inbound daily tonnage from 1,380 TPD (tons per day) to 1,978 TPD, and a request to discontinue the use of the current methane detection system. The renewal included a complete noise study, detail on the contoured waste stockpiles, the current Operations and Maintenance (O&M) manual, an engineering report on the environmental impact assessment, and copies of the current air and stormwater Permits.

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: The MCMUA met with Alaimo Engineering, Persistent Construction, and their sub-contractor IRS (Infrastructure Repair Service, LLC.) at the Mount Olive transfer station on Monday, September 19 to discuss details and timing on this improvement project. As mentioned at the September 13 Board meeting, the MCMUA will be moving forward with the "US Foundry 6455 Heavy Duty Slotted Cast Iron 15" x 24" Grate" instead of the 12" grates due to issues with lead times. As of now, the project will start on or around October 17 with mobilization and the install of concrete barriers. If there are no delays, the final clean up and punch list items should be completed on or around November 21. The MCMUA has already provided notice to the NJDEP and received approval for use of the SEVDOA for homeowners during the construction phase. The MCMUA will post informational messages on our website and offer the Parsippany station as an alternative if delays become an issue at Mount Olive. Further updates will be provided to the Board at the October 11 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz.

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**The Morris County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)-** The Morris County Board of Chosen Commissioners are in the process of updating their lists for advisory bodies for calendar year 2023. SWAC members Michael Guadagno, Joseph Nametko, and Kevin Scollans accepted the term of 2023. Mr. Lance Tkacs had resigned from the SWAC on May 13, 2022, moving out of State.

**Jefferson Recycling, LLC- Potential Plan Modification-** Mr. George D. Cascino of Cascino Engineer, representing Jefferson Recycling, LLC. located at 710 Route 15 North in Jefferson requesting a Plan modification through Administrative Action (AA) to process/shred both the tires and tree parts they currently receive and to include untreated lumber their permitted capacity of 700 TPD (tons per day). The MCMUA placed a call to Jefferson Township during the month of September for an update. If Jefferson Township doesn't have any issues or questions, both changes will be sent to the NJDEP by AA request for final approval.

**Dan Como and Sons, Inc.- The Mulch Depot-** Located on #3 Como Court, Block 41, Lot 1, Montville Township, New Jersey. On September 14, the MCMUA received a letter and related correspondence from Mianecki Engineers, representing Dan Como and Sons, Inc. (Como) also known as the The Mulch Depot. The packet was a formal application to include Como as a class B/C or "Multi-Class" facility. Como is currently in the Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) as an exempt "Leaf Composting Facility" and is looking to come into compliance with the NJDEP and CEHA (County Environmental Health Act) inspectors for their current operations. The received paperwork included the Mianecki Engineers cover letter, a complete request for Plan inclusion packet, a request for endorsement to the Township of Montville (Mayor and Township Committee), a complete Hydrogeologic Evaluation report from M2 Associates, and large copies of their site plan(s). The packet was scanned and e-mailed to the Morris County SWAC for review before scheduling a formal site visit and meeting to discuss. County Council and Commissioner Selen were also copied on this received information.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

The Bids for both the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) permanent facility, along with the HHW one-day drop off events, will be out for publication on Tuesday, October 4. Both contracts are for a two (2) year period with an option for two (2) one (1) year extensions. For the permanent facility Bid, a site visit window has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at 11:00AM to entertain any prospective bidders. Any questions regarding the contract are required for submission to the MCMUA by Friday, October 14. Bid submissions are due on November 10, with anticipated award of contract at the December 6 Board meeting. The anticipated contract start-up date is January 2, 2023.

**Program Participation-** During the one-day drop-off event on Saturday, September 24 at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA) the MCMUA and environmental contractor MXI processed 728 vehicles. The morning started off busy and stayed consistent till the close at 2:00PM. The event was well published and was blessed again by good weather. This total exceeded both of our spring events that saw 663 and 385 vehicles respectively. MCMUA handed out lots of informational flyers throughout the day. The final MCMUA 2022 one-day drop-off event is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Chatham High School, 255 Lafayette Avenue in Chatham Township, New Jersey 07928.

In September of 2022, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 249 serviced appointments, which included 222 Morris County residents, 8 VSQG/small businesses, and 19 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2022 totals now equal 1,987 serviced appointments, 1,759 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 44 VSQG's/small businesses, and 184 non-Morris County residents.

**2022 Annual HHW Training Events-** Transfer Station Manager Justin Doyle is scheduled to attend the HAZWOPER First Responder 24-Hour Course on October 17 through October 20, 2022, at Veolia Environmental Services (ES). MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams continues to work on materials for an "in-house" annual training, which will cater more to our operations during the one-day events and running the permanent HHW facility.

MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams attended the Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators (ANJHHWC) Fall meeting on Tuesday, October 4 in Trenton, New Jersey. During the election of officers, Steve Adams was elected President of the association.

## VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The MCMUA Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility received the McCloskey 621 trommel compost screener on Tuesday, August 30 with 1401 hours clock time. Due to weather, the screening "officially" commenced on Friday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00AM. The screener ran for a total of 97 hours clock time at Parsippany, ending with 1498 hours. The trommel screener was then moved from Parsippany to Mount Olive on September 26, 2022. While at Mount Olive compost, the screener was utilized for 23 hours clock time, ending with 1521 hours. The screener was cleaned and assembled for shipping on Friday, September 30, and then was cleared from the Mount Olive facility on Monday, October 3.

In total, the MCMUA Vegetative Waste staff were able to screen 7,600 cubic yards (CY) of compost at the Parsippany facility, and over 2,600 CY at the Mount Olive facility. The material screened at Mount Olive during this session is in addition to what was already generated there while utilizing our Shared Services Agreement with Parsippany Forestry in August 2022. As a reminder to the Board, the total amount of generated screened compost from the August project was estimated to be about 2,700 cubic yards (CY). Per the MCMUA's agreement with Naturcycle, they have covered 2/3rds of the associated rental costs. Now that the work is officially completed, the MCMUA will be submitting a detailed report to Naturcycle so that we can also determine the split costs on the proper disposal of the tailings/overs at the Mount Olive transfer station. Fuel costs and related overtime cost with this project will be covered by the MCMUA. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste

Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the October 11 meeting.

The MCMUA will be sending a memorandum to the Morris County DPW's on the 2022 Leaf Season schedule and extended hours. Below are the special leaf season hours for the MCMUA Parsippany Compost facility. The Mount Olive "Camp Pulaski" Compost facility will not have special leaf season hours in 2022.

Parsippany Vegetative Waste Facility:

- Leaf season hours begin Saturday, October 22 and end Saturday, December 3, 2022. Hours will be 7:00AM to noon and 1:00PM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday; and 7:00AM to noon and 1:00PM to 3:00PM, Saturday; closed Sunday.
- Materials MUST be cleaned (no garbage) and separated (Mixed loads of leaves and grass will not be accepted.)

Mount Olive "Camp Pulaski" Vegetative Waste Facility:

- No special leaf season hours. Regular hours of operation are 7:00AM to noon and 1:00PM to 3:00PM, Monday through Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday.

During lunchtime onsite personnel will NOT be available during the hour between noon to 1:00PM. Ticket books are still available at either facility. The holiday schedule consists of Parsippany being open on November 8 (Election Day), November 11 (Veterans Day), and November 25 (day after Thanksgiving), and will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 24. Mount Olive will be closed for all the above-mentioned holidays.

**Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing-** MCMUA/Naturecycle joint projects include:

- Erosion control project in East Rutherford, New Jersey starting in 2023. This project involves potentially 3,000 cubic yards (CY) of compost/mulch blend from the Mount Olive facility.
- 595 Dean Street in Brooklyn, New York- Steven Dubner Landscaping plans to use screened compost from MCMUA's Parsippany facility for a project that is calling for approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) total. Pick-ups began in August.
- Gansevoort Peninsula, Hudson River Park, New York City- Steven Dubner Landscaping will be using screened compost from MCMUA's Parsippany facility for a project that calls for approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) total. Pickups began in June of 2022. This project will trigger the 1% revenue share for the MCMUA on engineered soil revenue.
- East Midtown Greenway, Manhattan, New York City- Steven Dubner Landscaping is using approximately 500 cubic yards (CY) of screened compost from MCMUA's Parsippany facility. Pickups for this project started back in April.
- The Spiral, Manhattan, New York City- JCC Construction will be using screened compost from MCMUA's Parsippany facility for project. It includes approximately 100 cubic yards (CY) total, pickups began back in April.
- Naturecycle has also promised the MCMUA to work on clearing the Parsippany facility of all the previous year's screened compost during the first week of October in preparation of leaf season.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

MCMUA Carl Fisher retired on October 1 after 19 years of service to the County of Morris. Carl was a Senior Diesel Mechanic with our Curbside Division. Mr. Fisher was always willing to step up where needed and he will be missed. J.P. Mascaro and Sons Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station General Site Manager Eric Rodriguez resigned from his position with his final day being Friday, September 30. The MCMUA Operations team enjoyed working with Mr. Rodriguez during his service with Mascaro in the past year and a half. The MCMUA wishes Eric the best of luck in his future employment and will work with Mascaro on filling the vacant position with a qualified Manager. Until this time, MCMUA Operations Manager Bobby Ross and Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder continue to step up and lead, keeping for a smooth transition.

## **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Marrone reported the following: (1) Regarding the pricing for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services, the finalized rate for the Month of September 2022 was calculated to be a (Negative) -\$57.04/ton on 1,365.00 Tons delivered. This is up 62.59 tons from the 1,302.41 tons delivered last month. The September 2022 charge to the MUA is a negative \$77,855.84. A further decrease of \$12.19 per ton from the August rate of negative \$44.85 per ton, which brings numbers further into the red from last month's bill of \$58,418.54 from Republic Services. As seen last month, recycled content markets continued to show instability in September as inflation had a pronounced effect slowing the push for materials made from recycled content and weakening markets. Consequently, pricing for single-stream recycling declined to record lows not seen for the first time in over two years as in all categories, plummeting commodities pricing for cardboard, mixed paper, plastics, and even Aluminum and steel were seen in September. Looking at October thus far, the pricing for recovered fiber crumbled this month. Old Corrugated Containers (OCC) values are now at \$37.50/Ton, cut almost in half from their close in September at \$77.50. As for sorted residential papers (SRP), values are now at \$32.50/ton, a 60% decrease from their close in September at \$82.50. The decline in values for OCC has a lot to do with cardboard box demand. It ties directly into the online shopping markets and serves as a rough gauge of overall economic conditions showing that consumers are buying less. Prices for OCC also collapsed in the runup to the 2007-09 Great Recession, so what we see here is also following suit. As for SRP, this is another important grade collected in curbside mixes that is down dramatically this month. The grade has been on the decline since July, and challenges surrounding supply chain issues still looming from the start of the pandemic and logistics issues with a lack of trucks and drivers have all played a part in degraded values. Some good news does exist with the pricing for plastics, as PET and HDPE halted their decline and rose slightly into October. This comes as gas pricing begins to trend back up for the first time in months as the war in Ukraine rages on, OPEC slashes oil production, and hurricane season continues. It is expected that recycled materials pricing will likely remain lax for the remainder of this year. While some hope for a turnaround exists with the holiday season, it should not be counted on.

### (2) Regarding Projects for the Recycling Division, Public Educational Outreach:

Mr. Marrone highlighted several public outreach events the Recycling Administration was at during this time. These included the Netcong Farmers Market for its Touch-A-Truck event, the Whippany Watershed Action Committees regular meeting, the Chatham's green/sustainability fair, the Town of Boonton's Boonton Day event, the Morristown Fall Festival, and the Township of Roxbury Nixon Schools Environmental Day, where we were provided the chance to interact with residents and ask questions about recycling, clean communities, and our other MUA programs to gauge their effectiveness. For example, at the Morristown fall festival, we spoke to over 700 families who participated in our Spin and Win prize wheel game. While we found that many families knew where their depot was in Morristown on Lake Rd., they had trouble identifying the range of services offered. Moreover, we also found that many participants either have trouble recycling in their multifamily housing units or are concerned about collecting them as they are contaminated. While we alerted the Municipal Recycling Coordinators of these units in their respective municipalities, we already performed education at one unit already in Morris Township.

The department will be focusing on a push to increase education in this area with a toolkit for municipalities to follow up, much like what we are currently creating for our Tag-it and Leave-it program to be released following this month's County Municipal Recycling Coordinators Meeting.

### (3) Regarding our MCMUA Sponsored Internship with the Morris County School of Technology:

Today, the MCMUA was informed that our intern, Olivia Pasquariello, was chosen amongst her peers to have an article written up on her time spent at the MCMUA and completed projects in the Star-Ledger. Ms. Pasquariello passion for combining her interest in fashion with its impact on the environment and, specifically, the tie-in at the MCMUA with her completed work thus far impressed her supervisor and the school to showcase her placement specifically. In the coming months, she will have the opportunity to be interviewed by the news outlet and showcase her designs and created fashions from previously used textiles and upcycled materials, which will be on display at the Morris County Library at the end of her semester.



(4) Mr. Marrone informed the Board of some updates pertaining to the Curbside Recycling Program not mentioned in his report. In late September, the Curbside department received (1) new Leach model rear-loading compactor truck approved last year. The truck is currently awaiting processing through the County Road Garage and MCMUA branding before it can be utilized, hopefully later this month. Also, earlier this month, the MCMUA received the (2) 30-yard roll-off container lids from Wastequip approved at the July Board meeting. These lids are installed on newer containers and are awaiting delivery to the Township of Chatham and the Borough of Wharton's Recycling Depots. Additionally, the MCMUA Recycling Administrative Staff completed work on the new 2023 curbside recycling collection calendars for our partner municipalities. The calendars, along with the acceptable and unacceptable flyers, will be sent out at the end of the week to our curbside municipalities and the company Town Planner, which creates recycling promotional calendars and is contracted directly to do so on behalf of several of our curbside municipal partners. Lastly, I would like to mention to our Long Hill residents tonight that our department will be in the Township Friday morning for the debut of and training on the Department of Public Works' new Styrofoam Recycling Machine. The Foam Cycle, a foam packaging recycling system, was delivered to the township last month and is one of the new recycling amenities available to its residents. Another service expected to be unveiled in the coming months is food waste recycling at the depot, which the MCMUA assisted in bringing to the Township. The Township plans to allow access to Styrofoam recycling soon to all County residents and would like the MCMUA to promote this service on their behalf and will also be pushing a press release on the subject.

## **RECYCLING REPORT:**

### **Recycling Tonnage and Value**

The preliminary per ton rate for single-stream recycling during September 2022 was calculated at a negative -\$57.05 per ton. This is a decrease of \$12.27 per ton from the July rate of a negative -\$44.78 per ton. With numbers diving farther into the red, September saw all product categories of recovered content fall again in value. Unstable recycled content markets and the current economic crisis have continued to force pricing to fall while purchasing habits have declined further. In all categories, export markets are not strong. Ports still have congestion issues as shipping containers cannot be serviced promptly. Domestic markets are holding onto higher-than-average inventories of recycled content, unable to repurpose into new materials with unsold inventories. Currently, recycled materials pricing is expected to remain lax for the remainder of this year.

### **Shared Service Agreements**

#### **County of Morris:**

In September 2022, the MCMUA received signed copies of the County's solid waste shared services agreement, renewing on January 1, 2023, servicing 18 County of Morris collection sites.

#### **Borough of Netcong:**

On September 20, 2022, the MCMUA presented a shared services curbside recycling proposal to Netcong with a two-year or five-year option. The Borough's current two-year agreement with the MCMUA ends on December 31, 2022.

On September 21, 2022, the MCMUA attended Netcong's bid opening. Only one bidder submitted a proposal, Netcong's existing trash collector (Gaeta), at costs that are apparently substantially higher than the MCMUA's proposal.

#### **Township of Mine Hill:**

The MCMUA's current one-year shared services agreement with Mine Hill ends on December 31, 2022. Like, Netcong, Mine Hill also went out to bid for these services, which must be submitted by November 9, 2022. The MCMUA will present a proposal before that time.

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

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities' projects, public outreach, and education programs during September 2022. In addition, this month's correspondence provides details regarding these activities as a separate report.

### **Recycling and Clean Communities Projects, Public Outreach, and Education**

- MCMUA Sponsored Internship with the Morris County School of Technology – Update
- MCMUA, County Recycling Coordinator, and ANJR Joint Efforts.
- TerraCycle Recycling Products Meeting.
- Borough of Netcong – MCMUA at the Touch-A-Truck Public Outreach Event.
- Borough of Morris Plains – MCMUA meets with Integra Management Corporation for the American Complex to Improve Recycling Rates, Services, and Support Education Efforts.
- Morris County Library – MCMUA provides a presentation to the Whippany River Watershed Action Committee and the Public.
- Borough of Chatham – MCMUA at the Chatham's Sustainability Fair.
- Atlantic Health Care Hospital Network – MCMUA at the Hospital Network Collaborate on Recycling Efforts and Education.
- MCMUA Staff Education – Chris Vidal at the Association of Environmental Authorities.

### **Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects**

#### **Curbside Recycling Division Incumbent Worker Training and Employee Retention**

In September 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone worked with Human Resources Officer Frederick Wilson and continued their joint work on the previously reported issue of finding, training, and retaining curbside Recycling Division employees. Concerning the previously reported employee-on-the-job CDL training program, the Morris County Department of Labor Relations is still in the process of putting together a plan for future action and working directly with the Council 6 Union to reach a joint agreement on the matter. Several CDL training schools were assessed, and one such school for consideration is Jersey Tractor Trailer Training School in Lyndhurst, NJ. Jersey Tractor Trailer is a cheaper option and offers more flexibility in class time, where employees can return to work for the remainder of the day.

On September 20, 2022, Fred Wilson and representatives of the County toured the facility mentioned above and collected information on the school's training program. The tour and information were well received, and the information will be relayed back to the Council for a joint decision on the matter.

#### **County College of Morris and Municipal Food Waste Recycling Pilot Projects**

In September 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff continued work on the logistics and details surrounding food waste recycling opportunities for Morris County. District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone spoke with a different and established food waste recycling company called Organix Recycling, LLC. Organix will be the best option for the County College of Morris Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts program classes, as the food waste generated is a better fit in the Organix recycling program than other area competitors. Organix is one of the grander food waste recyclers utilized by the Wakefern Food Corporation and the Stop & Shop Supermarket LLC. Organix's parent company, Denali is a similar company to Naturcycle LLC, which is currently contracted for the MCMUA's marketing of vegetative waste recyclables for our composting program. Collected food waste is either utilized as livestock feed, applied in the waste-to-energy process, or transferred to composting facilities where it is created into a nutrient-rich soil-based product.

Additionally, Marrone spoke to representatives of the Township of Morris and the Borough of Morris Plains seeking to utilize food waste recycling services in their municipalities. Marrone provided our current quote from Java's Compost for residential curbside collection services and recycling center drop-off locations for their consideration and implementation.

## County College of Morris and MCMUA Master Composting Certificate Program

In September 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff began conversations with the County College of Morris Horticultural Department to create and hold joint classes for Morris County residents on how to compost in both indoor and outdoor settings, reduce food waste, build and care for composting bins, and the proper uses of compost. The program will also feature a small demonstration area and provide a tour of the LEED Certified Building through the U.S. Green Building Council. The project is currently pending approval from the College.

### **Morris County Clean Communities Program**

#### New Jersey Clean Communities County Coordinators Meeting

On September 15 and 29, 2022, District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham attended two of the three NJ Clean Communities Coordinator Certification Training Classes held through Rutgers University. The second class featured speakers on various topics and included MCMUA retired Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator Liz Sweedy providing a talk on public education in schools.

#### 2022 Clean Communities and Recycling Artwork Poster Contest:

The four winning posters previously reported on were mailed out to Kettle Creek, and the company is replicating the poster's artwork on the recycling bins for the winner's schools. The process typically takes one to two months, and when the containers are received back to the MCMUA, a small celebration will be planned for the winners.

#### Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups

The 2022 Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued during September with the MCMUA's cleanup contractor Adopt-A-Highway LRSA and consisted of the following locations:

#### **Township of Roxbury, Township of Rockaway, and the Borough of Wharton:**

On September 9, 2022, the following roads were cleaned in Roxbury Township: Berkshire Valley Road (BVR), from Dell Avenue to the Peach Brothers Company; Dell Avenue from BVR to Roxbury DPW; North Dewey Avenue from BVR to the border with Wharton, the MCMUA property on Dewey Avenue and Mill Road, from Dewey to the Route 80 overpass. The following road was cleaned in Wharton: Dewey Avenue from the border with Roxbury to the end of the bridge by the storage units. Miles in Roxbury 2.1 and miles in Wharton 0.4.

- Bags of trash, 22
- Bags of recyclables, 16
- Total miles = 2.5 (5 linear miles)



*Pictured above are Mill Road and Dewey Ave., with heavy litter alongside the Rockaway River.*

#### **Township of Roxbury Litter Prevention Project:**

District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham began a project to gauge the effectiveness of signage in deterring illegal dumping along historic repeat areas in Morris

County. One road that generates large volumes of litter and is subject to an annual cleanup through the Morris County Clean Communities program is Mill Road and Dewey Avenue in the Township of Roxbury, which litters into the Rockaway River. As this section is near the MCMCUA's property on Dewey Avenue, the *No Dumping, No Littering signs on the property appear to prevent* this type of illegal behavior but not elsewhere along the roadways. As a result, Birmingham utilized smaller *Don't Trash Morris County* lawn signs along these roadways with the permission of the Township immediately following September 9, 2022, clean-up. The streets were checked weekly for littering, and the signs appear to have prevented littering along the roads after the month of September. Additionally, to support these efforts by the MCMUA, the Township of Roxbury installed a hidden camera with additional anti-litter signage along the roadway to deter future dumping.



*One of several Don't Trash Morris County signs is pictured above along Mill Road.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gindoff reminded Board members that he sent a link with the drone video tour of the Mt. Arlington tank project tanks in the packets this morning and it is available for viewing by Board members on YouTube by clicking the link. Mr. Gindoff also informed the Board that he received two large reports from Roxbury Township detailing some of the plans County Concrete has put forth to modify Mine Hill beach and the flow of the river. He stated Roxbury is pleased the MCMUA wants to be informed of this matter if it progresses. Dr. Nussbaum asked if Roxbury was going to hire a hydrologist or have the state of order people look at this in detail? Do you know? Mr. Gindoff stated he didn't know the answer to this question.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

#### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

Mr. Gindoff asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session for discussion regarding Attorney-Client Privileged information regarding future disposal procurements at 8:16 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session for discussion regarding at 8:02 p.m. and Mr. Nussbaum seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Acting Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:53 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:30 p.m. and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: NONE

There being no further business, Acting Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Szwak made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hudzik and carried unanimously.

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Larry Gindoff  
Executive Director

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