

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on December 6, 2022 at 5:37 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

Vice Chairman Guadagno called the meeting to order and read the following:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice 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 stating that this meeting would take place at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Additional notice regarding remote public is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Vice Chairman Guadagno requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Mr. William Hudzik, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, and Ms. Laura Szwak.

ABSENT: Dr. Dorothea Kominos and James Barry.

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

Vice Chairman Guadagno asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Hudzik made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2022 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Dour & Dr. Nusbaum

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

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

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

Vice Chairman Guadagno asked for the Board's approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 22-95

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. 22-95 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,835,834.64** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6078-6103	\$	136,151.77
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	13609-13683	\$	<u>4,699,682.87</u>
		\$	4,835,834.64

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: December 6, 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: December 6, 2022.

DATE: December 6, 2022

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

Mr. Gindoff highlighted a payment to Persistent this month, which was the second of the payments to Persistent for the tipping floor work at Mt. Olive that covers virtually all the work they are doing, and we will probably be closing out this contract next month.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there were no updates on the correspondence, but these will be covered in the various reports, especially the Water Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

WATER

1. Letter dated November 28, 2022 to Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. from Power With Prestige Inc. regarding withdrawal of their bid submitted on November 22, 2022 for MCMUA Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements.

2. Letter dated November 23, 2022 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, from Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., regarding Bid Review and Recommendation on Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 Electrical Improvements.
3. Letter dated November 28, 2022 to Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP from David Ruitenbergh, Esq., Murphy McKeon P.C., regarding Reduction Period.
4. Email dated December 1, 2022 to Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., from Ramesh Patel, NJDEP, regarding response on water usage relief.

SOLID WASTE

5. Letter dated November 17, 2022 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, from Thomas R. Lemanowicz, P.E., Alaimo Group, regarding Recommendation for Payment to Persistent Construction for work at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station.

RECYCLING

6. Recycling Report Supplement – November 2022.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported the following:

(1) Water sales remain consistent. We finished the year around 1.6 billion gallons.; (2) Alamatong Well #4 work is completed and tested. The old pump has been pulled and provided a quote to re-wind that motor. Mr. Milonas is going to work with Larry Kaletcher to make sure there is adequate funding, and we would recommend proceeding with rehabilitation of that motor to have on standby in the future.; (3) DEP did provide a formal response to our request for relief related to 2020 SMCMUAWater Emergency. We are still in the process of reviewing their formal response and drafting a counter to that.; (4) Pole Barn contractor is still waiting for our final building permits from Randolph. Once permits are received, we are going to re-evaluate materials and delivery times and hopefully commence.; (5) We continue drafting terms and conditions for the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement.; (6) We opened bids for Flanders Valley Wells No. 1 & 2 Electrical Upgrades. Unfortunately, the low bidder, Power With Prestige, formally submitted a withdrawal request due to a mathematical error, so the next apparent low bidder is DeMaio Electric and we are only recommending award of the base bid of that project. The reason why we can't award the supplemental is because the dollar value exceeded 50% of the base bid, so according to Open Public Contracts Law, we were unable to award the supplemental portion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-96
RESOLUTION GRANTING WITHDRAWAL OF BID DUE TO
MATHEMATICAL ERROR AND AWARDING CONTRACT NO.
2022-W03 TO DEMAIO ELECTRICAL CO. INC. FOR
"FLANDERS VALLEY WELLS #1 & #2 ELECTRICAL
IMPROVEMENTS"**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2022-W03 "Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements" and received three (3) bids on November 22, 2022 from the companies listed below at the bid price shown:

	Base Bid	Supplemental Bid
Power with Prestige, Inc. Newton, New Jersey	\$247,000.00	\$249,000.00
DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc. Hillsborough, New Jersey	\$413,452.00	\$268,000.00
Cypreco Industries Neptune, New Jersey	\$992,676.00	\$196,212.00

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3 of the Local Public Contracts Law, the low bidder, Power with Prestige, Inc., has submitted a written request within five (5) business days of bid opening and dated November 28, 2022, seeking to withdraw its bid due to a large mathematical error in the bid computation, and the Authority's Qualified Purchasing Agent and Consulting Engineer have reviewed this request and the apparent mathematical error, and hereby recommend the granting of the request to withdraw the bid submission of Power with Prestige, Inc.; and the Authority's Consulting Engineer, by letter dated November 23, 2022, recommends award of the Contract to DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc.; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item #: 02-6-300-800-015.

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

1. The Authority hereby authorizes the withdrawal of the bid submission of Power with Prestige, Inc., due to a large mathematical error in the final bid computation, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3.
2. The Authority exercises its discretion to waive all immaterial defects, if any, with respect to the bid of DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc. and awards Contract No. 2022-W03 "Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements" to DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc., having a business address of PO Box 5907, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the base bid amount only, not to exceed the bid price of \$413,452.00.
3. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2022-W03 "Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements" with DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc., having a business address of PO Box 5907, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844, as the

lowest responsible bidder, in the base bid amount only, not to exceed the bid price of \$413,452.00.

4. The Contract awarded herein to DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc., shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required documents, including insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.
5. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
6. All bid security, except the security for the three apparent lowest bids, shall be returned and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and the approval of the contractor's performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them within three days thereafter, Sundays and holidays excepted.
7. Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 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, December 6, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to grant withdrawal of bid due to mathematical error and award Contract No. 2022-W03 to DeMaio Electrical Co., Inc. for "Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 Electrical Improvements and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

Ms. Szwak asked for explanation on base bid vs. supplemental bid. Can they do the work with just the base bid and Mr. McAloon replied that on this project, there are critical electrical

components in the motor control center and the well pump. This equipment has exceeded its useful life and is no longer performing as intended. This is the critical part of the project. The generators that are on each site are nearing their useful life. The supplemental part of this project was for replacing the generators. Being that we have seen such a variation in bids, especially related to electrical components, due to raw materials, we structured this bid to give us the greatest flexibility to award as much of the project as possible. Unfortunately, based on the bid submitted, we are unable to award the supplemental bid at this time. Mr. Gindoff added that our plan is also to try to procure those generators now as this isn't the full use of our budget allocation and to see if we could do that outside the scope of this actual award.

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

Mr. Druetzler asked when do you think we will get the permits from Randolph on the Pole Barn and Mr. McAloon replied they told us 20-day review time is what they committed to the Contractor, Dutchman.

Mr. Gindoff reported that today we accepted bids for the sale of the water main in Mendham Township. We received one bid and it was from N.J. American Water. It was in the amount of \$1.2 million dollars, the minimum amount that we asked for, along with their \$120,000 deposit. He is very pleased that they are offering us our minimum, so at this point, he will be working with Brad Carney, Esq. to go through the process. Mr. Carney mentioned that the next steps are the MCMUA will prepare an impact report that will address certain items, such as financial and environmental impacts. That report has to be prepared 30 days before the first public hearing. There will be two public hearings; one has to be in the location of the water main, which is Mendham Township, and the other public hearing in the County Seat, Morristown. That last second public hearing has to occur at least 90 days prior to the closing.

Mr. Guadagno asked who has to be at the Public Hearings? Mr. Carney replied that he will be there and Larry Gindoff. He stated the Board can be at the Public Hearings.

Ms. Szwak asked Mike McAloon if he knows why Wharton dropped 50% in their water usage and he replied not specifically. They have been battling some SCADA improvements and system updates where they have been exercising the interconnection more frequently. It was reported as a reduction from the previous month and in reality it is closer to their normal usage. Mr. Druetzler added it drops off at the end of the year and that is a normal thing and Mr. McAloon concurred.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of November, MCMUA sold approximately 1479.9 MG. It should be noted that the total amount sold during the month of November to Wharton has dropped nearly 50% in comparison to the previous few months, from around 14MG to 7MG.
- B. Alamatong Well #4 motor replacement was completed and tested on November 17, this station is back into full service. A. C. Schultes has been requested to perform disassembly and inspection of the motor and will provide a report of the findings as well as a formal quote for the necessary repairs prior to proceeding.
- C. MCMUA's Emergency Response Plan has been certified in accordance with EPA requirements. Additionally, as part of the Water Quality Accountability Act, the MCMUA has completed the Cyber Security Assessment and certification in accordance with requirements.
- D. NJDEP provided formal response regarding the request for relief related to the 2020 SMCMUA water emergency. Unfortunately, the position is since the diversion amounts are well within limits of the existing Water Supply Agreement, credit cannot be given on the relief request.

2. Well No. 7 Pole Barn

The Contractor has continued preparation and submission of shop drawings. Building permits were submitted to Randolph on Wednesday November 9, but approvals have not been received. The Contractor will be providing an updated schedule based on the status of the building permits.

Project Completion Summary Through December 6, 2022

Contract Start Date	October 24, 2022
Original Contract Completion Time	180 Calendar Days
	26%
Days Elapsed:	46
Days Remaining:	134
Original Contract Completion Date	April 23, 2023

Project Financial Summary Through December 6, 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

3. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

SCE continued drafting the updated terms and conditions for this agreement following the Water Committee meeting and the Closed Session. A summary of the anticipated items has been shared with Mt. Arlington.

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

The bid opening for the Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements project was held on Tuesday November 22 at 2:00pm. A total of three (3) bids were received for this project ranging from \$496,000.00 to \$1,188,888.00 as shown in the summary below:

BIDDER	BASE BID AMOUNT	SUPPLEMENTAL BID AMOUNT	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Power with Prestige, Inc.	\$247,000.00	\$249,000.00	\$496,000.00
DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc.	\$413,452.00	\$268,000.00	\$681,452.00
Cypreco Industries, Inc.	\$992,676.00	\$196,212.00	\$1,188,888.00

The bid submission of ***Power with Prestige, Inc.*** was formally withdrawn due to a large mathematical error from the final bid computation by letter dated November 28, 2022 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.3.

Our review of the remaining two (2) bids indicated that ***DeMaio Electrical Co. Inc.*** whose offices are located in Hillsborough, New Jersey is the apparent low responsive bidder for the total project inclusive of the Base Bid and Supplemental Bid. However, due to availability of funds as well as N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.1 which indicates “the aggregate dollar value of accepted specified alternative proposals shall not exceed 50 percent of the base bid”, award of the Supplemental Bid is not recommended.

SCE has reviewed the bid documents, contacted references, verified certifications and all other aspects of their bid appear to be complete, subject to MCMUA review and MCMUA’s Attorney’s review. A formal recommendation of award will be presented via Resolution at the board meeting.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS & VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon asked if there were any questions on his report. Mr. Druetzler asked what does EAP stand for and Mr. Deacon replied Emergency Action Plan. Ms. Szwak asked if the Plan worked when they had the fire and Mr. Deacon replied it was a simple electrical fire in the basement in Parsippany and no one got hurt.

Mr. Deacon provided the following highlights: (1) The Water Meter installation at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station was completed in-house on Friday morning, December 2. Water usage can now be tracked and provided to the Alaimo Group for our ongoing water/sewer project.; (2) FAST, who is a subcontractor of the Fire Marshall’s Office, was on site at Mt. Olive today and they are starting to install a new fire panel at Mt. Olive. We have a lot of trouble alarms at Mt. Olive and this will be a huge improvement for us.; (3) A big “Thank You” to our Shade Tree Division for removal of two large dead trees by the outbound gate at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station.; (4) Provided highlight on comparison numbers for the transfer stations for the month of November. Parsippany tonnage was down 142 tons from last year, total customers 31 less than last year, and your homeowner self-generated 16 less than last year. Mt. Olive was down 526 tons from last year, down 42 customers from last year and your homeowner self-generated was up 44 from last year.; (5) Regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan, we held a formal SWAC Meeting this morning and site visit at Dan Como & Sons Facility in Montville and everything went well. We will schedule a formal SWAC Meeting based on today’s site visit and the details we went over today.; (6) Regarding Vegetative Waste, almost 22,000 cubic yards of leaves came in last month compared to 17,000 last November of 2021. The current vegetative waste revenue for 2022 is nicely ahead of 2021 by about \$65,000. Also, the MUA has been speaking to Dover and Wharton DPW’s and we should see a large amount of leaves coming to Mt. Olive Compost from both towns in the near future that they have been stockpiling at the DPW depots.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-97
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO
MXI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF
THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY’S
PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) issued a Notice to Bidders seeking sealed competitive bids for the Operation of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority’s Permanent Household Hazardous Facility for a term of two (2) years, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for an additional two (2) year period; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA received one (1) sealed competitive bids on November 10, 2022 from the following entity in the following amount, and the same have been reviewed by MCMUA staff and counsel to determine compliance with the bid specifications in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount of Handling Fee Per Pound</u>
MXI Environmental Services, LLC 26319 Old Trail Road Abingdon, VA 24210	\$1.29

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by MXI Environmental Services, LLC does not contain any material defects and is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in the following line item – Household Hazardous Waste 01-1-600-800-726 to pay the contract amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$241,319.01.

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

1. All immaterial defects contained in the bid submission of MXI Environmental Services, LLC, are waived and the MCMUA awards the 2022-HHW02 Operation of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority’s Household Hazardous Waste Permanent Facility contract to MXI Environmental Services, LLC.
2. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is authorized and directed to execute the contract with MXI Environmental Services, LLC in the bid amount of \$1.29 HHW Handling Fee Per Pound in an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$241,319.01 for a term of two (2) years. In the event that the MCMUA desires to extend the contract for an additional two (2) years, said extension shall require separate Resolution of the MCMUA in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15.
3. Within three days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after the awarding and signing of the contract and the approval of the contractor’s performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them.
4. A copy of this Resolution and applicable contracts shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the MCMUA, 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869.
5. 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, December 6, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to award Contract to MXI Environmental Services, LLC for the Operation of the MCMUA’s Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-98
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO
MXI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF
THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY’S
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENT DAYS**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) issued a Notice to Bidders seeking sealed competitive bids for the Operation of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority’s Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event Days for a term of two (2) years, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for an additional two (2) year period; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA received one sealed competitive bid on November 10, 2022 from the following entity in the following amount, and the same has been reviewed by MCMUA staff and counsel to determine compliance with the bid specifications in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Price Per Vehicle</u>
MXI Environmental Services, LLC 26319 Old Trail Road Abingdon, VA 24210	\$54.99

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by MXI Environmental Services, LLC does not contain any material defects and is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in the following line item – Household Hazardous Waste 01-1-600-800-726 to pay the contract amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$153,807.03.

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

1. All immaterial defects contained in the bid submission of MXI Environmental Services, LLC, are waived and the MCMUA awards the 2022-HHW01 Operation of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority’s Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event Days contract to MXI Environmental Services, LLC.
2. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is authorized and directed to execute the contract with MXI Environmental Services, LLC in the bid amount of \$54.99 per vehicle in an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$153,807.03 for a term of two (2) years. In the event that the MCMUA desires to extend the contract for an additional two (2) years, said extension shall require separate Resolution of the MCMUA in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15.
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By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to award Contract to MXI Environmental Services, LLC for the Operation of the MCMUA’s Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Mr. Hudzik seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6

NAYES: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

With regard to our meeting at Dan Como & Sons in Montville this morning, Mr. Guadagno commented that they need to have both a B&C, as it is a large site and Mr. Deacon concurred. Mr. Gindoff added that DEP sometimes calls that a Multi-Class Facility B&C.

Mr. Deacon thanked everybody on the Solid Waste Planning side and Solid Waste Operations side for another great year. He also wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Lemanowicz updated the Board on the following: (1) The Emergency Action Plans are just wrapping up with Colin in his office; (2) Tom Cappetti is working on the permit renewal for Parsippany, which was deemed complete and now it is just a matter of going through the comments, which will be a little bit more involved due to the expansion in tonnage and we are working through that.; (3) The floor at Mt. Olive work is almost done. The second payment is on the Agenda today and there will probably be one more. That seems to be going well also.; (4) The Water and Sewer project, which was the interconnect from Public Water and Sewer for Mt. Olive, is continuing now we have the meter system on the water system in Mt. Olive, we are able to measure our usage and use that to compute our connection fee rather than use generic numbers, so hopefully it will be less than we first computed. There may be some discussion with those utilities to see if we can mitigate that cost a little bit more. Mr. Gindoff commended Tom Lemanowicz on a good job on Persistent and the tipping floor job that got done in a month and a half and it is a good job. Mr. Lemanowicz commented that since we did Parsippany tipping floor in one manner and now we did Mt. Olive, and obviously there is a big usage difference there, it is going to be interesting to see how the two tipping floors age.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 40,383 tons accepted at the two (2) transfer stations in November 2022 was only 1.63% less than the 41,052 tons accepted in November 2021, a year ago. This shows a much closer level of generation to last year's equivalent month in comparison to the previous two (2) months of 2022 when it appeared as if waste generation rates were falling fast. At this point, after eleven (11) months of actual generation data, the annual disposal total for 2022 is trending toward 472,847 tons which would represent a 1.48% increase in tonnage over the 465,745 tons accepted for all of 2021. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month for additional information.

Electrical Fire/Smoke Incident- On the morning of November 28, MCMUA Operations Manager Bobby Ross smelled smoke in the staircase of the main office at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station. Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder contacted the local Police and Fire Departments via cell phone and notified the Morris County Department of Law and Public Safety- Fire Marshal's Office (MCFM). MCMUA Operations Manager Ross discovered the smoke was coming from the basement pump room/electrical room. Black smoke was discovered coming from the grey main motor control center, especially the grey panel door labeled "Fan #6". When the local Parsippany-Troy Hills Fire Department, District #5 and District #4 (Boonton FD-RIT), arrived onsite, power was quickly shut off in the Main Electrical Shed located outside the main office door between the station itself and Edwards Road. Members of the fire department opened all access panels in the motor control center and identified the issue. The issue found was the electrical contractor for Fan #6. The fire department made entries into the basement in turn-out gear and began ventilation right away. Power to the station was confirmed off. Once venting was complete, the scene was cleared by all local departments and was left with the MCMUA and the MCFM. The MCMUA contacted licensed electrician(s) to respond for the necessary repairs. The electrical power was never affected at the station's scale house during or throughout this incident, therefore, operations continued safely on the tipping floor.

Transfer Station Site Improvements- J.P. Mascaro and Sons arranged for the install of a new utility pole back on October 24 at our Parsippany station for placement of the NJDEP Permit required bird wire that runs to the front of the main station building, above the tipping floor bay

doors. The actual bird wire installation took place in late November. Five (5) new lights were also replaced by Mascaro over the main tipping floor in Parsippany. New air filters were installed in both the main office and scale house. The new J.P. Mascaro and Sons onsite Manager for Parsippany transfer, Mr. Thomas Cunningham, started on Monday, November 28. Mascaro has also been working hard in keeping up with recent heavy equipment issues and routine services. On November 9, Atlantic Scale serviced Pit Scale #1 in Mount Olive and found a crushed cable and old/bad load cell. Both were replaced and everything was cleaned out from underneath. Both Pit Scales and both score boards are now working well. Mascaro is now retrieving prices on repair of the pit scale trash pumps. Quotes were received for two (2) different style pumps- a grinder pump and a trash pump. These pumps move the liquid from the Mount Olive pits/tunnel up to the leachate tank located within the HHW facility where the leachate is recovered/pumped a few times a week.

The MCMUA Operations staff installed the Mettler Toledo 7560SD scale side rails in-house on Wednesday, November 9 in Parsippany and Thursday, November 10 in Mount Olive. These scale rails are composed of four (4) modules and were installed on both the inbound and outbound scales at both stations. On Tuesday, November 29, the Morris County Shade Tree Division started with the removal of two (2) large dead trees on the side property at the Mount Olive transfer station. If time permits, these trees will be removed by the end of the week.

MCMUA Solid Waste Utilitarian Wyatt Ozdemir continues to train at both transfer station scale houses, including Saturday and after-hours coverage. Mr. Ozdemir received his official Weigh Master license on November 17 from the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Affairs- Office of Weights and Measures. Mr. Ozdemir also assisted with tipping floor coverage and removal of the tailings/overs from the MCMUA vegetative waste facilities during the month of November.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- MCMUA staff continues to work with Alaimo Architect Mr. Colin McLain on formal written Emergency Action Plans (EAP) as part of Phase #2 of this project. As mentioned during the November 7 Board meeting, the MCMUA submitted a draft EAP for our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)/Very Small Quality Generator (VSQG) facility on October 21 for Mr. McLain's review. MCMUA staff began the same formal EAP in November for our Mount Olive transfer station. Once all three (3) are finalized, the EAP's and related life safety and egress/evacuation maps will be shared with our County and Local Emergency Management divisions.

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 deck near the loading pits. **November 2022 Project Highlights:**

- Phase #1 (Tipping Floor Bays #1 and #2) and Phase #2 (Tipping Floor Bays #3 and #4) which include the floor, the trench drain, the bollards and the observation deck were all completed. At 10:00AM on Tuesday, November 1, the entire tipping floor at the Mount Olive transfer was back to full operations. The SEVDOA, which stands for and is used as a "small exempt vehicle drop-off area", open during the construction phase, was closed to all self-generated/residential customers (homeowners) a few days later.
- The MCMUA provided proper notice to the NJDEP on above.
- On Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18, Persistent Construction and their subcontractor ABBA Metal Works, Inc. completed the steel work on the observation deck railings and the protection plates on the observation deck and corner wall near the pump room man door. The stainless-steel mesh for the observation deck was changed to galvanized steel mesh to match the railings.
- The final clean up and punch list items occurred before the original scheduled date of Monday, November 21.
- To clarify the final safety bollard work- Eleven (11) bollards were replaced in Mount Olive, seven (7) bollards were sanded to bare metal, primed, and painted, and seven (7) new bollards and one (1) sleeve were left on site for future use by the MCMUA. This extra material is currently needed at Parsippany transfer as a result of the damage during the solid waste emergency/Hurricane Ida.

- The MCMUA Solid Waste Managers are pleased with the result at Mount Olive and will continue to track the wear-and-tear of the EUCO-Top vs. using concrete for future projects concerning the tip floors.

Further updates, details, and possible Change Order(s) related to this improvement project in Mount Olive will be provided to the Board at the December 6 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dan Como and Sons, Inc.- The Mulch Depot- The MCMUA scheduled an official Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) site visit and meeting for 10:00AM on Tuesday, December 6 at the Dan Como and Sons (Como), Inc. facility, located on #3 Como Court, Block 41, Lot 1, in Montville Township, New Jersey. Como and Sons is also known as the “The Mulch Depot.” The SWAC meeting was noticed in the paper(s) on Friday, November 25. The formal packet submitted by Como and Sons and their environmental engineer was provided to the SWAC before the site visit for their review. Further details from this SWAC meeting will be provided to the Board during the December 6 regular meeting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In November of 2022, the permanent household hazardous waste facility (HHWF) located at the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station had a total of 182 serviced appointments, which included 170 Morris County residents, 2 VSQG/small businesses, and 10 out-of-County residents. The lower reported numbers this month can be attributed to the County holidays (4) in November when the facility was closed to customers. MCMUA’s 2022 totals now equal 2,403 serviced appointments, 2,149 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 50 VSQG’s/small businesses, and 204 non-Morris County residents.

The four (4) MCMUA 2022 one-day drop-off events serviced 2,342 vehicles/Morris County residents, providing a safe and easy way to properly dispose of their HHW. The MCMUA will now work with our existing HHW contractor, MXI Environmental Services, LLC., the lowest responsible Bidder to the MCMUA’s recent procurement being put before the Board for its consideration at this December 6 Board meeting, on the 2023 calendar of one-day events.

The Bid for both the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) permanent facility, along with the HHW one-day drop off events, went out for publication on October 4. Both contracts are for a two (2) year period with an option for two (2) one (1) year extensions. Bid submissions were opened on November 10 at 11:00AM and 11:30AM. The MCMUA received one (1) Bid respectively for both contracts, both from MXI. Two (2) Resolutions have been prepared for the Board’s consideration at the December 6 meeting, awarding the operation of the permanent facility and the one-day events to MXI Environmental Services, LLC. with an anticipated contract start-up date of January 2, 2023:

HHW Permanent Facility

- Current Amount of Handling Fee Per Pound- \$0.99
- November 10 Bid Submission- \$1.29
- Increase Difference- **\$0.30 Per Pound**

HHW One-Day Drop-Off Events

- Current Price Per Vehicle- \$43.99
- November 10 Bid Submission- \$54.99
- Increase Difference- **\$11.00 Per Vehicle**

The MCMUA has enjoyed the working relationship we have with MXI and their professional staff and looks forward to the continued success Morris County has experienced with its HHW program.

As mentioned at the November 7 Board meeting, the MCMUA is now exploring the possibility of new locations for our drop-off events to better service Morris County as a whole. With that, MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams and Solid Waste Coordinator James E. Deacon met with Ms. Doreen Clark at Freedom Park in the Borough of

Riverdale on Monday, November 21. Ms. Clark was joined by members of Riverdale and their DPW. Ms. Clark is part of the Riverdale Green Team and has expressed interest in hosting an event in the Borough. MCMUA Adams and Deacon are currently reviewing the visited area located off of Dalton Drive and overall footprint of how traffic would flow during an actual event. The MCMUA will ask for our environmental contractor's input, and then make a final decision. The MCMUA agrees with Ms. Clark's concerns about servicing the northern end of Morris County- Butler, Kinnelon, Riverdale, Lincoln Park, and Pequannock Township. If Freedom Park is not feasible for an event, staff will explore other possibilities in and around Riverdale Borough, which may include Pequannock Valley Park in Pompton Plains. This location has been proven to fit our needs during an event day and was last used in October of 2019.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING FACILITY

As part of a Statewide environmental cleanup and assessment of their properties, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs- New Jersey Army National Guard has been working with MCMUA Assistant Operations Manager Mike Nunn on some potential improvement projects at the Dover Armory. The Curbside facility is currently heated by a large above ground storage tank (AGST) containing fuel oil/home heating oil on the far side of the garage. The National Guard is looking to safely remove this AGST and connect to natural gas, which is available on West Clinton Avenue (Route 15). The National Guard also coordinated the removal of a small 15' by 20' storage shed with Assistant Operations Manager Nunn. This shed is located within the main gated section where our larger trucks are stored. The shed is currently used for storage of spare tires. Assistant Operations Manager Nunn and the National Guard have made plans to safely dispose of this shed during the second week of December.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The MCMUA Vegetative Waste staff continue to manage the 2022 extended leaf season hours at our Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility, which is scheduled to end on Saturday, December 3. Inbound leaves continue to come into both facilities in large amounts. Staff manage their time efficiently, leaving hours for grinding in Parsippany to make room for these increased volumes. With assistance from Naturcycle, the annual screening of compost was completed. There still remains several hundred cubic yards (CY) of unscreened compost between the two (2) sites. Naturcycle has contacted several potential customers to remove the unscreened compost and is also exploring the potential to screen remaining material if time permits. Some ongoing/upcoming joint Naturcycle/MCMUA projects include an erosion control project in East Rutherford starting in 2023. This project calls for potentially 3,000 CY of compost/mulch blend from our Mount Olive facility. In November, Naturcycle worked with Tri-State Bulk Garden Supply who agreed to remove some unscreened compost for \$2 per CY. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided as additional correspondence to the MCMUA Board for the December 6 meeting. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the December 6 meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

(1) Regarding the pricing for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services, the revised initial rate, which includes the end-of-the-month market numbers for the Month of November 2022, was calculated at a -\$84.48/ton. With the Board Meeting being moved up a week in advance, the finalized numbers have yet to be published by Republic Services and are expected before the end of this week. As a result, the December board report will provide a finalized estimate for pricing and tonnage. Still, in comparison, plummeting recycling numbers have slowed significantly as October saw a -\$80.94/ton rate. This is a -\$3.54 difference per ton using the initial rate. Moreover, to provide an estimated cost using Octobers 1,182 Tons delivered and multiplying that number by the initial rate obtained, an estimate for the November 2022 charge to the MUA from Republic Services for Single Stream recycling would be an estimated - \$100,000.00 or less than a 5,000 difference from last month.

To explain the state of recycling in November 2022, recycling markets continued to display its instability in the current economy and is still at all-time lows. However, good news can be found as plastics pricing climbed slightly higher in November, and both fiber and metals markets have halted their decline. The market shows consumers are spending steadily on commodities this holiday season, even in an uncertain economy. While this will support markets for the next few months, it is cautioned that the action will only have a slight stabilizing effect on markets and likely not allow for the recovery needed.

(2) Regarding Projects for the Recycling Division:

MCMUA Public Recycling Education, Virtual Tour of Republic Services

- In November, the Recycling Administrative Staff provided information for distribution to the public on two upcoming opportunities for recycling education, featuring a showing of our in-house virtual tour of Republic Services' Class A MRF in Mine Hill followed by a question-and-answer period with Eric Gabrielson, Operations Manager for Republic Services.
 - The first is on December 14, 2022, at 10 AM, open to recycling professionals and municipal representatives looking for education.
 - The second is on January 18, 2022, at 6 PM, and the MCMUA will offer a virtual recycling roundtable open to the public featuring a recycling educational PowerPoint showing acceptable and unacceptable materials with explanations of what goes where and the services the MCMUA offers in addition to the tour and question and answer period.
 - This meeting is open to all those members of the public, focusing primarily on single-stream recycling regarding Republic Services' operation.
 - For those looking to attend, the webinar link to join both meetings will be available at the top of the www.MCMUA.com website on the days of each webinar.

NJDEP 2021 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Grant Funding and Municipal Partnerships to Increase Low Recycling Rates:

- Next, I would like to mention that in November, the MCMUA worked diligently to provide additional resources and assistance to municipalities whose recycling rates are among the lowest in the county as per the REA Grant before the year's end.
- As a recap, those municipalities with the lowest recycling rates are the Town of Morristown, 29.38%, The Township of Mendham, 13.34%, and the Township of Washington, with a rate of 26.64%.
- In Mendham Township: The MCMUA has worked closely with municipal representatives to further recycling education and outreach for its residents.
 - Moreover, as the Township does not currently possess a Certified Recycling Professional and contracts out for this service, the MCMUA worked with the Township to find a dedicated recycling professional to serve as the "ambassador" for recycling matters and can play an active role.
 - To achieve this, the MCMUA has offered to reimburse the Township for sending an individual to the Rutgers Course upon completing the program if they contribute to serving in the role of recycling liaison.
 - As a result of our financial support, the Township found a dedicated candidate who will work in this role, is active with Township matters, has served in several appointed positions, and expressed interest in being trained by the MCMUA at the start of the new year.
- In Morristown: The MCMUA worked closely with the Town Municipal Recycling Coordinator to increase tonnage reporting by finding additional outlets not previously reported.
 - The MCMUA also purchased a signboard for informational signage and display boxes for posting and distributing recycling educational information at the depot.

- In addition, the MCMUA assisted the Township in implementing a recycling artwork contest for its schools. The MCMUA and the Town worked on the applications, which provided a list of acceptable materials in their program asking how students could improve on or implement a recycling program at home according to the recycling guidelines.
 - The MRC actively canvased for the contest and worked with the schools to deliver hard copies while ensuring that copies went in each student's digital backpack.
 - The Town received a significant response in applications and a buzz on media following subsequent posts from the Town. Today, the top contest winner was drawn, and a photo opportunity is planned for the month's end with the monetary gift awarded from the Town administration. The runners-up will be featured in next year's recycling calendar and displayed on the depot's new signboard.
- In Washington Township: The MCMUA worked closely with the Township Municipal Recycling Coordinator and DPW Superintendent to improve their recycling rate at the depot and reduce contamination.
 - As a result, the MCMUA updated informational changes to their recycling webpage, will provide a roll-off container to begin collecting scrap metal, give them an enclosed container for an additional recycling collection stream, and set up a process to start collecting rechargeable batteries at the depot.

(3) 2022 Clean Communities and Recycling Artwork Poster Contest:

On December 2, 2022, the MCMUA held its awards ceremony for the litter prevention and recycling awareness artwork contest winners on the County College of Morris (CCM) campus.

- In attendance were the contest winners, their families, and their teachers.
- Executive Director Larry Gindoff provided a welcoming speech, and District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham spoke on the practices and future of Morris County's Communities Program.
 - One by one, students were invited to come up and explain their posters and artwork inspiration to the group. After each student's explanation, Birmingham tied each student's poster to a related theme of Morris County's Clean Communities program and explained its benefits.
 - Students received a monetary reward for their participation and a recycling container with their artwork for their respective schools.
 - I would like to recognize Mrs. Birmingham's professionalism and dedication to ensure a successful and engaging event for all involved is noted at this meeting.

(4) Boy Scouts of America Troop 156 Flanders, NJ Eagle Scout Project at the Alamatong Wellfield

- Lastly, in November 2022, potential Eagle Scout Kevin Karram neared completion of his approved Eagle Scout Project of a Chimney Swift Bird Tower at the Alamatong Wellfield. Photographs were included in the supplemental report
- With the main tower completed, Mr. Karram has arranged for his troop to come back to the site to paint a variety of chimney sweep bird silhouettes on the tower and perform a litter cleanup at the site.
- In the Spring of 2023, before his 18th birthday and to complete his award, he will post the approved informational signage at the site and remove invasive plant species while planting native ones at the location.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-99
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
PROVIDING FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTING, AND MARKETING
OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS BETWEEN THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG COMMENCING ON
OR ABOUT JANUARY 1, 2023

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 Borough of Netcong 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 by providing curbside pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., the MCMUA may enter into 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, (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 Borough of Netcong desire to enter into a new agreement to provide for the curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing January 1, 2023 for five (5) years until December 31, 2027.

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

1. The Executive Director 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 December 6, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to authorize the execution of an Agreement Providing For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Borough Of Netcong Commencing On Or About January 1, 2023 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-100
RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A STATE
PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR NIELSEN FORD**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing program which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

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

Vendor	State Contract #	Equipment	2023 Budgeted Amount
Nielsen Ford	88727/T2100	Ford F250	\$52,966.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from Nielsen Ford, an approved New Jersey State Contract Vendor on the attached list, subject to all conditions of the individual State contract; in an amount not to exceed \$52,966.00; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be from **December 1, 2022** to **December 31, 2022**.

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 December 6, 2022.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to authorize Use Of A State Purchasing Contract for Nielson and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Guadagno mentioned that Blue Diamond picks up for Randolph and asked if the MUA checks their trucks when they come in and they have the right recyclables in the right trucks and Mr. Marrone replied that they are one of our supplemental towns. All that would be done at Republic Services. Mr. Gindoff commented that we don't check the recycling because it is dumped at Republic Services, a private facility. They would be the ones who would be inspecting them and if they had any contaminated loads on a load by load basis, they would reject them or charge them a penalty fee. Whatever happens between Republic and Randolph is between them. Randolph just piggybacks on our pricing.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

The initial per ton rate for single-stream recycling during November 2022 was calculated at a negative -\$84.56 per ton. This is a decrease of \$3.59 per ton from the October rate of a negative -\$80.97 per ton. These numbers do not include the end-of-month calculations as they have not been posted publicly at the time of the writing of this report by RecyclingMarkets.net, which is used as a basis for reporting. A closer estimation will be provided at the December Board meeting.

As seen last month, recycled content markets continue to show instability in November as inflation weakens markets and further slows demand for materials made from recycled content.

However, good news can be found this month as pricing declines for both fiber and metals markets are still positive. These materials have slowed their downward trend from the month's beginning and stabilized mid-month. At the same time, plastics pricing climbed slightly in November.

The current state of the market shows that consumers are still spending money on commodities at a steady rate this holiday season, even in an uncertain economy. This trend will support markets for the next few months. However, this will only have a slight stabilizing effect on markets and likely not allow for the recovery needed.

Shared Service Agreements

Borough of Netcong:

On November 14, 2022, the MCMUA received confirmation that Netcong Borough will accept the MCMUA's shared services agreement for five years, including lump sum billing. A resolution awarding this agreement, which includes a copy of the agreement, will be presented for the Board's consideration at the December 6 meeting.

Township of Mine Hill:

On November 8, 2022, the Recycling Administrative Staff presented its recycling proposal to the Mine Hill Township.

On November 22, 2022, the Township advised the MCMUA that the bid was being awarded to Blue Diamond, whose price was slightly below the proposal presented by the MCMUA.

Borough of Morris Plains:

The MCMUA is seeking to pass through a contractual cost increase to Morris Plains due to increases in the number of units we collect at the developments in the Borough, which include The Venue at American, which, when completed, will possess 156 units, and The Collections, which will consist of 139 units. The MCMUA was notified that both locations had tenants moving into units in March 2022, and the curbside department began collection simultaneously. No increase was warranted at that time as the number of units occupied was de minimus. However, the number of occupied units has increased over the contracted rate as of late, extending the regular collection time frame and warranting an increase. Recycling Administrative Staff will meet with Morris Plains representatives to calculate the appropriate collection cost increases.

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

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

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

- MCMUA Sponsored Internship with the Morris County School of Technology – Intern Activities Update.
- Township of Denville, QuickChek Store.
- Town of Dover, Education at Dover High School.
- Township of Long Hill, Curbside Customer Service and Education.
- Township of Roxbury, Willows at Roxbury.
- Township of Pequannock, Just Salads Restaurant.
- Township of Morris Township, Recycling Outreach, and Assistance.
- Eagle Scout Project at the Alamatong Wellfield Update.
- MCMUA Recycling Administrative Staff Training, NJDEP Waste Wise Meeting.
- MCMUA Public Outreach and Partnership, NJ League of Municipalities Conference.
- MCMUA County Recycling Administrative Support and Partnership, NJ Sustainability in Motion Conference.

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

Meeting with Rehrig Pacific Company, Curbside Recycling Collection Support Services

On November 9, 2022, the Recycling Administrative Staff met with Kemrey Kidd, Senior Sales Representative, and Sam Schultz, Environmental Sales Representative for the Mid-Atlantic region, Rehrig Pacific Company. Rehrig supplies residential waste and recycling containers, consulting services, and supply chain management software to potential clients and is on NJ State Contract. District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone networked with Mr. Schultz at

the ANJR symposium in October of 2022 and invited the company to speak to the MCMUA and provide us with background and education regarding the current state of recycling collection and the services they can provide. As the Recycling Administrative Staff looks toward the sustained future of the curbside collection program and weighs the potential of moving toward providing contracts that feature automated curbside collection services to become a relevant service provider, this meeting set the stage for such a venture. During this meeting, Rehrig provided the MCMUA with information on those municipalities and service providers who utilize cart-based collection in our area, the types of containers and cost of those they can provide, vendors they also work within the recycling industry to connect with for services on NJ State Contract, and grant funding opportunities to transition towards for these services.

On November 22, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff met with the Artwork Department for Rehrig to discuss the potential for creating professionally made recycling decals for distribution. These decals will include simple recycling information featuring the artwork of acceptable/unacceptable materials followed by bilingual wording. These will be applied to our MCMUA-owned recycling containers to simplify our recycling message and educate the public in our curbside collection municipalities. A second meeting is pending at this time to discuss pricing options.

On December 2, 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff will attend a meeting with Rehrig to discuss their Smart Assets (RFID-enabled carts, pallets, crates, and trays) with Vision® software used to track recycling collection in real-time. Route auditing allows each cart to be assigned to an address, and the database can be updated to account for changes such as vacant houses and new multi-family complexes. Another potential use for the Vision software allows for information collected curbside to be integrated with our new Salesforce software. Drivers and helpers can catalog specific recycling contamination issues curbside with software installed in the recycling collection vehicle. This software can collect a GPS location and photos of the truck's exterior showing the problem and log it in the system for future inspections or for the MCMUA to verify customer validity for concerns or complaints. This would be an upgrade from our current capabilities and improve collection services. Upon a successful demonstration of the potential of these services, the MCMUA will look into performing a pilot program with one of our curbside collection municipalities. Rehrig informed us of potential grants for these services to assist with funding through the Recycling Partnership.

Borough of Chatham, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspection Planning:

In November 2022, Recycling Administrative Staff worked with the Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) for the Borough of Chatham, Kevin Loria, to implement a townwide Tag-it and Leave-it inspection campaign for 2023. The MCMUA utilized the knowledge gained from its inspections in Long Hill Township to update and strengthen its inspection and education materials. Mr. Loria is currently working with the Borough's Environmental Commission to assist with the distribution of education leading up to the start of the campaign. A joint meeting between the MCMUA and the Borough is scheduled for December 13, 2022, to review the inspection operations' logistics.

MCMUA Public Recycling Education, Virtual Tour of Republic Services:

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period with Mr. Gabrielson from Republic Services. This meeting is open to all those members of the public. It will focus mainly on single-stream recycling regarding Republic Services' operation. This will apply to our contracted municipalities, those who use our contract, and those who utilize Republic Services as their end recycling facility.

For those looking to attend, the webinar link to join both meetings will be available at the top of the www.MCMUA.com website on the days of each webinar.

NJDEP 2021 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Grant Funding, NJDEP Updates:

On November 15, 2022, the MCMUA received notification that its grant agreement is ready for review and action in the NJDEP SAGE reporting system used to manage funding and activities reporting. Upon notice, the MCMUA submitted the required documentation, programmatic updates, and information on changes since the MCMUA's initial submission.

On November 22, 2022, the MCMUA received written documentation that the NJDEP received and approved the information submitted by the MCMUA.

NJDEP 2021 REA Grant Municipal Partnership to Increase Low Recycling Rates, MCMUA Updates:

According to the REA Grant, all counties must identify and provide additional resources and assistance to municipalities whose recycling rates are among the lowest in the county. Ensuring compliance with this decree, the MCMUA identified, worked alongside, and provided additional resources and assistance to the county's three municipalities with the lowest recycling rates. This information was obtained from the most recent NJDEP Municipal Rate Table.

The MCMUA has identified three towns in Morris County with the lowest recycling rates. They are the Town of Morristown with a rate of 29.38%, The Township of Mendham with a rate of 13.34%, and the Township of Washington with a rate of 26.64%. During November, the MCMUA stepped up its involvement with projects as the year will close next month.

Mendham Township: In November 2022, the Recycling Administrative Staff worked closely with municipal staff, specifically councilwoman Amalia Duarte, to further recycling education and outreach. The Township does not currently possess a Certified Recycling Professional and contracts with one MRC to sign its annual municipal tonnage report. Councilwoman Duarte has taken it upon herself to adopt the role of recycling education and has been attending the MCMUA's MRC meetings relaying information to her Environmental Commission. However, the MCMUA has expressed a need for a dedicated recycling professional to serve as the "ambassador" for recycling matters and who can play an active role. To assist in this matter, the MCMUA has offered to reimburse the Township for sending an individual to the Rutgers Course upon completing the program as long as they contribute to serving in the role of recycling liaison. As a result of our financial support, the Township found a candidate who will work in this role, is active with Township matters and has served in several appointed positions. In addition, the MCMUA is also working on setting up a public outreach recycling session for its residents. Mendham Township has very few commercial generators if any, and recycling tonnage comes almost exclusively from the town's 6,000 residents' curbside collection.

Morristown: In November 2022, the MCMUA Recycling Administrative Staff worked closely with the Town Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC), Kirby Johnston, to increase tonnage reporting by finding additional outlets not previously reported. The MCMUA also purchased a signboard with informational signage and display boxes for posting and distributing recycling educational information at the depot. These materials were put into operation during this timeframe and are now being utilized heavily. Lastly, the MCMUA assisted the Township in implementing a recycling artwork contest for its schools which featured how students and their families will improve recycling at home. The MCMUA and the Township worked on the applications, which provided a list of acceptable materials in their program. They asked the student how they could improve on or implement a recycling program at home according to the recycling guidelines. Mr. Johnston actively canvased for the contest and worked with the schools to deliver hard copies while ensuring that copies went in each student's digital backpack. The Town received a significant response, and the contest winners will be drawn in December 2022.

Winners will receive a monetary gift donated by the Town administration, be featured in next year's recycling calendar, and be displayed on the new signboard at the depot.

Washington Township: In November 2022, the MCMUA Recycling Administrative Staff worked closely with the Township Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) and DPW Superintendent Roger Reed to discuss improving their recycling rate at the depot and reducing contamination. As a result, the MCMUA updated informational changes to their recycling webpage, will provide a roll-off container to begin collecting scrap metal, give them an enclosed container for an additional recycling collection stream, and set up a process to start collecting rechargeable batteries at the depot. The Township is very rural with no large corporate generators, except for farms. Also, the Township does not provide recycling or trash collection, so residents and businesses must contact a carrier for this service. Residents must pay an annual fee to utilize the recycling depot. Only 230 individuals currently use it.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Clean Communities Coordinators Safety Class:

On November 2, 2022, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone, District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham, and Human Resources Officer Fred Wilson attended a joint safety class provided by the NJ Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) and the NJ Department of Transportation (NJ DOT). The course provided information for our office to utilize and distribute to our municipal contacts about safety procedures for litter cleanups using volunteers.

2022 Clean Communities and Recycling Artwork Poster Contest:

The awards ceremony for the artwork contest winners is scheduled for December 2, 2022, at 5:00 PM in the Landscape & Horticultural Technology Building on the County College of Morris (CCM) campus. The recycling bins, with the replicated winning posters, are currently in hand and will be displayed during the ceremony. All winners will be given an award at the time of the ceremony. Executive Director Larry Gindoff will provide the welcoming speech, and District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham will speak on Morris County's Communities Program. The students will receive a monetary reward for their participation in addition to the recycling containers for their respective schools.

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups

The 2022 Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program was placed on hold during November with the MCMUA's cleanup contractor, Adopt-A-Highway, to preserve program funding until Spring 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Gindoff provided the Board an update on the Open Space activities that went on this Fall. He mentioned that County Commissioners approved all five properties proposed by the Open Space Committee. One property was in Mt. Olive along Budd Lake and the most exciting project was in Wharton across from the Senior Housing turning an old contractor's yard into open space. That is one of the most interesting sites. Then there was one in Boonton by the Railroad Museum right over the river and there was one in Boonton Township along a farm area just preserving some open space along some other open space and the fifth site was finalizing some Hanover Township parklands that they buying to complete their Bea Meadow Park.

Ms. Szwak asked if all the money was used and Mr. Gindoff replied we used all the money they asked for and we had enough to pay for it. The five projects were right about the same level of funding that was available this year, so it tied in nicely.

He mentioned that both Marilyn and I have been in contact with Gene Feyl in regard to dropping off the resolution we prepared as a Board for him and he sounded pretty good. Marilyn and I will be heading over there next Thursday to drop it off and to send our regards on behalf of the Board.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

Vice Chairman Guadagno asked if there are any comments from the Public. There being no comment from the Public, this portion of the meeting was closed.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Mr. Druetzler wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Mr. Gindoff wished the same to everyone, you and your families. Mr. Carney wished everyone Happy Holidays.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Guadagno asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dour and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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