

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey as well as remotely using conference call software.

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

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

Vice Chairman Guadagno requested a roll call.

**PRESENT:** Mr. James Barry, Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Mr. Arthur Nusbaum, and Ms. Laura Szwak.

**ABSENT:** Dr. Dorothea Kominos and Mr. William Hudzik.

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

Vice Chairman Guadagno asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023.

**MOTION:** Mr. Barry made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: Dr. Nusbaum

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of July 2023. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for the month of July 2023. One highlight to mention is the payment of One Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$1,080,000.00) for the balance due for the pipeline purchased from New Jersey American Water, which is included in the Water Other line item. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports

for Solid Waste and Water Divisions through the month of July 2023 year to date and an Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of July 2023. 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. Barry made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-061**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the bills as shown on the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS all having been approved by the Board of officials where legally required, be and the same are hereby paid. The SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS designated as Bill Resolution No. 2023-061 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,266,961.67** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6313-6338	\$ 276,431.29
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14234-14304	\$ 3,990,530.38
		\$ <b>4,266,961.67</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: August 8, 2023

BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

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Michael Guadagno, Vice 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: August 8, 2023.

DATE: August 8, 2023

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there is no new correspondence and that the second letter in Correspondence will be addressed by our people from the Alaimo Group about submitting our final submission in response to the Notice of Deficiency on our Solid Waste Permit.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **WATER**

1. Letter dated July 27, 2023 to Stephen Bishop, Esq., VP & Managing General Counsel, American Water (NJ, VA, MD) from Alyse Landano Hubbard, Esq., regarding NJAW-MCMUA Sale of Water Capital Improvements and Easement.

### **SOLID WASTE**

2. Letter dated July 31, 2023 to Anthony Fontana, Chief, NJDEP, Division of Sustainable Waste Management, Division of Solid Waste Permitting, from Thomas D. Capetti, Jr., Environmental Planner, Alaimo Group, regarding Technical Notice of Deficiency dated May 3, 2023 for Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station.

### **RECYCLING**

3. Recycling Report Supplement – July 2023.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Water sold through the month of July was approximately 890.573 MG.; (2) SCE assisted in the preparation of the Lead Service Line Inventory Update and the Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. While the MUA does not have any lead service lines, these submissions are required to ensure compliance with DEP.; (3) A meeting was held with Mt. Arlington regarding the Water Supply Agreement. Prepared to discuss that further during Executive Session with the Board.; (4) Good news from Flanders Valley Well No. 2, the new Motor Control Center was installed, started up and is functioning as expected. The Contractor is waiting for the Motor Control Center for Flanders Valley Well No. 1, which is expected in mid-August. We are far ahead of schedule with replacement of Flanders Valley No. 2 and hopefully the equipment arrives sooner than expected. SCE did recommend payment for their Payment Application No. 5.; (4) Regarding the Tank Cleaning Project, contracts went sent to MUA for signature and when signed, we can schedule a pre-construction meeting with Brave Industrial. The tank cleaning is for the exterior cleaning of Markewicz No. 1 and No. 2 and Dover Chester, as well as a wash-out inspection on the interior of Markewicz No. 1 and No. 2.; (5) Regarding Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements, we had a pre-construction meeting with Astro Electrical Contractors. They requested two weeks to get their submittals and other paperwork in before issuing the Notice To Proceed. We did discuss the 180-day calendar duration. They do have some long lead time equipment tied to some of the material procurement delays, but they will keep us posted on the schedule.; (6) SCE completed the anniversary inspection of the Mt. Arlington Storage Tank and the inside of the tank is in great condition with no visible signs of defects; and (7) SCE performed a desktop evaluation and environmental permitting review for potential PFOS Treatment locations at all the well sites. Evaluation to identify potential permits which may be needed if we were to put buildings at certain locations. We are still working through that permit review and preparing some concept plans which we will be prepared to discuss next month.

Dr. Nusbaum asked regarding the Sherwin Williams' product that was superior for the internal painting of the tanks, do you find that will now become protocol for all future tank upgrades? Mr. McAloon explained that on the inside of Markewicz Tank No.1 we applied a high performance coating inside that tank and it has been about seven years since that project was completed, so when we do our washout inspection with Brave Industrial, that is when we will be able to evaluate the performance of that coating. He mentioned that we also applied that same coating in Mt. Arlington and after one year, saw promising results.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Resolution No. 2023-062 will be considered after Closed Session.

**PROJECT STATUS**

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of July 2023, MCMUA sold approximately 890.573 MG.
- B. SCE has prepared and assisted in the submission of the Lead Service Line Inventory Update, and the Lead Service Line Replacement Plan to NJDEP prior to the July 31, 2023 deadline. While the MUA does not have any lead service lines, submission of the plan was necessary to ensure compliance.

2. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

A meeting was held between representatives from Mt. Arlington and MCMUA to discuss the final recommendations regarding proposed edits to the Water Supply Agreement on Thursday July 13, 2023. SCE is prepared to summarize the discussions during Executive Session with the Board.

3. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

The Contractor has completed the demolition, removal, installation, and startup of the Motor Control Center for FV #2 on Wednesday July 26. Startup and function of this equipment is as expected, and replaces the existing motor control center which had exceeded its useful life and was a safety issue. The Contractor is awaiting the final delivery of the Motor Control Center for FV #1 which is expected in Mid-August. The work will be scheduled once the equipment arrives.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #5, in the amount of **\$87,710.00** which reflects the value of work completed. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work complete and recommends payment.

**Project Completion Summary Through August 8, 2023**

Contract Start Date	February 13, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	182      50%
Days Remaining:	183      50%
Original Contract Completion Date	February 13, 2024

**Project Financial Summary Through August 8, 2023**

Original Contract Amount	\$413,452.00
Current Contract Amount	\$413,452.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$280,001.68
Payment Application #1	\$81,643.80
Payment Application #2	\$12,218.15
Payment Application #3	\$23,485.21
Payment Application #4	\$74,944.52
Payment Application #4	\$87,710.00
Percent of Work Complete	67.7%
Total Retainage to Date	\$5,714.32

4. Tank Cleaning Bid

SCE has prepared and circulated the Contracts to **Brave Industrial Paint LLC**, for their signature. Once the documents have been signed and returned, a pre-construction meeting will be held and the project will commence.

5. Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

The pre-construction meeting for this project was held on Tuesday July 25, 2023. The project includes some long lead time items and the Contractor, *Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC*, is currently working on preparing the necessary submittals. It is anticipated the Notice to Proceed will be issued on Monday August 7, 2023 which allows the Contractor approximately two (2) weeks to prepare the necessary submittals prior to starting the clock.

**Project Completion Summary Through August 8, 2023**

Contract Start Date	Anticipated August 7, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	180 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	0 0%
Days Remaining:	180 100%
Original Contract Completion Date	February 3, 2024

**Project Financial Summary Through August 8, 2023**

Original Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Current Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$0.00
Percent of Work Complete	0.0%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

6. Mt. Arlington Water Storage Tank – Anniversary Inspection

SCE completed the anniversary inspection of the Mt Arlington Water Storage Tank on Thursday July 13, 2012 utilizing the Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) to confirm the condition of the tank interior coating. We are happy to report the condition of the internal coating is performing as expected, with no visible signs of defects.

7. PFOS Treatment Evaluations

SCE has performed a desktop environmental permitting review and potential permit identification memo for each of the existing well sites. The purpose of these memos are to identify the environmental constraints associated with each site to better evaluate potential treatment options such as treatment types and proposed building footprint impacts, centralized treatment plants, and other potential concerns. We will review these desktop environmental permitting memos and further refine alternatives analysis.

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

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) The updated Transfer Station Operational and Safety Rules, which are mostly meant for our customers and J.P. Mascaro & Sons, was also forwarded to the Office of Division of Public Health, the CEHA Agency, who inspect our Transfer Stations on a routine basis. The J.P. Mascaro transportation managers also inserted those rules in the Dunmore Handbook for their CDL Red Truck Drivers, as part of the new hire packet.; (2) The Pre-Construction Meeting on July 25 for the Motor Control Center went very well and thanked Mike McAloon and the team.; (3) The Curbside Emergency Action Plan Map was picked up today and posted throughout the facility. Thanked Tom and the Alaimo team for getting that done.; (4) The Alaimo team was on site in Parsippany on August 2 for the comprehensive structural reviews of the station. Mt. Olive is scheduled for tomorrow. The site visit will also include the review of the line striping plan and also a look at some things at HHW.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the following Resolution No. 2023-063 is for the removal of the rest of the North Tipping Floor Wall at the Parsippany Transfer Station and asked for the Board's approval of same:

**Resolution No. 2023-063**

**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a ‘Non-Fair and Open’ Basis Pursuant to the ‘Pay-to-Play’ Law Persistent Construction Company**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) has a need to acquire a contractor to dismantle a wall at the, MCMUA Parsippany Transfer Station on a ‘non-fair and open’ contract pursuant to the provisions of the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play” Law, P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, competitive quotations were solicited in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Persistent Construction Company, having a business address of 58 Industrial Ave. Fairview, NJ 07022 submitted proposal in the amount of \$20,950.00 for the work to be performed; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations, Extreme Results having a business address of 97 Plant St. Ogdensburg, NJ 07439 submitted proposal in the amount of \$38,650.00 for the work to be performed; and

**WHEREAS**, Persistent Construction Company quote was most advantageous to the MCMUA needs, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract to be awarded includes a requirement that the work shall be completed within 120 days from the date of full execution of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract to be awarded is further subject to the following:

1. The known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed \$17,500.00;
2. The required Business Entity Disclosure Certification form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
3. The required Political Contribution Disclosure form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
4. The contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.
5. In lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is as set forth in this resolution per N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4 (a) 3.
6. The submission of the Public Works Registration Certificate to be placed on file.

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available from Budget account number 01-1-900-000-128 for the work to be performed.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority does hereby award and authorizes the Executive Director to execute the contract for the work in the proposal from Persistent Construction Company, dated June 9, 2023 as most advantageous, price and other factors considered in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 under a ‘non-fair and open’ basis:

Vendor Name:	Persistent Construction Company
Cost of Service:	\$20,950.00
Account Number:	01-1-900-000-128

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Atlantic Scale Company, Inc. for the Transfer Station Scale Maintenance Service, based on the

2023 Proposal received by the Authority, available in the offices of the Authority, and incorporated by reference and made part hereof, for a term of one (1) year.

2. The Contract is awarded subject to the submission of all insurance certificates required by the Contract, in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County, and all other documentation required by the Contract, and shall commence upon the execution of a written Contract by both parties.
3. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully 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 August 8, 2023.

**MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Guadagno, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Approve a Vendor Service Contract On a 'Non-Fair and Open' Basis Pursuant to the 'Pay-to-Play' Law – Persistent Construction Company and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

(5) The HHW Facility had its first e-waste pick-up on Friday, August 4, with our new vendor, Green Chip. Boxes were left very clean. The transition process for our municipalities wanting to stay with Green Chip continues into this month.; (6) Reminder, Saturday, September 16, is our next HHW One-Day Event at the Academy.; (7) As mentioned in the report under Vegetative Waste, zoning was approved for the new office trailers for both vegetative waste facilities. Now we are seeking building permits, which are in for review. That is on track for mid-September.; and (8) The major highlight for month of July was the screening project at our Mt. Olive/Camp Pulaski site. Supervisor Harry Dry and Staff worked hard including some Saturdays to screen the entire site only leaving two leafy rows and one small pile of lake week unscreened. These are materials that are not fully broken down yet. Staff was also able to rescreen the tailings to cut disposal costs at the transfer station. The screener was cleaned and prepped for transport to Parsippany yesterday. Set-up and start was today at Parsippany. Thank you and credit to the Vegetative Waste Staff: Harry, Jeff, Keith and Jaime, and Manager Steve Adams for being on top of this.

Mr. Lemanowicz mentioned that Alaimo Group had some discussions about workload and how the MUA might be better served, so we moved some responsibilities around. Mike Kobylarz came on board with Alaimo Group in January and got up to speed with a number of clients and it was decided that it would be best for the MUA that Mike might have more time and provide better service to the MUA. He mentioned that it was not an easy choice, because he liked working with the MUA. He appreciated all the respect provided to him and the group. Mike will be able to meet the needs of the MUA and he will be nearby and we will have continuity moving forward. Thanked the Board for working with him. The Board thanked him for his service. Mr. Lemanowicz introduced Mike Kobylarz to the Board. Mr. Kobylarz gave a brief background of himself and the Board welcomed him. He looks forward to working with and serving the MUA. Mr. Gindoff mentioned

that we had a very nice debriefing meeting a few weeks ago with MUA Staff and went over our projects.

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following projects: (1) The Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Trench Drain Replacement Project has been ongoing with Persistent Construction. They provided proposals to Alaimo for review and we had questions regarding the proposal and costs. As part of proposal, they provided alternatives which we have gone through with MUA Staff and in-house personnel and decided what is going to be the ultimate construction and spec for these trench drains. He received updated information from Persistent today and will be responding to the latest proposal so we can get that finalized and move on to get that work constructed.; (2) Regarding the Parsippany Solid Waste Permit Renewal, there was a traffic study that was updated as a requirement for that renewal, as well an update to the O&M Manual regarding fire hydrant locations within the facility. That information was submitted to DEP prior to the August 3 due date, and we are looking forward to getting that renewal accepted and permitted. Mr. Gindoff added that this is the last step in this. DEP is probably going to approve it at this point and with that our permit capacity should go to 1978 tons/day instead of our current 1380 tons/day and this should give us some cushion room for the super busy days we have. Mr. Kobylarz mentioned that the traffic study was to show there was not going to be an increased impact from traffic due to the additional tonnage that we are seeking approval for. It showed that there would not be any negative impact.; and (3) The Mt. Olive Water Service that needs the Highlands' approval. We are looking to obtain a waiver for safety permit from the Highlands. Our permitting people are looking into that now and will have more information at next month's meeting.

Mr. Gindoff mentioned the other major thing that the MUA is working with Alaimo on is we have been doing some structural assessments of our two transfer stations at this point. We are looking at our facilities to prepare for our budget season coming up so we know exactly the condition of our facilities and what we are recommending makes sense to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Carney introduced his associate, Alexandra Knoth to the Board. She has been with Maraziti Falcon for six months. He mentioned that he is introducing her to Board meetings. She commented that it is a pleasure to meet all of you and thanked the Board for having her. Mr. Gindoff commented that he looks forward to working with her. Mr. Druetzler asked about her background and she replied Environmental Law.

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

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

MCMUA staff generated a formal "Radio Communications Protocol" that is being issued to the operational staff that use and communicate by mobile and portable radios. This includes, but is not reduced to, our Curbside Recycling Division, the transfer station team, and our vegetative waste staff. This protocol was established as a "best practice" guide for uniform radio communications in the hopes of facilitating effective and professional communications by establishing standards for all levels of MCMUA personnel.

Similar to the radio protocol mentioned above, and in efforts to keep overall safety in the forefront, the MCMUA staff has updated our "Transfer Stations- Safety and Operational Rules" that are currently part of our online Standard Application Packet for Haulers, Contractors, and Homeowners. Although these rules are mostly meant for our customers and our contractor, J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM), they have been shared with the entire MCMUA team including the main office and field operations, which are all being reviewed in detail during sit down/break out safety meetings with their managers. Everyone is being asked to sign acknowledging receipt, that they have read, understand, and have the responsibility to comply with these rules when using or visiting the MCMUA transfer stations in Mount Olive and Parsippany Townships.

### **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 40,437 tons accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in July 2023 was 5.62% more than the 38,287 tons accepted a year ago in July 2022. Following the first seven (7) months of actual data records, for 2023 it is being projected that 470,683 tons will be accepted



for the entire year. This would represent a 0.20% decrease from the 471,643 tons accepted for all of 2022. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

**July Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023):**

**Mount Olive Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 15,559- 1,554 more than 2022

Total Customers- 4,085- 216 more than 2022

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 1,062- 131 more than 2022

**Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:**

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 24,282- 596 less than 2022

Total Customers- 5,621- 112 more than 2022

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 402- 65 less than 2022

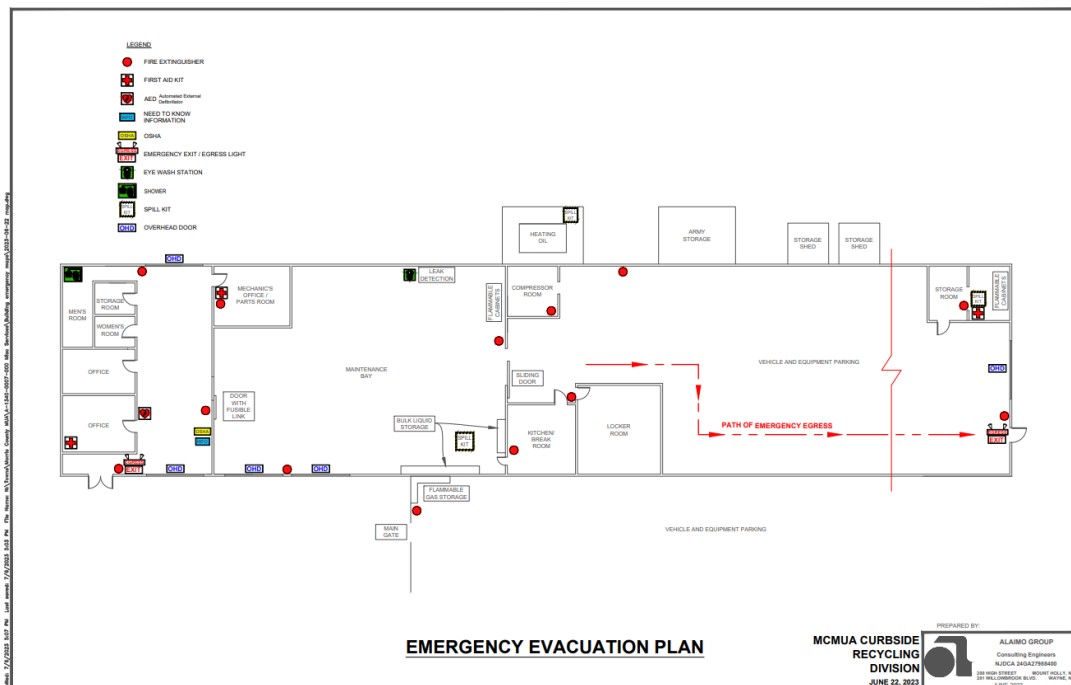
**Transfer Station Annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) Training and**

**Inspections-** The MCMUA conducted a joint MCMUA/J.P. Mascaro and Sons (Mascaro) staff annual SPPP training and inspection at both transfer stations. Starting early morning before start of business in Parsippany on July 13, the MCMUA and Mascaro onsite staff reviewed the current Permit, the updated SPPP, and went over best management practices (BMP's) related to spill response and controlling leachate to within the tipping building/trench drains. The event also included an overview of Mascaro's Contingency and Spill Response (CSR) Plan for the station. The same was performed on Thursday, July 20 for the Mount Olive transfer station staff. Mascaro's managers from Dunmore, PA were present during both events. The MCMUA Pollution Prevention Team members must inspect the entire facility annually to evaluate areas that discharge stormwater authorized by our NJDEP Stormwater Permits. The team must also access whether the SPPP has eliminated the exposure of source materials to stormwater and is being properly implemented, and/or access whether additional measures are needed. MCMUA staff then sent the 2023 Annual Recertification for the Mount Olive and Parsippany stations to the NJDEP Division of Water Quality- Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control.

**Transfer Station Site Improvements-** MCMUA Transfer Station Managers Brett Snyder and Justin Doyle were tasked with generating comprehensive repair lists for the stations they supervise. These lists were then provided to the Mascaro onsite managers to handle the items they are responsible for under the contract. Required daily, weekly, and monthly cleaning was also included in these lists. Other improvements continued to be handled in-house by the MCMUA Operations staff as time permits. Mascaro completed the installation of the two (2) new 5HP (horsepower) Liberty LGV05-Series High-Volume grinder pumps for under the pit scales in Mount Olive in mid-June. Mascaro and their subcontracted Delaware Valley Paving have also completed the milling, paving, line striping, and curbing repairs at both transfer stations. All the storm drains and basins at both facilities have been cleaned which included the installation of new absorbents and oil-only boom as a result of the above mentioned SPPP annual review and training.

**Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services-** Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Motor Control Center (MCC) Improvement Project includes the removal of all the outdated/inoperable electrical panels and components. Project Manager Michael McAloon, P.E. of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE) arranged a formal pre-construction meeting with Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC. which was held onsite in Parsippany on Tuesday, July 25 with the MCMUA Operations managers. The project schedule and formal notice to proceed is dependent on extended lead times for supplies and equipment needed to complete the job. Some preparation work for the removal and installation can start after all the necessary submittals and shop drawings are received by SCE.

Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz has completed the formal Emergency Evacuation Plan, or the "Life Safety and Egress Map", for our MCMUA Curbside Division- office, maintenance garage, and vehicle/equipment storage. Once printed in 11" by 17" 3M adhesive materials, these maps will be posted throughout the Curbside facility.



In an effort to provide the MCMUA with the best service possible, Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Company is transitioning to a new MCMUA Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Michael A. Kobylarz, PE, CME, CPWM, CFM. A formal introduction of Mr. Kobylarz will be provided at the August 8 Board meeting. Mr. Kobylarz has been a New Jersey licensed professional engineer for 34 years working in both the public and private sectors and most recently served as the Roxbury Township Engineer for the past 23 years. Mike has been with the Alaimo Group since January 2023, and is looking forward to working with the MCMUA and continuing to provide quality services for the authority.

The MCMUA staff is actively working with the Alaimo Engineering Project Managers to arrange site visits at both transfer stations for comprehensive structural reviews and assessments in preparation for budget season. As mentioned at previous Board meetings, the MCMUA Operations staff continue to review assets and structures at these facilities to proactively prepare for 5-year/10-year and potential capital improvements as they relate to budgeting and planning. Alaimo is scheduled to be onsite in Parsippany on August 2 to meet with staff to complete the structural reviews, the Mount Olive transfer station facility the following week(s).

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- North Tipping Floor Free-Standing Wall- As discussed at previous Board meetings, the MCMUA staff have decided to focus efforts on taking down the remainder of the 16' high wall, to include the portion on the North and East sides. Staff received quotes from companies able to perform this work. As a result, the MCMUA will present Resolution #2023-063 for the Board's consideration at the August 8 meeting awarding the contract to Persistent Construction under the 'Pay-to-Play' law, not to exceed \$20,950.00 total. The work will include relocation of our large equipment storage shed, site clearing, demolition, and the final installation of a concrete cap 8" to 10" wide by 6" to 8" deep.

Additional updates and current project status on the following will be provided to the MCMUA Board at the August 8 meeting by Alaimo Project Managers Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz and Mr. Michael A. Kobylarz:

- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal- On July 31, Alaimo Environmental Planner, Mr. Thomas Cappetti, Jr. submitted a formal response letter, corrected information on the locations of the fire hydrants, an updated traffic survey, and the EHIS summary analysis, all in response to the NJDEP Bureau of Solid Waste Permitting's Technical Notice of Deficiency (NOD) dated May 3.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station- Tipping Floor and Trench Drain Improvement Project- Resolution #2023-060 at the July 11 Board meeting approved final payment and retainage to Persistent Construction, closing out this project. With that said, in mid to late September 2023, the MCMUA staff will now plan to clean and power wash the tipping floor and trench drain system in preparation for Alaimo Engineering professional review of current conditions a calendar year after completion.

- Mount Olive Transfer Station Line Striping Plan- Using both aerial photos and the formal NJDEP approved “Traffic Circulation Plan (C-6)”, Alaimo Engineering has been tasked by the MCMUA to generate an official “Line Striping Plan” for the Mount Olive transfer station. This plan will assist during future paving improvements, making sure contractors are provided with correct information. Alaimo has prepared a preliminary plan for staff to review and make comments prior to a site visit for final confirmation.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station- Water Connection Assessment Project- Alaimo has been approved to pursue a Highlands Approval with waiver for safety permit. Alaimo is currently preparing the Pre-Application Meeting checklist for this permit and expects the checklist to be submitted shortly in order for the meeting to be scheduled.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- Damaged Trench Drain Repairs/Replacement- Alaimo has been coordinating an appropriate replacement plan with Persistent Construction Company. Persistent previously provided a proposal based on Alaimo recommendations to replace the trench drain and entire concrete floor slab between the existing expansion joints. Subsequently, J.P. Mascaro and Sons proposed an alternative repair to replace the trench drain by cutting the concrete slab just beyond the sides of the trench drain. Persistent provided an alternative proposal and after review of this alternative proposal, it has been determined that there is insufficient information provided by Mascaro to properly evaluate their proposed repair method. Therefore, Alaimo will be requesting additional information regarding the proposed installation method for this alternative in order to provide a proper evaluation and response.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT**

Since awarding the Request for Proposals (RFP #2023-E01) for the marketing of recyclable materials- Used Consumer Electronics (UCE or E-Waste) to Green Chip E-Waste and ITAD Solutions at the July 11 Board meeting, the MCMUA staff have worked with the new vendor to facilitate a transition of service for all of the towns participating in this recycling program. Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams joined Mr. Chris Kaasman, the Vice President of Compliance for Green Chip, on a series of site visits and meetings across Morris County to evaluate facilities and answer any questions. It should be noted that our former electronics recycling vendor, Electronic Manufacturers Recycling Management Co., LLC. (MRM), has been actively working to retain service to individual towns throughout the county as a consequence of losing the MCMUA contract to Green Chip. On July 19, the MCMUA hosted a virtual meeting in conjunction with Green Chip to address municipal concerns regarding this transition and received favorable feedback from many of the participants and the transition is proceeding smoothly.

**Program Participation-** In July of 2023, the permanent HHWF had a total of 277 serviced appointments, which included 255 Morris County residents, 3 VSQG/small businesses, and 19 out-of-County residents. MCMUA’s 2023 totals now equal 1,571 serviced appointments, 1,437 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 29 VSQG’s, and 105 non-Morris County residents.

**HHWF July Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023)-** In July of 2022, the permanent HHWF had a total of 296 serviced appointments, which included 250 Morris County residents, 50 out-of-County residents, and 6 VSQG/small businesses. MCMUA’s total serviced appointments at the end of July last year was 1,432. 2023 now exceeds 2022 totals by 139 serviced appointments.

The remaining MCMUA 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event:

- Saturday, September 16, 2023- Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA), 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
- Saturday, October 21, 2023- Pequannock Valley Park, Marvin Road, Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, New Jersey 07444.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

With assistance from Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., and their Project Manager Richard Squires, MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams and Assistant Operations Manager Mike Nunn continue moving forward with the replacement project of both office trailers at our vegetative waste facilities. Staff had met with Mr. Squires on July 6 for

final review of both locations. The Non-Residential Zoning Application and Letter of Consent forms for both Parsippany and Mount Olive Townships were completed by the MCMUA and provided to Mr. Squires on July 18. The MCMUA received Mount Olive Zoning Permit #23-202 on July 28. With zoning now approved for both locations, the building permits are in and under review. This process usually takes about two (2) to three (3) weeks to receive the approved permits from the Townships. At this point in the project the subcontractor, Magic Touch, is still available in September to begin working on the footings, trenches, utility hookups, and all other preparatory work that is required before the new trailers can be brought in.

On July 19, the Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facility received delivery of the McCloskey 621RE Compost Screener per our shared rental agreement with Naturcycle, LLC. The machine arrived late in the day with enough time to set up for the following morning's start. The first few days of the rental period were hampered by both poor weather and issues with the rental equipment. Mount Olive's Site Supervisor Harry Dry and his staff continued to work despite the setbacks and began generating screened compost for next year's commercial sales and residential deliveries. On Saturday morning, July 22, a technician from McCloskey arrived on site and was able to address all of the mechanical issues that had been ongoing with the rental. The MCMUA has been fortunate since then with good weather and has generated nearly 4,080 CY (cubic yards) of finished material thus far (08-01-2023). By the end of week, August 3 or 4, the machine is scheduled to be transported to the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility to begin screening there under the guidance of Site Supervisor Keith Bibeault. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the August 8 meeting.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Marrone asked if the Board had any questions on his recycling report.

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The finalized rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services for the month of July 2023 was calculated at a -\$88.48/ton on 1,203 tons delivered. This is a decrease in pricing of \$10.03 per ton from the June rate.

- In July, recycled content values for curbside plastics and metals fell for a second month following low demand for these recycled materials.
- However, current pricing for these two commodities has stabilized from its downward decline last month, and plastics have slowly begun to climb again, with the oil price increasing this month.
- More good news exists, with sustained cardboard and paper pricing in July and significant gains for both commodity types seen in the first few weeks of August as cardboard increased \$5 per ton and paper increased \$10 per ton over their previous values.
- These gains will help to offset overall values in August as paper comprises 41% and cardboard 19%, a total of approximately 60% of our single-stream mix being fiber.

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

### ***Clean Communities 2022 Statistical Report:***

- The 31st of July closed out the 2022-2023 Morris County Clean Communities Program with the submission of a Statistical Report due to the New Jersey Clean Communities Council.
- Specifics of the submission are outlined in the Board Report but include three critical areas for which the program is based which are:
- Litter abatement, Enforcement of program-specific ordinances, and Public Education and Outreach of those same efforts.
- Notable achievements include:
  - Work on educating and enforcing the NJ Bag Ban while fostering support for the program through our MCMUA reusable bag collection and redistribution programs.

- 32 sponsored cleanups throughout the County, resulting in the collection of 1,171 bags of litter and 175 bags of recyclables, involving 1,011 individuals, on 102 acres of land and along 45 road miles in Morris County.
- Sponsorship for 22 educational programs across the county on the importance of litter prevention and abatement.

***MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials:***

In July 2023, I would like to recognize Brianna Cumberton and Alex McNulty for their phenomenal work creating, redesigning, and updating our educational materials, as seen in this month's supplemental report. These include Public Service Announcements, redesigning and updating our entire collection of recycling educational decals in English and Spanish with photographic aids, updating our existing MCMUA Environmental Guide, and the creation of and recent completion of an MCMUA Activity Book for children and their parents to learn about recycling and each of the MCMUA's other Solid Waste and Water Distribution Programs. These materials are included in additional efforts with the Morris County Office of Communications and distributed through the MCMUAs efforts and with its partner municipalities.

***MCMUA Board Member Inquiry Update:***

- Lastly, I would like to point out one item from the July Recycling Report, which complements Board Member Szwak's inquiry last month on our inspection efforts in the field for bagged recyclables and assisting with public education.
  - In July, I worked with the Morris County Office of Communications (MCOC) to publish a press release documenting the MCMUA's recent recycling inspection efforts of curbside recycling and the reasoning behind the push. This was posted on several social media outlets and the county's webpage.
    - In addition to this, I also had them run several posts on skipping bagged recyclables in succeeding weeks on the County's email.
    - These efforts increased our educational push to help the public become aware of the issue and hopefully change their habits and prevent their recycling from getting tagged for non-collection.
    - So, I thank you Ms. Szwak for leading me in the right direction for increasing education and outreach in this area.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-064  
Resolution Authorizing The Auction/Sale/Disposition Of Equipment**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) owns Equipment, which has been used primarily at the Curbside Department, as further described below:

- MUA 7-26, 2007, Ford 250 Pickup Truck
- MUA GO3-39, Roll-Off Container
- MUA GO3-13, Roll-Off Container
- MUA GO3-4, Roll-Off Container
- MUA GO4-1, Roll-Off Container
- MUA GCOM3-2002, Rudco Compactor and Receiver Box

**WHEREAS**, the Equipment has been determined to no longer be of use to the MCMUA since it is old and beyond economically feasible repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA desires to sell/dispose of the Equipment, as is, where is; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA, desires to post the Equipment on an "on-line" web site, such as Municibid - Online Government Auctions, for auction and sale to the highest bidder and/or to sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment; and

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

1. The Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to post and sell the Equipment for auction on an “on-line” web site, such as Municibid - Online Government Auctions, to the highest bidder and/or sell or give the Equipment to another governmental entity through a shared services agreement for an agreed upon price and/or to scrap the Equipment at a scrap metal dealer and/or to otherwise dispose of the Equipment at the time deemed appropriate.
2. 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 August 8, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Guadagno, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Authorize The Auction/Sale/  
Disposition Of Equipment and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-065**

**Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of Three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and Three (3) ROC Covers Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 040621-WQI Purchasing Contract for 2023**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Sourcewell has advertised and awarded cooperative purchasing agreements for a variety of goods and equipment, including Roll Off Containers and Covers; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2023, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and three (3) ROC Covers through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on August 4, 2023 and no comments were received; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and three (3) ROC Covers is available for purchase through Wastequip in the total amount of \$32,212.25.; and

**WHEREAS**, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$4,128.00 by obtaining the Roll Off Containers and three (3) ROC Covers from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$32,212.25 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-3-300-800-151.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers and three (3) ROC Covers in the amount of \$32,212.25

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 August 8, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Guadagno, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize The Purchase Of Three (3) 30 Yard Roll Off Containers And Three (3) ROC Covers Through The Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System 040621-WQ1 Purchasing Contract For 2023 and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

#### **Recycling Tonnage and Value**

#### **July Recycling Update:**

The initial July 2023 rate for single-stream recycling was calculated at a negative -\$88.80 per

ton, showing a decline in the price of \$10.35 per ton from the previous month. Currently, the difference between the cost of recycling and disposal is \$18.70, with recycling still being less expensive.

July continued bad news for recycled content values, with prices for curbside plastics and metals tanking for a second month. As low demand persists for these recycled content materials, numbers show revenue for plastics PET and HDPE (Natural and Colored) cut sharply in half, suffering the most downward price pressure of all commodity types. Low demand continues to characterize the marketplace, with order activity falling well below what would normally be expected for the time of year. One reason for the weakness in demand is the slowdown in European economies and the weakness in key end-use markets for “recyclate” used in construction and packaging. Recycled material is also facing growing competition from the falling cost of off-spec virgin material and competition from cheaper imported material from the Far East. Additionally, recyclers have continued to curb output to avoid a build-up of excess stocks. Currently, no signs of a revival in demand are being reported. Still, some good news exists with sustained cardboard and paper pricing, helping to keep numbers from straying further in the negative.

### **Shared Service Agreements**

#### **Borough of Wharton:**

On July 17, 2023, MCMUA Recycling Staff met with the Department of Public Works Director and Municipal Recycling Coordinator to discuss changes to the recycling depot in the Borough. The MCMUA meet to coordinate efforts as the current recycling depot located at 2-10 Pine Street will be closing at the end of this year and moving to 183 West Dewey Ave.

#### **Borough of Florham Park:**

On July 18, 2023, Executive Director Larry Gindoff, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone, Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal, and MCMUA Treasurer Larry Kaletcher met with the Chief Financial Officer and Department of Public Works Director and Municipal Recycling Coordinator to discuss the renewal of their shared service agreement for recycling collection which terminates on December 31, 2023. The MCMUA submitted proposals to the Borough, including lump sum costs and pricing. On August 2, 2023, the MCMUA received an email confirmation that Florham Park intends to take us up on our offer for a 5-year recycling collection contract where the Borough pays the direct cost of marketing the single-stream recyclables collected.

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

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

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

- Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Recycling Inspection and Onsite Education.
- Township of Hanover, Recycling Inspections, and MRC Training.
- Township of Morris, Recycling Inspections and Education.
- MCMUA and the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts.
- Morris County Office Recycling Excels (M.O.R.E.) Program Site Inspections.
- Town of Morristown, Morris View Healthcare Center, Recycling Inspection.
- Township of Mount Olive, Recycling Education, and Outreach Support.
- Township of Denville Enclave at Denville Recycling Inspection, Toll Brothers Building Company.
- Township of Long Hill, Hudson Way School, and St. Vincent de Paul RC Church, Education.
- Township of Denville Public Library, Water Conservation Presentation.
- Township of Denville Environmental Commission, Rain Barrel Workshop Presentation.



- Borough of Wharton, Clean Communities Educational Efforts and Sponsored Presentation.
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts.

## Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

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

During July 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Recycling Outreach Coordinator Brianna Cumberton began the first phase of food waste consulting services with the company Center for EcoTechnology (CET) and connected with the Morris County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC). The MCCC linked us with candidate businesses for the interview portion of the CET's work. Work is expected to begin mid-august with discussions starting in September into November and the final report produced by the year's end.

### MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations:

In July 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone worked with the Morris County Office of Communications (MCOC) and Digital Media representatives to plan future topics and create a schedule for media releases. In addition to these efforts, Marrone wrote up a 5-page press release documenting the MCMUA's recent recycling inspection efforts of curbside recycling and the reasoning behind the push with these. Examples of these releases can be found below.



#### Skip the Bag for Recyclables

[Learn about Single Stream Recycling](#) **Plastic bags and wraps are not recyclable.** In fact, they tangle up machinery and disrupt the recycling process at collection facilities. The Morris County MUA is tagging and leaving these items in the 14 towns where they collect. Place recyclables in a reusable container instead.

- [Play Morris County MUA's Trash vs. Recycle arcade game](#)
- [Drive to Recycle arcade game](#)
- [Interested in where your recycling goes? Take an 18-minute video tour](#)
- [Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority](#)



#### Used Fireworks and Packaging Go in the TRASH

Keep used fireworks packaging or spent fireworks parts **OUT OF RECYCLING**. All used fireworks go in the **garbage** for disposal. To dispose of **unused fireworks**, reach out to your local **fire or police** department.

— [Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority](#)



#### Beat the Heat in the Kitchen

Check out these tips to save energy and [cut the heat in the kitchen](#) this summer:

- **Use other appliances** like the toaster oven, grill, microwave, pressure cooker.
- **Use fans.** Turn on ceiling fans to circulate air or get a whole house fan.
- **Cover food in the fridge.** Food moisture makes the compressor work harder. Also, clean the refrigerator coils.
- **Use LED energy-efficient lighting.** Incandescent bulbs put out 90 percent of their energy in *heat*.
- **Avoid the Oven.** If you must, limit preheating and keep the door closed. Also, clean the seal.
- [Take the quiz](#) to calculate your ecological footprint. Earth Overshoot day is Aug. 2.



#### State Offers EV Vehicle and Charger Purchase Incentives

If a new car is on your agenda, check these electric vehicle incentives:

- [NEW: \\$4,000 EV purchase incentive](#)
- [NJ ZIP Pilot Voucher Program for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicles](#)

**EV charge stations:**

- Homeowners: Check Charge Up New Jersey for a [\\$250 incentive](#) toward installing approved EV chargers.
- Public, workplace and multi-unit dwellings: [It Pay\\$ to Plug In](#) has grants for Level 1 & 2 EV charging stations.

**Check out these other opportunities:**

- [JCPL EV Driven Program](#)
- [PSE&G EV Charging Program](#)
- [Learn about stacking incentives](#)
- [Federal clean vehicle tax credits](#)
- [Federal clean energy job openings](#)

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#### MCMUA Recycling Inspectors Are Checking Your Recycling, Tagging Unacceptable Items, and Leaving Behind Contaminated Recycling Bins



You may receive a friendly note that "unacceptable items were found in your recycling" if you bag your household recycling for collection, have food-contaminated recyclables, or leave foam and plastic film packing materials in your cardboard delivery boxes.

To comply with recycling market requirements, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) inspects residential curbside recycling setouts in those municipalities where it collects recycling. An inspector from the MCMUA will either place a NO PLASTIC BAGS sticker on your plastic bags and/or an OOPS! tag on your recycling container if they contain unacceptable materials.

"Recycling contamination" occurs when the wrong items (for example, plastic bags) or the right items prepared the wrong way (for example, food-contaminated containers or paper that is shredded) are placed in the curbside recycling bin. The MCMUA's focus on proper materials in

curbside recycling bins is due to more restrictive requirements in both domestic and international recycling markets. Buyers of recycled content have become more demanding on the type and condition of materials purchased. This forces materials recycling facilities (MRFs) that process recyclables to reject contaminated loads. Rejected loads cannot be recycled and reach their end of life as trash instead of being recycled into another item, and recycling contamination results in higher costs, which are passed on to the towns.

Due to these strict requirements for collecting only acceptable materials in the recycling stream, the MCMUA may leave those recycling setouts with unacceptable items at the curb. After contaminated recyclables are left at the curb, residents will have to CORRECT the issues and wait until the following scheduled recycling collection to put their now acceptable recyclables out for curbside collection. So, when in doubt, throw it out and keep your acceptable recyclables clean, empty, and dry.



*Pictured above, on the left, is Chris Stibel, MCMUA Assistant District Recycling Coordinator, inspecting curbside recycling set outs, and on the right are the tags being used for inspections.*

#### About the Inspection Process

The MCMUA ramped up its inspection process starting in mid-2022 as a pilot project in the Township of Long Hill and then in the Borough of Chatham before expanding it to all its collection

*Pictured above are the posts featured in the July 2023 Newsletters and the first two pages of the press release provided to the Morris County Office of Communications for Distribution.*

### Recycling Administrative and Curbside Recycling Operations Collaborations:

During the Month of July 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Environmental Educator Alex McNulty met on several occasions to discuss operations regarding curbside collection within our partner municipalities, the improvement of recycling collection services, quality of materials collected, and support in the inspection process of unacceptable recyclables with the curbside crews. We have begun to investigate industry-based software program (RouteSmart Technologies) that could assist with routing, tracking our MCMUA assets, and reporting for issues with the collection of materials. A subsequent meeting is scheduled to assess if this software works for our Curbside Operations Program.

## **MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Collaborations:**

Throughout the month of July, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal met with Solid Waste Inspectors from the Morris County Division of Public Health (MCDPH) on several occasions to discuss, create, and review education, outreach, and inspections at a variety of locations and work practices throughout Morris County.

One of the topics was the need for more bilingual information. The MCMUA is currently working with the MCDPH to make its materials bilingual to meet this need.

Another topic discussed with the MCDPH was reaching out directly to landscapers and outdoor contractors to advise them of those organic materials specifically designated to be recycled in Morris County, connecting them with approved and licensed sites for recycling to deter illegal dumping, which has seen an increase as of late, and educating them on the necessary reporting requirements for recycling. One potential collaboration exists between the MCMUA and MCDPH with the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association. Coincidentally, their Showcase Expo was scheduled at the County College of Morris on August 2, 2023, and both parties attended, making the necessary connections to further the above efforts. At this time, Marrone has begun discussions with the Association's Executive Director to speak at their next meeting regarding these topics and the MCMUA vegetative waste program.

The last topic for discussion was reaching out directly to building and zoning department officials to educate them on and provide resources for distribution on mandatory recycling during the permit phase of projects and afterward for follow-up by the MRCs. Educating the local building and construction department officials in municipalities where work is being performed is critical in ensuring projects begin with recycling as a part of the planning process. Educational materials are currently being created for this purpose.

## **Republic Services Recycling Facility Tour Dates for MCMUA and MCDPH Personnel:**

On July 24, 2023, a tour of Republic Services Materials Recycling Facility was provided for the MCMUA's two newer employees, Recycling Outreach Coordinator Brianna Cumberton and the Finance Department Administrator Cody Micek along with three newer Solid Waste Inspectors from the Morris County Division of Public Health. During that time, conversations developed regarding the possibility of opening training up to those current and newer MCMUA Curbside Employees who were willing to see the process beyond the tipping floor where they dump materials each day and gain a more comprehensive understanding of the recycling process. Developing a training program for this purpose is being worked out for implementation.

## **Morris County Clean Communities Program**

### **Morris County Clean Communities Statistical Program Report, Work Period 2022-2023:**

During July 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham finalized the collection of all outstanding deliverables and programmatic information for the 2022-2023 Morris County Program Statistical Report, which was due on July 31, 2022, to the New Jersey Clean Communities Council. The MCMUA submitted its report to the State of New Jersey on July 27, 2023, and subsequently received confirmation for its submittal. Noteworthy achievements for the 2022-2023 program are:

- The MCMUA conducted (7) cleanups on County Roads. A decrease from the last period.
  - 43 participants equaling 160-man hours.
  - 260 bags of litter were picked up and disposed of properly.
  - 130 bags of recyclables were picked up and recycled properly.
  - 45 road miles cleaned.
- The MCMUA worked alongside and supported the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program (SLAP) (4) cleanups on County Roads. A significant increase from the last period.
  - 13 participants equaling 65-man hours.
  - 5 bags of litter were picked up and disposed of properly.

- 3 bags of recyclables were picked up and recycled properly.
  - 40 acres of public property cleaned.
- The MCMUA worked with and supported (10) cleanups at public and private schools in Morris County. A large increase from last period.
  - 426 participants equaling 7,455-man hours.
  - 95 bags of litter were picked up and disposed of properly.
  - 38 bags of recyclables were picked up and recycled properly.
  - 31 acres of public property cleaned.
- The MCMUA worked with and supported (3) Adopt-A-River Mini-Grant Programs in Morris County. The same as last year.
  - The organizations are the Whippany Watershed Action Committee (WRWAC), Raritan Headwaters Association, and Musconetcong Watershed Association.
  - These organizations were provided funding to host cleanup activities, water quality education, and antilitter/pollution awareness in their respective areas.
  - 529 participants equaling 6,241-man hours.
  - 811 bags of litter were picked up and disposed of properly.
  - 4 bags of recyclables were picked up and recycled properly.
  - 31 acres of public property cleaned.
  - 16.22 linear miles.
- The MCMUA worked with and sponsored (16) educational programs for schools, libraries, and environmental events on the importance of litter prevention and abatement, as well as recycling instruction. This is an increase from the last period.
- The MCMUA provided publicity on the various NJ Clean Communities Councils initiatives during this reporting period, with an estimated reach of 14,700 individuals.
- The MCMUA worked directly with the Morris County Division of Public Health during this reporting period, at least monthly and at times weekly, on many reported illegal dumping cases and followed up on them for investigation as well as created and distributed education and signage. Grant funds were also used to purchase two trail cameras with cellular capability, which send pictures to County cell phones. The County Department of Public Health will be contacted for incidents observed for follow-up with any illegal dumping incidents caught on camera installed in heavily littered areas.
- Promoted the NJ Bag Ban law and put together a reusable bag collection and redistribution program to provide a home for excess bags with consumers and direct them to the organizations that need them, such as food pantries.
- Ran the Morris County Clean Communities Clear Stream Loan Program for organizations in the County and provided trash and recycling containers and bags to (6) organizations during the grant period.
- The Clean Communities program held an awards ceremony for the four student winners of the Keep Morris County Litter Free Poster Contest. Students and their families, along with their teachers, were invited to the ceremony. Each student received a \$200 gift card, and their posters were replicated onto galvanized steel recycling receptacles. When the students came up to accept their gift cards, they also learned how their posters tied into other unique litter abatement projects in New Jersey.
- The MCMUA set up an Earth Day display for April 2023. The show featured a litter abatement message to Keep Morris County Litter Free.
- Provided the New Jersey Action Council's Bag Ban flyer to vendors and businesses at various events alongside the Morris County Division of Public Health and held (6) additional educational outreach events in addition to those mentioned above on the NJ Bag Ban.
- Provided promotional materials such as reusable bags at various events, including the Morris Plains Memorial Day Parade, Lake Hopatcong Block Party, Morris County 4H Fair, and various municipal events.
- Hosted (1) annual Clean Communities Coordinator meeting with 61 attendees present.

### **Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanup:**

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

On July 19, 2023, the AAH crew cleaned several roads in the Borough of Wharton and the Township of Roxbury. In Wharton, West Dewey Avenue was cleaned from the bridge to Lewis

Street (0.4 miles). In Roxbury, West Dewey Avenue was cleaned from Lewis Street, continuing onto Berkshire Valley Road (BVR) to the Peach Brother's Company (1.6 miles); N. Dell Avenue from BVR to the Roxbury DPW (0.3 miles), the MCMUA property on West Dewey Avenue, and Mill Road to the Route 80 overpass (0.2 miles). Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 18
- Bags of recyclables, 12
- Total miles cleaned, 2.5 (5 linear miles)
- Note: The crew removed the illegally dumped material from the MCMUA property; 2 large tires and 2 trash bags of vegetative waste.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gindoff informed the Board that the lease for the MUA Administrative Office will not be renewed and expires in February 2024. He mentioned that the MUA has prepared an RFP for Real Estate and Brokerage Services.

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

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Executive Director Gindoff asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:58 p.m. regarding contract negotiations with Mt. Arlington and potential litigation with Mine Hill.

**MOTION:** Ms. Farris made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:58 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Dour.

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

Vice Chairman Guadagno asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to into open session at 8:28 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:28 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Ms. Farris.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-062  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED  
AGREEMENT FOR POTABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SERVICE BY AND BETWEEN  
THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE  
BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") is a bulk water supplier servicing the Borough of Mount Arlington (the "Borough") pursuant to a Water Supply Agreement dated September 10, 1996 (the "1996 Agreement") as amended and

supplemented by the Amendment to Agreement for Potable Water Supply and Service, dated April 10, 2007 (the “2007 Amendment”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is in need of additional water supply for the reasons set forth in the attached Amended and Restated Agreement for Potable Water Supply and Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDEP Bureau of Water System Engineering, by letter dated August 10, 2022, approved the sale of water in the amounts of 0.500 MGD, 15.500 MGM and 147.500 MGY to the Borough from MCMUA, but NJDEP must be apprised of modifications to the water supply agreement by the parties, as said modifications may require subsequent review by NJDEP; and

**WHEREAS**, after receipt of the aforementioned letter from NJDEP, the MCMUA and the Borough have negotiated the attached Amended and Restated Agreement for Potable Water Supply and Service.

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

1. Upon execution of the Amended and Restated Agreement for Potable Water Supply Service by the Borough of Mt. Arlington, in the form attached hereto, the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Amended and Restated Agreement for Potable Water Supply Service.
2. A copy of the fully executed Amended and Restated Agreement for Potable Water Supply Service, in the form attached hereto, shall be sent to NJDEP for review and approval.
3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of his Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at a Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Micheal Guadagno, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to authorize execution of Amended And Restated Agreement For Potable Water Supply And Service By And Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough Of Mount Arlington and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Guadagno asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dour and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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