

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on September 12, 2023 at 7:04 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.

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

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

Chairwoman Kominos requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Mr. Arthur Nusbaum, and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry, Ms. Laura Szwak 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; Michael Kobylarz, P.E. Alaimo Engineering; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator and Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023. Mr. Gindoff mentioned a correction on the Closed Session Minutes, that is, under attendees, change "Brent Carney" to "Brad Carney".

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Dr. Kominos

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of August 2023. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for the month of August 2023. He mentioned under water sales, in that \$725,135.87, it includes the partial Mine Hill payment of \$263,392.32. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions year to date August 2023 and an Investment Report which shows

no new investments were purchased during the month of August 2023. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the next three Resolutions are amendments to the 2023 budget. The first amendment is for the reallocation of solid waste budget line items surplus to line items that are forecasted to have deficits and asked for the Board's approval of same:

**Resolution No. 2023-066
Resolution To Amend The Solid Waste Division 2023 Fiscal Budget For The
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority's budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2023 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Oper. – Salary & Wages	\$2,977,013.00	\$2,877,013.00
Proj. Reserve (Renewal & Repl. Res.)	\$1,641,050.00	\$1,141,050.00
<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Admin. – Salary & Wages	\$ 926,843.00	\$1,026,843.00
T.S. Fuel Surcharge (Transfer St. O&M)	\$2,146,617.00	\$2,646,617.00

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion To Amend The Solid Waste Division 2023 Fiscal Budget For The MCMUA Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

Regarding the second amendment, during the 2023 budget process, we used 450,000 tons to come up with our transfer station contractual costs and revenue. The 2023 actual tonnage is going to be over 473,000 tons. Resolution No. 2023-067 is stating that any additional contractual costs generated by additional tonnage will be covered by additional revenues. He asked for Board's approval of this Resolution:

Resolution No. 2023-067
Resolution To Amend The Solid Waste Division 2023 Fiscal Budget For The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8

WHEREAS, the Morris County M.U.A. on September 12, 2023 is amending the Solid Waste Division budget to include additional revenue and appropriations due to 2023 additional disposal tonnage activity in the amount of \$2,291,700, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Director, Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are increases in budgeted revenue with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority's budgeted revenue and appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2023 budget as follows:

<u>Increase Amended Revenue:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Tipping Fees (Oper. Rev.)	\$48,375,000.00	\$50,666,700.00

<u>Increase Amended Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Transport & Disposal (Transfer St. O&M)	\$26,244,000.00	\$27,993,600.00
Transfer Station Oper. (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 4,800,000.00
NJ Recycling Tax (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 1,350,000.00	\$ 1,440,000.00
Host Benefit Fees (Transfer St. O&M)	\$ 2,281,500.00	\$ 2,433,600.00

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion To Amend The Solid Waste Division 2023 Fiscal Budget For The MCMUA Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

The last amendment is reallocating water budget line item surplus to line items that are forecasted to have deficits. We are reallocating \$4,000 from salaries and wages for administration to chlorine and chemicals which came in higher than anticipated. He asked for Board’s approval of this Resolution:

Resolution No. 2023-068
Resolution To Amend The Water Division 2023 Fiscal Budget For The
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority’s budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby request the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2023 budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Salaries – Admin.	\$ 282,593.00	\$ 278,593.00
 <u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	 <u>From:</u>	 <u>To:</u>
Chlorine & Chemicals (Misc. COPS)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 29,000.00

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion To Amend The Water Division 2023 Fiscal Budget For The MCMUA Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he receives emails from the Association of Environmental Authorities and there is a lot of talk about how the price of these chemicals have dramatically gone up this year and they went up about 50% on average in the last 12 months. We have to keep a close eye on that for our budget.

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that Resolution No. 2023-069 for Retaining a Real Estate Broker will be discussed during closed session for contract negotiations and will be considered after closed session.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the vouchers:

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-070

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. 2023-070 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$3,851,807.41** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6339-6368	\$	89,633.42
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14305-14407	\$	<u>3,762,173.99</u>
		\$	3,851,807.41

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: September 12, 2023

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: September 12, 2023.

DATE: September 12, 2023

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the MCMUA intends on introducing the 2024 budget at the October meeting and he would like to have a Budget Committee meeting the end of the week of 9/25, beginning of the week 10/2 and will reach out to Committee to arrange a mutually convenient date and time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that there was one item in Correspondence which was a letter drafted by Maraziti Falcon's firm sent to Mine Hill, a Litigation Hold Letter, and as additional correspondence, included tonight in Correspondence is a response from Mine Hill dated August 16, which includes a partial payment of approximately \$400,000 owed at the time, in the amount of \$263,392.32. Additional items regarding anticipated litigation will be discussed in closed session

CORRESPONDENCE:

WATER

1. Letter dated August 11, 2023 to Anthony Bucco, Esq., Murphy McKeon, P.C., from Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP regarding Township of Mine Hill Water Billing Account Outstanding Balance Dispute – Notice of Litigation and Demand For Preservation Of Evidence.

RECYCLING

2. Recycling Report Supplement – August 2023.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Water sales are still on pace with our budget, but they are slightly behind last year and 2021, but we are still tracking on pace with what we anticipated.; (2) Larry discussed the partial payment from Mine Hill and will discuss the next steps further in Executive Session.; (3) Regarding our annual payment for the Drakes Brook Observation and Monitoring, Mr. McAloon asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

Mr. Druetzler asked why don't we have a multi-year contract, like three or five years, as we do the same thing every year. Mr. McAloon replied that this is one of those things with the Geological Survey and it is just a rolling-annual basis. He asked for us to try to get them in a multi-year agreement. Mr. McAloon is not sure if we could engage them in a multi-year contract, but we can reach out to them to see if they would be willing to consider that. Mr. Carney asked if this USGS agreement is a professional services agreement, as they cannot exceed a year. You can do up to two years with two one-year renewals. Mr. Gindoff replied that it is not a professional services agreement. Mr. Gindoff asked so we can't do a five year and Mr. Carney replied unless there is an exception in Local Public Contracts Law, there are terms. Mr. Gindoff commented that we will research this.

Resolution No. 2023-071

Resolution Authorizing Contract For The Maintenance Of Lamington River Partial Record Stream Gauge Stations And For The Maintenance of Drakes Brook Stream Gauge With The U.S. Geological Survey

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") is required to monitor stream flow in the Lamington River as a condition of its allocation permit for the Alamatong well diversion; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") is required to monitor a low flow partial record station on Drakes Brook as a condition of its allocation permit for the Flanders well diversion; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Geological Survey is an agency of the United States Department of the Interior and is the recognized authority for the maintenance, collection and reduction of this type of data through facilities specifically designed for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available from Water Operating Account 02-6-900-923-018 for \$7,890.00 to maintain, collect and reduce the resulting data for one year from the date of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA being bound by the conditions of its allocation permit has determined that it shall enter into an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for said services, for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, renewable yearly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) to award a contract to an agency of the United States of America without competitive bidding.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, New Jersey Water Science Center, 3450 Princeton Pike, Suite 110, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648, in the form provided.
2. The authorized expenditure for this contract shall not exceed \$7,890.00.
3. The Executive Director shall cause New Jersey American Water Company to be billed for 50% of the stream gauge cost in accordance with the terms of the Water Allocation Permits issued by NJDEP to the MCMUA and New Jersey American Water Company.

CERTIFICATION

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to authorize Contract For The Maintenance Of Lamington River Partial Record Stream Gauge Stations And For The Maintenance Of Drakes Brook Stream Gauge With The U.S. Geological Survey and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

(3) With the approval at the August meeting, we are prepared to sign the final agreement between the MCMUA and Mt. Arlington once received from Mt. Arlington. Mr. Druetzler mentioned that last month we had to vote on it and a month goes by and no one has signed it. Mr. McAloon mentioned that we have not received it from Mt. Arlington yet. Mr. Carney commented that maybe they haven't signed it, and it's a month later, we still do not have a signed contract.; (4) Regarding 100 Stierli Court, this was a proposed water main extension to serve a small segment of Roxbury. This came up several years ago, then COVID delayed these plans. A formal submission has been received and is currently being reviewed and working with Mt. Arlington and Roxbury to make sure the proposed connection is suitable to all parties. Mr. Druetzler asked what is this going to cost the MUA and Mr. McAloon replied between \$12,000 and \$15,000. The MUA will purchase the meter and they will have it installed and that will serve as the new regional meter, so the MUA can avoid the Cracker Barrel scenario.; (5) At Flanders Valley Well No. 1, the Contractor has completed the demolition of the existing Motor Control Center and started the installation of the new one, as well as connecting all the conductors. Hoping to get that started up early next week and the majority of that project will be substantially complete at that point. They submitted Payment Application No. 6, which has been recommended for payment.; (6) Brave Industrial Paint has begun mobilization at Dover Chester Road Tank cleaning the exterior. They finished that early on Monday and mobilized over to the Markewicz Tanks. Markewicz Tank No. 1 is almost drained, which will be completed by tomorrow and then we will be able to perform the interior cleaning and inspection on the inside of Markewicz Tank No. 1. Once inspection is completed, we will disinfect and put it back in service and then we can dewater Markewicz Tank No. 2.; (7) At the Par-Troy Transfer Station, Astro Electrical has continued preparing shop drawings. The lead time for this equipment still shooting to be on track to complete the work within the allowable construction schedule.; and

finally for PFOS evaluations following our August meeting and working with Tony, we discussed internally to begin coordination with the hydrogeologist to see if drilling Alamatong Well No. 1 and 2 into the different aquifer. There are two aquifers in the Alamatong; the upper strat and the lower strat. Right now Alamatong Well No. 1 and 2 are now in the upper strat, so they are much shallower wells. We are trying to drill deeper test wells to get into the lower strat to evaluate the quantity and water quality before we invest a significant capital into the treatment of the PFOS.

Mr. Druetzler asked about getting that PFOS chemical into the lower strat from our test well and Mr. McAloon replied that we will have it screened so we will keep them isolated and our well casing will protrude through that upper aquifer so we don't do that. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we successfully did this when we moved our Well No. 5 to Well No. 7 in the past and we hope this will prove to be cleaner water lower down. Mr. Gindoff questioned the cost on this and Mr. McAloon replied between \$65,000 and \$85,000. We are currently going out for some RFPs for pricing of that.

Dr. Nusbaum asked does the MUA need DEP approval to start going into another level of another aquifer and Mr. McAloon replied that we will need DEP permits to drill a test well. Dr. Nusbaum followed up asking if you will be going to get those permits before contracting to get those test wells done? Mr. McAloon replied that will be part of the professional services agreement that the driller has to obtain.

Mr. Gindoff asked do you anticipate any problems with obtaining permits and Mr. McAloon replied no. Being that we already have an allocation permit to pull out of the Alamatong Wellfield, it covers both aquifers so we don't envision any issues. As long as production remains around the same and we don't try to increase it, we wouldn't envision any issues.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

PROJECT STATUS

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of August 2023, MCMUA sold approximately **1,029.692 MG**. This amount is approximately 80.851 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022 and approximately 93.419 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2021.
- B. Mine Hill has provided formal response to the litigation hold notice, which also includes partial payment, in the amount of \$263,392.32 toward the overall outstanding water balance. We will be prepared to discuss next steps in executive session at the meeting.

2. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

With the approval by the Board during the August meeting, the formal agreement will be signed by MUA once received from Mt. Arlington.

3. 100 Stierli Court Water Connection

SCE has received proposed water connection plans associated with MedPro Systems at 100 Stierli Court. This is for a watermain extension, within a small segment of Mt. Arlington Borough, and Roxbury Township to serve the facility which currently has a failing well. The intent is to install a new meter pit near the existing watermain stub. In accordance with the MCMUA "Potable Water System Regulations, Specifications and Rate Schedule" the cost of this regional meter is to be provided by the MCMUA, and will serve as the basis for billing Roxbury Township.

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

The Contractor has received delivery of the Motor Control Center for FV #1 and is scheduled to perform the installation the week of September 11, if crew availability permits.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #6, in the amount of **\$23,367.58** 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 September 12, 2023

Contract Start Date		February 13, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	211	57%
Days Remaining:	154	43%
Original Contract Completion Date		February 13, 2024

Project Financial Summary Through September 12, 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 #5	\$87,710.00
Payment Application #6	\$23,367.58
Percent of Work Complete	74.8%
Total Retainage to Date	\$6,191.21

5. Tank Cleaning Bid

Brave Industrial Paint LLC, has began mobilization to the Dover-Chester tank to perform the exterior tank cleaning which is anticipated to be completed by Friday 9/15. Following completion of Dover-Chester tank, the contractor will begin on Markewicz #1 interior and exterior, then complete Markewicz #2 interior and exterior. The work is anticipated to be completed by the end of October, which includes time of bacteriological sampling prior to putting the Markewicz tanks back in service. The water system can operate with one of the Markewicz tanks out of service at a time.

6. Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC, has prepared and submittal shop drawings for the project. They are working on updating the project schedule based on the lead time for this equipment and will provide an update once the lead times are provided. The Contractor anticipates

performing the prep work prior to the equipment arriving on site to help expedite the schedule as much as possible.

Project Completion Summary Through September 12, 2023

Contract Start Date		August 22, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time		180 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	21	11%
Days Remaining:	159	89%
Original Contract Completion Date		February 19, 2024

Project Financial Summary Through September 12, 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

7. PFOS Treatment Evaluations

Following our August meeting, SCE has been in communication with hydrogeologists UHL & Associates regarding Alamatong Well #1 and #2. The depth of these two (2) seasonal wells only penetrates into the Upper Strat Drift Aquifer, and the recent PFOS results at these locations are higher than other wells. We discussed drilling test wells into the Lower Strat Drift Aquifer to evaluate water quantity and quality prior to investing significant capital into treatment improvements to ensure our well sources are robust and resilient. We are prepared to discuss with the board the benefits of this effort and evaluate anticipated proposal costs at the upcoming meeting.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) Correction in report under tonnage stats for the month, the projected annual total should 473,046; (2) Quarterly truck scale calibrations this week at both stations by Atlantic Scale.; (3) Tunnel at Mt. Olive continues to be cleaned after hours and early morning.; (4) Regarding the permit for Parsippany, the MUA received a Distribution of Response letter today from DEP which went to the Parsippany Township Clerk. Hopefully if there are no comments, they will issue the permit which approves 1978 tons/day.; (5) Still working with Suburban and Astro Electric on the Motor Control Center at Parsippany and they will picking up the town permits this week. This project continues to move forward by Mike and team.; (6) Working with Suburban on the Compost EAP's, the life safety plans. Also working with them on our drainage issues at Parsippany.; (7) The third HHW One-day Drop-Off Event is this Saturday, September 23, at the Police and Fire Academy; and (8) The largest highlight for August was the hard work of our Vegetative Staff put into our screening efforts. Thank you to NaturCycle for arranging the extra rental time for the machine; everything screened, including the stone down in Parsippany. He wished Chris Vidal the best in her retirement and she will be missed here at the MUA.

Mr. Druetzler asked if sludge is being transported by Mt. Olive to Parsippany Sewerage Plant and Mr. Deacon replied no, that has changed and it is Mascaro's responsibility. Have we given it to Musconetcong? No, the sludge did not go to Musconetcong. They are now going with a company called Wind River and it is a 6,000 gallon underground storage tank and they have a bigger truck so it is less pick-ups and done only twice a week. Not sure where Wind River takes it.

Mr. Kobylarz reported: (1) Continue to coordinate with J. P. Mascaro on the the trench drain replacement at Parsippany. Had some discussion with Mascaro due to cost and timing considerations and they are getting an additional quote from a contractor they use on their other facilities who does a lot of metal work and concrete work. Had discussions with Tom Cook of Mascaro regarding moving this project forward. Also spoke with Dominick Granno of Persistent, who said that pricing has increased since the last proposal. Some of the heavy duty trench drain material has increased, as well as a price increase in the surface coating. Mascaro needs to re-evaluate the cost and also Persistent has advised that there is a delay in getting the materials. We are trying to keep this project moving forward and hoping to get it done this year

Mr. Gindoff advised the Board that this is the trench drain that failed at Parsippany Transfer Station and Mascaro should be paying for the repair of it. The MUA will pay for some of the additional work that is not a direct replacement of it.

(2) In regards to the Mt. Olive Water Service, we are working on the application for the Highlands Permit. We were hoping to get an exemption for a safety permit, but the Highlands is

requiring a full permit application for the water connection to serve the Mt. Olive facility. We are expecting to submit the application by the end of September.; (3) Visited Mt. Olive Facility to review line striping plans and document ultimate striping of the facility. There are still a few edits that need to be done not only on the plan but in the field. Will revisit site once all modifications are done and get finalized plan to the MUA.; and (4) Lastly, we are scheduling a meeting with Persistent Construction to inspect the Mt. Olive Tipping Floor to review any issues and document any repairs that need to be done before releasing any bonds.

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Mentioned at the August 8 Board meeting, the MCMUA staff generated and issued a formal “Radio Communications Protocol” and updated our “Transfer Stations- Safety and Operational Rules” that are currently part of our online Standard Application Packet for Haulers, Contractors, and Homeowners. Everyone was asked to sign acknowledging receipt and have the responsibility to comply with these rules when using or visiting the MCMUA transfer stations in Mount Olive and Parsippany Townships. After receiving signed acknowledgements, the MCMUA will now be implementing a “Transfer Station Safety Violation Form” to assist in documenting ongoing safety related issues.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage- The 43,788 tons accepted in August 2023 was 2.40% greater than the 42,761 tons accepted a year ago in August 2022. The 16,577 tons from August 2023 of bulky and demolition debris represents a very high quantity. For years, construction debris only accounted for 15-25% of the waste flow but recently, it has accounted for around 35% of the waste flow. Based on the first eight (8) months of transfer station activity, it is projected that for 2023 the two (2) transfer stations will take in 373,046 tons of solid waste which would be a 0.30% increase over the 471,643 tons accepted in 2022. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

August Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 16,943- 1,739 more than 2022

Total Customers- 4,347- 134 more than 2022

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 966- 14 more than 2022

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 26,845- 706 less than 2022

Total Customers- 6,207- 137 less than 2022

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 478- 78 more than 2022

Transfer Station Site Improvements- MCMUA Transfer Station Managers Brett Snyder and Justin Doyle continue to work with the J.P. Mascaro and Sons onsite Managers to complete tasks on their comprehensive repair lists for the stations. MCMUA staff have been assisting Mascaro with keeping the truck scales and trench drains cleaned on a routine basis. Staff also assisted with a thorough cleaning/power washing of the tunnel and tunnel walls in Mount Olive after operational hours. The MCMUA is looking into replacement of the large flagpole for the Mount Olive station that was damaged by heavy winds almost a year and half ago. Mount Olive is also purchasing a large equipment shed, similar to the sheds currently at the Parsippany station, to house all of our tools and equipment. The shed will replace a closed Conex box that was staged near the maintenance garage. The new shed will be large enough to share with Mascaro and their equipment cleaning out and making room in the maintenance garage. With paving and line striping near completion, Mascaro has a contractor coming back out on September 9 and September 16 to install our required rubble strips posterior to the outbound scales before exiting the facility. This contractor is also scheduled to complete the remaining line striping in Parsippany around the scale house property.

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. After the pre-construction meeting with Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC. on July 25, Project Manager Michael McAloon, P.E. of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE) started sending the MCMUA approved shop drawings and submitted schedules for the project. The project schedule is still dependent on extended lead times for

supplies and equipment needed to complete the MCC in Parsippany. The formal Notice to Proceed was signed by MCMUA Director Larry Gindoff on September 7, setting the completion date for Astro on February 19, 2024.

Alaimo Senior Project Manager and Structural Engineer Mr. Piotr Grodek has completed the comprehensive structural reviews and assessments of both MCMUA transfer stations in preparation for budget season. Mr. Grodek was onsite in Parsippany on August 2 and went through the entire station, including the roof over the tipping floor. The same was performed at the Mount Olive station, which included our HHW facility, on August 9. 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. Mr. Grodek's formal report will include the engineer's estimates for these larger items and will be listed by priority to assist staff in planning.

Alaimo Project Manager Mr. Michael Kobylarz joined Mr. Grodek during the structural reviews mentioned above on August 2 and August 9. While onsite in Mount Olive, Mr. Kobylarz reviewed the preliminary Transfer Station Line Striping Plan with staff. The site was then walked with Mr. Kobylarz adding traffic-related signage to the plan. It was determined that the plan required additional edits in order to finalize and the line stripe colors will be revised to be consistent with those as painted in the field. In discussion with MCMUA staff, there are some additional site striping field revisions that will be made in the near future. The plan edits will be made to include the discussed revisions and the new striping when completed. When finalized this plan will assist during future paving improvements, making sure contractors are provided with correct information.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- North Tipping Floor Free-Standing Wall- Approved at the August 8 Board meeting by way of Resolution #2023-063, the MCMUA is now working with Persistent Construction on taking down the remainder of the 16' high wall, to include the portion on the North and East sides. Preparation for this project will include the relocation of our large equipment storage shed, as well as some Mascaro equipment and supplies.

Additional updates and current project status on the following will be provided to the MCMUA Board at the September 12 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager Mr. Michael A. Kobylarz:

- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal- Alaimo has not received anything from NJDEP since the last set of deficiencies cited in the Permit renewal review was sent to NJDEP on July 31.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station- Tipping Floor and Trench Drain Improvement Project- MCMUA staff is working with Alaimo on a professional review of current conditions a calendar year after completion on this project. Alaimo is requesting a representative from Euclid Chemical and Persistent Construction be onsite for this review when a final date is set. The MCMUA staff will have the tipping floor and trench drain system cleaned and power washed in preparation.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station- Water Connection Assessment Project- Alaimo is currently preparing the required application documents for an expected submission to the Highlands by the end of September. A preliminary site plan showing the main extension and connection to the building is required as part of the application requirements.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- Damaged Trench Drain Repairs/Replacement- Alaimo continues to work with J.P. Mascaro and Sons' management on drain repairs in Parsippany which will be paid for by Mascaro for the replacement of the current drains. Due to extended lead times, Mascaro has approached alternate contractors and vendors that are qualified to install a precast drain system and incorporate the Euclid Chemical topping used in the Mount Olive tipping floor improvement project.

After review/discussion with MCMUA staff, Alaimo has prepared a revised detail of a proposed heavy-duty trench drain for use as the replacement at this facility. This detail

has been provided to J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) and Persistent Construction Company for their use in obtaining pricing for this improved heavy-duty design and construction. Alaimo Mike Kobylarz spoke with JPM Tom Cook and Domenic Grano of Persistent to assist in coordinating this final scope of work. According to Mr. Grano there has been a price increase for the Euclid material and there is a long lead time for the heavy-duty trench drain grate. Mr. Grano estimates that he will have an updated cost estimate and construction timeline within the next week. JPM Tom Cook is also speaking with

another contractor, Spayd Fabrication, who they have used to repair some of their other facilities for a price and construction timeline comparison.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- In August of 2023, the permanent HHWF had a total of 297 serviced appointments, which included 275 Morris County residents, 2 VSQG/small businesses, and 20 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2023 totals now equal 1,868 serviced appointments, 1,712 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 31 VSQG's, and 125 non-Morris County residents.

HHWF August Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023)- In August of 2022, the permanent HHWF had a total of 306 serviced appointments, which included 270 Morris County residents, 29 out-of-County residents, and 7 VSQG/small businesses. MCMUA's total serviced appointments at the end of August last year was 1,738. 2023 now exceeds 2022 totals by 130 serviced appointments.

The next (3rd) MCMUA 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event will take place on Saturday, September 16 at Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA), 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054. The final HHW Drop-Off Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Pequannock Valley Park, Marvin Road, Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, New Jersey 07444. The last time the MCMUA ran an event in Pequannock was October 19, 2019, where there were a total of 554 processed vehicles.

The MCMUA staff purchased additional spill kits and oil-only absorbents for both transfer stations and the HHW facility. These spill kits were staged in different locations around the stations like the scale houses and maintenance areas for quicker response to fluid spills. Bails of absorbent pads and absorbent sweep were put inside one of the HHW plastic storage sheds to be deployed during larger petroleum spills or incidents.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The 2023 screening project that started in Mount Olive/Camp Pulaski on July 19 included a 50/50 shared rental agreement with Naturcycle, LLC for a McCloskey 621RE compost screener. Mount Olive Site Supervisor Harry Dry ended up with 6,049 cubic yards (CY) of screened product for marketing. Supervisor Dry had enough time to rescreen the 772 CY of tailings or overs, reclaiming 329 CY of good material. This left the MCMUA with 442 CY of materials that will need to be disposed of as trash at our Mount Olive transfer station. On August 8, the McCloskey 621RE compost screener was moved from Camp Pulaski to the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility. MCMUA Site Supervisor Keith Bibeault worked diligently to maintain operations despite multiple technical hurdles arising during that time, including a hydraulic line failure on the August 9 and a necessary screen brush replacement on August 17. Despite these setbacks, the Parsippany Vegetative Waste facility was able to generate 4,224 CY of finished product to be used for residential deliveries and commercial sales. During this time, the rental period was extended for another 46 hours to take advantage of the good weather at the end of August, and to allow Vegetative Waste staff an opportunity to screen through the drainage stone on site to extend its effective life span. This was an additional cost to the MCMUA of \$2,451, bringing the total rental total to \$10,751 after the 50/50 split with Naturcycle. This total does not include costs for diesel fuel and DEF for the related equipment, or labor and overtime costs for the MCMUA staff. Parsippany's tailings were also double screened and consisted of mostly raw materials, not trash and debris. Therefore, Supervisor Bibeault was able to repurpose the overs back into the unscreened compost rows onsite. On August 25, the screener was removed from the facility by the rental company, Commonwealth Equipment, signifying a

conclusion to this year's 2023 screening efforts. Totals after project completion= Approximately 34 workdays, 222 machine run hours, generating 10,273 CY of screened compost.

On August 23, MCMUA Operations staff met with Suburban Engineering onsite at Parsippany Compost to evaluate damage done to the drainage system from severe weather patterns at the end of July. Project Manager Michael McAloon, P.E evaluated the drainage as it exists currently and spoke at length with Site Supervisor Keith Bibeault to get his input regarding historical water flow onsite. MCMUA staff will continue to work with Suburban to develop a plan to repair the drainage system before further erosion occurs. This project will likely involve the rental of heavy equipment such as an excavator/operator along with a substantial volume of stone being installed and is anticipated to require a bid process.

MCMUA staff continue to work with Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., and their Project Manager Richard Squires, on the replacement project of both office trailers at our vegetative waste facilities. Mobilease is still waiting for the Permit approvals from both Parsippany and Mount Olive Townships. When received, the project subcontractor, Magic Touch, will be scheduled to start work on the footings, trenches, utility hookups, and all other preparatory work that is required before the new trailers can be brought in. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the September 12 meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The finalized rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services for August 2023 was calculated at -\$86.76/ton On 1,217 tons delivered for a positive increase in pricing of \$1.72 per ton from the July rate.

- In August, recycled content values for curbside plastics and metals fell for a third month following low demand for these recycled materials.
- However, current pricing for plastics has begun to rebound from its downward trend, raising in price a few dollars per ton into September, with metals and glass pricing holding steady.
- More good news exists, with sustained cardboard and paper pricing in August and significant gains for both commodity types seen in the first few weeks of September as both paper and cardboard have increased another \$10 per ton over their previous values in August.
 - Market experts and paper mill operators in North America report that domestic recycled mills are beginning to come back online and slowly increasing output as the overall demand for fiber increases.
 - These fiber gains will again help offset overall values in September, comprising over half of our single-stream mix.

Recycling Retirement Announcement

After nearly 16 years of service, the MCMUA bid farewell to Mrs. Chris Vidal, who retired this past month. Throughout her time with the MCMUA, she has been a devoted and enthusiastic member of our department and a true champion for the cause of furthering waste reduction and recycling in the County. Taking on various tasks and responsibilities, Chris consistently demonstrated her unwavering dedication and innovative spirit through the spearheading of educational initiatives, working alongside our coordinators to foster waste reduction and recycling in their locales, and operating closely with the Morris County Division of Public Health to ensure they were adequately educated to perform their duties and accompanied their, inspectors, during compliance inspections.

Through her work, she has undoubtedly impacted the state of Recycling for Morris County today and has been a mentor and a source of inspiration to many of us here at the MCMUA, making her a true asset to our team. The MCMUA thanks her for everything she has done and wishes her a bright and exciting future in retirement!

A resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration recognizing Chris's efforts, which will be presented at the end of my report tonight.

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

Shared Service Agreements:

- ***Mendham Township Switches back to Single-Stream:***
 - This past Friday, September 8th, Larry and I met with representatives of Mendham Township to discuss fostering initiatives and furthering recycling efforts in the Township.
 - During that time, we discussed market developments, the Townships Recycling Ordinances, and most importantly, their community's wish to move back to single-stream recycling from their current dual-stream collection program.
 - Earlier today, we received word that the Township Committee unanimously supported the change to move back as soon as possible.
 - In support of these efforts, I created a one-page educational flyer for distribution with the Township to inform their residents of the change, highlighting the change from a convenience and recycling rate increase standpoint.
 - It is anticipated that a resolution will be before the Board revising the current contract to reflect the change as mentioned earlier to collection next month.

- ***Borough of Florham Park:***
 - In late July, the MCMUA met with representatives of the Borough to discuss the upcoming shared service agreement ending on December 31, 2023.
 - The Borough expressed its desire to sign another 5-year recycling collection contract where the Borough directly markets the single-stream recyclables collected.
 - At that time, it applauded the MUA for its exemplary service throughout the contract, citing its past negative experience with its former collection service and not wishing to go back out to bid for these services.
 - Over August, the MCMUA worked with the Borough to finalize the agreement and work through the details of the new contract and areas for collection with the final paperwork, including the agreement, sent out for signature.
 - It is anticipated that a resolution will be placed before the Board for approval for these services next month.

- ***Contract Collaboration with the Roxbury Board of Education:***
 - As mentioned in the report, the MCMUA met with representatives of the Board of Education in early August to discuss changes to recycling collection in the classrooms, come up with a training program for their maintenance staff, and come up with new and innovative ways to foster recycling and sustainability within the students for the new school year.
 - But what I do want to highlight is the importance of our participation in these types of meetings and the impact we have through efforts on the students, the community, and our contract holders.
 - Every once in a while, our actions are noticed. No better is the recent example of this that occurred in July, where the Business Administrator for the BOE was

quoted in the newspaper stating that his decision to stay with the MCMUA for an additional five years came down to more than just a price comparison for the cost of service.

- Going on to mention that our close working relationship and involvement in the school district had more weight in factoring into his decision, with the Board voting unanimously to go with the MUA.

Lastly, Resolution No. 2023-073 *Authorizing The Refund Of Funds To the Purchaser Of the MCMUA Auctioned Front-End Loader* was pulled for tonight's meeting. It will be placed on next month's meeting agenda due to ongoing communications between the MCMUA and the buyer, Montella. Notes on this transaction were included in this month's Board Report.

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

Resolution No. 2023-072

Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement To Provide For Collection And Disposal Of Waste Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Morris County Park Commission Commencing On September 1, 2023

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) desires to assist the Morris County Park Commission (Park Commission) in reducing the amount of waste it generates, increase recycling and reduce costs for waste collection and disposal by providing the County with waste collection and disposal services; 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 a contract with a local unit for the provision of solid waste services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), a Commission as a "Contracting Unit," according to the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2, and a County Utility Authority, according to the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-1 et seq., are considered "local units". Local units are encouraged and authorized to enter into agreements which promote the sharing and/or consolidation of services; 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, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, local units entering into shared services agreements must adopt a resolution authorizing and clearly identifying the agreement and ensure that a copy of the agreement shall be open to public inspection at the offices of the local unit immediately after passage of a resolution to become a party to the agreement; 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 parties wish to enter into this five (5) year agreement to provide for the collection and disposal of waste from Hedden County Park.

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 execute said Agreement with the Park Commission.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to 40A:11-5(2) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. 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 September 12, 2023.

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 To Provide For Collection And Disposal Of Waste Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Morris County Park Commission Commencing On September 1, 2023 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

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

Resolution Recognizing Christine Vidal

Whereas, Christine Vidal (Chris) has been employed by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority since February 27, 2008, and has served with distinction as an employee of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for 15 years; and

Whereas, Chris provided her professional experience, dedication, vision, commitment, and creativity, particularly in the areas of curbside recycling collection, recycling education, waste reduction, and compliance inspections as evidenced by serving as Morris County’s Assistant District Recycling Coordinator; and

Whereas, Chris served as the liaison between the NJDEP and the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, and is an honored member of the Association of New Jersey Recyclers, where she is an incredible resource for New Jersey’s Recycling Coordinators; and

Whereas, during her tenure as Assistant District Recycling Coordinator, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and Morris County municipalities operated in ways that were environmentally beneficial for residents, institutions, and commercial establishments as a result of Chris’s guidance and direction; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, on September 12, 2023, that the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Board and Staff present this Resolution to Christine Vidal in sincere appreciation of her significant contributions to the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, Municipal Recycling Coordinators, the County of Morris, and its citizens.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

Dr. Dorothea Kominos
Chairwoman

Larry Gindoff
Executive Director

Commissioner-liaison:

Tayfun Selen

Board Members:

James Barry, Christopher Dour, Frank Druetzler, Maria Farris, Michael Guadagno, William Hudzik, Arthur Nusbaum, & Laura Szwak

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to adopt Resolution Recognizing Chris Vidal and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Chris Vidal was a wonderful person to work with and will personally miss her and we had a lot of good times and did a lot of great things together. From your perspective Frank, with regard to the terms of the curbside contracts, all our other contracts go on for five years and none terminate before 2025 and most due to the hard work of Chris, who did a tremendous job in getting those contracts signed and worked with the towns in extending them. Chris was incredibly valuable.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Recycling Tonnage and Value

August Recycling Update:

The initial August 2023 rate for single-stream recycling was calculated at a negative -\$87.08 per ton, showing a positive increase of \$1.40 per ton from the previous month. This returns August pricing to costs seen at the start of the new year when fiber markets bottomed out. However, it is comingled containers that are battering bottom lines as pricing for curbside collected plastics and metals continues to bring overall pricing even lower than the last for a third month.

In August, recycled plastics prices were at their lowest levels not seen in three or four years with some commodity types, putting significant strain on the whole system. Meanwhile, market experts report that some resin buyers are beginning to abandon post-consumer resin altogether to purchase virgin plastic, a more favorable and cheaper option, relating to supply and demand issues. This is attributed to the price of recycled resin dropping off significantly and the supply of virgin plastics considerably higher than the demand. While recycled material tends to be more expensive than virgin, buyers have been willing to pay extra, but only to an extent. Market experts estimate that, on average, buyers are willing to pay a 10% - 20% premium on recycled plastics, and after 20% is where it peaks and price sensitivity sets in. Currently, the difference is about 30%. Still, some optimism can be seen as markets are poised to improve with minimum-recycled-content mandates as a driving force for increased values with post-consumer recyclables over the longer term.

Looking at Sorted Residential Papers (SRNP) and Old Corrugated Containers (OCC or Cardboard), August showed favorable pricing for the fiber markets, helping to keep numbers from straying further negative. This is good news, as the upward index price helps stabilize single-stream recycling costs, with paper increasing by \$10 per ton and cardboard by another \$5 per ton.

Refund on Auctioned Front-End Loader

In February 2023, the MCMUA adopted resolution number 2023-031 authorizing the auctioning of the MCMUA's 2002 "beyond repair" front-end loader. This truck was subsequently auctioned in March 2023, and the MCMUA received \$20,100 for the truck, almost double what we anticipated. After months of trying to repair and eventually register the truck, the buyer (Montella) informed the MCMUA that the truck could not be registered with NJDOT due to a discrepancy in the odometer reading. Apparently, the MCMUA purchased this truck used and registered it with approximately 250,000 miles on it many years ago. By mistake, we marketed and sold it with only approximately 50,000 on the odometer as our MCMUA mechanic switched out a broken odometer with a new one, which we did not realize until Montella contacted the MCMUA about his inability to register the vehicle due to the mileage difference. As a means to rectify this mistake and put this issue behind us, the MCMUA and Montella have agreed that it is fair that the MCMUA refund Montella its auction money for the purchase, and the MCMUA will allow Montella to keep the vehicle as is. A resolution authorizing this \$20,100 refund will be presented to the Board for consideration at the September meeting.

Recycling Retirement Announcement

MCMUA Bids Farewell to an Exemplary Educator and Fervent Recycler:

After nearly 16 years of service, August closed the MCMUA chapter for Mrs. Chris Vidal, a notable colleague who has dedicated years to serving the County of Morris and has made an indelible mark in the recycling field for New Jersey. Throughout her time with the MCMUA, she has been a devoted and enthusiastic member of the Recycling Department and a true champion for the cause of furthering waste reduction and recycling in the County. Her passion for and her commitment to positively impacting our environment have been the driving forces behind her work. Over the years, she has taken on various tasks and responsibilities, each contributing to creating a greener, more sustainable future in Northern New Jersey.

Chris has consistently demonstrated her unwavering dedication and innovative spirit. Her constant spearheading of educational initiatives to working with each of our coordinators to ensure they have the tools and resources needed to ensure recycling is fostered in their locales has undoubtedly impacted the state of Recycling for Morris County today. She has shown us what it means to be a leader—someone who excels in her tasks and inspires others to join the cause and make a difference. But her impact extends beyond her professional accomplishments. She has been a mentor, a friend, and a source of inspiration to many of us here at the MCMUA, within the County, and beyond. Her willingness to share her knowledge, genuine care for her colleagues, and infectious enthusiasm for her work made her a true asset to our team.

Chris's achievements undoubtedly imprinted on our community, and while her hard work, contributions, and spirit will be dearly missed, her legacy will continue to inspire us for years. The MCMUA thanks her for everything she has done and wishes her a bright and exciting future in retirement! A resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration at the September meeting recognizing Chris' efforts on behalf of the MCMUA and the County of Morris.



Chris Vidal, MCMUA's newest retiree, after years of dedicated service to Morris County.

Shared Service Agreements

Chatham Borough Municipal Collection Contract:

On August 08, 2023, the MCMUA Recycling Department met with the Borough's Chief Financial Officer and Borough Administrator to discuss the upcoming shared service agreement ending on December 31, 2023. While the Borough enjoys service with the MCMUA, it wishes to go out to competitive bid for recycling services to find the most advantageous pricing available in the current market. On August 23, 2023, a copy of the request was received, and staff met internally to discuss its next steps.

Roxbury Board of Education

On August 2, 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal met with Roxbury Board of Education's (BOE) staff to

discuss operations under the new contract and prepare for recycling efforts for the new school year. At the time of the meeting, Marrone, Vidal, and the MRC discussed proper recycling techniques and educational methods, answered questions, worked through issues, came up with solutions to various problems noted over the past school year, and provided educational materials for distribution. After the meeting, the facilities and maintenance supervisors informed all parties that they would hold an educational meeting before the start of the school year and put a training plan in place to ensure that new employees were aware of the recycling requirements discussed

at the meeting. One change is a school switch towards dual-stream collection, allowing students to carry over the same recycling approaches performed in school that are enjoyed at home for curbside collection, simplifying the process.

Meetings such as these are essential, not only because of our servicing of the schools as an account for collection but mainly because our work has a more significant impact on the students and their families in Roxbury, with our work being recognized. For example, in renewing the school's contract, the BOE Business Administrator Joe Mondanaro is quoted in the Boroughs Newspaper at a Board Meeting as saying that he chose to go with us when presented with lower pricing from a competitor due to our close working relationship with actions such as these and attendance at the school's events such as the Roxbury schools' annual green fair. Mondanaro stated, "There was more than money involved in his request that the Board stick with the MUA" and "They've been very great partners with us." "They've educated our students. They have provided grants to our district. We have a perfect relationship. They're the ones who got us off on the whole sustainability and going green thing. And I think that has value." Because of this testimony, the Board voted unanimously to go with the MUA, with one member abstaining.

Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA):

On August 4, 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal met with representatives of the SMCMUA, at their request, to assist them in starting their recycling office program and discuss a possible opportunity to begin single-stream collection. After this meeting, a written response was provided to the SMCMUA, and the determination of service is still pending.

Borough of Florham Park:

In July 2023, the MCMUA Recycling Department met with representatives of the Borough to discuss the upcoming shared service agreement ending on December 31, 2023. Following that meeting, on August 2, 2023, the MCMUA received an email confirmation that Florham Park intends to accept our offer for a 5-year recycling collection contract where the Borough directly markets the single-stream recyclables collected. At this juncture, Schedule C, which outlines units to collect from, was reviewed by the Borough, and it was determined that one complex, Delaney on the Green, was not covered per the builder's agreement for collection. Therefore, the Borough, who originally had the MCMUA collect from this location, was informed that they would no longer be serviced under the Borough's contract and would have to get their hauler and were advised the same by both the Borough and the MCMUA. At the same time, the MCMUA was asked for a quote for collection services, but the location found an alternative hauler for collection. On August 29, 2023, the final paperwork, which includes the agreement, was sent out for signature.

County of Morris Trash and Recycling Collection for Morris View and Morris County Jail:

During August, Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal contacted representatives of both the administrator of the Morris View location and the County Sherriff contact for the Morris County Jail to review current service conditions and determine any anticipated changes to the contract, which ends on December 31, 2023. Following this, Vidal sent the agreements and resolutions to the Office of the Morris County Counsel for review and approval. A determination is pending at this time.

County Recycling Contract Customer Service

Morris County Housing Authority:

On August 10, 2023, Assistant District Recycling Coordinator Chris Vidal and Recycling Outreach Coordinator Brianna Cumberton met with the Housing Authority Executive Director to discuss the current contract and provide him with updated recycling information for his locations for posting. Earlier in July, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Vidal had performed spot inspections on the recycling setouts at several of their locations and the current condition of the containers, finding these sites needing reeducation and replacement containers. As a result, new signage will be posted at these locations, replacement containers will be purchased, and the MCMUA will work with the sites to set up a recycling educational presentation moving forward. During the initial inspection, Marrone informed the Executive Director that the MCMUA could provide trash collection in conjunction with the existing recycling service. While the Authority is currently locked into a five-year contract, Brown asked for a quote, voiced his support to have the MCMUA perform both services when the new contract expires, and provided Marrone with a copy of the current agreement for consideration.

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

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

- MCMUA Tours Textile Reuse and Recycling Company Helpsy
- Town of Morristown, Morris View Healthcare Center, Recycling Inspection.
- Morris County Office Recycling Excels (M.O.R.E.) Program Update.
- Planning for the last Morris County MRC and Clean Communities Meeting of 2023
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts.

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

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 a press release documenting the MCMUA's recent partnership with the Center of EcoTechnology to Evaluate Solutions to Wasted Food in Morris County. Examples of these releases can be found below.

For Immediate Release

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

August 2023, Randolph, NJ

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Announces Partnership with Center for EcoTechnology to Evaluate Solutions to Wasted Food in Morris County

Morris County, NJ - The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) recently announced its partnership with the Center for EcoTechnology (CET) to address the issue of food waste in Morris County. This collaboration aims to connect the larger commercial food waste-generating entities in Morris County with solutions for managing or preventing food waste by identifying Morris County's regional food waste marketplace for its strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities.

Food waste is a significant concern, as 40% of the food produced in the United States is discarded. Each year millions of tons of surplus food are disposed of in landfills. This includes not only edible food that could be redistributed to those in need within local communities but also food scraps like bones and vegetable peels, which could be utilized to create energy through anaerobic digestion or converted into carbon-rich compost.

New Jersey has been taking strides to combat food waste with the implementation of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.122, which took effect in October 2021. This legislation requires generators producing an average of 52 tons or more of pre-consumer food waste per year, located within 25 miles of an authorized food waste recycling facility, to source separate, and recycle their food waste.

To support this initiative, MCMUA is teaming up with the CET, a leading expert in sustainability and waste reduction. "Our joint work with CET is aimed at developing strategies to promote food waste reduction, recovery, and recycling in Morris County, all while supporting our state-mandated recycling goals and helping the County achieve its 50% Municipal Solid Waste recycling target," says Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.

For more information about the MCMUA and CET partnership and to learn how you can be a part of the food waste solution, please visit wastedfood.cetonline.org.

For over 65 years, the MCMUA has served as Morris County's Environmental Resource, meeting the regional drinking water, solid waste, and open space preservation needs for Morris County.

For more information, visit www.MCMUA.com.



MUA Food Waste Initiative

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Nominate Environmental Leaders

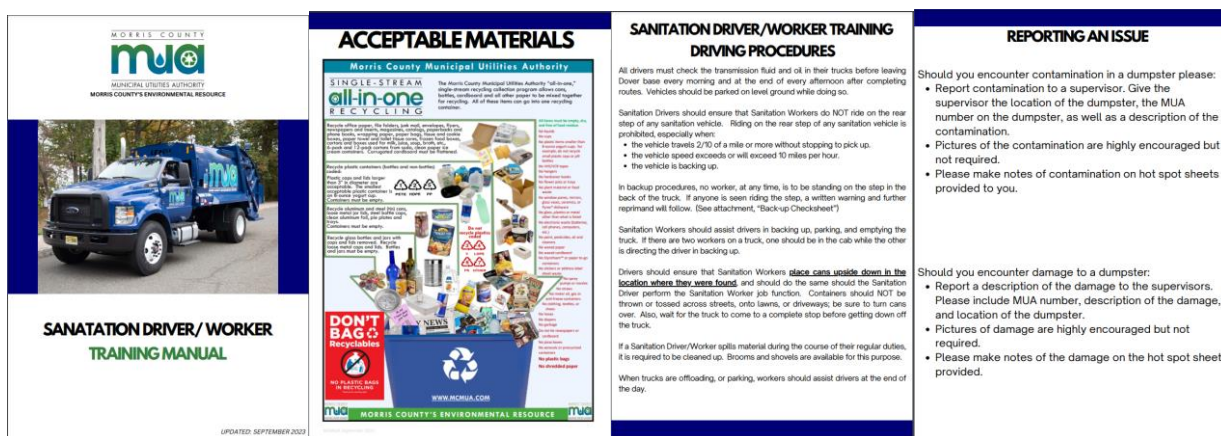
Nominations are open for the 24th annual Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards. Nominate individuals and organizations demonstrating leadership and a commitment to progress in 11 categories. Applications are due Sept. 10. Lake Hopatcong drawdown begins 9/22

Pictured above are the posts featured in the August 2023 Newsletters and the press release provided to the Morris County Office of Communications for Distribution.

Recycling Administrative and Curbside Recycling Operations Collaborations:

During August 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Human Resources Officer Fred Wilson met on several occasions to discuss and work on completing a Curbside Collection New Employment Manual for use by our curbside supervisors during employee onboarding and periodic retraining opportunities. Previously, the forms utilized were outdated, lacking essential information and educational opportunities, which these now provide. The finalized handbook includes operational procedures, accident/incident and injury reporting

procedures, procedures for tagging unacceptable curbside setouts, our acceptable and unacceptable recycling information sheets, safe operation of vehicle procedures, safety equipment procedures, county policies, and health and safety education, comprising 28 pages. Completed handbooks should greatly assist educational efforts for existing employees and allow for easier onboarding.



On August 16, 2023, the Solid Waste Planning and Operations Departments met to review the curbside calendar 2024. Blackout dates and any holiday makeup for our curbside contract municipalities were discussed then. Immediately following this meeting, work began compiling each municipality’s collection dates and forwarding them to the necessary representatives to post with their residents.

In addition to these efforts, Marrone oversaw the cross-training of Recycling Outreach Coordinator Brianna Cumberton and started the process of training Finance Administrator Cody Mieck in answering calls and fielding questions about the recycling line and armory line. These include missed collections, container pulls from partner depots, and other programmatic-related matters, ensuring our customer's needs are adequately met in a timely, efficient, and educated manner.

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

During August 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Recycling Outreach Coordinator Brianna Cumberton continued work on the first phase of food waste consulting services with the company Center for EcoTechnology (CET). During this time, the MCMUA and CET settled on a targeted list of candidate businesses for the interview portion of the CET’s work and worked toward confirming the interview questions to be utilized during their one-on-one interviews. Out of the overall list, the MCMUA chose several generators we would like to oversee as they are interviewed. In choosing at least one entity from each category provided, we will ensure the MCMUA’s goals are adequately encouraged during this process and can be easily replicated long after the CET contract regarding the interview questions. Such inquiries relate to knowledge of tax incentives for businesses to donate excess food, liability protections under the state for businesses who engage in food donations, financial incentives for recycling in the form of cost savings, and requirements to report to the local municipality. Interview questions will be finalized during the second week in September, with the interviews starting in November, and the final report will be produced by the year’s end.

MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Collaborations:

Throughout August, 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 continuing working relationship exists with translating existing and new educational materials in a multi-lingual format. These include the signage and a complete revision of all our recycling labels/ decals, further explained in the supplemental report.

On August 2, 2023, both Agencies attended the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association Showcase Expo at the County College of Morris. While at the expo, necessary connections were made to further educational efforts in advising 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.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanup:

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

On August 1, 2023, the District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham planned for and cleaned up County Road 632, also known as Ridgedale Avenue in East Hanover. The cleanup began at Troy Road, crossed over Route 10, and ended at Parkside Drive. Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 23
- Bags of recyclables, 11
- Total miles cleaned, 2.6 (5.2 linear miles)
- Note: The crew removed several bags of freshwater coconuts found along the cleanup route on the side of the road, which appeared to have fallen off a truck on their way to market.

On August 22, 2023, Birmingham and the Adopt-A-Highway crew cleaned Green Pond Road in Rockaway Township, starting at the Green Pond Bible Chapel and moving into Jefferson Township, concluding at the railroad tracks before Route 23. Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 25
- Bags of recyclables, 20
- Total miles cleaned, 2.5 (5 linear miles)

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Guadagno asked a question about who is the one that says you can get only so many gallons from an aquifer; is the State the one that puts everything together? Mr. McAloon replied DEP extensively studies the aquifers and part of the payment that we are making to U.S. Geological Survey they monitor a ton of different parameters to develop a safe yield of aquifer production. For example, if our aquifer can only produce 90 MG a month, the State won't let us pull anymore than that. This is all governed and regulated by the DEP through our water allocation permit. Every ten years the MUA updates their water allocation permit and submit that to the State for review and approval. They are the ones that allow us to withdraw the water from the ground and it limits safety set by them and they are continuously monitored to make sure that things aren't changing, and we are over-pumping an aquifer. Mr. Guadagno asked if the MUA is the only one in that aquifer and

Mr. McAloon replied no, the old Roxbury Water Company, now N.J. American, they have their wells in the Alamatong and Flanders Valley Wellfield as well. That is why we have a cost share for the U.S. Geological Survey.

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 8:00 p.m. regarding water matters related to anticipated litigation and attorney client privilege information with Mine Hill, as well as contract negotiations related to the brokerage real estate contract and contract negotiations regarding Drew University.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Guadagno.

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

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to into open session at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Guadagno made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:45 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Dour.

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

Mr. Gindoff asked for Board's approval of the following Resolution as amended:

**Resolution No. 2023-069
Resolution Retaining Licensed Real Estate Broker for Office Space Lease**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide professional service; Real Estate Brokerage & Advisory Services to the Authority from September 1, 2023 to February 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Authority received one proposal from Lee & Associates – WBE LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Committee assigned to review the proposals based on the criteria outlined in the RFP and has recommended that the contract for Real Estate Brokerage & Advisory Services be awarded to Lee & Associates – WBE, LLC 611 River Dr. 4th Floor, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 met or exceeded all criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that the process utilized in selecting Lee & Associates – WBE, LLC meet the statutory requirements for award of a contract pursuant to the fair and open process under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20-4 et seq. and the Local Public Contracts Law exception for professional services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 12th day of September, 2023 as follows:

1. The Executive Director of the Authority is authorized and directed to include Lee & Associates -WBE, LLC as the approved Real Estate Brokerage firm for Real Estate Brokerage & Advisory Services and to execute an agreement with Lee & Associates – WBE, LLC for Real Estate Brokerage & Advisory Services in a form approved by the

Authority's attorney based on their proposals dated August 15, 2023. The agreement shall specifically exclude the provision of services for the property located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, NJ and the term of the agreement shall be limited to a maximum of 3 months.

2. The real estate broker's fee to be paid to Lee & Associates in connection with said contract are to be paid by the lessor in the event the Authority by separate resolution authorizes the execution of a lease and shall not be paid by the Authority.
3. The Executive Director, staff and legal counsel are authorized to commence lease negotiations, but any lease agreement shall require separate approval by the Authority's Board.
4. A copy of this resolution and the proposal shall be on file and available for inspection at the offices of the Authority, 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869.
5. A brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract and that the Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection at the offices of the MCMUA in accordance with law shall be published in the official newspaper of the Authority.
6. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution as adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion To Retain Licensed Real Estate Broker For Office Space Lease (Lee & Associates – WBE, LLC) and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. Guadagno and carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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