

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on October 10, 2023 at 7:02 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, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Ms. Laura Szwak and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

**ABSENT:** Mr. James Barry and Mr. William Hudzik.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; Alexandra Knoth, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; Alyse Landano Hubbard, 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 September 12, 2023.

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2023 and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Szwak

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

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of September 2023. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for the month of September 2023. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions year to date September 2023 and an Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of September 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 Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the first Resolution is another budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2023. Due to the Mine Hill delinquent payment and Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement matters, there was not enough money in our legal line for the remainder of the year. Resolution No. 2023-073 allocates budgetary funds to our legal account so there are adequate funds for the rest of the year. Mr. Gindoff added that we had considerable legal expense on the sale of the Mendham Township pipeline also. Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**Resolution 2023-073**  
**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.	\$ 278,593.00	\$ 218,593.00
<u>Increase Appropriations:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Legal	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 125,000.00

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak 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. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that tonight we are introducing the 2024 budgets for Solid Waste and Water. In summary, the 2024 Solid Waste budget proposes increase in the tipping fees of \$3.75/ton from \$107.50/ton to \$111.25/ton. This assumes that 460,000 tons will come through our transfer stations in 2024. This increase will allow us to upgrade our Curbside fleet and finance

Project Independence along with various Capital Projects. Capital Projects planned over the next five years are: Parsippany Tipping Floor, Parsippany Trench Drains, Parsippany Roof Repair, Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements, Mt. Olive Water and/or Sewer Assessment Project, Mt. Olive Utility and SEVDOA Upgrades, Tarp Rack Improvements And Replacement. In addition we have Stormwater Control Construction and Site Improvements for our Shade Tree Division.

Ms. Szwak expressed concerns about our employees and noticed that salary increases went up 5% and 10% on the Water because you are adding a new employee; is that correct? Mr. Kaletcher replied yes that is correct. Mr. Gindoff mentioned that we have done a nice job moving our salaries forward over the last five years and we are still accounting for that going forward. Ms. Szwak asked about the tree removal project and Mr. Kaletcher replied that is slated for the Water Division over the course of the next year to remove ash trees and other trees that need to be removed to protect our water sites. Mr. Gindoff commented that the Shade Tree Division used to handle this before, but no more. She also asked about Project Independence and Mr. Gindoff replied that is what we are looking to do potentially at the end of the solid waste contract to run our own transfer stations. Ms. Szwak also asked if we were going to replace Chris Vidal and Mr. Gindoff replied yes; we are replacing the position and Mr. Kaletcher added that the actual head count is still in the 2024 budget.

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following Solid Waste Budget Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2023-074**  
**2024 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**SOLID WASTE BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2024 TO December 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2024 and ending, December 31, 2024 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$56,038,430.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$56,038,430.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$3,298,075.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on October 10, 2023 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2024 and ending, December 31, 2024 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and

provisions as stipulated in the said Authority's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 14, 2023.

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

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that the 2024 Water Budget is proposing to increase the wholesale rate \$155 per million gallons from \$3,144 per million gallons to \$3,299 per million gallons, so this Water Budget is predicting that we will sell 1.450 billion gallons of water in 2024. This will allow us to maintain an operational fund balance throughout the five-year period. Capital projects include Alamatong Wells #1 and #2 PFOS and Electrical Upgrade, also Alamatong Well #4 and #5 PFOS and Electrical Upgrade, in addition to Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 PFOS Treatment. Also, the Mine Hill Tank Rehab is slated for 2027.

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board’s approval of the following Water Budget Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2023-075**  
**2024 Authority Budget Resolution**  
**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**WATER BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

**FISCAL YEAR: FROM January 1, 2024 TO December 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget and Capital Budget for the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2024 and ending, December 31, 2024 has been presented before the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at its open public meeting of October 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$5,238,550.00, Total Appropriations, including any Accumulated Deficit if any, of \$5,238,550.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets utilized of \$0.00; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget as introduced reflects Total Capital Appropriations of \$1,550,000.00 and Total Unrestricted Net Assets planned to be utilized as funding thereof, of \$0.00; and

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

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget/Program, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2, does not confer any authorization to raise or expend funds; rather it is a document to be used as part of the said Authority's planning and management objectives. Specific authorization to expend funds for the

purposes described in this section of the budget, must be granted elsewhere; by bond resolution, by a project financing agreement, by resolution appropriating funds from the Renewal and Replacement Reserve or other means provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at an open public meeting held on October 10, 2023 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, and the Capital Budget/Program of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for the fiscal year beginning, January 1, 2024 and ending, December 31, 2024 is hereby approved; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority will consider the Annual Budget and Capital Budget/Program for adoption on November 14, 2023.

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

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(Date)

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

Mr. Gindoff thanked the Budget Committee for working with us, Chris, Frank, Mike and Dorothea, as well as Larry and the rest of our Staff. We spent the last month working up the numbers to present to the Budget Committee and we worked well in formulating the projects, the budgets, the pricing and the rates for the projects for the next five years and the rates for the next year. He mentioned that he feels real good about it and we have a great plan ahead of us. He thanked everyone for their participation in this.

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-076**

**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. 2023-076 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$3,910,116.93** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6369-6406	\$	277,730.96
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14408-14478	\$	3,632,385.97
		\$	<b>3,910,116.93</b>

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that all vouchers listed above have been reviewed and found to be in proper form for payment, and I have compared the SCHEDULE OR WARRANTS to the vouchers for payment and have determined it to be correct.

DATE: October 10, 2023

BOARD CHAIRWOMAN APPROVAL

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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: October 10, 2023.

DATE: October 10, 2023

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Regarding Correspondence, Mr. Gindoff highlighted a letter dated October 3, 2023 which we received from DEP regarding our Parsippany Transfer Station Solid Waste Permit renewal. We got the Notice of Technical Completeness, which is usually the last step before DEP announces Public Hearings to see if anyone has any comments about the new solid waste permit that is coming out. We anticipate that getting approved in the near future. This wasn't a simple renewal, but a facility expansion up to 1978 tons per day from 1380 tons per day. He thanked Mike and the people at Alaimo in helping us put this together, as well as James and Anita in our office who put together a lot of the information for the Alaimo people.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**WATER**

1. Email dated September 21, 2023 to Ramesh Patel, NJDEP from Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., forwarding Amended And Restated Water Supply Agreement Between MCMUA And Mt. Arlington and Ramesh Patel's acknowledgement of same and DEP will update their records.
2. Letter dated September 25, 2023 to Nancy C. Gibbs, U.S. Department of the Interior, from Larry Gindoff forwarding executed copy of Joint Funding Agreement, and also requesting term of agreement in the future be made multi-year as allowed by law.
3. Letter dated October 2, 2023 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, MCMUA, from Michael McAloon, P.E., Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., regarding closeout documents and final payment for DeMaio Electrical Company, Inc. for Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements.

**SOLID WASTE**

4. Letter dated October 3, 2023 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, MCMUA, from Anthony Fontana, Chief, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning, NJDEP, advising that the Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal Application for the Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station is Technically Complete.

## RECYCLING

5. Recycling Report Supplement – September 2023.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Through the month of September, we sold approximately 1.156 MG of water. While this is slightly less than the past several years, we are still on pace for our budget amount, as long as we have a consistent October, November and December.; (2) SCE has assisted in the preparation of the Annual Capital Improvement Plans and annual budgeting process.; (3) SCE has also continued preparing the necessary information for the PFAS Class Action Settlement.; (4) During the electrical improvement project on Flanders Valley #1 and #2 sites, it has been brought to our attention that water infiltration has been coming through the roof. So we submitted a Warranty Claim with Kemper Systems who was the roofing manufacturer. A site inspection was performed, and they provided a report. Unfortunately, they did not identify any material failures in that report, but did recommend a flood test be performed. They want us to block off the scuppers and put a few inches of water on the roof to make sure their membrane doesn't have any issues. Earlier on in that project, we had some issues with the overflow scuppers. We are looking through the report and will provide some recommendations on our next step.; (5) Regarding Mt. Arlington Water Supply, we formally submitted to DEP the final contract in accordance with their request. There is no final action needed at this time and generally it is an administrative process to send the completed contract back to DEP.; (6) At 100 Stierli Court, this is a developer looking to connect into the Roxbury water line which is fed off of our transmission main that goes up Howard Boulevard, We provided them with comments on what their proposed connection looks like, as well as that meter pit configuration. We are hopeful that those changes will be made and they can get to work soon.; (7) Regarding Flanders Valley #1 and #2 project, happy to report that the MCC installation for Flanders Valley #2 was successful and the Contractor closed out all open punch list and close-out work. The final payment application was submitted. We reviewed their work performed and our happy with their work and would like to read the following resolution to release retainage and process a final change order for the unused allowance items for that.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-077**  
**Resolution Accepting The Work For Contract 2022-W03,**  
**Flanders Valley Wells #1 & #2 Electrical Improvements And**  
**Authorizing Final Payment And Release Of Retainage**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") and DeMaio Electrical Company, Inc., 330 Roycefield Road, Unit D, Hillsborough Township, New Jersey 08844 ("DeMaio" or the "Contractor") entered into an agreement on February 10, 2023 to perform electrical upgrades to existing Flanders Valley #1 and Flanders Valley #2 production well facilities in accordance with a contract that was subject to public bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor successfully completed the work on Monday, September 18, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. ("SCE") evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punchlist items were satisfactorily addressed; and

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

**WHEREAS**, reconciliation of un-used quantities, Instrumentation & Controls Allowance, and Unforeseen Conditions Allowance (If and Where Directed) were not necessary to be furnished and installed by DeMaio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Change Order No. 1 Work results in a decrease in the contract price in the amount of \$38,236.00 and no time extension of the contract time for the completion of the work; and

**WHEREAS**, SCE evaluated the aforementioned Change Order No. 1 Work and the aforementioned decrease in the contract price and SCE recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 which decreases the contract price in the amount of \$38,236.00 and maintains the current completion date of the Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineer recommends processing the final payment to DeMaio in the amount of \$71,846.74, which includes the release of retainage; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account number 02-6-300-800-015 for the release of the final payment and retainage to DeMaio

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

1. The MCMUA determines that the work performed by DeMaio pursuant to Contract 2022-W03 has reached final completion and the completed work is accepted.
2. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment to DeMaio in the amount of \$71,846.74, which includes the release of retainage in the amount of \$7,504.32.
3. The Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Accept The Work For Contract 2022-W03, Flanders Valley Wells #1 and #2 Electrical Improvements And Authorizing Final Payment And Release Of Retainage and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

(8) Regarding the Tank Cleaning Bid, Brave Industrial Paint is moving along on that contract. Happy to report that the interior coatings of both of the Markewicz tanks performed very well. By the end of the week, as long as everything goes well, we will be able to put both tanks back in service. They did submit Payment Application No. 1, which was added to the bill list, and that reflected the work complete.; (9) Regarding Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center,



Astro Electrical completed the preparation and submittal of shop drawings. We do have a ship dated for their MCC equipment on 12/8 so we are right on track. It is going to be a photo finish at the end getting everything in. We are seeing the impacts of the long lead time. They did submit Payment Application No. 1 for bonds and insurance so we felt that was fair and reasonable.; (10) Regarding PFOS Treatment, we are working with MUA Purchasing Agent to prepare and distribute an engineering RFP associated with the hydro-geology work for the drilling of the test wells. We anticipate having a formal recommendation of award at the November meeting.; (11) and finally, our Annual Furnish and Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Bid has been prepared and we will take bids and make recommendation of award at the November meeting. Mr. McAloon mentioned that it is a multi-year bid. A one-year contract with the ability to renew for two additional years.

Mr. Dour mentioned that Hercules is going to the Planning Board in Roxbury and they talked about a new warehouse on an old quarry in Landing. Are we going to be pulled in to supply water and Mr. McAloon replied there are two wells on that site with allocated capacity of 850 gallons a minute for total combined of 1700 on Hercules. There is a large demand for firefighting but not a lot for actual consumption. Mr. McAloon is curious to see where that goes, if we get pulled in and evaluate how we get water there.

Mr. Dour asked if their wells are viable as far as the environmental standpoint and Mr. McAloon replied that we only looked into was the allocation for that. Ms. Szwak asked if it is clean water and Mr. McAloon replied that is another challenge; there is not a lot of readily available information on the water quality.

Dr. Nusbaum mentioned that DEP did an extensive review of the clean-up of that property and they would have further information if there is any contamination that they found at that time in the aquifer that those wells pulled from and asked if it would be helpful to check with the DEP as far as the clean-up of that site related to water? Mr. McAloon that would certainly take it to that next step.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-078**  
**Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing To Amend Water Rate Of**  
**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For 2024**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 10th day of October, 2023 as follows:

1. The base rate to be charged by the Authority for the provision of water is proposed to increase from \$3,144 to \$3,299 per million gallons (MG).

2. A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the rates of the Authority shall be held on November 14, 2023 at the regular public meeting of the Authority commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority offices (first floor meeting room), 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph Township, New Jersey 07869.

3. The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:

- a. publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to the hearing date; and
  - b. mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of each municipality served by the Authority and to each water utility, whether public or private, served by the Authority, at least 20 days prior to the hearing date.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, at the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Schedule Public Hearing To Amend Water Rate Of Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority For 2024 and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

Mr. Druetzler asked if the wheeling fee is in there and Mr. Gindoff replied no. Mr. Gindoff made a reminder to get a wheeling fee in for next year for the pricing.

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

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

**PROJECT STATUS**

*1. General System:*

- A. Through the month of September 2023, MCMUA sold approximately 1,156.257 MG. This amount is approximately 98.472 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022 and approximately 105.404 MG less than the amount sold in the same time period in 2021.
- B. SCE has assisted in the preparation of Annual Capital Improvement Plans and annual budgeting process.
- C. SCE has continued preparing the necessary information in support of the PFAS Class Action Settlement.
- D. During the electrical improvements project, it was observed there is water infiltration through the roofing system installed at Flanders Valley #1 and #2 wells. Through coordination with the Water Superintendent, SCE submitted a warranty claim with the roofing manufacturer, Kemper System. A site inspection was performed at each site with a warranty specialist and SCE. The Kemper System report did not identify any material failure but recommended a flood test be performed to identify the exact location of the infiltration. SCE is further reviewing the next steps.

*2. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement*

The final Contract has been distributed to NJDEP in accordance with the preliminary approval letter. There is no further action needed at this time.

3. 100 Stierli Court Water Connection

SCE has prepared formal comments back to the developer regarding this proposed connection. The comments are associated with the general layout of the connection and the meter pit configuration.

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

The Contractor has successfully completed the installation of the MCC for Flanders Valley #2, as well as all open punch list and closeout work.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #7, in the amount of **\$71,846.74** which reflects the value of work completed, as well as release of retainage. Additionally, as part of the close out of this contract, change order #1 is presented which provides a \$38,236.00 credit on the project for un-used allowances which were incorporated into the project. SCE has prepared Resolution Accepting Work and Authorizing Final Payment and Release of Retainage.

**Project Completion Summary Through October 10, 2023**

Contract Start Date	February 13, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	239          65%
Days Remaining:	126          35%
Original Contract Completion Date	February 13, 2024

**Project Financial Summary Through October 10, 2023**

Original Contract Amount	\$413,452.00
Contract Amendment #1	<b>(\$38,236.00)</b>
Current Contract Amount	\$375,216.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$375,216.00
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
Payment Application #7	\$71,846.74
Percent of Work Complete	100%
Total Retainage to Date	\$0.00

5. Tank Cleaning Bid

**Brave Industrial Paint LLC** has completed the exterior tank cleaning on the Dover-Chester, Markewicz #1, and Markewicz #2 tanks. The contractor completed the interior washout inspection of the Markewicz #1 tank, disinfection, filling, and restoration in service. We are happy to report the interior condition of tank #1 was in excellent condition and the high-performance coating is performing as expected. Dewatering of Markewicz #2 tank has begun with completion anticipated the week of 10/9, which is well ahead of the overall schedule.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #1, in the amount of **\$38,416.00** which reflects the value of work completed. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work completed and recommends payment.

6. Parsippany Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

**Astro Electrical Contractors, LLC**, has continued preparation and submittal shop drawings for the project, preparation of permits and bonds. The Contractor has provided a preliminary

ship date for the major MCC equipment as 12/8/23. Based on this ship date, project completion within the overall contract duration is achievable.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #1, in the amount of **\$5,880.00** which reflects the value of work completed. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work completed and recommends payment.

**Project Completion Summary Through October 10, 2023**

Contract Start Date	August 22, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	180 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	49 27%
Days Remaining:	131 73%
Original Contract Completion Date	February 19, 2024

**Project Financial Summary Through October 10, 2023**

Original Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Current Contract Amount	\$89,500.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$5,880.00
Percent of Work Complete	6.5%
Total Retainage to Date	\$120.00

7. PFOS Treatment Evaluations

SCE is working with the MUA purchasing agent to prepare and distribute an engineering RFP associated with the hydro-geology work and the drilling of the test wells. We anticipate having a formal recommendation of award at the November meeting.

8. Contract W-24 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Bid

Contract W-24 Furnish & Deliver Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for 2024 will be advertised. This is the annual contract to furnish and deliver to each of MCMUA's wells, the necessary Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for water disinfection. Bids will be received, and it is anticipated a resolution will be presented to the Board for its consideration recommending an award at the November meeting.

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

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) Atlantic Scale lifted and cleaned the pit scales at Mt. Olive on Saturday, October 7. They also replaced two broken load cells and three cables. That tunnel continues to be cleaned after hours and early morning and that includes the floor and pit.; (2) The Parsippany Transfer Station North Tipping Floor Wall has been taken down by Persistent Construction and they poured a concrete form where the wall came down. They will be back on Wednesday to remove the form and this project will be complete.; (3) The new equipment shed was placed at Mt. Olive Transfer on Thursday, October 5. We are looking to share this shed with Mascaro.; (4) Staff is seeking assistance from Alaimo for some tarp rack improvements and possible replacement at both transfer stations. Looking at scheduling Mike and the Alaimo team next month to get this moving.; (5) On September 20, Brett Snyder and Steve Adams held a tour at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station and HHW Facility for Mrs. Johnson, her father and brother. The father is from Texas where they have landfills and he was impressed with our transfer station and was grateful for the tour.; (6) Brett Snyder and Justin Doyle are now scheduling another tour for a Girl Scout Troop in Denville this month.; (7) Our final one-day HHW Drop-Off Event is next Saturday, October 21 in Pequannock Valley Park. Special thanks to Doreen Clark of the Riverdale Green Team for promoting this event.; (8) Vegetative Waste numbers for September 2023 are in your packets tonight. September was slower than 2022. Our 2023 Vegetative Waste revenue is slightly ahead of 2022 year-to-date.; and (9) Our Vegetative Waste Manager Steve Adams sent out the 2023 Leaf Season hours memo today and it is similar to last year at the Parsippany facility only. Hours will begin Saturday, October 21 and end December 2.

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

**Resolution No. 2022-079**

**Resolution Scheduling Public Hearing To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees; Vegetative Waste And End Product Fees; And Household Hazardous Waste Fees For 2024**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Authority’s transfer station in Parsippany-Troy Hills, NJ accepts tires for recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority owns and operates two vegetative waste processing facilities which are used for the acceptance of vegetative waste for recycling into end products which have fees for these services and products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority owns and operates a Household Hazardous Waste drop-off facility used for the acceptance hazardous wastes from in-county, out-of-county residential generators as well as eligible very small quantity commercial generators and which have fees associated with these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority seeks to schedule a public hearing to amend:

1. The rates for the disposal of Waste Types 10, 13, 13C, 23, 25 and 27 generated within Morris County, and
2. Tire Recycling, and
3. Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees, and
4. Household Hazardous Waste Fees

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey on this 10th day of October, 2023 as follows:

The rates of waste types 10, 13, 13C, 23 and 27 is proposed to be amended from the previous tip fee of \$107.50/ton to a tip fee of \$111.25/ton. The rate of waste type 25 is proposed to be amended from the previous tip fee of \$107.50/ton to \$101.99/ton, except that in the event that the NJDEP approves a tariff filing or petition proposing to increase the tipping fee for waste type 25 to \$111.25/ton in which case the tipping fee for waste type 25 shall be \$111.25/ton upon the date of such approval from NJDEP. The rate for recycling tires is proposed to be amended from the previous recycling fee of \$200.00/ton to a fee of \$500.00/ton. Tires are only accepted at the MCMUA’s Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station.

- 1) The Rate Schedule is proposed to be amended pertaining to “Vegetative Waste and End Product Fees” as follows: Applicable to all fees charged by the Authority for acceptance of vegetative waste products and disposition of vegetative waste end-products from MCMUA vegetative waste facilities. Fees are assessed by the cubic yard (CY).

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Brush Compacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$7.50	\$9.50
Brush Compacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$9.00	\$11.00
Brush Compacted Inbound	Commercial	\$14.00	\$16.00
Brush Uncompacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$6.50	\$7.50
Brush Uncompacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$8.00	\$9.00
Brush Uncompacted Inbound	Commercial	\$13.00	\$14.00

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Grass Compacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$10.50	\$12.50
Grass Compacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$9.00	\$11.00
Grass Compacted Inbound	Commercial	\$18.00	\$20.00
Grass Uncompacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$9.50	\$9.50
Grass Uncompacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$11.00	\$12.00
Grass Uncompacted Inbound	Commercial	\$17.00	\$18.00

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Leaves Compacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$7.50	\$9.50
Leaves Compacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$9.00	\$11.00
Leaves Compacted Inbound	Commercial	\$14.00	\$16.00
Leaves Uncompacted Inbound	In-County Municipal	\$6.50	\$6.50
Leaves Uncompacted Inbound	Out-of-County	\$8.00	\$9.00
Leaves Uncompacted Inbound	Commercial	\$13.00	\$14.00

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Lake Weed	In-County Municipal	\$5.00	\$6.00
Lake Weed	Out-of-County	\$5.00	\$6.00
Wood Chips	In-County Municipal	\$3.00	\$4.00
Wood Chips	Out-of-County	\$3.00	\$4.00
Wood Chips	Commercial	\$3.00	\$4.00

**Bagged Material Surcharge:** All inbound materials accepted in bags will have a \$2.00 per cubic yard surcharge added to the applicable fee. Acceptable bags shall include paper lawn/leaf type bags and must be compostable. Plastic bags are strictly prohibited. Bagged materials are only accepted at the MCMUA’s Mount Olive Vegetative Waste Facility.

- 2) The Rate Schedule is proposed to be amended pertaining to “Household Hazardous Waste Fees” as follows: Applicable to all fees charged by the Authority for acceptance of household hazardous waste at the permanent household hazardous waste facility. Fees are assessed by the pound (lb.).

<u>Material</u>	<u>Generator Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Household Hazardous Waste (all types except propane tanks)	Out-of-Morris County Residential Generator	\$1.50	\$2.00
Household Hazardous Waste (all types except propane tanks)	Eligible Very Small Quantity Commercial Generator	\$1.50	\$2.00
Household Hazardous Waste Latex/Acrylic/Water Based Paint	Any	\$1.50	\$2.00

- 3) A hearing concerning this proposed revision of the aforesaid rates of the MCMUA shall be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at the regular public meeting of the MCMUA commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority offices (first floor meeting room) 214A Center Grove Road, Randolph Township, New Jersey 07869.
- 4) The Executive Director shall cause notice of the aforesaid hearing to be given in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23 by:

- a. Publishing a copy of this Resolution in two newspapers of general circulation in Morris County at least 20 days prior to the hearing date; and
  - b. Mailing a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk in each municipality served by the MCMUA at least 20 days prior to the hearing date
- 5) This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Schedule Public Hearing To Amend Rate Schedule Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority To Adjust Solid Waste Fees; Vegetative Waste And End Product Fees; And Household Hazardous Waste Fees For 2024 and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Kobylarz reported on the following: (1) Regarding our Mt. Olive Facility Water Service Application for the Highlands Permit, we are wrapping up the exhibits and drawings for that submission and they will be ready this week. The application has been signed off by Larry Gindoff and we are expecting to submit the application to the Highlands at the end of this week. Hope to hear back from the Highlands in a month or two. It will be deemed complete and then they will start their formal review.; (2) Regarding the Parsippany Transfer Station Trench Drain Replacement, we have been working with Persistent to finalize a scope of work for that. We received a Persistent proposal and it has been reviewed by MUA Staff and Alaimo and we are all on the same page. The price on that proposal is approximately \$500,000. On issue is that Persistent believes there is a long lead time with the trench drain grate upwards of 12-18 weeks. Tom Cook of Mascaro mentioned that his suppliers think the trench drain grate is readily available. He looking to get this work done this year. He has a contractor that he is working with and we are waiting for a proposal from them.; (3) Alaimo did an inspection on the Mt. Olive Tipping Floor. Overall, the interior of the tipping floor is in good condition and there are some small cracks but not an issue. There is an issue with the apron as you exit the tipping floor and we are having the contractor come back and do some coring in the apron area. It looks like we are going to be replacing that apron in the Spring.

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

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The MCMUA staff and management were all required to attend the mandatory Morris County Workplace Conduct Seminar at either the Morris County Administrative Building in Morristown or the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy Auditorium in Parsippany. Employees were informed about what is acceptable and unacceptable in the workplace, understanding ethical standards. Proper workplace conduct demonstrates awareness and respect for our colleagues, MCMUA’s clients, suppliers, partners, and customers.

The internal Solid Waste budget meeting for 2024 with the Director and Treasurer took place in the MCMUA main office conference room on Friday, September 22. All Solid Waste Divisions, which include the Transfer Stations, our HHW facility (program), Curbside Recycling, the Vegetative Waste program, and our Solid Waste Planning department were all gone over in detail. Alaimo Engineering's recent comprehensive structural reviews of both transfer stations became important to both planning and budgeting by way of their estimated amounts, with heavy focus on improvements at our Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station for 2024. The Solid Waste budget meeting was followed by our Water Division, again in the conference room. MCMUA staff is scheduled to meet with the Board's budget committee on Thursday, October 5.

## **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 39,696 tons of solid waste accepted in September 2023 was 4.28% less than the 41,472 tons accepted a year ago in September 2022. For the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter of 2023, the two (2) transfer stations accepted 1.14% more waste than the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter of 2022. With 75% of 2023 now behind us, it is currently being projected that the MCMUA will accept 472,074 tons of solid waste for 2023, which would be virtually the same amount or 0.09% more waste than 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.

### **September Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023):**

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

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 15,048- 411 more than 2022

Total Customers- 3,812- 40 more than 2022

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 801- 24 more than 2022

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tons:** 2022- 127,558 Tons, 2023- 132,594 Tons= 5,036 more Tons than last year.

**End of Year Projections:** 2022- 169,723 Tons, 2023- 177,469 Tons. As of the end of September, the MCMUA is projected to process 7,745 more Tons than last year in Mount Olive.

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

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 24,649- 2,185 less than 2022

Total Customers- 5,442- 577 less than 2022

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 409- 6 less than 2022

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tons:** 2022- 226,206 Tons, 2023- 219,220 Tons= 6,985 less Tons than last year.

**End of Year Projections:** 2022- 301,922 Tons, 2023- 292,120 Tons. As of the end of September, the MCMUA is projected to process 9,802 less Tons than last year in Parsippany.

**Transfer Station Site Improvements-** Persistent Construction has been communicating with Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Manager Brett Snyder on the removal of the North tipping floor free-standing wall. The project is currently scheduled to start on Monday, October 9. Removal of the remainder of the 16' high wall, to include the portion on the North and East sides, is said to take about three (3) working days. Preparation for this project will include the relocation of our large equipment storage shed, as well as some Mascaro equipment and supplies. The MCMUA Operations staff extended the existing concrete pad outside of the Mount Olive transfer station's maintenance garage on October 3, in preparation for the placement of the new equipment shed. This took a total of 5 yards of concrete total. The 12' by 36' shed was delivered to Mount Olive on Thursday, October 5 and is large enough to share with J.P. Mascaro and Sons and their equipment. Mascaro employees have already started cleaning out and making room in the maintenance garage. On Saturday, September 30, Mascaro hired a full crew from RLE Enterprises out of Moscow, PA to complete a full repair on the broken 6" leachate pipe that leads from the Mount Olive tipping floor trench drains to the 6,000-gallon underground storage tank within our HHW facility. A 6" cleanout pipe in front of the HHW office trailer was dug out about 6' deep, with the PVC tee fitting found broken on the bottom half. This was causing leachate not to drain properly, backing up on the tipping floor and drains. RLE made the necessary repairs and backfilled with clean stone and fill. Last, the MCMUA has started communicating with Alaimo Engineering on the possibility of some structural improvements on the steel tarp rack currently at the Parsippany station, and a total replacement of the tarp rack at the Mount Olive station within the loading tunnel. Staff will be coordinating site visits with Alaimo during the month of October to discuss further details and options on this improvement project.



**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) will be including Payment Application #1 for Astro Electrical: \$5,880.00, for the Board's consideration at the October 10 meeting. The payment application is for the preparation of necessary Permits, submittals, and the bond, and also includes an attached detailed payment breakdown for this project. According to Astro, the MCC order has been processed for manufacturing. Due to extended lead times, the estimated ship date from the factory for the MCC equipment will be December 8, with a possible additional week for delivery.

Mount Olive Transfer Station- Tipping Floor and Trench Drain Improvement Project- On Thursday, September 21 after operational hours, MCMUA and JP Mascaro and Sons staff worked hard to clean and power wash the entire tipping floor area and trench drain system in preparation for professional review of the current conditions. The following morning, September 22 at 6:30AM, MCMUA Operations staff met with representatives from Alaimo Engineering, Persistent Construction Company, Euclid Chemical Company, and Infrastructure Repair Services, LLC. (IRS) to inspect the condition of the tipping floor, trench drains, and apron areas after approximately eleven (11) months of service life. Overall interior floor conditions were considered acceptable, with the surface wear indicators showing that the surface course had worn by approximately 3/16" in thickness. With the floor and drains found to be in good condition, focus turned to issues of the concrete apron or the concrete approach into the station doors. The visual inspection confirmed there is extensive cracking along the entire length/width of the aprons across all of the bays. When some of the cracked areas were stepped on, water seeped out. Also, a metal hammer was used to strike the surface of some of the cracked sections and there was a difference in the sound made which indicated the possible delamination of the Euclid material top course from the original concrete base which it was installed upon. Both issues were observed in several places throughout the apron areas. It was determined that further investigations would be performed to determine the condition of the bond between the Euclid material and the original concrete base throughout the apron areas. Mr. Otto De Jager of IRS stated that he would perform core samples in a few locations along the apron length/width to confirm if the Euclid material had delaminated from the concrete base. Scheduling of the cores will be coordinated with MCMUA and Alaimo. The full extent of the repair length and width needs to be confirmed. It was also stated that there is a minimum eight (8) week lead time for the Euclid material. This would delay the repair to unfavorable weather conditions. Therefore, it was determined that the repair work would be performed when the warm weather returns which would be the end of March 2024.

Additional updates and current project status on the following will be provided to the MCMUA Board at the October 10 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager Mr. Michael A. Kobylarz:

- Mount Olive Transfer Station- Water Connection Assessment Project- Alaimo is finalizing the required application documents for a Highlands Preservation Area Approval with Waiver for Safety which Alaimo believes would apply to this project. Submission to the NJ Highlands Commission is expected by mid-October. The application has been signed/returned by MCMUA Executive Director Larry Gindoff to Alaimo for the planned submission.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- Damaged Trench Drain Repairs/Replacement- Alaimo has coordinated the final scope of work for an updated proposal with Persistent Construction Company. Mr. Domenic Grano of Persistent has provided a revised proposal dated September 22, 2023, which is consistent with MCMUA/Alaimo requirements for the project. The total bid price is \$495,698.00 which also now includes the correct length of trench drain replacement and use of the Euclid 404 topping slab on the concrete floor and trench drain. According to the Persistent proposal, there is a long lead time for the heavy duty trench drain grate (about 12-18 weeks) which would likely delay the project until the Spring of 2024.

Alaimo Project Manager Mike Kobylarz has also spoken directly with Mr. Tom Cook, Director of Purchasing for JP Mascaro and Sons, who has discussed this project with other contractors, and their understanding is that the grates are readily available. In addition, Mascaro wants to have the work performed this year. Alaimo has requested that Mascaro provide them in writing any questions/clarifications of the project scope and a

cost proposal with an estimated time for completion from their contractor in order to compare with Persistent Construction's proposal and move this project forward.

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

**Program Participation-** The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) MCMUA 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event occurred on Saturday, September 16 at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA). Very happy to report a smooth event at the Academy with beautiful weather and no incidents. 588 cars in total which is a healthy amount in context of recent attendance. As a comparison for the Board, the MCMUA's first two (2) 2023 events both held at the Academy on May 20 and June 17, 2023, had similar totals of 657 and 427 vehicles respectively. Totals after the first three (3) events for 2022 were 1,776, for 2023- 1,672 vehicles. 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 was a total of 554 processed vehicles. MCMUA staff are working with the Sustainable Riverdale Green Team (a local branch of Sustainable NJ) to actively promote the event in the towns surrounding Pequannock to encourage participation. Pequannock will mark the MCMUA's 120<sup>th</sup> One-Day Drop-Off event dating back to May of 1985, held at the Morris County Hanover County Garage in Cedar Knolls.

In September of 2023, the permanent HHWF had a total of 264 serviced appointments, which included 248 Morris County residents, 2 VSQG/small businesses, and 14 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2023 totals now equal 2,132 serviced appointments, 1,960 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 33 VSQG's, and 139 non-Morris County residents.

**HHWF September Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023)-** In September of 2022, the permanent HHWF had a total of 249 serviced appointments, which included 222 Morris County residents, 19 out-of-County residents, and 8 VSQG/small businesses. MCMUA's total serviced appointments at the end of September last year was 1,987. 2023 now exceeds 2022 totals by 145 serviced appointments.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

With the 2023 screening project at both Mount Olive/Camp Pulaski and the Parsippany facility now complete, late September was spent disposing of the tailings, or overs, from Mount Olive to the transfer station. A total of eight (8) trips were made in a span of two (2) days, September 20 and 22 totaling 146.99 tons of materials for proper disposal. As a reminder for the Board, most of Parsippany's tailings were double screened and consisted of mostly raw materials, not trash and debris, having the ability to repurpose a majority back into the unscreened compost rows onsite. Only a small amount, an estimated 200 CY (cubic yards) of waste at Parsippany will be handled by staff in the upcoming weeks. Mount Olive's disposal totals equal \$15,801.42, which will be split 50/50 with Naturcycle, LLC. at \$7,900.71 apiece, with Parsippany's disposal costs still pending. The hard work by the MCMUA Vegetative Waste staff (Stephen Adams, Harry Dry, Jeff Lipesky, Jamie Ayala, and Keith Bibeault) produced 10,273 CY of quality screened compost. Naturcycle is now seeking outlets for few windrows of unscreened compost at Parsippany left over from annual screening project to make room for future incoming leaves.

Focus now turns to the Vegetative Waste office trailer replacement at both locations. MCMUA Managers have been in constant communication with Mobilease Modular Space, Inc., and their Project Manager Richard Squires, on timing for the smoothest transition possible. This includes the timing of the sub-contractor, Magic Touch, and the need 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. Morris County IT has already been contacted by the MCMUA and has offered their assistance in getting computers, phones, and the County network all switched over. MCMUA Operations Managers held a formal meeting with the Vegetative Waste Supervisors the morning of Tuesday, October 3, to talk about the trailers and other program related details getting everyone on the same page. At the time of this report: The MCMUA staff has disconnected the trailer in Mount Olive to include water, septic, cameras, and electric. The trailer has been moved, taken apart, and loaded into roll-offs for disposal at the transfer station. The frame has been dismantled to be removed as scrap metal. The tires have been removed to

possibly assist with the moving of the Parsippany trailer. The area where the new trailer will sit in Mount Olive has been cleaned up and graded. Mobilease is scheduled to deliver and stage both office trailers for Mount Olive and Parsippany on Monday, October 9. Permits have not yet been physically received from the Township of Parsippany. Parsippany staff are already making in-house preparations for the transition. Further details will be provided to the Board during the October 10 meeting.

Other Vegetative Waste program updates include the preparation of the sites for leaf season, which is anticipated to start soon- end of October into the beginning of November. MCMUA Accounts Manager Anita Singewald has also arranged a meeting with the Paradigm development department on Thursday, October 12 to discuss the Paradigm Cloud Module. Paradigm would like to use the MCMUA compost sites for testing their cloud module program. This pilot program would allow Vegetative Waste staff the ability to process credit card transactions remotely, rather than having to return to their office trailer for each customer throughout the day. Paradigm would like to meet with MCMUA staff for a question-and-answer session in anticipation of implementing this option. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the October 10 meeting.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The finalized rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services for September 2023 was calculated at (Negative) -\$79.35/ton on 1,180.71 tons delivered. For a positive increase in pricing of \$7.41 per ton from the August rate.

- In September, recycled content values substantially increased across all commodity types, returning pricing not seen since the Spring when values for plastic were hitting substantial highs.
- While increased pricing for plastics aided in rebounding single-stream pricing, the increased demand for fiber significantly pushed positive price movement to more favorable conditions last month.
- This positive pricing movement continues into October, with fiber increasing substantially and plastics climbing slowly, forecasting favorable conditions for single-stream pricing.

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

#### ***Shared Service Agreements:***

- ***Mendham Township Switching back to Single-Stream:***
  - At the last meeting, it was announced that the MCMUA and Mendham Township met to discuss furthering recycling efforts in the Township and their desire to switch MCMUA collection from dual-stream to single-stream.
  - In support of this, combined educational efforts were promoted by the MCMUA and the Township for an easy transition in advance of this modification.
  - A revised shared services agreement and resolution to reflect the service change are before the Board tonight for approval.
- ***Chatham Borough Municipal Recycling Collection Proposal:***
  - This Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. is the bid opening for the Borough's recycling collection services proposals at Borough Hall.
  - In advance of this, the MCMUA wrote a comprehensive proposal for recycling collection services, including pricing, options, references, capabilities, and a resume of recycling education and hands-on support provided to the Borough during our existing contract.
  - The MCMUA's proposal will be submitted to the Borough before the bid opening.

***Public Educational Outreach:***

- So far into October, our department has attended and participated in outreach education at the annual Morristown Fall Festival and the Township of Roxbury Nixon Schools Environmental Day.
- These were well-attended events with great participation by the public supporting both our REA Grant goals in the case of Morristown and our current Roxbury BOE recycling efforts.

***Regarding our MCMUA Sponsored Internship with the Morris County Vocational School District:***

- In October, the MCMUA's second intern from the School District's Environmental Academy, Linas Lizabnik, began his internship this year.
- Mr. Lizabnik possesses a strong interest in the environment, and his internship will involve work with the Morris County Clean Communities Program.
- He has already made headway with updating our Clean Communities website, rebranding the litter prevention and recycling artwork contest, and re-designing the school clean-up programs.
- Mr. Lizabnik will work towards creating an awareness campaign and education to prevent nonpoint source pollution from entering Morris County's waterways.

***Change to Resolution No. 2023-081 and Curbside Recycling Report Numbers:***

- Lastly, in Resolution No. 2023-081, *Authorizing the execution of an agreement for recycling between the MCMUA and Florham Park*, a date error was noted on page five, section c.
- These data errors were promptly corrected in a revised agreement and forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Florham Park, just in time to award the contract at their October 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Therefore, tonight's resolution has been modified to correct this oversight.
- One additional change I would like to note is in the curbside recycling report. The report was initially sent to our listing 2022 total year-to-date tons as 8,120 tons, whereas the correct 2022 year-to-date figure should be 9,204 tons.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-080**  
**Resolution Authorizing Execution Of The First Amended Agreement**  
**To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of**  
**Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority**  
**And The Township of Mendham**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2020-097, adopted December 8, 2020, the MCMUA authorized an "Agreement to Provide for Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Mendham Commencing on or about January 1, 2021" ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the parties Executed the Agreement between December 4, 2020 and December 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the parties have performed pursuant to this Agreement since that time and at this time desire to make the change from dual-stream to single-stream; and

WHEREAS, such relevant and necessary amendments have accordingly been made to the "First Amended Agreement to Provide for Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Mendham" ("First Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Township of Mendham desires to execute such First Amendment," at this time, 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 execute said First Amendment, more specifically entitled “First Amendment to Agreement to Provide for the Curbside Collection, Transporting, and Marketing of Recyclable Materials Between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Mendham.” See attached Exhibit 1.
2. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
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 October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion Authorizing Execution Of The First Amended Agreement To Provide For Curbside Collection, Transporting, And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Township Of Mendham. and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-081  
Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For  
Curbside Collection Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County  
Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough Of Florham Park  
Commencing On Or About January 1, 2024**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) desires to assist municipalities in meeting their recycling goals by providing curbside pick-up and a convenient outlet for disposal of recyclables; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, (L.2007, c.63, s.2.), a Municipal Corporation and a County Utility Authority in the State of New Jersey are considered “Local Units” and 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, by the Municipality, 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, uniform shared services agreements are exempt from the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

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

WHEREAS, the MCMUA and the Borough of Florham Park desires to enter into a new agreement to provide for the curbside collection and marketing of recyclable materials commencing January 1, 2024 for five (5) years until December 31, 2028.

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

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute said Agreement in substantially similar form as that attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing Transporting And Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And The Borough Of Florham Park As Amended and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

**Resolution No. 2023-082  
Resolution Authorizing The Disposition Of Equipment**

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

- MUA 2-45, 2002 Mack Front Load Garbage Truck

**WHEREAS**, the Equipment had been auctioned off through Munibid – Online Government Auction on March 15, 2023, because it was no longer of use to the MCMUA since it was old and beyond economically feasible repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the winning bidder, Fortunato Montella, 14 Zellers Road, Long Valley, NJ, after making payment at auction in the amount of \$20,100 and after taking possession of the truck spent over \$3000 in parts and labor to make the truck operable, but was not able to RE register the Equipment with the Motor Vehicle Authority because the odometer had been replaced by the MCMUA resulting in an inadvertent listing of lower mileage than the actual mileage at auction; and

**WHEREAS**, if the MCMUA were to take possession and scrap the Equipment, it is estimated that the net value of the scrap that the MCMUA would receive is approximately \$1000; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA has no use for this Equipment and in restitution for the odometer error, the MCMUA desires to reimburse \$19,100 of the auction amount of \$20,100.00 to Mr. Montella, subject to Mr. Montella executing a release of liability to the MCMUA for the odometer error and for any past present and future use of the Equipment and subject to a

certification or receipts demonstrating that over \$3,000 were spent by Mr. Montella on parts and labor after taking possession of the Equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in the following line item – 01-1-4170; and

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

1. Upon execution of a release of all claims in a form approved by MCMUA Counsel, together with either receipts or a signed certification from Mr. Montella demonstrating that over \$3000 was expended by him on parts and labor to the Equipment, the Executive Director of the MCMUA is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse Mr. Montella \$19,100.
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 October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion Authorizing Disposition Of Equipment and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Guadagno

**RECYCLING REPORT:**

**Recycling Tonnage and Value**

**September Recycling Update:**

The initial September 2023 rate for single-stream recycling was calculated at a negative -\$79.67 per ton, showing a positive increase of \$7.09 per ton from the previous month. This returns September pricing to costs seen in the spring of 2023 as of now. Increased demand in fiber markets helped to push this positive movement in price. Plastics are currently valued at fractions of what they were in early 2023, preventing the overall single-stream pricing from rebounding more quickly. Market experts are now reporting expectations for continued favorable conditions for fiber markets.

**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 to Fortunato Montella. After making payment at auction in the amount of \$20,100 and after taking possession of the truck, Mr. Montella spent over \$3,000 in parts and labor to make the truck operable but was not able to register it with the Motor Vehicle Authority because the odometer had been replaced by the MCMUA resulting in an inadvertent listing of lower mileage than the actual mileage at auction. If the MCMUA were to take possession and scrap the Equipment, it is estimated that the net value of the scrap that the MCMUA would receive is approximately \$1,000. As the MCMUA has no use for this truck and in restitution for the odometer error, the MCMUA desires to reimburse \$19,100 of the auction amount of \$20,100.00 to Mr. Montella, subject to Mr. Montella executing a release of liability to the MCMUA for the odometer error and for any past present and future use of the truck and subject to certification or receipts demonstrating that over \$3,000 were spent by Mr. Montella on parts and labor after taking possession of the truck. A resolution authorizing this reimbursement will be presented to the Board for consideration at the October meeting.

**Shared Service Agreements**

**Chatham Borough Municipal Recycling Collection Proposal:**

The MCMUA prepared a shared service proposal in response to the Borough's desire to go out to a competitive bid for recycling transportation services. While the Borough enjoys its current service with the MCMUA, it wishes to seek the most advantageous estimates in the current market, asking for pricing in several different areas and other options. The MCMUA cannot provide all the options specified. The MCMUA proposal will be provided to the Borough before the bid opening.

**Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) Monthly Collection:**

In late August, The MCMUA met with SMCMUA representatives and provided a proposal for trash hauling and single-stream collection. Following the submittal of the proposal, the SMCMUA reached out to the MCMUA to inquire about setting up an education and training session for their staff on recycling and waste reduction. Moreover, they appreciated us taking the time to jumpstart their recycling initiatives at the site. A date for training, as well as a determination of service, is still pending currently.

**Borough of Florham Park Shared Services Agreement 2024 - 2028:**

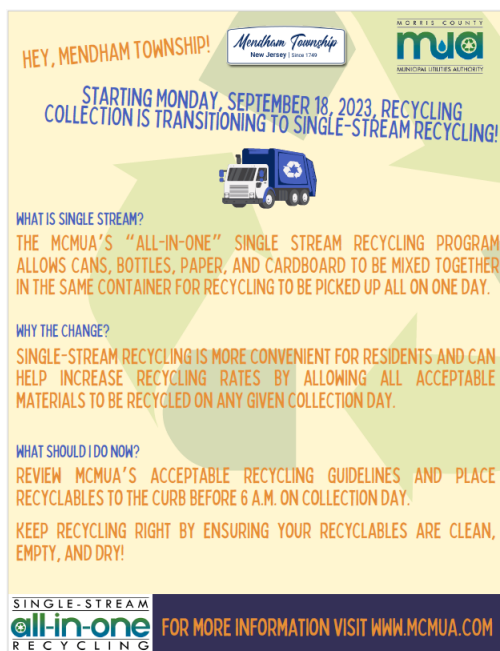
In August 2023, the MCMUA received confirmation that Florham Park intends to accept our offer for a 5-year recycling collection contract where the Borough pays directly for the cost of the single-stream recyclables collected. The Borough intends to award the contract to the



MCMUA at its October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, and in response, the MCMUA will be considering adopting a resolution at its October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Township of Mendham Switches Back to Single-Stream:**

On September 08, 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Executive Director Larry Gindoff met with Mendham Township representatives to discuss general recycling and their desire to switch to single-stream recycling from their current dual-stream collection program. There was overwhelming support for doing so by the Mendham Township Committee and further echoed by the public. This change has virtually no impact on the MCMUA's operations and/or cost structure, so the change to the existing contract will be simply the switch to single-stream and no change in the pricing currently paid for the services. A resolution will be presented for the Board's consideration at the October Meeting authorizing this amendment to the shared services recycling collection agreement with Mendham Township.



*Pictured above is the educational announcement flyer distributed with the Township.*

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

During September, Anthony Marrone received back the written shared service agreements and resolutions from our MCMUA attorney for recycling collection and trash disposal for the Morris View and Morris County Jail locations, which ends on December 31, 2023. Following this, Marrone sent the agreements to the Office of the Morris County Counsel for review and approval. A determination is pending, but resolutions for authoring entering new contracts to replace these terminating agreements are anticipated to be presented to the Board for its consideration before year's end.

### **County Recycling Contract Customer Service**

#### **Morris County Housing Authority:**

In September 2023, Anthony Marrone continued work from August on performing spot inspections on the condition of recycling setouts at the Housing Authority's multiple locations it services and the current condition of the containers at those sites. In speaking with the MCHA Executive Director, Gregory Brown, it was found that the educational information provided to their complex residents and posted education in August and early September was highly effective, with little contamination discovered in the containers during the inspection. Moreover, in assessing the state and condition of the existing containers, which were well over 20 years old, only several of the 95-gallon blue containers needed to be replaced as they were very well taken care of over the years. The newer containers have been placed on order and are expected to arrive by the end of the month when the MCHA will switch out the older damaged containers earmarked for replacement.



*Pictured above is the recycling collection area directly, with proper signage located outside the backdoor of the MCHA's Senior Housing Complex at India Brook Village in Randolph Township.*

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

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

- Borough of Netcong Touch-A-Truck Event.
- Town of Morristown, Morris View Healthcare Center, Recycling Education and Collection.
- Borough of Wharton, MCDPH CEHA Multi-Family Compliance Inspection.
- 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, the New Jersey County Recycling Coordinators, and the ANJR Joint Efforts:**

On September 19, 2023, Anthony Marrone attended the third New Jersey County Recycling Coordinator and Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) meeting of 2023. The meeting in Lakewood discussed various topics related to solid waste and recycling industries. The issues discussed surrounded the NJDEP reporting requirements for Class A through D and Exempt Facilities, County mandated materials, the creation of a statewide list of minimally acceptable recyclables collected curbside across all programs for streamlined education with residents, EPR legislation for mattress recycling, and food recovery and food waste resources and key legislative updates surrounding the NJDEP's Draft Food Waste Reduction Plan.

Immediately following the County Recycling Coordinator meeting, Marrone attended the ANJR meeting. In mid-September, ANJR president Gary Smalley and ANJR Treasurer Neil Blitz invited Marrone to sit on the Board of Directors for the organization and fill Chris Vidal's now vacant seat; Marrone was unanimously voted as a member of the ANJR Executive Board. ANJR is a non-profit, non-partisan network whose mission is to serve as the voice of recycling and source reduction in New Jersey through education, advocacy, and the promotion of professional standards.

#### **MCMUA and MCOC Collaborations:**

In September 2023, 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. Examples of these releases can be found below.

**ERASE FOOD WASTE NEW JERSEY**

**MUA: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

Lighten the load at the curb: Strive for Zero Waste. NJDEP offers [ways to use everything](#): Mix juicing pulp into crackers, or bake banana peels into fertilizer.

- [Madison Chathams yard sales, 9/30](#)
- [Rutgers Compost in your backyard](#)
- [Drive Electric Week events thru 10/15](#)
- [Incentives for EVs](#)
- [State boosts EV incentives by \\$10 million](#)

**Drop Off Hazardous Waste; Reduce, Reuse Recycle**

Dispose of your [household hazardous waste](#) at Morris County MUA's drop off on Sept. 16. Residents only. ID required. No commercial waste. Read the rules. The last drop off date in 2023 is Oct. 21 in Pompton Plains.

- [Make an appointment to drop off HHW](#)
- [Lithium battery recycling in 7 minutes](#)
- [How to recycle plastic bags and film](#)
- [Butler town-wide yard sale, 9/9](#)
- [Florham Park town-wide yard sale, 9/9](#)

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

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

During September 2023, 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). In mid-September, the MCMUA and CET finalized their Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) to prevent food waste analysis survey in Morris County. In doing so, a sample introductory letter/email was created, which explains the survey and our partnership, goals, and questions set for interviewees. To date, CET has received interview responses from several micro haulers and composting service providers, some based within the county, others who are not but perform work within, who could provide further insights on the success of food waste composting initiatives. In addition, CET has also received input from several businesses and institutions from our MCMUA outreach efforts, which has produced some evocative results. So far, several businesses on the original list created have required further vetting to obtain the best contact and additional research performed utilizing the US EPA's Excess Food Opportunities Map to build the area's list of large organics generators. As a reminder, the goal is currently to schedule and complete the interviews by the end of October, reserving November-December for the analysis and final reporting. As a reminder, CET's goal is to schedule and complete all interviews by the end of October, reserving November and December for the analysis and final reporting by the year's end.

### Recycling Administrative and Curbside Recycling Operations Collaborations:

During August 2023, Anthony Marrone and Environmental Educator Alex McNulty completed work on our curbside calendar for 2024. Considering each of our contact collection locations, any necessary blackout dates, and any holiday makeups for our curbside contract municipalities, all individual customer accounts and the main MCMUA calendars were compiled and finalized. Following this, each customer was forwarded their necessary calendar along with a manual outlining important information for 2024 regarding our curbside recycling program and best practices for seamless collection and several recycling educational flyers for distribution with their municipal residents. Furthermore, calendars and recycling information were provided to the third-party recycling calendar company, which creates and distributes free recycling calendars to residents in several municipalities, along with the same sent to Recycle Coach to update information on behalf of our contract municipalities.

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

Throughout September, Anthony Marrone 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 various locations and work practices throughout Morris County.

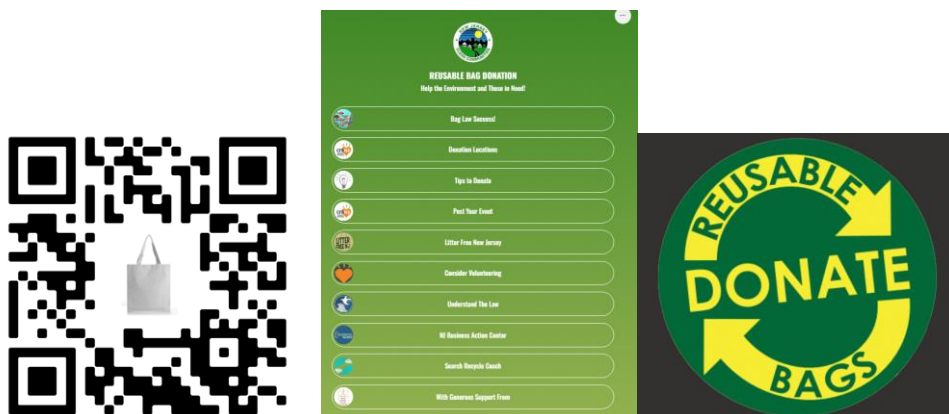
On September 20, 2023, Anthony Marrone and Solid Waste Investigator Joseph Schmidt jointly performed recycling compliance inspections in several municipalities.

On September 26, 2023, both Agencies met to discuss ways both departments could work together to improve solid waste and recycling efforts throughout Morris County. The meeting was the first of soon-to-be regularly scheduled quarterly meetings by the two agencies.

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

#### **MCMUA Administrative Support, NJ Food Council Bag Redistribution Committee:**

On September 15, 2023, Anthony Marrone attended a joint NJDEP and New Jersey Food Councils' Project Committee meeting supporting planning efforts surrounding the New Jersey Bag Ban Law. At that time, Marrone and other leaders in the public and private sectors worked towards supporting the single-use plastics law, creating innovative bag collection and redistribution solutions. At that time, the meeting discussed bagless delivery success stories for several companies and other delivery options that minimize excess bags leading to waste. In addition to these efforts and later on in the month, the NJ Food Council, in collaboration with the NJ Clean Communities Council, the MCMUA, and its fellow County solid waste agencies, announced their newly created and to-be-implemented "Blueprint for a Reusable Bag Redistribution Plan." This public awareness campaign is for shoppers to donate reusable bags that will be cleaned and redistributed to NJ food banks, pantries, and community social service programs. The information was shared with members, and asked to assist in spreading it out to our fellow recycling and clean communities' coordinators and the public. The campaign information features an informative Linktree to be initiated by either a QR Code or digital link that highlights local donation spots, allows towns to add bag collection events, explains the law, and gives tips on how to clean bags, among other useful consumer information on this issue. The digital link "button" can be used for email receipts, online sales splash pages, websites, and more. The link is <https://linktr.ee/litterfreenj>, and a QR Code can also be used on any printed materials.



*Pictured above are the QR code, Linktree page, and a decal for the campaign.*

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

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

On September 28, 2023, the District Clean Communities Coordinator Cheryl Birmingham planned for and cleaned up County Road 699, which includes lower Berkshire Valley Road (BVR) along with areas of Minisink Road. The AAH crew cleaned BVR from Evergreen Avenue to the Presbyterian Church near Route 15. A majority of the roadway was in Jefferson Township, with the rest (0.3 miles) in Roxbury Township, and the rest was. The crew also cleaned Minisink Road in Jefferson Township, which was heavily littered. Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 56
- Bags of recyclables, 40
- Total miles cleaned: 2.7 (5.4 linear miles)

Note: This was the most significant amount of litter the AAH crew has removed to date with the MCMUA. The crew director reported that passersby slowed down to thank the crew for cleaning the roadways due to the heavy litter.





*Pictured above is the litter and trash collected from the cleanup*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

**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 litigation and attorney client privilege information related to the Mine Hill water billing Complaint; property acquisition and negotiations related to the search for office space; property acquisition and negotiations related to County Open Space acquisition and potential use of MCMUA’s open space funds; and personnel matters related to an employment contract for Larry Gindoff.

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler 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

Chairwoman Kominos asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to into open session at 8:37 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:37 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Guadagno.

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

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

**Resolution No. 2023-083  
Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Letter Of Intent  
To Technology Innovation Center, LLC For The Purchase Or Lease Of  
370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the “New Jersey Local Lands and Buildings Law,” (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et al.) (the “Act”), the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “MCMUA”) desires to purchase or lease commercial property for the performance of its function to conduct public business; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA currently conducts its business operations at 214A Center Grove Road, in Randolph, NJ, via a lease agreement, which term will expire as of February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA is considering property located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, NJ, currently owned by the Technology Innovation Center (“TIC”) to relocate its office; and

**WHEREAS**, to initiate the negotiation of a Purchase Agreement or Lease Agreement, the MCMUA must submit a Letter of Intent, setting forth the basic terms of the Agreement, to TIC for consideration: and

**WHEREAS**, Century 21, Commercial Christel Realty has prepared a draft Letter of Intent, dated September 29, 2023, for the MCMUA to consider and submit to the TIC; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA has revised the draft Letter of Intent to reflect terms that are more conducive to its needs and desires to submit the revised Letter of Intent, dated October 10, 2023, to TIC for consideration.

**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 the Letter of Intent, as revised on October 10, 2023.
2. The revised and executed Letter of Intent shall be submitted to the Technology Innovation Center for consideration.
3. The Authority’s staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothea Kominos, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

**MOTION:** Mr. Dour made a Motion to Authorize The Execution Of A Letter Of Intent To Technology Innovation Center, LLC For The Purchase Or Lease Of 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

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

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Guadagno and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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