

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

JULY 11, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on July 11, 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. James Barry, Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Mr. Michael Guadagno, Ms. Laura Szwak and Dr. Dorothea Kominos.

**ABSENT:** Mr. William Hudzik and Dr. Arthur Nusbaum.

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

Present from the Public was Chris Kassman from Green Chip, Inc.

Chairwoman Kominos asked for the Board's approval of the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023 and the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Special Meeting on June 29, 2023.

**MOTION:** Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023 and Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 29, 2023 and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

**ROLL CALL:** AYES: 7      NAYES: NONE      ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Szwak (June 29<sup>th</sup>)

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

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Division for the month of June 2023. He then presented the Treasurer's Report for the Water Division for the month of June 2023. Highlights of the Solid Waste Treasurer's Report would be County Chargebacks for Fuel at County Garage, Shade Tree Deliveries for Kirk Allen Trucking and the final payment for

Nisivoccia. He then presented the Report for the Water Division for the month of June 2023.

Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both the Solid Waste and Water Divisions year to date through June 2023 and an Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of June 2023. These reports have been incorporated in these Minutes.

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

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

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

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

**BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2023-055**

**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. 2023-055 containing 7 pages for a total of **\$4,213,015.72** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

**SUMMARY**

**CHECK NUMBERS**

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	6285-6312	\$	169,110.52
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	14155-14233	\$	4,043,905.20
		\$	<b>4,213,015.72</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: July 11, 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: July 11, 2023.

DATE: July 11, 2023

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that he was in receipt of a copy of the filing of our litigation which resulted from the June 29 Special Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**WATER**

1. Letter dated June 27, 2023 to Township of Mine Hill, Attn: Mayor Same Morris from Michael McAloon, P.E., MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer, regarding Water Billings Outstanding Balance.
2. Letter dated July 5, 2023 to Morris County M.U.A., Attn: Larry Gindoff from Michael McAloon, P.E., MCMUA Water Consulting Engineer, regarding Bid Review and Recommendation of Contract No. 2023-W02 for Cleaning of Three 3MG Potable Water Storage Tanks.

**SOLID WASTE**

3. Letter dated June 19, 2023 to James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, Morris County M.U.A. from Jill Aspinwall, Section Chief, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing, NJDEP, approving administrative action for acceptance of wood at the Jefferson Recycling, LLC Class B Recycling Center.

**RECYCLING**

4. Recycling Report Supplement – June 2023.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Water sales increased during the month of June 2023 due to increase in water usage by Wharton and Mt. Arlington.; (2) Attended virtual meetings with representatives on multi-district litigation and SCE is preparing the necessary documents requested.; (3) A meeting was held with representatives from Mt. Arlington and MCMUA to discuss final recommendations regarding proposed edits to the Water Supply Agreement and further discussion regarding this matter will be held in closed session.; (4) Regarding Flanders Valley #1 and #2, the Contractor, DeMaio Electric, has completed work. They are in receipt of one of the long-lead line items to make one facility complete. They also submitted Payment Application reflective of work complete.; (5) Opened bids for Water Tank Cleaning Bid and Brave Industrial Paint LLC was the low bidder.

Ms. Szwak mentioned that the low bidder is half of what you estimated it to be and asked if they have a history of a lot of change orders? Mr. McAloon replied that he spoke with the owner and made sure she was good with the price. She was looking to get a project with the MUA. She bid on the Mt. Arlington Tank last year and she was not the low bidder. She wants to demonstrate a good working relationship with the MUA. Ms. Szwak asked if there was an area in the bid that you could tell it was personnel or equipment that brought them lower. Mr. McAloon replied there is two bid items: the exterior tank cleaning and the interior washout. He mentioned that the cleaning of the outside of the tanks will take 3-5 days and cleaning of the inside of the tank will take two to three weeks.

Mr. Druetzler asked if this will cause a problem with supplying water and Mr. McAloon replied that we are doing the two Markewicz tanks and they are fully redundant, so we will be able to take one out of service, do our inspection and we will ride off the other tank. Once everything looks good, we will bolt it back together, disinfect it, put it in service and then only when it is fully operational, then we will dewater the other tank.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-056**  
**Resolution Awarding Contract No. 2023-W01 To**  
**Brave Industrial Paint, LLC, For**  
**“Cleaning Of Three (3) MG Potable Water Storage Tanks”**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) advertised for the receipt of public bids for Contract No. 2023-W01 “Cleaning of Three 3MG Potable Water Storage Tanks” and received seven (7) responses to the bid solicitation on June 29, 2023 from the bidders listed below at the total base and supplemental bid price shown:

Brave Industrial Paint, LLC. Long Branch, New Jersey	\$49,000.00
Scaturro Brothers, Inc. T/A Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors Paterson, New Jersey	\$94,000.00
Bridgeway Associates Corp. Hillside, New Jersey	\$108,800.00
Allied Painting, Inc. Cherry Hill, New Jersey	\$146,000.00
Manda Corporation Rahway, New Jersey	\$156,000.00
Guimar General Contractor, LLC. Freehold, New Jersey	\$199,000.00
Dynamic Sandblasting & Painting LLC. Eatontown, New Jersey	\$219,000.00

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

1. The Authority waives all immaterial defects in the bid submitted by Brave Industrial Paint, LLC., if any, and awards Contract No. 2023-W01 “Cleaning of Three 3MG Potable Water Storage Tanks” to Brave Industrial Paint, LLC., having a business addresses of 177 Elmwood Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740, as the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount not to exceed the base bid price of \$49,000.00.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract No. 2023-W01 “Cleaning of Three 3MG Potable Water Storage Tanks” to Brave Industrial Paint, LLC., having a business addresses of 177 Elmwood Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740, in the amount not to exceed the bid price of \$49,000.00.

3. The Contract awarded herein to Brave Industrial Paint, LLC., shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required documents, including but not limited to the submission and approval of the contractor's performance bond, insurance certificates required by the Contract, said insurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County.
4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
5. All bid security, except the security of the three apparent lowest responsible bidders shall be returned within 10 days after the opening of the bids, Sundays and Holidays excepted, and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn. After the award and full execution of the contract and approval of the contractor's performance bond, the bid security of the remaining unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to them within three days thereafter, Sundays and holidays excepted.
6. Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 02-6-300-800-015 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority's Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.
7. 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 July 11, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary of the Authority

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to award Contract No. 2023-W01 to Brave Industrial Paint, LLC For "Cleaning Of The Three (3) MG Potable Water Storage Tanks and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the following Resolution is for the sale of the Mendham Pipeline. Mr. Carney mentioned that this Resolution authorizes the Executive Director to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Assignment of Easement and the Bill of Sale to formalize the sale of the Capital Improvement and Easement Assignment.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-057**

**Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Contract With New Jersey American Water For The Sale Of Capital Improvements And Easement No Longer Needed For Public Use**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2022, New Jersey American Water ("NJAW") submitted a bid for the purchase of said Capital Improvements and Easement, for \$1.2 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has accepted the NJAW and has determined to enter into the Purchase and Sale Contract and execute the Easement Assignment and Bill of Sale, along with related documents to effectuate the sale.

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

1. The Bid submitted by NJAW on December 2, 2022 for the purchase of Capital Improvements and Easement for \$1.2 million shall be accepted.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the Purchase and Sale Contract for the Capital Improvement and Easement in substantially the form proposed by the Authority. The Executive Director is further authorized to execute the Assignment of the Easement to NJAW and the Bill of Sale and other necessary documents to formalize the sale of Capital Improvement and Easement Assignment, upon the receipt of funds from NJAW.
3. The Executive Director and the Authority's staff and consultants are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary and desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary of the Authority

**MOTION:** Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to Authorize the Execution Of A Contract With New Jersey American Water For The Sale Of Capital Improvements And Easement No Longer Needed For Public Use and Mr. Guadagno seconded the Motion.

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

**PROJECT STATUS**

1. General System:

- A. Through the month of June 2023, MCMUA sold approximately 753.151 MG. This amount is approximately 9.244 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2022. It should be noted that the total amount sold during the month of June to Wharton has increased nearly 23% in comparison to the previous month, from around 11.328 MG to 14.726 MG. The total amount sold during the month of June to Mt. Arlington has increased nearly 17% in comparison to the previous month, from around 9.398 MG to 11.333 MG.
- B. SCE has prepared and distributed formal correspondence to Mine Hill regarding the outstanding Water Balance.
- C. SCE has attended virtual meetings with representatives and attended the MCMUA special meeting regarding PFOA, PFOS and PFNA (fluorinated organic chemicals) and the multidistrict litigation (MDL). SCE is preparing the necessary documents and will distribute to the MDL team.

2. Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement

A meeting was held between representatives from Mt. Arlington and MCMUA to discuss the final recommendations regarding proposed edits to the Water Supply Agreement. Further discussions regarding this will be conducted with the Board during closed session. A follow-up meeting with Mt. Arlington has been scheduled for July 13, 2023.

3. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Electrical Upgrades

The Contractor has completed the demolition, removal and reinstallation of the pump control valves at both FV #1 and FV #2, as well as the installation of unit heaters and louvers.

The contractor has submitted for consideration Payment Application #4, in the amount of **\$74,944.52** which corresponds to the purchase of materials for the project. SCE has reviewed this payment application and finds this is reflective of the work complete and recommends payment.

**Project Completion Summary Through July 11, 2023**

Contract Start Date	February 13, 2023
Original Contract Completion Time	365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	154          42%
Days Remaining:	211          58%
Original Contract Completion Date	February 13, 2024

**Project Financial Summary Through July 11, 2023**

Original Contract Amount	\$413,452.00
Current Contract Amount	\$413,452.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$192,216.00
Payment Application #1	\$81,643.80
Payment Application #2	\$12,218.15
Payment Application #3	\$23,485.21
Payment Application #4	\$74,944.52
Percent of Work Complete	46.5%
Total Retainage to Date	\$3,924.32

4. Tank Cleaning Bid

On Thursday June 29, at 11:30am, the bids were received for the above referenced project and were opened. Seven (7) bids were submitted with the total amounts from each bidder range from \$49,000.00 to \$219,000.00 as shown on the summary below. The Engineers Cost Estimate for the entire project is \$85,006.00. Our review of the seven (7) bids indicated that ***Brave Industrial Paint LLC***, whose offices are located in Long Branch, NJ is the apparent low responsive bidder. The Contractor provided necessary qualifications and previous work experiences, and SCE performed a review of provided references. Therefore, it is recommended award to the project is made to ***Brave Industrial Paint LLC***, SCE is prepared to present to the Board for its consideration a resolution authorizing the execution of this contract.

BIDDER	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Brave Industrial Paint LLC.	\$49,000.00
Scaturro Brothers Inc. t/a Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractors	\$94,000.00
Bridgeway Associates Corp.	\$108,800.00
Allied Painting	\$146,000.00
Manda Corporation	\$156,000.00
Guimar General Contractor, LLC	\$199,000.00
Dynamic Sandblasting & Painting LLC	\$219,000.00

5. Parsippany Motor Control Center Improvements

SCE has prepared and circulated the Contracts to Astro Electrical for their signature and return. Once the Contracts are executed by the Contractor, MCMUA will sign and the pre-construction meeting will be set up and the construction schedule will be developed. This project does include some long lead time items and we are hopeful to review submittals quickly so these materials can be released.

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

Mr. Lemanowicz gave the following updates: (1) Regarding the Par-Troy trench repair, this was an issue where there was damage to the trench drains at the Parsippany Transfer Station. We are working with the Contractor to develop a repair plan with some alternatives. The proposals with

the alternatives have been supplied to Larry Gindoff and there will discussion following up on that.; (2) The Mt. Olive Tipping Floor Restoration Project is complete and recommending final payment.; (3) The Par-Troy Permit Renewal has been discussed with the Environmental Group; still addressing increased traffic.; (4) Parsippany Transfer Station Wall has been put on hold.; and (5) Residential Drop-off Project is still waiting for water and sewer at Mt. Olive. Working with Highlands and NJDEP.

Mr. Deacon gave the following highlights: (1) Cleaned up DSN #1 stormwater sampling area at the Parsippany Transfer Station; (2) Planning to conduct Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan training and inspection at both transfer stations; (3) Staff will be meeting with SCE at Vegetative Waste Facilities to start process of generating Emergency Action Plans; (4) Staff worked with Tom Lemanowicz on formal Emergency Evacuation Plan for MCMUA Curbside Division office and garage.

Ms. Szwak asked about the first quarterly community lead testing event. Mr. Deacon replied that we had residents come with following items: spices, toys and kitchenware that had lead content.

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

**Resolution No. 2023-058**

**Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Marketing Of Recyclable Materials Contract For Consumer Electronics Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And Green Chip, Inc.**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") manages the collection of Consumer Electronics for the Morris County Household Hazardous Waste Facility and multiple municipalities within Morris County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(s), the marketing of recyclable materials recovered through a recycling program, may be negotiated and awarded by the Authority without public advertising for bids, and the Authority is authorized to instead procure a Marketing of Recycling of Consumer Electronics Contract pursuant to a Request for Proposals (RFP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority issued a RFP for the Marketing of Recycling of Consumer Electronics Contract on June 13, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority received Proposals from five proposers on the June 27, 2023 deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the RFP, Dynamic Life Innovations, Inc. having a business address of N5549 County Road Z, Onalaska, WI 54650 submitted a proposal for the work to be performed; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the RFP, Erevival LLC having a business address of 33A Branch St. Paterson, NJ 07524 submitted a proposal for the work to be performed; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the RFP, Green Chip Inc.. having a business address of 540 Kingsland Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11222 submitted a proposal for the work to be performed; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the RFP, Green Wave Electronics. having a business address of 5149 Southridge Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30349 submitted a proposal for the work to be performed; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the RFP, Electronic Manufacturers Recycling Management Company, L.L.C., having a business address of 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN ("MRM") submitted a proposal for the work to be performed; and

**WHEREAS**, such Proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the Staff and Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, following the evaluation in accordance with the RFP, the Staff and Counsel recommended the designation of Green Chip, Inc., having a business address of 540 Kingsland Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11222 as the Most Advantageous Proposer and entered into formal negotiations with Green Chip, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority and Green Chip, Inc. have successfully negotiated final terms and conditions of the Marketing of Recycling of Consumer Electronics Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in the following line item – Household Hazardous Waste 01-1-600-800-726 to pay the entire contract amount.

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

1. Green Chip, Inc. having a business address of 540 Kingsland Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11222 is designated as the Most Advantageous Proposer and the Authority’s Acting Executive Director, Larry Gindoff, is hereby authorized to execute the Marketing of Recycling of Consumer Electronics Contract by and between the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and Green Chip, Inc. in substantially the form on file at the offices of the Authority, together with any other documents necessary to effectuate this Marketing of Recycling of Consumer Electronics Contract on behalf of the Authority, which shall have a term of three (3) years and may be extended, at the sole discretion of the MCMUA, not to exceed two (2) one-year extensions.
2. The Contract awarded herein to Green Chip, Inc. shall commence after the execution of the Contract, the submission of all required insurance certificates required by the Contract, in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County, and all other documentation required by the Contract.
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. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the MCMUA Treasurer.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary of the Authority

**MOTION:** Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize the Execution Of A Marketing Recyclable Materials Contract For Consumer Electronics Between The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And Green Chip, Inc. and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that Chris Kassman, who works for Green Chip, is on the call and he congratulated him on the award and looks forward to working with you.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the following Resolution is for the First One Year Extension of the Contract with Naturcycle. This is a marketing partnership with Naturcycle and profits are 50/50 split with the MUA. Mr. Deacon asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2023-059**  
**Resolution Authorizing The First One Year Extension Of Contract**  
**For The Marketing Of Recyclable Materials (Vegetative Materials)**  
**NATURCYCLE**

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (“MCMUA”) awarded a Contract for the Marketing of Recyclable Materials (Vegetative Waste) to Naturcycle, LLC P.O. Box 97, Plainville, NY 13137 (“CONTRACTOR”), for a term of one (1) year, with an option to extend the term of the contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for two (2) additional one (1) year periods in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA desires to: (1) extend the term of the Contract for the first one (1) year extension; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCMUA Treasurer has certified that funds are available in line item 01-4-600-623-625 to pay the entire contract amount for the first one (1) year extension.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The MCMUA finds that the services of Naturcycle, LLC are being performed in an effective and efficient manner.
2. The MCMUA authorizes the first one (1) year extension of the existing contract with Naturcycle, LLC, for the Marketing of Recyclable Materials (Vegetative Materials).
3. A copy of this Resolution and applicable contract shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, 214A Center Grove Rd. Randolph, NJ 07869.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the MCMUA Treasurer and Naturcycle, LLC, P.O. Box 97, Plainville, NY 13137.
5. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
6. 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 July 11, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary of the Authority

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to Authorize the First One Year Extension Of Contract For The Marketing Of Recyclable Materials (Vegetative Materials) – Naturcycle and Mr. Dour seconded the Motion.

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

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

**Resolution No. 2023-060**  
**Resolution Accepting The Work For The MCMUA Mount Olive Transfer Station Tipping Floor Restoration Project And Authorizing Final Payment And Release Of Retainage To Persistent Construction Incorporated**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 22-45. the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter the “Authority”) authorized the award of the Authority’s “Mount Olive Transfer Station Tipping Floor Restoration Project – Contract 2021-1” (the “Contract”) to Persistent Construction, Inc., having a business address of 58 Industrial Avenue, Fairview, NJ 07022 (hereinafter “Persistent Construction”) in the bid amount of \$1,961,485.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Persistent Construction successfully achieved substantial completion and final completion of the work on April 22, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The Authority’s consulting engineer, the Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers (Alaimo) evaluated the work performed and determined the work, and any punch list items were satisfactorily completed; and

**WHEREAS**, Persistent Construction successfully completed the work to the satisfaction of the Owner and Engineer, and Alaimo is satisfied that Persistent Construction furnished the necessary project closeout documents including certified payroll reports, maintenance bond, warranties and release of all liens; and

**WHEREAS**, no further reconciliation of un-used quantities is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaimo recommends accepting the work and processing the final payment to Persistent Construction in the amount of \$53,380.20, which includes the release of retainage; and

**WHEREAS**, The Authority’s Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the Capital Improvement Fund, account number 01-1-900-000-128 for the release of the aforementioned final payment to Persistent Construction.

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

1. The MCMUA determines that the work performed by Persistent Construction pursuant to Mount Olive Transfer Station Tipping Floor Restoration Project – Contract 2021-1 has reached final completion and the completed work is accepted.
2. Upon receipt of the Contractor’s Affidavit and Final Release of Liens executed by Persistent Construction, the Executive Director is authorized and directed to process the final payment to Persistent Construction in the amount of \$53,380.20, which includes the release of retainage.
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 the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2023.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Regner, Secretary of the Authority

**MOTION:** Mr. Guadagno made a Motion to Accept The Work For The MCMUA Mount Olive Transfer Station Tipping Floor Restoration Project And Authorizing Final Payment And Release Of Retainage To Persistent Construction Incorporated and Mr. Barry seconded the Motion.

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

**SOLID HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:**

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Jefferson Recycling, LLC- Potential Plan Modification-** Mr. George D. Cascino, P.E., P.P. of Cascino Engineer, representing Jefferson Recycling, LLC. located at 710 Route 15 North in Jefferson requesting a Plan modification through Administrative Action (AA) to process/shred both the tires and tree parts they currently receive and to include untreated lumber their permitted capacity of 700 TPD (tons per day). MCMUA staff received AA approval from the NJDEP on Jefferson Recycling’s request to add the new class B material to their incoming flow. The untreated dimensional lumber” will be limited to “*Unfinished lumber from new construction projects including pallets. Unfinished shall mean non-chemically treated (not pressure treated, impregnated with preservatives, insecticides, fungicides, creosote, or other chemicals, and not painted, resin-coated or otherwise surface treated, and not laminated or bonded; and not similarly altered from its natural condition.*” The request for the onsite processing of the wood materials and tires is now being addressed directly by Mr. Cascino and the NJDEP Bureau of

Recycling and Hazardous Waste Management. A copy of the NJDEP AA approval letter dated June 19, 2023, has been included as correspondence for the Board at the July 11 meeting.

## **TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Tonnage-** The 42,907 tons accepted at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations in June 2023 was 2.30% less than the 43,916 tons accepted a year ago in June 2022. The second quarter of 2023 experienced a decrease in the quantity of waste accepted by 4.36 % compared to the second quarter of 2022. After the first six (6) months of actual data records, for 2023 it is being projected that 474,255 will be accepted for the entire year. This would represent a 0.55 % increase over the 471,643 tons accepted for all of 2022. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics below for additional information.

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

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

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 16,268- 123 less than 2022

Total Customers- 4,215- 53 more than 2022

Self-Generated/Residential Customers- 966- 68 more than 2022

After six (6) full months, 85,038 Tons, 1,330 Tons more than last year.

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

Inbound Tonnage- *About* 26,643- 881 less than 2022

Total Customers- 6,113- 37 less than 2022

Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 494- 54 more than 2022

After six (6) full months, 142,847 Tons, 4,690 Tons less than last year.

**Transfer Station Site Improvements-** J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) had a new Station Manager, Mr. Christopher Burns, start on Wednesday, June 14 at our Mount Olive facility. JPM completed the installation of the two (2) new 5HP (horsepower) Liberty LGV05-Series High-Volume grinder pumps for under the pit scales in Mount Olive on June 16 and 17. JPM is now troubleshooting some issues with their installation contractor directly. Durable Door made necessary repairs to Door #4 and the tunnel doors at Mount Olive. All overhead doors are now functioning. Atlantic Scale completed the required quarterly calibration of the truck scales at both facilities the week of June 19. JPM subcontracted Delaware Valley Paving to mill, pave, line strip, and repair potholes at both transfer stations. Paving started in Mount Olive on June 19, with Parsippany following on June 20. The line striping was completed on June 29. The company hired has been asked to come back out and fix the striping errors in Mount Olive, the curb repairs at both stations are still pending.

In-house improvements also continue will the help from Morris County IT. The Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station will soon have the County network and County phones both in the main transfer building and throughout the scale house. Staff installed two (2) new vinyl sliding customer access windows at our Parsippany scale house. MCMUA staff continued landscaping improvements in Mount Olive near the diesel fuel tank outside the HHW facility fence as well as alongside the station's inbound gate on Gold Mine Road. On Wednesday, June 21, MCMUA staff spent the entire day cleaning up, cutting back, installing drainage pipe and stone, all along our "DSN #1" stormwater sampling area near the tarp rack. Once all the heavy vegetation was removed, MCMUA staff dressed the entire area up with fresh wood chips from our Mount Olive Compost facility. MCMUA staff are planning to conduct the annual joint MCMUA/J.P. Mascaro and Sons (JPM) SPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan) training and inspection at both transfer stations early morning on July 13 and July 20. During this training, the best management practices (BMP's) pertaining to the importance of proper upkeep of these sampling locations, along with spill response and controlling leachate will be discussed.

**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 Coordination and oversight from Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. (SCE), Mr. Michael McAloon, P.E. The MCC project was awarded to Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC., Linden, New Jersey, at the June 13 Board meeting. The MCMUA and SCE will now be working with Astro on a timeline to start in Parsippany.

The MCMUA Operations staff will be meeting with SCE on Wednesday, July 12, to start the process of generating Emergency Action Plans (EAP's) for the MCMUA Parsippany and Mount Olive Vegetative Waste facilities. The MCMUA is looking for one (1) large site plan per location to be depicted as a "Life Safety and Egress Map". These EAP's, to be posted in the office trailers, will show all the emergency equipment onsite (i.e., first aid kits, fire extinguishers, fire hydrants, the AED, spill kits, emergency exit lighting, etc.), including what is staged inside the heavy equipment.

Throughout the month of June, MCMUA staff worked with Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz on a formal Emergency Evacuation Plan (map) for our MCMUA Curbside Division- office, maintenance garage, and vehicle/equipment storage. Similar to above, and what was completed at our transfer stations, when finalized our Curbside Division will have professional maps posted for employee safety and providing proper emergency egress.

Additional updates and current project status on the following will be provided to the MCMUA Board at the July 11 meeting by Alaimo Project Manager/Solid Waste Engineer, Mr. Thomas Lemanowicz:

- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal- Alaimo Environmental Planner, Mr. Thomas Cappetti, Jr. continues his work on the NJDEP Bureau of Solid Waste Permitting's Technical Notice of Deficiency (NOD).
- Mount Olive Transfer Station- Tipping Floor and Trench Drain Improvement Project- Alaimo Engineering has worked with Persistent Construction, Inc. on the final paperwork, including maintenance bonds, and the final payment for this improvement project. A Resolution will be presented for the Board's consideration at the July 11 meeting that closes out this project.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station- Water Connection Assessment Project- Alaimo in current communications with both the NJDEP and the Highlands Council.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station- Damaged Trench Drain Repairs/Replacement- Alaimo received Persistent Construction's itemized repair costs for the MCMUA and J.P. Mascaro and Sons, providing three (3) different options. Alaimo generated a memo dated July 3 to the MCMUA staff for their review.

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

MCMUA HHW staff Stephen Adams and James E. Deacon assisted in the first quarterly community lead testing on consumer items at our permanent facility in Mount Olive on Saturday, June 24. This testing was performed by the Morris County Division of Public Health (MCDPH) using their special XRF Lead Detector. The program gives Morris County residents the opportunity to have questionable items in their homes scanned for potential lead content. The program saw only three (3) homeowners who were all provided educational flyers on lead with the option to discard their items. The next quarterly lead event will be hosted sometime in September.

Request for Proposals (RFP #2023-E01) for the marketing of recyclable materials- Used Consumer Electronics (UCE) or E-Waste were opened by the MCMUA staff on Tuesday, June 27. The MCMUA received five (5) proposals that were all reviewed for technical, management, and cost criteria. The RFP is requesting a three (3) year contact with a vendor, including an option for two (2) one-year extensions. A Resolution will be presented to the MCMUA Board for consideration awarding this contract to Green Chip E-Waste and ITAD Solutions at the July 11 meeting. This E-Waste recycling work had been performed satisfactorily by Electronic Manufacturers Recycling Management CO., LLC. (MRM) for many years, but staff review of all five (5) proposals placed the Green Chip proposal ahead of all others as being the best for the MCMUA based on the established review criteria. It should be noted that Green Chip has served as a contractor collecting E-Waste for other Counties in New Jersey which were listed as references in their proposal. MCMUA staff have reached out to these Counties and are comfortable with Green Chip and its abilities to handle the program.

**Program Participation-** The first MCMUA 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event occurred on Saturday, May 20 at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy (MCPSTA) and processed 657 vehicles. The second 2023 event occurring on Saturday, June 17,

again held at the MCPSTA, processed 427 vehicles. These totals are comparable to the MCMUA's first two (2) 2022 events both held at the Academy on May 21 and June 11, 2022, having similar totals of 663 and 385 vehicles respectively. (2023- 1,084 to 2022- 1,048) The remaining 2023 fall events are as follows (9:00AM to 2:00PM, rain or shine):

- Saturday, September 16, 2023- MCPSTA;
- Saturday, October 21, 2023- Pequannock Valley Park, Marvin Road, Pompton Plains section of Pequannock Township, New Jersey 07444.

In June of 2023, the permanent HHWF had a total of 260 serviced appointments, which included 232 Morris County residents, 6 VSQG/small businesses, and 22 out-of-County residents. MCMUA's 2023 totals now equal 1,294 serviced appointments, 1,182 of those appointments being Morris County residents, 26 VSQG's, and 86 non-Morris County residents.

**HHWF June Comparison Statistics (2022 to 2023)-** In June of 2022, the permanent HHWF had a total of 214 serviced appointments, which included 192 Morris County residents, 22 out-of-County residents, and no VSQG/small businesses. MCMUA's total serviced appointments at the end of June last year was 1,136. 2023 now exceeds 2022 totals by 158 serviced appointments, with the HHW permanent facility remaining consistently busy.

## **VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams and Assistant Operations Manager Mike Nunn started to work with Mr. Joe Barton of Mobilease Modular Space, Inc. on the replacement project of both office trailers at our vegetative waste facilities, approved by Resolution #2023-047 at the June 13 Board meeting. Mobilease is anticipating that it will take a month to a month and a half to get the necessary permitting together. The subcontractor, Magic

Touch, is available in September to begin working on the footings, trenches, utility hookups, and all other preparatory work that is required before the new trailers can be brought in.

**Outbound Vegetative Materials Marketing-** The MCMUA has prepared a Resolution for consideration at the July 11 Board meeting for the first one-year extension of the contract with Naturcycle, LLC. The MCMUA is satisfied with its current partnership with Naturcycle and appreciates all the hard work they do on bulk commercial sales, along with our STA and OMRI certifications for our compost facilities. Naturcycle recently assisted the MCMUA in finding a new NJDEP certified laboratory that can perform our annual compost sampling.

Some upcoming MCMUA/Naturcycle joint projects include:

- Gansevoort Peninsula, Manhattan, New York City- Steven Dubner Landscaping using screened compost from our Parsippany facility. Calls for approximately 500 CY (Cubic Yards) total, with the project wrapping up this summer. This project in New York will trigger the 1% revenue share for MCMUA on engineered soil revenue.
- Erosion control project in East Rutherford, New Jersey- Potentially involves 3,000 CY (cubic yards) of compost/mulch blend from our Mount Olive facility.
- The Spiral NYC, Manhattan, New York City- JCC Construction used screened compost from our Parsippany facility. Pick-ups began in April of 2022, approximately 100 CY total. This project is now complete.
- Some other recent sales include RKB Materials opening a garden supply center and has been stocking compost from our Parsippany location. Tri State Bulk, Kirk Allen Trucking, and Bill Jackman have all removed additional screened compost from Camp Pulaski.

MCMUA Stephen Adams attended a conference call with Naturcycle on Friday, June 30, to discuss the annual sampling program, the renewal of the STA certification for Parsippany that is set to expire on July 1, and to discuss options for the annual compost screening project at both vegetative waste sites. Mount Olive compost is currently ready to screen. Some unscreened compost from Parsippany was sent to a lab for analysis, which is now awaiting results.

Naturcycle had initiated conversation with Commonwealth Equipment for screener rental which is being proposed for end of July 2023 at Mount Olive and the beginning of August at Parsippany. Mount Olive has received around 90 CY of lake weed from the Lake Hopatcong

State Park in the month of June, while residential deliveries of both mulch and compost have slowed substantially. Additional vegetative waste flow information can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report, which will be provided to the MCMUA Board for the July 11 meeting.

### **RECYCLING REPORT:**

Mr. Marrone asked if the Board had any questions on his recycling report. Ms. Szwak asked if we are receiving any complaints on the Tag-It and Leave-It Program. Mr. Marrone replied that we do receive complaints, but we are able to answer their questions. He also mentioned Tag-It and Leave-It inspections and public outreach that we were asked to participate in at a condominium complex in the Borough of Wharton where the MUA provided education in recycling.

Mr. Marrone reported the following:

The finalized rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services for the month of June 2023 was calculated at a (Negative) -\$78.45/ton on 1,321.70 tons delivered. This is a decrease of \$5.36 per ton from the May rate.

- June brought bad news for recycled content values, with PET and HDPE prices crashing this month, dropping by double-digit percentages. The steep decline can be attributed to a supply and demand issue, with India now taking in the bulk of our Market Regions' materials and shutting off inbound materials with an oversupply in late May through June.
- Luckily, everything else in the curbside mix is still holding steady, with post-consumer cardboard continuing to slowly rise in price as of today, providing stability for commodity revenue streams.

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

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

- In June, Brianna Cumberton, the Recycling Outreach Coordinator, and I completed our joint work on writing and submitting a grant under the USDAs Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Grant Program.
- The grant, if awarded, will total \$164,944 utilized over two years to allow a third-party contractor to work with the MCMUA to develop an outreach strategy to recruit businesses to apply for a series of Food Waste Business Challenges throughout the County.
- Through this grant, a dedicated contractor will work alongside the MCMUA to provide support and technical assistance to participating businesses to engage in actions that reduce food waste.
- Participating businesses throughout the County will be publicized through social media, targeted advertisements, and promotions to underscore success stories to gain momentum and boost participation, further reduce food waste, and bring awareness to the issue.
- The USDA will release its award winners starting in Fall 2023.

#### ***Borough of Wharton, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections and Public Outreach:***

- In June, the MCMUA was invited to participate in and provide education on recycling at the Overlook Village Condominium block party event in Wharton.
- With the MCMUA providing curbside collection service for the complex, we decided to take this a step further and not only attend and present at the event but would also conduct a recycling inspection of everyone's curbside setouts in the complex the week before the event.

- This way, individuals would be prompted to ask questions and engage with the MCMUA at the event following their inspection.

On June 2, 2023, 120 properties in the complex were inspected, resulting in:

- 41 recycling setouts tagged and left curbside for non-collection.
- 15 recycling corrections performed curbside with a resident following education.
- 13 homes were assessed for minor recycling errors. They were provided a good practices door hanger with education. However, their materials were still picked up curbside, with unacceptable materials placed at their doorstep.
- On June 10, 2023, we set up an educational outreach table and presented at the Block Party. The event was well attended, and since it followed closely after the MCMUA's recycling inspection, many residents came with questions regarding proper recycling and improving their waste collection practices, carrying on lengthy, in-depth, thoughtful conversations in an informal setting. Overall, this approach to education provided a significant educational impression on the complex's residents.

***Recycling Administrative and Curbside Recycling Operations Collaborations:***

- Throughout June, Environmental Educator Alex McNulty and I collaborated with our Curbside Recycling Supervisors on several occasions to discuss operations regarding curbside collection within our partner municipalities, the improvement of recycling collection services, the quality of materials collected, and support in the inspection process of unacceptable recyclables with the curbside crews.
- Following these collaborations, a meeting outline was discussed, educational information was created, and a meeting was set to speak with the curbside crews to implement their inspection practices on the front line of collection.
- On June 14, 2023, McNulty and I spoke at the Curbside Department's morning meeting, educating them on the recycling process, reviewing the guidelines for using our created "No Plastic Bag" stickers showing example photos of their use, and answering any questions about the process.
  - Following our meeting, those in attendance were eager to get out and start inspecting and taking the entire supply of tags we provided for inspection that day.
- To support these efforts, educational information and Public Service Announcements were created and distributed to our towns to further activities before the event, with their recycling coordinators posting write-ups on social media, their websites, and recycle coach to get the work out to residents on the efforts.
- To date, our curbside crews have tagged hundreds of households in all our partner municipalities at least twice, improving their collection process and directly impacting the condition of the recyclables they collected.
- The inspection process has opened an additional line of communication for contacting the Administrative Staff regarding issues out in the field they encounter to follow up on their behalf to further their collection efforts.

***Township of Long Hill, Hudson Way School, and St. Vincent de Paul RC Church, Education:***

- In early June, we received a non-recycling complaint filed with the NJDEP for a property in Long Hill.
- After contacting the complainant, it was discovered that a dispute exists between a school in a church on who will be paying for recycling. The church only pays for trash collection, and the school wants their students to recycle but was told they must pay for this service separately.
  - During the conversation, education was provided on source separation at the point of generation, those items mandated for recycling in Morris County, and the law requiring generators to recycle, and that the matter would be investigated.

- Following the call, the Township Municipal Recycling Coordinator was informed of the complaint and a date and time to visit the location and perform an inspection.
- On June 20, 2023, Chris Vidal, myself, and representatives from the Township met with several representatives from the Church who were informed of the complaint and educated on recycling at that time.
- It was discovered that neither the school nor the church was recycling, and both parties were given 30 days to set up a recycling program with the Township, with the NJDEP being advised of our findings and determination.
- At the end of June, the MCMUA received a call from the church asking for a price quote for recycling service for both parties, informing us that he called his hauler, who stated: “he can mix trash and recycling together in the same container and they will sort it out when its dumped.”
- Remembering our conversation on source separation, he contacted the MCMUA instead for a quote for trash and recycling, knowing the answer from his current hauler was incorrect, and he wanted to comply with the law.
- A price for the collection of both services is pending consideration by the school.
- Regardless of the outcome, the MCMUA will return to the school after recycling is in place at the start of the new school year and provide the students with a recycling presentation and support their efforts.

### **Recycling Tonnage and Value**

#### **June Recycling Update:**

The initial June 2023 rate for single-stream recycling was calculated at a negative -\$78.79 per ton, showing a decline of \$5.70 per ton from the previous month.

June brought bad news for recycled content values, with prices for curbside plastics and metals tanking this month. The only real bright spot is the slow but continuing climb in cardboard pricing, which climbed by \$5/ton this month to \$52.50/ton.

A looming concern for plastic producers is the increase of scientific studies concluding that recycled and reused food-contact plastics could accumulate and release chemicals of concern. The apprehension is that chemical contaminants can migrate into the food or beverages contained in the packaging. As a result, producers are looking toward safer alternatives and additives for the continued use of plastics.

### **Shared Service Agreements**

#### **Township of Roxbury Board of Education:**

On June 13, 2023, The MCMUA was advised by the Business Administrator that the Board of Education (BOE) for Roxbury accepted the MCMUA shared service agreement for five years. The original signed agreement was returned to the BOE and executed on July 1, 2023.

#### **Morris County Park Commission:**

In June, the shared services agreement for roll-off service at Hedden Park was provided to the Deputy Executive Director for signature. This agreement will be for five years, from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2028.

### **Service Agreement Solicitation**

#### **Special Optics, Inc.:**

On June 9, 2023, Chris Vidal, the Assistant District Recycling Coordinator, provided a proposal

for recycling collection to the commercial business Special Optics Inc., located in Denville. The small manufacturing company contacted the MCMUA to request a quote for recycling collection every other week. A proposal was provided promptly, and the MCMUA is awaiting a response to begin services at this location.

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

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

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

- Township of Long Hill, Hudson Way School, and St. Vincent de Paul RC Church, Education.
- MCMUA and Morris County Division of Public Health Collaborations.
- Township of East Hanover, New Jersey Department of Transportation Route 280 Roadway Project.
- Township of Hanover, Recycling Inspections and Education.
- Township of Mendham Recycling Inspections and Follow-up Education and Enforcement.
- Mendham Borough Board of Education Recycling Education and Curbside Assistance.
- Township of Mount Olive, Fratelli Beretta USA, Inc. Onsite Education.
- Township of Mendham, Recycling Inspections and Education.
- Township of Washington, Electronic Waste Event.
- MCMUA and Union County Solid Waste Planning Department Collaborations.
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts.

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

#### **2022 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Deliverables:**

During June, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone completed work on the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority's 2022 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Grant Application. The application was submitted on June 29, 2023, and spending for this grant is allowable during the specified work period of 18 months. The grant application, a total of 116 pages and a detailed online submittal, was the most comprehensive submittal to date to adhere to new requirements. The MCMUA is expected to receive a total of \$348,300.00 in the 2022 REA Grant entitlement, with Solid Waste Activities (Task 1) totaling an amount of \$290,133.90 and Public Information & Education (Task 2) totaling \$58,166.10.

Spending for Task 1 includes reimbursement for costs paid out for household hazardous waste disposal at the Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Mount Olive and at the (4) Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events through our contractual/consultant Maumee Express (dba MXI).

Spending for Task 2 includes personnel costs (part-time salary for Brianna Cumberton MCMUA Recycling Outreach Coordinator), Contractual/Consultant costs for the first phase of food waste consultation work (Center of EcoTechnology phase I services), and finally, Consumable Supplies, which involves recycling training, education, and equipment expenses following the approval of the MCMUA's application.

In June 2023, Brianna Cumberton, the Recycling Outreach Coordinator, and Alexandra McNulty, the Environmental Educator, completed the MCMUAs 2022 REA Tax Fund Grant recycling information requirements mandating all counties review and provide accurate recycling information on their municipality's websites. The MCMUA made an effort to take this requirement further and find out the municipal recycling facility (MRF) each municipality takes their recycling collected curbside and from the depot, which entity transports the collected recycling, the method of collection utilized, and reach out to each MRF and get in writing what exactly they accept at their facility. All 39 municipalities required changes, and over three-

quarters of the municipalities successfully reviewed and made all recommended changes by the deadline imposed by the NJDEP.

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

During June 2023, Anthony Marrone, the District Recycling Coordinator, and Brianna Cumberton, the Recycling Outreach Coordinator, worked on developing strategies to promote food waste reduction, recovery, and recycling in the County of Morris. They focused on creating public outreach educational materials for public distribution and completed their work on writing and submitting a lengthy and detailed grant application for total funding under the USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Grant Program totaling \$164,944 utilized over the course of two years. The grant will allow a third-party contractor to work with the MCMUA to develop an outreach strategy to recruit Morris County businesses to apply for a Food Waste Business Challenge. The USDA will release its award winners starting in the Fall of 2023.

### **MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:**

During June 2023, District Recycling Coordinator, Anthony Marrone, worked to maintain and grow the boat shrink wrap recycling program in Morris County and the surrounding areas. On June 12, 2023, the last container of boat shrink wrap left the Mount Arlington recycling depot bringing the total waste diverted and recycled with the program to approximately 8 tons of material throughout the program's run. That same day Marrone received a phone call from the Ultra-Poly Corporation thanking the MCMUA and its partners in recycling for a great working relationship and outstanding efforts to steward the program.

On June 15, 2023, Marrone organized a recycling facility tour with the owner of Ultra-Poly Corporation at their main headquarters in Portland, PA. The company representatives informed the participants on the tour that boat shrink wrap has a large value in the recycling stream as it has several compounds which make it resistant to ultraviolet light and crack-proof under weather conditions. If it is contaminated, as is the majority of what is collected outside of our program, it makes the cost of recycling too expensive to capture and less expensive to landfill than recycle. Looking to next year and because of the tour, Ultra-Poly will work exclusively with Roxbury Township to purchase the site a compactor if they agree to become a centralized collection point and pay them for material weights collected to make the process cost-effective for both parties.



*Above left is a photo of the Morris County recycling officials standing in front of collected shrink wrap from Morris County; above center is pelletized plastic, and above right are the holding solos.*

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

In June, Anthony Marrone, the District Recycling Coordinator, worked with the Morris County Office of Communications (MCOC) and Digital Media representatives to plan future topics and create a schedule for media releases. These efforts are part of the MCMUA's goal to increase Solid Waste/Recycling education and information through targeted messaging to the public. Marrone also coordinated with the MCOC to attend select events and provide additional

exposure for the Department. As a result, the County's newsletter now reaches over 17,000 participants across Morris County with a 40% read rate. Examples of these releases can be found below.



#### Even After All That Rain, Please Use Water Wisely

Even after this week's deluge, residents and businesses are urged to [continue to use water wisely](#) following months of lower-than-average rainfall. As we head into summer, reducing lawn and landscape watering to preserve water supplies may avoid restrictions later. — [Drought Status and Conditions](#)



#### Nominate a Recycling Star

The state Department of Environmental Protection is [accepting nominations](#) for its annual recognition program celebrating excellence in recycling in 11 categories. Nominations are due by July 21.

Morris County MUA makes and delivers high quality [certified compost, wood chips and mulch](#). Mount Olive compost is certified for **organic use**. Order [online](#) or 973-285-8389.



#### Food Pantry: Donate or Get Food

Being hungry is no fun. Morris County's Inter-faith Food Pantry [needs these items](#) on the double:

- Baby food, stages 2 and 3
- Baby diapers, sizes 3, 4 and 6
- Dry milk or shelf-stable milk
- Pasta, rice, low-sugar cereal
- Tomato products of all kinds
- [List of all pantry needs pdf](#)
- [Get food at the food pantry](#)
- [Morris County nutrition programs](#)
- One in seven children in New Jersey will miss more than one meal today.



#### Shelf-Life Guide Dispels Common Food Safety Misconceptions

You'll probably throw out your bacon and mayo after reading this handy [Shelf-Life Guide](#). [More Food Less Waste](#), a nonprofit partnership between the NJ Department of Agriculture, food banks and farmers, lists how long food can be stored before and after being opened, and in the pantry, fridge and freezer. — [Self-Life guide pdf](#)

— [Proper food storage tips pdf](#)

— [Decode date codes pdf](#)

— The average household discards \$2,200 worth of food each year.



#### Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off is June 17

Drop off your household hazardous waste at Morris County MUA's [household hazardous waste drop off](#) on June 17. Residents only. ID required. No commercial waste. Read the rules. Next drop off date is in September.

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*Pictured above are the posts featured in the June 2023 Newsletters*

### Borough of Wharton, MCMUA Tag-It and Leave-It Inspections and Public Outreach:

During May, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone was contacted by the Board President of the Overlook Village Condominium complex in Wharton to inquire if the MCMUA would be willing to participate in and provide education on recycling at their block party event in June. The president contacted Marrone as he had previously presented at another outreach event she had attended earlier in the year and wanted to bring that same education back to her residents in the complex. With the MCMUA providing curbside collection service for the complex, Marrone informed her that not only would the MCMUA be available to attend and present at the event but would also be participating in a recycling inspection of everyone's curbside set-outs in the complex the week before the event. This way, individuals would be prompted to ask questions and engage with the MCMUA at the event following their inspection. The Board and the property management company were thrilled with the idea and the added involvement as a part of the block party. In addition to these efforts, Marrone worked with the MCMUA Curbside Department and the Borough MRC to prepare and educate them on the inspection process and outreach event proceedings.

On June 2, 2023, the Memorial Day make-up day for Wharton Borough, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone, and Environmental Educator Alex McNulty conducted a "tag it-and-leave it" inspection at Overlook Village in Wharton on the 120 properties in the complex; statistics are as follows:

- 41 recycling setouts tagged and left curbside for non-collection.
- 15 recycling corrections performed curbside with a resident following education.
- 13 homes were assessed for minor recycling errors. They were provided a good practices door hanger with education. However, their materials were still picked up curbside, with unacceptable materials placed at their doorstep.

Of those items marked out of compliance, Marrone and McNulty found the following contaminants most relevant during this inspection of residential setouts.

- Recyclables in Plastic Bags
- Plastic Wraps
- Unacceptable Plastics
- Food Waste
- Styrofoam
- Recyclables Contaminated with Trash

- Pizza boxes Contaminated with Food Waste

Following the inspections, McNulty followed up with the Overlook Village Board President and let her know what addresses we tagged. McNulty also provided additional educational information to be emailed to all residents in the complex to further our efforts. Additionally, the results of our inspections were communicated to the curbside crews picking up recyclables at the complex following our inspection and the MRC if any of the residents contacted the Borough.

On June 10, 2023, Marrone and Recycling Outreach Coordinator Brianna Cumberton attended, presented at, and set up an educational outreach table at the Block Party in the Overlook Village Complex. The event was attended by those residing in the complex, their families, and friends. As this event followed closely after the MCMUA’s recycling inspection, many residents had questions regarding proper recycling and improving their waste collection practices at their homes and businesses outside the complex. Many individuals carried on lengthy, in-depth, thoughtful conversations in an informal setting. All individuals who came to speak with the MCMUA were also asked a question on recycling and invited to put their names in a drawing to win a recycling container from the MCMUA. Naturally, droves of individuals flocked to the table to engage with Marrone and Cumberton to be allowed to win the free collection container. They were also shown what an acceptable container looks like. After the event, the Complex voiced its appreciation and wrote a letter to the MCMUA thanking them for making their event an overly successful one with a significant educational impression.



*Pictured above left are tagged unacceptable recyclables left at the resident’s doorstep so their curbside recycling could be taken and an educational door hanger to drive home efforts. Above right is the lucky winner of a new curbside recycling can at the event.*

**Recycling Administrative and Curbside Recycling Operations Collaborations:**

During June, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Environmental Educator Alex McNulty met with Curbside Recycling Supervisors on several occasions to discuss operations about curbside collection within its partner municipalities, the improvement of recycling collection services, quality of materials collected, and support in the inspection process of unacceptable recyclables with the curbside crews. Following these collaborations, a meeting outline was discussed, educational information was created, and a meeting was set to speak with the curbside crews to implement their inspection practices on the front line of collection.

On June 14, 2023, District Recycling Coordinator Anthony Marrone and Environmental Educator Alex McNulty spoke at the Curbside Department’s morning meeting. At this time, Marrone and McNulty reviewed the guidelines for using the “No Plastic Bag” stickers showing example photos of their use, and answered any questions about the process. Marrone and McNulty created a double-sided sheet that explains the instructions for tagging materials for non-collection with photographs of acceptable and unacceptable recycling setouts, with the reverse having sections for the inspector to write down the addresses for locations tagged for submittal in a master spreadsheet. At the time of the writing of this report, the curbside crews have reported minimal issues with the public following their inspection efforts and expressed appreciation for providing them the opportunity to affect the collection process and make an impact directly. Moreover, they voiced their appreciation for the education, support, and guidance of Marrone, McNulty, and their supervisors to further their efforts in the field.



*Above left is a recycling set out from a business collected in Long Hill Township, inspected and tagged by our curbside crew, and above right is the property the following collection corrected for collection.*

### **MCMUA Municipal Tonnage Grant Efforts:**

In June 2023, the MCMUA completed its additional assistance to all its 39 municipalities by carefully reviewing and editing the Municipal Tonnage Grant Reports submitted to the NJDEP. This was in addition to the cursory review conducted in April during the initial submission. This effort resulted in the discovery of all reports needing additional recycling tonnage, underreported values, and errors that led to lower recycling percentages. Upon discovering these issues, the MCMUA informed the coordinators of the necessary findings, and corrections were made before the final revision date, extended to July 3, 2023, by the NJDEP. For example, two examples include the case of Hanover Township, where the MCMUA discovered an additional 2,695.69 tons of materials, and Mendham Township, an additional 465.15 tons of materials in addition to the MRC's findings. These found recycling numbers will be added to their recycling total previously submitted to increase grant funds from the State, some totaling in the hundreds to thousands of dollars used to further recycling efforts. All these efforts are aimed at supporting recycling goals and helping the County achieve its 50% Municipal Solid Waste Recycling target.

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

#### **2023 Morris County Clean Communities School Litter Clean-up Mini-Grant:**

The initiative to promote anti-litter education and conduct litter cleanups for the 2022-2023 school year concluded in June 2023. A total of 12 schools applied to participate and completed their participation in the program. Schools are now submitting their final paperwork and pictures to MCMUA to meet the grant requirements and receive reimbursement for their approved grant-funded programs. Listed below are the amounts of litter removed:

- Bags of trash, 95
- Bags of recyclables, 38
- Acres cleaned, 30.75
- Number of participants, 426



*Parsippany High School Clean Communities Litter Cleanup, 2023*

**Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanups:**

In June 2023, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued with Adopt-A-Highway LRSA, the cleanup contractor for MCMUA. On June 21, 2023, the AAH crew cleaned the following roads surrounding the Mt. Olive Transfer Station: Gold Mine Road, Link Road, a small portion of International Drive, the dead-end portion of Netcong Flanders Road, and Flanders Road. The roads near the Mount Olive Transfer Station do not contain even half the litter found on the roads near the Parsippany Transfer Station. Various littered materials were removed during the cleanup as follows:

- Bags of trash, 21
- Bags of recyclables, 11
- Total miles cleaned, 2.5 (5 linear miles)



*Pictured above left is Gold Mine Rd. down from the Transfer Station and above right Link Rd. with litter removed as a part of cleanup efforts.*

**MCMUA Administrative Support, NJ Food Council/ NJDEP Reusable Bag Committee Efforts:**

During the month of June, Anthony Marrone, the District Recycling Coordinator, and Cheryl Birmingham, the District Clean Communities Coordinator, were invited to speak, at the request of the NJDEP, to representatives of NJ grocery stores and other relevant stakeholders on the MCMUAs efforts to address the problem of excess reusable bags in the waste stream. Marrone and Birmingham created a PowerPoint outlining efforts the MCMUA has taken over the last few months and educating the public on the topic. On June 8, 2023, Marrone presented to various State, County, and Municipal governmental entities and a variety of private stakeholders the challenges and successes of our approach to the issue. As a result of these efforts, Marrone and Birmingham were asked to assist with a working group to come up with solutions to this reusable bag collection program for cleaning and donation. A follow-up meeting is currently pending.

**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 7:45 p.m. regarding contract negotiations and Attorney Client Privilege to

discuss the Mt. Arlington Water Supply Agreement and multi-district litigation.

MOTION: Mr. Barry made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:45 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 8:14 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:14 p.m. and the Motion was seconded by Mr. Guadagno.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Kominos asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dour made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Guadagno and carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner  
Secretary

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