

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #040-2026

**RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF
SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND BULK SOLID WASTE (TYPE 13)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mendham solicited bids on October 19, 2025 for collection and disposal of single stream recyclable materials and bulk solid waste (Type 13); and

WHEREAS, three sealed bid proposals were received and opened on December 19, 2025, in accordance with the advertised date for acceptance of bids; and

WHEREAS, the proposals received were from Affordable Cartage, Blue Diamond Disposal, and the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposals were reviewed by the Administration and Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal from the lowest apparent bidder, Affordable Cartage, is nonresponsive due to a failure to execute the Bidder's Affidavit page and include the Surety Financial Statement and notarized acknowledgments of the surety and bidder, which are part of the required bid bond documents per the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal from the second lowest apparent bidder, Blue Diamond, is over budget, with an approximately 45% increase over the previous contract, and additionally, is nonresponsive as the bid proposal fails to include the Surety Financial Statement and notarized acknowledgment of the bidder, as required by the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal from the Morris County Utilities Authority was only for recycling pickup and higher than the other two bids that included both single stream recycling and bulk waste pickup; and

WHEREAS, the Borough must reject as nonresponsive the bids from Affordable Cartage and Blue Diamond, and the bids from Blue Diamond and Morris County Utilities Authority because they "substantially exceeds cost estimates for the goods or services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, to rebid the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also desires to revise the bid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 to streamline and clarify the bid options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that all bids received for collection and disposal of single stream recyclable materials and bulk solid waste (Type 13) are hereby rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 for the reasons stated in this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: January 21, 2026

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Lauren McBride, Borough Clerk

James Kelly, Mayor