

**The minutes of the regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on December 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.**

Council President Mazzer called the meeting to order.

Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Cimiluca – present  
Councilman Camilleri – present  
Councilwoman D’Arminio – present  
Councilman Accomando – present  
Council President Mazzer – present

Mayor White – present  
Mr. Suarez, Twp. Attorney – present  
Mr. Tom Lemanowicz – Twp. Engineer – present

Council President Mazzer asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag and to remain standing to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor of December 7, 1941 and also for the devastation in California.

Council President Mazzer announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members by police messenger on November 25, 2015 and to all legal newspapers in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Township Clerk announced that the public is hereby advised that any statements made during the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook may not be privileged or protected and that persons or entities who take issue with such comments or are offended by same, may, and have in the past, sought legal redress through the courts.

Any member of the public who addresses the Council speaks for themselves and not for the Council.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando                      Second: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D’Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer – yes

Mr. Larry Ratajczak of 92 Claremont Avenue said last month there was a lady who came up here after I spoke who wanted to know if it was a personal vendetta that happened between me and Mr. Cimiluca. He said Mr. Cimiluca told a story or some things after he spoke, and I don’t disagree with anything that he said, but I don’t think he finished the story and told the real reason why, because the difference between me and him, and I will set the record straight. It was right up to the point, and then he stopped telling the rest of the story.

Mr. Ratajczak said Mr. Cimiluca used to be the Zoning Board attorney, eight, ten, twelve years ago, and when I was on the Zoning Board, Mr. Cimiluca was up for re-appointment, and prior to that he called me and asked me if I would support him, and I said Andrew, you’re a Republican, I’m a Democrat. We’re going to put someone from the Democratic Party in there, and that didn’t go over well or whatever, and then he called me again and asked me for my support, and I said, Andy, you don’t understand, you come in with the Republicans, you go out with the Republicans. It’s now a Democratic person that’s going to be in here, and we made the appointment of Charles Sarlo, and that’s where the friction – so maybe, like I said, politics is politics, or it should be in this room. We were friends prior to that.

Our families are still friendly, but that is the true reason why me and him don't speak. I'm to the point where I don't care whether you talk to me or you don't talk to me. It's no issue on my back, but that is the rest of the story. Like I said, if you're going to tell the story, tell the whole story. That is the reason why. There's no personal vendetta or whatever, whatever vendetta or whatever questions are on his part, not on my part.

Mr. Ratajczak said on Monday I came here and I met with Pete about the plans that we said that we had for Veterans' Field and stuff, and there was a set of plans. The plans that he produced were a little bigger than this. They were the ones with the boxes on them and stuff like that. I seen a set of plans back on that table back there with food court and everything else in it. We never seen that set of plans with the food court and the people sitting at the food court and stuff like that. What did this guy think he was building? The city field or the Garden State Plaza? And then Pete told me, I asked him, were these the plans for \$37,000? And he said no, they were \$85,000. Don't you think we would have been better off putting that \$85,000 or whatever into the barn and making that...? A refreshment stand we're going to use maximum ten times a year. The barn, we probably use 250 times a year. We could convert it to a wrestling room or whatever. But you have to have some sort of plan or some kind of idea that you give this guy that's writing you the plans and what budget you have. You look at the plans; the plans were beautiful. It had a Viking stove, an overhead fan. You're boiling water in there. You're not serving dinner or making dinner. I don't think that we should really spend that much money on the refreshment stand now. For the ten times maximum that you're going to use it? What do you need? You don't need a commercial refrigerator. Football season is cold. You know what I'm saying? The drinks can stay .... You have a refrigerator there, yeah, a stove to boil water. He had a Viking stove. I mean, do you have the plans with you, Pete, today?

Mr. Lo Dico said yes.

Mr. Ratajczak asked if he could see them. He said I don't know if you people looked at these. Did you?

Council President Mazzer said yes.

Mr. Ratajczak said, and you had no comments or no... this wasn't overkill and wasn't a waste of taxpayers' money? I don't care about the taxpayers. It's the kids' money that's getting shortchanged on this. Look at this.

Council President Mazzer said at the onset we sat down, Councilman Camilleri and myself, with rec people, and we went over it, and they gave us their wish list.

Mr. Ratajczak said why didn't we get to see this?

Council President Mazzer said I understand, but we weren't guaranteeing that they would get it. We just wanted to know their needs and who better to ask than them? That was the project of putting everything together and coming down.

Mr. Ratajczak said we're talking about a refreshment stand. We're not talking about building a field with goals and stuff like that. You're talking about – I don't think the County has this at their park in Overpeck. They don't have that, and that's a county facility. So why would you? I know the public didn't see this. Nobody did. We're going to pass it around and just see – look at the things, all the waste. Has the public seen this?

Council President Mazzer said it was at one of our meetings.

Mr. Ratajczak said we never got to see it. I know I never got to see it. And ask the people that come to most of the meetings. We never seen these set of plans. Never. Never.

Council President Mazzer said it might have been at a work session.

Mr. Ratajczak said and look at the date on it. We started doing the field in what? October? Costa was relieved when? What month? What month was he?

Councilwoman D'Arminio said January.

Mr. Ratajczak said you know what the date on the plans were? 4/17. April. And you people don't say anything. He comes in with a bill for \$85,000, you don't question it. You don't say anything. But look at the date on here. The guy is long gone already. So this was something that – what did he do? He said I'll hit you one more time before I leave. And he did. We don't need this! You people are the ones calling the shots. Not us. Not us. You know, it would be like anything. You give anybody a wish list, they'll want to build everything. But you've got to know what your budget is and what you're spending and where is the money going and what are we doing. We only have a certain amount of money. But like I say, to come in with something like this, this is absolutely ridiculous, and to pay it is even more ridiculous, and to accept it is even more ridiculous.

Council President Mazzer said I have not accepted it.

Mr. Ratajczak said well I hope not. Like I said, if it wasn't drawn out on this side, this bill would have been long paid. Long paid, this bill would have been, long paid. Pass it around and just take a look. That's a waste of money right there. A big waste of money. That's a guy that has an open check book. That's what I said. We gave him an open check book. No limits. You've got to put it on and say look, make me a set of plans, but this is what I want to spend. I don't want to spend a million one or two million, two hundred thousand dollars here. Come on. If we just take that money and put it into the barn, we're way ahead of the game. The wrestling team and the cheerleaders would be playing in there right now. I don't know what we're trying to build or what we're trying to do or who we're trying to impress, but we're not going to get it. We'll always have a wish list.

Council President Mazzer said he knew what our budget was.

Mr. Ratajczak said from the beginning we didn't have an idea. We didn't have... you know what I mean? You gotta have a drawing, or you gotta have a... like you're building a house, you gotta say look, this is what I want my house to look like. Can I afford it? If not you cut it down, scale it down, not after you let a guy spend \$85,000 on you. These are things that we can't have, and we can't keep making mistakes like this because they are expensive mistakes. Very, very expensive.

Councilman Camilleri commented that we did set around a \$700,000 limit for the refreshment stand and bathrooms, and that came out way overboard. It came out to a million two. So when we did see that ....

Mr. Ratajczak asked, did you know that number going in?

Councilman Camilleri said I believe he originally worked that number up, but it was nowhere close to that what that came in.

Mr. Ratajczak said before he made this, he knew what you spent on the field, right? That was done? Why would he come in with something like that when he knew you were working with a certain amount of dollars?

Councilman Camilleri said we did set a bond for that whole project. I remember when the bond was set. I was here. Councilwoman D'Arminio and Councilman Accomando were not here. I did question him twice to make sure we had enough money. I wanted to make sure we had the money to do the bathrooms because that was my biggest concern over there with the field, and everything was yes, yes, there will be enough money. Lo and behold, then when the plans come through, which the plans were way after the fact, they came through over a million dollars, and our jaws dropped. That was it.

Mr. Ratajczak said like I say, he should have been stopped a long time ago in his tracks. A long time ago, he should have been stopped. You weren't getting results

from him to begin with. Then like I say, that's the icing on the cake there. That's – I really can't believe that. I think that's why the public didn't get to see this because I don't know whether it was embarrassing or what it was, but that's embarrassing to put out there. It really, really is.

Mr. Ratajczak said on these resolutions here, when you put approved purchases over \$2,500, is there any reason why there can't be a list of the purchases, what they are.

Mr. Lo Dico said all the resolutions are posted on the bulletin board, which includes detailed information. This is just a summary that's on the agenda.

Mr. Ratajczak said because it could be anything; \$2500 is nothing today. You spent \$87,000 there... it's just not good. You've got another \$25 or \$30,000 invested in plans here. We didn't do nothing yet. We didn't do nothing.

Mr. Ratajczak then asked if we got any of the money for the senior housing. Any updates on that or any phone calls?

Council President Mazzer said they were coming to a meeting in January.

Mr. Ratajczak said now were back to January from October, to November. We're in December now. Now we're going to go to January. Do you really think we're getting it, or should we make a move with that property and put it up for sale and try to recoup some of our losses?

Council President Mazzer said we'll know soon enough.

Mr. Ratajczak said it could go on forever. But like I say, look at the money that we've lost in the last three and a half/four years now that we lost. Like I say, I know something went on the other night, Tuesday night. There were tax people here. We have tax appeals coming in, right? The ones that had been held over, and they're not little ones. Right?

Council President Mazzer said yes.

Mr. Ratajczak said what are they? Ratables and we've got ratables that are just sitting and just collecting zero, and we have people coming in now asking for refunds, big refunds. Big. Not little. Big. Park 80. All the rest of them are going to be in now too. See what goes on. It's the old saying, blank or get off the pot. You gotta do something here. You can't just keep living on the promises of people because they're not coming through. Just like I said, look how long we waited for the engineer. The plans are coming, the plans are coming, the plans are coming, and they never came. The same thing with this money. You've got to decide whether – you've got to pin point them down and say look, are we getting it, or what should be do? Can we make a move here? Can we sell the property? Are we locked into the property? That's another sore eye there that we have.

Mr. Ratajczak said other than that, let's hope that we get the field straightened out and we get the room ready for the kids. The barn or whatever you're going to do with that. We have a lot of wasted money that we could have probably remodeled it already.

Hearing no one else, Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Camilleri

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Camilleri – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor White addressed Mr. Ratajczak regarding the concession stand plans. He said he felt it was a mistake and we need to move on. A lot of what he said was correct, the old engineer – there were some issues and that bill was not paid as far as I know. There is still some outstanding bills that we have from him. So I just want to move forward. We have a good engineer now. The other engineer, Mr. Costa, was here for four years, and he did do some good work, but at the end I feel it would have been better if we'd moved on earlier. With that being said, I think we learned a lesson.

Mayor White mentioned that the Township has been pre-approved for the grant for energy efficient lighting and equipment. Public Service conducted a no-cost audit for all our Township buildings. We're hoping to use this grant for lighting and the DPW garage as part of the roof replacement project which started this week.

Mayor White noted there is a 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM at Town Hall and registration started on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Holiday Decorating Contest and ends December 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be judging on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Holiday Tree Lighting and party was held on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. This year we brought back the holiday party after several years of not doing it. It was a great event for the town. He said he has received nothing but praise from the public about that event. He thanked Councilwoman D'Arminio for orchestrating it. He also thanked Councilman and Mrs. Accomando, PJ Punzo and his secretary Christine Genuario for their help. He thanked the various organizations involved for their contributions to the event.

Regarding the redesign of the Township website, Mayor White said we are hoping to publish the new website by the end of the year. It will provide the most updated information available. He thanked JKO Consulting for their management and patience.

He said the video surveillance system at Veterans' Field is now operational. Cameras are recording, and the hardware has been set up at the police department for monitoring the cameras. He explained Global Protech said they will be e-mailing each council member and the mayor with a link to an app which will allow them all to be able to monitor the surveillance cameras on their smart phones.

The Mayor said the work on the DPW roof started earlier this week and is expected to be completed in one to two weeks depending on the weather. The salt shed bid was awarded, and the contract was signed. The engineer had a preconstruction meeting this week with the contractor. We are going out to bid on the next phase of the drainage upgrade on Fifth Street, which involves cleaning out the culvert that runs behind the commercial properties.

Mayor White spoke about the Dump Your Kicks program implemented by recycling coordinator/DPW Secretary Joan Ramsey whereby recycled sneakers are collected and distributed to less fortunate nations. Money collected by the program is used for food clothing and medicine for military and low-income families in the United States who have children that are suffering from cancer. Boxes will be placed in Township buildings for people to place their slightly worn sneakers in.

He congratulate the four new police officers who have graduated the police academy and noted the ceremony would be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bergen Academies.

The Mayor thanked G&G Distributors of Saddle Brook for donating the beautiful wreath in the lobby of Town Hall, and he thanked Council President Mazzer and Emil Ciliento for all the poinsettias decorating Town Hall.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Mr. Lemanowicz noted the DPW roof has been started, and they're saying approximately two weeks depending on the weather. The salt shed is moving along quickly. It's the goal of the contractor to have the concrete blocks and the pad in place before Christmas. There is a 6 to 8 week lead time on the cover, but that's not that weather dependent. They can do that in the cold.

Councilman Accomando asked if that got ordered after the completion of the concrete, and Mr. Lemanowicz said no, they are designing it now.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Cimiluca said he did not nor would he ever call Mr. Ratajczak. He said I don't know his number, and I would never call him to ask him for a favor or ask him for anything. He might have gotten a call from somebody but not from me.

He said what did happen and the way this may have started was I was an attorney for the Zoning Board for a number of years. The Planning Board Attorney resigned. They asked me to fill in for him at one or two meetings. They did not have a Planning Board Attorney, and I put my name in to say that I would serve as the Planning Board Attorney. As far as I know, there were no other applicants, and politics being what they were, the last minute they put up somebody else, and I was not voted in. That person was Richard Kapner who is very, very capable and did a great job as the Planning Board Attorney. Mr. Ratajczak, I believe, was on the Planning Board at that time and did not vote for me.

At some time after that we had an altercation right here where he went to shake my hand, and I did not shake his hand. I shake hands with people that I'm friends with. And he said "another guy who doesn't shake my hand," and I said you know what, you are taking food out of my family's mouth. When it comes to money, politics, I just didn't feel it was right, and I didn't want to shake his hand. Then he said at that time that it had nothing to do with politics, when I questioned him on it, it had nothing to do with politics, it had to do with he didn't feel that the same person should be the Zoning Board Attorney and the Planning Board Attorney. Okay, no problem. Sometime after that I believe he got appointed to the Zoning Board. In between, Mr. Ratajczak had an altercation with somebody, and he had a criminal complaint filed against him. I was a witness to that, and I did not testify against him. I was not subpoenaed to testify against him. If I had been, I would have testified to what I saw. I was up for re-appointment, and I told my wife before I came here. I said, it doesn't look good, and she said well Larry will vote for you. You didn't say anything about what had happened. I think I've been to his house once or twice after that, and we patched things up, and I went home that night, and she said, you got the job, right? And I said no, I didn't get the job. She said Larry voted for you. And I said not only did Larry not vote for me, Larry made the motion for the other guy and not only did Larry make a motion for the other guy, Larry jumped out of his chair to make a motion for the other guy. So since then, we have not been on friendly terms. So if you want to go back to how it really happened, that's how it happened, and it did happen for political reasons. Some people choose politics over friendship, and I understand that and I accept that.

In terms of the plans, there is a resolution for the architect and I will not be voting for that not because I think he's a bad architect. I don't know anything about him, but we do have these architectural plans I believe it would save some money just to go back to the same architect who drew the plans and advise them that it's got to be scaled down. We all agree that when this number came in, and let's be fair, the number that was given to us, about a million, was as I've always said – and my position was and always has been that we should have gone out to bid and seen what the numbers came back at, but somebody said it would cost a million plus. Which all of us agree was way too much money. But remember when we first started this, it was a one-story building, and then we added on to it and said how about we do the storage at the same time? So we added a second level to it, so in fairness, we expanded upon it. The plans that are out there, yes, pie and in sky, but you scale it down. Just like when you do your home and you say, I want this and that, I want the Viking stove and everything and then you come back and say, you know what, maybe a Maytag is better. We all agreed, and we all talked about that,

that the things that were in there were top of the line, top end and a bunch of stuff that we didn't need. Part of it was cappuccino machines. Again, they were all things that could be taken out. They were all line items you can pull out. So if we saw a thousand dollar cappuccino maker, you've got to be kidding me, pull them out. So that wasn't going to be part of it. That's why I believe that we should go with the same architect that we paid. I don't know if we paid them yet, but we do have a set of plans. Why re-invent the wheel? We had somebody who started from scratch, now we've got someone else who is starting from scratch. In terms of this \$85,000, and we should have put it toward the garage, the biggest thing was the bathrooms, so to say that we shouldn't be doing this or we should concentrate on the bathrooms is a little disingenuous. We're trying to get it together. The snack stand and restrooms are pretty much one project together and what we're going to do is make sure that the rest rooms are connected to the garage when we can, and I'm sure we're all committed to retrofitting that garage and making it a wrestling room, an all-purpose room, something so this way it can be used so that everything will be connected so we don't have to do it later on.

In terms of senior housing, I was disappointed as anybody. I was very upset to hear that we're going to be delayed again. I was not privy to the meeting, but I believe Mr. Biale did have a meeting with the Mayor and the Township Administrator. I'm very disappointed that it's not there. I would have liked this thing to be up already, and yes, we are being pushed back, and I don't think anybody here is happy about that situation. I don't know if anyone did read about this, but what we said way back when when we started this was that there was a potential for the state to try and take our COAH funds. The state did in fact attempt to take the Township's COAH funds for about \$10 million that they had set aside, and the state swooped in and tried to take that. We had to litigate and fight, and I believe that it went to the appellate division, and the appellate division said they could not because they did not have enough rules in place. I don't know if that's going to go to the superior court, because again we're talking about \$10 million, and we have about a \$1.3 million. But that was worrisome, and it still worries me that if it's there then the state can come and take it. If you're fighting all way up to the Supreme Court, whatever tax revenue that you're not getting for that property for a small period of time will be greatly outweighed by whatever legal costs it would take, and one of the things that we have to consider is not doing anything with that property and possibly putting it up for sale. It could happen, but I think that might lead us into some legal problems, and also I think we all want to get some senior housing. I think we need it, and I think it would be beneficial to the Township. I know the next thing will be we're not guaranteed to get all Saddle Brook people, and that's true. We can't guarantee that, but from everything that we've heard and all the studies, the vast majority of the people that go into these senior housing facilities are people who live in that community. It is true. You can mutter all you want in the back, but it is true.

## **ORDINANCES**

None

**All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine and non-controversial by the Township Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so requests it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies adoption of all resolutions, receive and file letters, correspondence, reports and approval of applications and minutes.**

Mr. Lo Dico announced that resolution CR# 1215-295 would not be part of the consent agenda.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer – yes

**\* MINUTES**

1. November 5, 2015 – Regular Public Meeting

**\* RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1215-289**

**WHEREAS**, as of January 1, 2006, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the “State Pay to Play” Law, enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature shall become effective; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that had made a contribution within one year of the date the contract is to be awarded that is reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c. 83 (c. 19.44A-1 et seq. to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, a “fair and open process” constitute the following: (1) public advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) with ten (10) calendar days’ notice prior to the receipt of responses to the “RFQ”); (2) award of contract under a process that provides for public solicitation of qualifications; (3) award of contract under public disclosed criteria established in writing by the municipality prior to the solicitation of qualifications; and (4) the municipality shall publicly open and announce the qualifications when awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary for the Township of Saddle Brook (“the Township”) to engage legal and financial professionals and to engage the services of other individuals for extraordinary unspecifiable services by a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that RFQs for professional services for the following professional services for the Township are hereby authorized:

- (1) Auditor
- (2) Bond Counsel
- (3) General Insurance Risk Manager
- (4) Health Insurance Risk Manager

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all of the RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services as set forth hereinafter shall be prepared and published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., and all



submissions in response shall be evaluated on the basis of the most advantageous submission, all factors considered, including but not limited to:

- (1) Experience and reputation in the field;
- (2) Knowledge of the Township and subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- (3) Availability to accommodate any required meeting of the Township or Township Agency
- (4) Any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township or Township Agency

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is directed to public notices of RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services enumerated above, in a newspaper circulated in the Township of Saddle Brook by December 16, 2015. The notice of RFQs shall include the following:

- (1) A description of the requested professional or extraordinary unspecified service for which the RFQ is made;
- (2) A statement that Qualifications must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2016;
- (3) A statement that the RFQs are being made by the Township
- (4) The address and phone number of the Township Clerk's office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFQ document from the Clerk's office;
- (5) A statement that the RFQ is being made through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council has determined that the terms of this resolution constitute a fair and open process as to all positions included herein.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1215-290**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following requisition(s) submitted to the Township Council for purchases over \$2,500.00 be approved providing funds are available:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FIRE DEPT. 2016	THE TERRACE	INSTALLATION DINNER	\$76.00/PERSON
DPW-SEWER POLICE- VEHICLES	RAPID DUMP WINNER FORD OF CHERRY HILL	EMER. REPAIR, 2 VEHICLES	\$14,567.31 \$68,856.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 APPROPRIATIONS**

**CR# 1215-291**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the last two (2) months of the fiscal year, when it has been determined that it is necessary to expend

For any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deem to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to make transfers among the 2015 Budget as follows:

	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>		
Police – Other Expenses	\$ 50,000.00	
Legal – Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	
Fire – Other Expenses	\$ 80,000.00	
Social Security System – Other Expenses	\$ 30,000.00	
Police Overtime – Salaries and Wages		\$85,000.00
Recycling Contract - Other Expenses		\$25,000.00
Gasoline – Other Expenses		\$30,000.00
Utility Charge – PSEG – Other Expenses		\$10,000.00
Police Dispatchers – Salaries and Wages		\$10,000.00
DPW Sewers – Salaries and Wages		\$15,000.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1215-292**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$17,395.36** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

**THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.**

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1215-293**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$2,933,770.22** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1215-294**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook possesses a 2003 Ford Eldorado bus (Vin#1FDXE45S82HB75744) that was used for transporting Senior Citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, the bus is no longer needed or used for that particular purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the bus was purchased using Bergen County Community Development Funds, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Development regulations allow a municipality to transfer title of said vehicle to another municipality for the same use, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Development also allows a municipality to recoup expenses related to repairs of said vehicle,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby agrees to transfer title to the Borough of Hillsdale with the understanding that Hillsdale will utilize said vehicle to transport their Senior Citizens, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Hillsdale hereby agrees to reimburse the Township of Saddle Brook in the amount of \$5,500 for repairs recently made to the 2003 Ford Eldorado Bus, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to facilitate said transfer of ownership and send a certified copy of this resolution to the Borough of Hillsdale and Bergen County Community Development.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CR# 1215-295 IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1215-295**

**Professional Services Contract-Architectural Services**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for architectural services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer of the Township of Saddle Brook previously solicited quotes for architectural services related to work to be performed for the design, bidding and construction administration for the concession and restrooms at Veteran's Field; and

**WHEREAS**, OCA Architects, 211 Warren Street, Suite 219, Newark, N.J., provided the lowest quote for an amount not to exceed \$29,500.00 for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with OCA Architects as required by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute a Professional Services Agreement with OCA Architects (“OCA”) as required by law.

2. The contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for architectural services within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law.

3. The contract is being entered into as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; the chief financial officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the work will exceed \$17,500.00; the term of the contract is for the duration of the work to be performed and noted above; OCA has provided a quote for the work as described above for the cost as indicated; OCA shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that OCA has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Saddle Brook in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit OCA from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract;

**4. Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.**

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *Our Town*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township’s Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract along with the Business Disclosure Entity Certification shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilman Camilleri

Second: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - no  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes  
Councilman Accomando - yes  
Council President Mazzer - yes

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Thomas Lemanowicz, PE    Re:    Architect Proposals  
Remington, Vernick        Veterans’ Field Concession Stand  
Engineers                     and Toilet Rooms**

**To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk    Date: November 25, 2015**

At the request of the Township Council, this office has requested proposals from architects for professional services required for the design, bidding and construction administration of architectural services. The architects from which proposals were solicited have all done work with Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers in the past and have shown their expertise in the design of public facilities. Copies of the proposal requests were previously provided to your office.

Proposals were received as follows:

DiCara Rubino Architects  
Wayne, NJ  
\$42,000.00

RSC Architects  
\$35,000.00

OCA Architects  
Newark, NJ  
\$29,500.00

This office recommends that the Township consider awarding the architectural services contract for the Veteran's Field Concession Stand & Toilet Rooms to OA Architects of Newark, NJ. This office will be providing our proposal for the related site and Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing design under separate cover.

Upon the Township's agreement as to the project architect, this office will request an updated proposal addressed directly to the Township.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at our Secaucus office.

## **\* RAFFLES/APPLICATIONS**

### **Raffles**

1. RA# 1229 - St. Philip the Apostle Holy Name Society – 50/50
2. BA# 1230 – St. Philip the Apostle Church - BINGO

## **\* REPORTS**

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – October 2015
2. Bergen County Sanitarian Report – October 2015
3. Bergen County Animal Control – October 2015
4. Hotel Room Tax Distribution – November 2015
5. Fire Prevention Bureau – September 2015
6. Water Revenue Report – October 2015
7. DPW Monthly Report – October 2015
8. Construction Code Official Monthly report – October 2015
9. Property Maintenance Monthly Report – October 2015
10. Budget Status Report – November 2015
11. Police Monthly Report – July 2015
12. Police Monthly Report – August 2016
13. Police Monthly Report – September 2015
14. Police Monthly Report – October 2015
15. Engineer's Report – November 2015

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Cimiluca said the Mayor and Administrator had indicated they were looking into the more permanent signage in front of the municipal building which currently we did get through the efforts of the police department. We did get a mobile sign, but I think we can and we should budget for a more permanent fixture.

Mr. Lo Dico said we have a quote, and are trying to get two more. Hopefully we will be able to bring it the council, get a PO and have it for next year.

Councilman Cimiluca said we discussed for anybody that showed up at the Tree Lighting, rumor has it that at Ed's Tavern, which acts as a *de facto* parking lot for Town Hall events, is being sold, and we can assume that once it's sold the person buying it will want to develop it, and we are not going to have access to that like we do now. We talked about trying to gain other parking spaces by doing things possibly with the old police station which is in disrepair and basically is useless right now. Another thing we talked about - there have been some issues with regard to lighting [in the area of] Midland Brew House]. We have contacted PSE&G, and they are doing a lighting survey to see if they can get additional lighting on any of the poles there. For those people who are wondering about that, that's in the works.

Lastly Councilman Cimiluca wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public on agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Accomando

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer – yes

Mr. Ratajczak said the results of the criminal charges were not guilty.

Council President Mazzer interrupted Mr. Ratajczak reminded him this was on agenda items only. Mr. Ratajczak insisted this was on the agenda.

Councilman Cimiluca asked Council President Mazzer's indulgence and said the results were there was a trial, and Mr. Ratajczak was found not guilty.

Mr. Ratajczak said thank you and said I will make a deal with you. I will never come to a meeting again or speak at this podium if you can pass a lie detector test that you never solicited my vote. Once at Carucci's and once on the telephone.

Councilman Cimiluca said set it up. Mr. Ratajczak said set it up and we're on. You put something on the line, give your seat up.

Hearing no one, Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public on agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Camilleri

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer – yes

Councilman Accomando asked who is responsible for the sidewalks on Midland Avenue from the cemetery to past UPS? Whose responsibility is it to put sidewalks in for pedestrians?

Mayor White said that should have been done when those buildings were constructed.

Mr. Lemanowicz said it would be a Planning Board matter if it's a local road. If it's a county road the county has jurisdiction. We may be able to make a recommendation to the county, but it would be the Planning Board's decision to have a developer construct a sidewalk when it's in for a site plan or the town can just go do it. We own the right of way, and we can just go do it on our own.

If you're going to put the lighting for pedestrian safety, it would be common sense to put a sidewalk in too. You have people walking to the bus in the street.

Mr. Lemanowicz said there is a funding program called Safe Routes to Transit. If you have a bus stop in there and public parking that you have to go between one to the other, you might want to talk to your grant writer about that.

Councilman Cimiluca asked for clarification of the area in question, and Councilman Accomando explained.

Councilman Accomando thanked everyone for coming to the holiday party. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman D'Arminio seconded what the Mayor said and thanked the Fire Department, Dollar Zone and the Mayor and Council for the Tree Lighting. She wished everyone one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Camilleri wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays and a happy, healthy New Year.

Council President Mazzer commended Community Projects for an outstanding year and wished a belated Happy Birthday to Mr. Suarez. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy prosperous New Year.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Camilleri

Councilman Cimiluca – yes  
Councilman Camilleri – yes  
Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes  
Councilman Accomando – yes  
Council President Mazzer – yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Lo Dico, R.M.C. CMC  
Township Clerk

Approved: January 7, 2016

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Florence Mazzer  
Council President