

**The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.**

Council President Camilleri called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Cimiluca – absent until 7:01  
Councilwoman Mazzer - present  
Councilwoman D'Arminio - present  
Councilman Accomando – present  
Council President Camilleri – present

Mayor White – present  
Mr. Lemanowicz – Twp. Engineer – present  
Mr. Weilkotz – Twp. Auditor – present

Council President Camilleri asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag.

Council President Camilleri announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members by police messenger on March 11, 2016 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 Camilleri asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio            Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio            Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

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

Mr. Weilkotz said he had received an envelope from the Tax Appeal Attorney that has some serious ramifications. They are looking to do Assessor's Appeals on these particular properties for 2016 and take them off the ratable base now. He said the numbers he put together in terms of what a tax point is worth are going to change.

He noted the information was telling him we were losing another \$48 million worth of ratables which would reduce the tax base from \$1,891,000,000 to \$1,843,000,000, that, if accurate, could make a tax point not worth \$189,000 but

\$184,000 which would change his information he was going to talk about relative to the budget by about \$71.50 more.

Mr. Weilkotz said he had a conversation with Mr. Carnevale and suggested setting up a meeting with Mr. Lo Dico, Mr. Carnevale, the Assessor and himself and perhaps the Mayor and a Councilperson to meet with the Tax Appeal Attorney once and for all. He said last October we talked about the appeals and what we want to do, and apparently 80 Park West was refunded for something like \$600,000 last year, which caused us to have a deficit last year. He said he didn't know what 80 Park West is still doing on the analysis. He noted the document he was given today was the information he had asked for in October of 2015 and said he thought they had it settled when it was done in October. He said he never got a copy.

He said he wanted to get to the bottom of it and figure out where we are and what the impact is going to be to the township and the taxpayers. There's really nothing else that matters. He said he thought they'd had it all buttoned up.

Mr. Lo Dico confirmed that Mr. Weilkotz was talking about refunds versus dropping the assessment or both. Mr. Weilkotz said the impact is both. He explained that the attorney was negotiating with these various large taxpayers. We were going to wait until this year, get those all teed up to be settled and calculate what the impact was, package it with a refunding bond ordinance and go to the state and ask to raise it over whatever years it allowed us to do.

He said if 80 Park West was refunded last year, that's a \$25 million deduction in the ratable base; that may already be in the numbers that are on the books for January 1<sup>st</sup>, so the reduction of \$48 million may only be \$23 million for the rest of the appeals. He said he did not know the answer, and he was not comfortable not knowing the answer.

Mr. Weilkotz suggested that Mr. Lo Dico get a couple of dates so once and for all we can figure out where we are. He cautioned against irritating the Local Finance Board.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked why the tax appeal attorney was so late in bringing these to the attention of the Auditor when it's such an important issue. Mr. Weilkotz said he did not know the answer.

Mayor White asked if the tax appeal attorney had submitted it to someone. Mr. Weilkotz said he guessed it went to the Mayor and Council and it said it went to the Township Auditor but this was the first time he got it.

Mr. Weilkotz said these large taxpayers just want to get their money and added a good settlement is one that nobody is happy with.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if they would be able to talk about the budget, and Mr. Weilkotz said he was prepared to talk about the rest of the budget, but he didn't understand that there was this piece that could, if the assessor is going to do an assessor's appeal and reduce these assessments for this year, which may make sense, but he would like to have the assessor in the room to have the conversation and figure out what is the best thing for the Town to do. It would have an impact on this year's budget because the tax points would be worth less money.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said it would be a bigger increase too.

Mayor White said they are not settled yet. Mr. Weilkotz said they are ready to have stipulations of settlements prepared. He said Mr. Carnevale said we need to get the refunding bond ordinance done in March or April but Mr. Weilkotz said we could probably wait until May. He said he did not like working in a vacuum where somebody says one thing, they tell him something else, they tell someone something else. This is too important an issue to have all these moving parts that everybody doesn't have their arms around.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if the first page was then useless, and Mr. Weilkotz said no, that is where we are today, notwithstanding this issue. It depends, if the assessments aren't going to be reduced for 2016 now, then that's the impact of the budget today. If the assessments are going to be reduced, then there will be a different impact. The other piece of that is, if we have to refund 2016 money, it comes out of 2016 operations; we have to look at that piece too to see if we have to massage the budget a little bit and put some tax appeal money in as an appropriation just to cover ourselves. We're very fortunate that the budget looks the way it does, considering you had an \$800,000 operating deficit last year because 100% of that was because of the Park 80 West tax appeal being refunded and their being no money to refund it other than current operations.

Mr. Weilkotz directed everyone to the bottom of the first page of the budget and the proposed \$111 tax increase. He said that was made up of tax appeals charged to operations, \$81.43 of the increase. The loss in ratables from 2015 to 2016 of \$26.4 million of \$38.20, the residual impact on the budget is you have an \$8.50 decrease if everything else remained the same. You'll see the appropriations are going up \$582,000, but that includes an appropriation for the deficit of \$833,000.

Mr. Weilkotz said the reason there is a tax increase is because of tax appeals. It's not because of budget, it's not because of salaries, it's not because of operations. It's not because of anything other than tax appeals. Right now, the way we stand is the average homeowner would see \$111 tax increase on an average assessment of about \$296,000.

Councilman Cimiluca said that's just the municipal tax.

Mr. Weilkotz said yes and quite frankly he was surprised it was as good as it is. He listed some items that offset the deficit.

Mr. Weilkotz said salaries are up \$62,000, social security is up \$85,000, capital is down. There was an appropriation last year for tax appeals that was offset by capital surplus. Debt service is down, a byproduct of the refundings that were done. Health insurance is down because this year we are budgeting it net, so we were able to reduce last year's appropriation by \$50,000.

He directed everyone to the last line, other expense, and said everything else in the budget is going up \$9000, recreation, police, administration, finance, Board of Health. All the other departments, net are up nine grand. He said that was nickels and dimes in some of the departments that he assumed are needed. In a \$21 million budget, \$9000 is not a big number. It's not spending. It's the tax appeals; the tax appeals are killing us.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked after these tax appeals, are there more to come? Mr. Weilkotz said the attorney mentioned to him that there are others after this, so he asked him for a list, which is not here. Mr. Lo Dico said every day he gets one or two new tax appeals.

Mr. Weilkotz said it's not the residential ones. It's the office buildings and the commercial ones. Councilwoman D'Arminio said that's what Mr. Lo Dico was talking about.

Mr. Weilkotz said maybe we need McNerney at the meeting too because he's your appraiser. Mr. Lo Dico agreed. Mr. Weilkotz said let's get a master list of what's there, what's the exposure, what are we looking at, and maybe we need to do a reassessment or another reval.

Mr. Lo Dico asked what other towns are doing as they must be in the same or similar situations. Mr. Weilkotz said he has had towns that have done reassessments. It depends on your structure. Here in Saddle Brook you have a lot more commercial.

Mr. Lo Dico said in three years we went from 100% to 79%. Mr. Weilkotz said the reduction in ratio is going to kill you. Mr. Lo Dico asked what causes the reduction. Mr. Weilkotz explained how the ratio goes down.

Councilman Accomando asked when we were last assessed, and he was told 2010.

Mr. Weilkotz said the more commercial property you have, you get one or two sales that are like Park 80, and it flows through the networks of not only the owners of the buildings but the tax appeal attorneys who then send mass letters out to building owners to file the appeals.

Mr. Lo Dico said the Town got a letter like that for one of our own properties.

Mr. Weilkotz said we need to get to the bottom of it once and for all and chart a plan of attack where it's not going to decimate this year or next year or the year after's budgets. We're at the point now where there are too many unknowns.

Council President Camilleri asked doesn't the economy have a big influence on everything too? Isn't that the unknown that it's hard to predict in a crystal ball what's going to happen? Mr. Weilkotz said that was true. The economy took a hit; some people say it's coming back, and some say it's not. I'm not sure it is. Property in Bergen County is worth money. Maybe not as much as it was in the 2000s, but your average assessment right now is \$296,000 for a residential unit. It doesn't seem like a lot of money for a town like Saddle Brook.

Council President Camilleri said everyone had said we were in such good shape with tax appeals, but the economy influences it greatly. How can you put in the contingencies? Mr. Weilkotz said it's very hard.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said Mr. Carlson said he didn't think we should do a reval at that time.

Mr. Weilkotz said what may have happened in 2010 was they tried to inch up a little on the commercial and industrial to give the residents a little bit of a break, which is fine when you have pretty stable economics, but as soon as something happens where a building sold for 70% of the assessed value, that just throws everything out of kilter, which is partially what happened. The ratable base in this town is a third commercial, industrial and apartments and that's a significant amount.

Mr. Weilkotz said you can't spot assess. It may be that a reassessment may do it as opposed to a full blown reval. An assessment may be a lot cheaper, but that's up to the County Board as well.

Mayor White said we had a revaluation and then recently we had a reassessment. Mr. Lo Dico said maybe 2010 was the reval and 2012 or 2013 we did the reassessment.

Mayor White said he remembered about a third of the town actually went down.

Councilman Cimiluca said he heard there are some towns that do a yearly reassessment. Mr. Weilkotz said they call it a re-adjustment. They do it uniformly across the town. That may or may not be something you want to get into because it will send the homeowners into a tizzy.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said, well we didn't spend any.

Councilman Accomando said it's impressive that it's just commercial tax appeals.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said it's a very conservative budget.

There was some discussion of the Park 80 West tax appeal. Mr. Lo Dico said he remembered the refund was \$377,000, and we approved it at the November meeting the week before Mr. Weilkotz came in. Mr. Weilkotz said he thought it would be important for the meeting to have all the vouchers for tax refunds for last year, have that pulled and have it in front of us so we know exactly what we're dealing with. He requested that this be updated correctly so we know what we're dealing with and that someone do an exposure sheet on all the other commercial

appeals that have been filed for a number of years and what the best guestimate is of what we may or may not lose.

Mr. Lo Dico said he would reach out by e-mail to set up that meeting.

Mr. Weilkotz said at some point we've got to introduce the budget. Mr. Lo Dico suggested the April meeting. Mr. Weilkotz made a note of the dates of the meeting and the work session.

Mr. Weilkotz left at this time.

## **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor White said the only thing he had as far as the budget was the full time rec director, and he asked how everyone felt about that.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if the Mayor had been interviewing or if we had a guideline of what we are looking for in terms of credentials and qualifications. Mayor White said not yet, no.

Councilman Accomando said he was for it, but he thought we should implement more programs first or have them in order before we consider a full time rec director because if we hire them now with no programs, it's like paying someone to do the same thing Joe's been doing for a third of the cost.

Mayor White said we have a lot of problems with that. Councilwoman D'Arminio asked what the salary was, and Mayor White said about 30. Not a lot. She asked if they really thought they would get someone for that, and Councilman Cimiluca said entry level.

Council President Camilleri said he was on board with that. It's the right direction to go. He discussed a phone call he'd had over the weekend – someone who wants to bring in kids who are not from Saddle Brook to play on Veterans' Field. Councilman Cimiluca said he was personally against that because how do you tell all the taxpayers in town, all right, we finished the project, it cost a million whatever, now the taxpayers of Saddle Brook are paying for that, and now you're bringing in kids that don't live in town to benefit by it. That doesn't sit well. He said he didn't know all the particulars, but he said he wanted Joe to find out about it; there are already other programs that are doing this. So if it's good for one, it's got to be good for all, or if it's not good for one, it's not good for any.

He said he wanted to see how everyone felt about it. If we're going to do it for one program we'd better do it for all the programs. If it is Saddle Brook field, you have to pull it from all those other programs.

Councilman Accomando said, that being said, the money that the Council is giving for uniforms is actually going for kids that don't even live in the Township.

Council President Camilleri said he wanted to get all the particulars on it. Councilman Cimiluca said there is a team that has played on Veterans' Field for a number of years, and they consist of kids from Saddle Brook and from other towns. They were playing baseball in the summer time there. They have to come and request access to the field. It's not unusual. It takes time and space away from specific rec programs.

Mayor White said he thought the only two programs that have out of town kids are Lacrosse, and he thought out of the forty, there were ten of them that live out of town. And last year the track program, Lodi joined in with us. They had several kids, but he thought that only was for last year because they belonged to the New Jersey Striders, and they're all part of that group. They practice at the high school, and they have one meet a year, and it's always the first meet that is usually at Saddle Brook; the meets after that are Fair Lawn and Ridgefield and a bunch of

different towns, but only because they were never in the striders and they got in too late. That doesn't impact Veterans' at all.

Councilman Cimiluca said what he was talking about really had nothing to do with Saddle Brook. They had Saddle Brook kids, but it wasn't anything affiliated with our rec programs.

Some discussion of this team followed. Councilman Accomando said his thing was these programs come to us asking for uniform money when our kids aren't getting that money. Council President Camilleri noted they do charge more for the out of towners, but as the Mayor was saying, they keep that money; it's not like it comes back to our bank account. He said he didn't think that was right.

Discussion of registration, fundraising and insurance coverage followed.

Council President Camilleri said this was one reason he would be for the full time rec commissioner because there are so many gray areas in our recreation program. Mayor White noted the background checks are not being done. Councilman Cimiluca asked who was in charge of making sure everyone has background checks. Mayor White said the commissioner of every program.

Discussion of the importance and necessity of background checks and following up on it followed.

Mayor White said Councilman Cimiluca brought up a good point. The commissioners are volunteers, they put a lot of time in and they do a good job, but they all have their little fiefdoms, and they are very afraid when you talk about any kind of change. They're afraid they're not going to be commissioner anymore, if we hire a full time rec director. They're afraid the commissioners' jobs are going to go away or they may change something. He said not that they're doing anything wrong, and they do a lot of good, but somebody needs to corral it. We really have no policy.

Councilman Cimiluca said I know we talked about it during the Chamberlain administration, and Brian was looking into it. And again, like almost everything in government, someone is looking into something and it never gets done. We hounded him on that, and we said we've got a problem here, and he looked into it preliminarily and said we've got a problem because no one really reports to us. They're all like little booster clubs under us, and really I think under the law it's supposed to all come to us. They can do their fundraising for additional stuff, but they shouldn't be keeping that money.

Council President Camilleri said if they get their own tax ID number and form their own corporation then they can deal with their own monies. But then they have to fill out their IRS forms and everything at the end of the year. He said he used to do that with Little League.

Discussion of them using our Tax ID number followed.

Councilman Accomando expressed concern about donations and said the Township may be left in the dark about money coming in.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said do you think \$30,000 is going to get a rec director to deal with all of this? Councilman Accomando said entry level. Mayor White said there are people who have expressed an interest. Councilwoman D'Arminio said when they were campaigning someone was asking 90; those were the numbers. Councilman Cimiluca said some of our DPW guys get 90, but they've been there for 30 years. That's the thing. You grow with the program.

Mayor White said someone just starting out maybe right out of college that took a course in sports management or somebody that's retired who was an athletic director maybe, something like that. It needs full time attention.

Councilman Cimiluca said the seniors are going to be wrapped into that program too. Mayor White said like a Civic Director. Councilman Cimiluca suggested

bringing Anna Belli in from Lodi to tell us what qualifications we need to look for, what we should expect from somebody. He discussed the rec program in Lodi and having a summer program. He noted the Lodi program was pretty much self-funded. Mayor White said they have a terrific program there.

Councilman Cimiluca discussed Ms. Belli who lived in Saddle Brook and her experience working in Lodi.

Councilman Cimiluca then mentioned the dangers of fund raising on the street, especially Saddle River Road and at A&P/ACME. He said he got calls from a number of different people saying "Why am I being accosted every place I go?" he said he didn't know what group it was, but they're there every week. Councilman Accomando said we have to get a handle on it. He then suggested they all be audited. Councilwoman D'Arminio agreed. Councilman Cimiluca agreed and discussed booster clubs and how sign-ups have to come to the town. He concluded that we have to take control of it.

Mayor White said he understands they are concerned about their sport, and they want to make sure they get what they deserve. He said there is a lot of liability, and we need to get more control over it. Not that anybody has bad intentions; they're watching out for their sport.

Councilman Accomando said he and Councilman Cimiluca were in agreement about leaving the field open, and now that the weather is getting nicer, this could be another duty of the full time rec commissioner to unlock the field let's say 10:00 AM and go back and lock it up at 10:00 PM.

Discussion of the times followed. Council President Camilleri said he still felt the field should be open, and Councilwoman D'Arminio said as long as you're watching.

Mr. Lo Dico noted Field Turf was coming tomorrow morning to do field maintenance.

Mayor White said he's heard pros and cons about should a full time rec director be someone from town or someone from out of town. Council President Camilleri said it's a double-edged sword. Councilwoman D'Arminio said she felt someone coming from outside the town that knows nobody it's an even playing field for everybody. They don't know anybody, so there's no favoritism. That has to be to the advantage.

Mayor White said that was one of the reasons he picked Mr. Setticase because his kids are not in rec. When you have somebody who has kids, they say you're favoring that sport because your kids are there. Councilman Cimiluca said he would want somebody from out of town, however, he could be convinced if it's the right person from town, depending if they have a 5-year-old kid who is going to be going through nine years of programs then shy away from that person because there's going to be conflict. There has to be a conflict.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said she didn't think for 30 you would get someone with a 5-year old. Councilman Accomando mentioned a retiree. Councilwoman D'Arminio said that's not always a good thing anyway. Don't they all fight with each other?

Mayor White said you need somebody that can handle it that can deal with people and not get upset, a good people person who can resolve problems objectively.

Council President Camilleri said people will still fight over things, and he didn't think it would alleviate some of those issues, but that would be his job description. You handle it. His or her.

Councilman Cimiluca said let's not just focus on sports because recreation is a lot more than sports.

Discussion of the responsibilities of the rec director followed.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said if we don't have policy in place, we need the policy in place first before we can hire someone. Mayor White said that person could help develop the policy too. Councilwoman D'Arminio agreed.

Councilman Accomando asked about the Pancake Breakfast. Councilman Cimiluca said the Pancake breakfast was 9:00 to 11:00, and the Easter Egg Hunt is in the High School.

Discussion of the pancake breakfast followed.

Councilman Cimiluca said his comment was billboard. Mr. Lo Dico said the electronic bulletin board was on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Lemanowicz discussed the Veterans' Field concession stand and presented a floor plan that was prepared. He mentioned the restroom layout and discussed cost-saving ideas and options for outside and inside wall finishes and floor finishes and glass block to let in natural light. He noted the architect was estimating about \$400,000 for the building, but that doesn't include site work, which is probably around \$150.

Councilman Accomando asked for clarification of site work, and Mr. Lemanowicz said the patio in the back, water line, sanitary line, gas.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked if we were buying all this equipment. Mr. Lemanowicz said there is one table-top fryer existing, the existing refrigerator display case is a nice glass front, it's a nice piece. There are some other smaller items, but for the most part it's all new. He said there is a chest freezer that is supposedly not so great, and you have two residential refrigerator freezers which are 2<sup>nd</sup> hand on the downhill side of their life probably. We can probably make some of the equipment alternates, some of the things that are on the wish list rather than the need list.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked about a price for that, and Mr. Lemanowicz said we could price all that stuff out so we can see which ones we want to put as an alternate and which ones we don't want to put out as an alternate. He noted we changed a lot of the equipment, the \$13,000 cappuccino machine is no longer in the plan. We're down to a \$400-\$500 Bunn coffee maker like you see at Quik Chek. The coffee maker that was in there was good for like 250 cups an hour. It was unbelievable. We're trying to be a little more reasonable with what we're proposing.

Councilman Accomando confirmed there was only one cashier station. Mr. Lemanowicz said we are making the opening big enough that you can put two more registers there. Council President Camilleri said he agreed one might be better. Mr. Lemanowicz said it will be wired for three.

Councilman Cimiluca asked about fixtures in the restrooms. He asked about getting an extra urinal in the men's room. Mr. Lemanowicz said we could ask.

Councilwoman D'Arminio confirmed this was \$400,000. Mr. Lemanowicz said that was for the building, that's not outside stuff, not demolition. Councilwoman D'Arminio said with the toilets and the sinks. Mr. Lemanowicz noted with demolition it would be another 2, so we're up at 6 plus the soft costs, we're right up where we want to be. This building will have a gable roof, not a flat roof. But the HVACs will be inside the gabled roof. He discussed HVAC units and said there are some options and that the architect was really working to keep the numbers down.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked what the cost was to knock it down. Mr. Lemanowicz said he had not looked, but he would not imagine it's that much. It's a couple dumpsters worth; it will be down in a day. Councilwoman D'Arminio said the County on Caldwell were talking \$150,000 to knock that nursing home down. Mr. Lemanowicz said he didn't think it was going to take a whole lot.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said she thought it was a nice layout, it looks good and serves its purpose.

Discussion of demolition followed.

Mr. Lemanowicz said we're going to want to put some kind of durable surface between the building and the fields, concrete or something. Councilman Accomando mentioned the pavers.

Councilwoman D'Arminio suggested used restaurant equipment. They don't have to have a gazillion dollars for a concession stand. She talked about tables and mentioned that fundraisers could be done for some items.

Mr. Lemanowicz suggested with the appliances guaranteeing half of them because that way you might get a bulk discount when you're buying it. If you ala carte all the stuff...

Mr. Lo Dico said you can do an alternate A with everything. Alternate B could be basic. Mr. Lemanowicz said the reality is you can make changes. We do it all the time. He said he would look into the urinal thing and asked if this was the plan we were going to go with. Councilwoman D'Arminio said she thought it was good. Council President Camilleri said let's move forward with it.

Mr. Lemanowicz said he was very happy with the architect so far.

Councilman Cimiluca mentioned the concrete. Council President Camilleri said pavers are much more expensive than concrete. Councilman Cimiluca said there are pavers left over in the garage. Discussion of pavers followed. Councilman Accomando said engraving can offset some of the costs.

Mr. Lemanowicz discussed stamping of the concrete and mentioned you can dye the concrete. Discussion of concrete options followed.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked how long it would take for the change with the other urinal. Mr. Lemanowicz said it was a matter of space. It seems like there's room there. Councilwoman D'Arminio asked how long to go out to bid after that? Mr. Lemanowicz said the architect said once he gets going he will have plans in four weeks.

Council Accomando asked if we could talk to whoever we want to see if they can at least knock it down to at least appear that work is starting, or is that a bad idea? Just to start the demolition?

Councilman Cimiluca asked if any groups were planning on utilizing that snack stand during the summer time. Council President Camilleri said in the fall. Councilman Cimiluca said he didn't want to knock it down and have them say well we had plans. Lacrosse is having a tournament or something. One is Veterans' and the second one is at the high school. Discussion of that Lacrosse event followed.

Council President Camilleri said cheerleading has a big concern of it not being ready for football season. Mayor White said worst case scenario we could use the high school. Councilman Cimiluca said worse comes to worst they open the garage door and sell M&Ms and crap like that out of there.

Council President Camilleri asked if there was any way if we jumped on this project we could possibly get it done by September. Mr. Lemanowicz said he didn't think so. Council President Camilleri asked what month he would think. Mr. Lemanowicz said you could get pretty far.

Councilman Cimiluca discussed changing the schedule a little.

Mr. Lo Dico said Councilman Cimiluca brought up the LED sign, and Mr. Lo Dico contacted a company in Florida, a company in NJ, Bergen County, and Grainger which did not send a quote and one other company. He said the company in Florida will ship the board. They'll tell you how to fix it, and if there's a problem they will send somebody from Florida up here to check it. Lodi High School has a board from Florida; it's been out three weeks. New Milford has this company that's right

here, and they are pretty satisfied. At this point based on the information he has, the recommendation is to go with the company in Bergen County. They can repair it. They're right here as opposed to sending somebody from Florida.

Councilman Accomando asked if Mayor White knew who did St. Philips' and Mayor White said he did not know. Councilman Accomando said that sign is never out. It's always lit.

Mr. Lo Dico said the price we have is just for the board, then we have to get the planning. This is just for the electronic bulletin board but they do that, they put the frame. The same thing with the one from Florida that was just the board and that was \$20,000. They don't install. That's extra. Discussion of the board types followed. Mr. Lo Dico said one was two separate boards at \$8,250 each and double-sided was \$16,500.

Discussion of the model types and costs followed.

Mr. Lo Dico noted we had some money put aside and funds come out of last years' budget for the sign. He noted that all the prices he had are just for the board and did not include the frame.

Mr. Lo Dico said if the Council had no objection, he would talk to the company. Mr. Lemanowicz discussed the brightness of the sign and suggested a sensor that could control the brightness.

There was a motion to approve the sign with the company in Bergen County.

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION**

### **CR# 316-85**

**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>
ADMINISTRATION 2015	NES LIGHT, INC.	DISPLAY SIGN	\$21,600.00

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico noted that Community Development now requires the Mayor's Appointment to be done by Council Resolution. He said under the new HUD rules everything has to be done by Council Resolution. He said he prepared the resolution to be sent to Community Development.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 316-84**

**WHEREAS**, Community Development requires that the Township Council confirms by resolution the Mayor's appointments for 2016,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Mayor's appointments of:

Mayor Robert White  
93 Market Street  
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

and

Peter Lo Dico  
93 Market Street  
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

as the Mayor's Alternate are confirmed by this resolution.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico said he would let the Council know when the budget meeting is and we can proceed. At this point we can't do anything more unless the Council has any questions. I'm still preparing the backup books. The fire department would like to come in and talk to the Council.

Councilman Cimiluca said he has a wish list of \$1,500 for his Access for All committee.

Mayor White asked if the DPW looked at the handicapped sign, and Mr. Lo Dico said yes, they are taking care of it. Councilwoman D'Arminio said they did it already.

Councilwoman Mazzer mentioned the pot hole repair list and said though she knows Market Street is a county road, she had noticed a couple of potholes by Washington School that are causing people to actually go out of their lanes. It's really dangerous.

Mayor White mentioned the potholes on Midland.

Council President Camilleri asked for a motion to go into closed session at 8:46 PM.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 316-86**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook desires to meet for the purpose of a closed session to discuss litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act does make an exception and allows a public body to hold a closed session to discuss these items,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exist.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Council President Camilleri asked for a motion to come out of closed session at 9:36 PM.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Mayor White asked Mr. Lemanowicz about Rosemont Avenue by Mike's Quick Stop, and that we may want to vacate that street. What is it that we need to do?

Mr. Lo Dico suggested speaking to Mr. Kapner and asking him to put up an escrow. He said no problem. We're trying to get cost estimates. Mr. Lemanowicz said we need a survey. Councilman Cimiluca said we have to contact the property owners. Mr. Lo Dico said he was concerned about getting the escrow, so we need a cost estimate from the professionals then we can tell him how much to put in for the escrow.

Discussion of the driveway at that location followed.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked if Mr. Lemanowicz would give them an update at the next meeting on where we're at with Williams with the road improvement program. Mr. Lemanowicz said yes, the plans are pretty much done. The water project on 5<sup>th</sup> street, we found out there was a permit that was never applied for that was required for the work under Route 46, so we're dealing with that now.

Mr. Lo Dico said we should be able to go out to bid. Putting the permit aside, it takes time to go out to bid.

Mr. Lemanowicz said once we get the first round of comments and little stuff, then we can go. If it's something major that's going to cause problems – the DOT realized the situation, and they seem to be trying to help us out.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said if the architect costs more than \$200 an hour forget it.

Councilman Cimiluca said May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Lacrosse Day, and two weeks later they're doing it at the high school.

Council President Camilleri asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Lo Dico, RMC CMC  
Township Clerk

Approved: April 7, 2016

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Joseph Camilleri  
Council President