

**The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on February 16, 2015 at 6:30 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

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

Council President Mazzer announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members by police messenger on February 13, 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 Cimiluca                      Second: Councilwoman D’Arminio

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

A resident asked for an explanation of the open portion of the meeting. Council President Mazzer explained the procedure.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca                      Second: Councilman Camilleri

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

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT**

Mayor White said he would like to have Mr. Lo Dico move on to the appointment of Municipal Court Judge.

Councilman Cimiluca recommended that be done in closed session since it involves personnel, and we have a couple of different applications.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion that the discussion be held in closed session.

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

Council President Mazzer asked Mr. Costa for an update on Veterans' Field. Mr. Costa said based on a meeting held last Friday, changes had been made to the plans, including an additional bathroom, an additional urinal and changes to the configuration of the snack stand as well as incorporating a stairwell.

The number of bathrooms and urinals was discussed, along with sinks and the layout of the building.

Council President Mazzer explained for the benefit of audience members that the Council was going over plans for Veterans' Field.

Ms. Costa explained that after the changes were made and the Council approved them they could go out to bid.

Mr. Lo Dico asked about a realistic time frame. Mr. Costa said if we could get these changes done this week and have a special meeting as quickly as possible for everybody to say yes, we would go immediately into working drawings. Let's be realistic, probably three to four weeks. The idea is to try to get this out, get it back and get it built and for the key to be in the door the end of September.

Councilman Accomando said we will be using the field come April or May and we're in the same situation with the Porta-Johns. Councilman Camilleri said the big crowd comes when football season hits.

Councilman Camilleri said we have to try to deal with that because that was the first concern, hitting that target date. He said he thought it was impossible now, so what do we do? I said he was going to say don't do the project because we're going to look silly. Even with football he said he would try to have some of the games switched because football starts the first week in September. If we run short one or two weeks, maybe we could swap some of those games so that we're not home and give us a little more time.

Mr. Costa said the key is you need to get started and you are subject to low bid and you don't know who that person is. The money is in place, that's the good news, but still you have to get it on the street, take the bids in, set up another meeting.

Councilman Camilleri expressed concern about the stairs leading up to the garage and asked if we have the height in the garage. Mr. Costa said you need ten feet. Councilman Camilleri asked if anyone had checked the height, and Mr. Costa said we could break to the other side if we had to, break the stairs and have a landing.

Councilman Camilleri mentioned the concern that if it was converted to a gym for cheerleading it might not be high enough for them to do their flips.

Council President Mazzer asked if there was anywhere in the bidding process we could put that time is of the essence. Mr. Suarez said you could have deadlines in the contract and after a certain amount of time we're entitled to a certain amount of

liquidated damages that they will have to pay us if they don't meet that timeline. Councilman Camilleri said he thought it was good to have that, but we could still be left holding a project that's not complete.

Mr. Suarez said rather than say time is of the essence, put in a time and say after that day we will have some sort of penalty. Mr. Costa said being realistic, the only good that does is you're going to wind up in court, and then you'll have a project that's stalled even further. You need the right contractor to get the job. The specs needs to be written as far as who has the ability to do the job, and it has to be very tight. Then you'll get larger contractors, the problem is, it's a small job.

Mr. Suarez said it is legal to tell some of the better known companies that the project is going out to bid and if they are interested in bidding on it – so you get a reputable name on it.

Mr. Costa said the idea was thrown around about working on Saturdays and Sundays and extending the hours they can actually work. Councilman Cimiluca said we changed that for the outside work.

Councilman Accomando asked about the interior work on the concession stand. Mr. Costa suggested quarry tile but said we didn't get that far. We need to get the concept. In the next 3 to 4 weeks we need to come back here and tweak this. Council President Mazzer said we can tweak this in a week. Mr. Costa said he would send an e-mail with the changes and suggested they then get into the kitchen design, get equipment lists and everything. He said he thought we had 3 or 4 weeks before we go out to bid, realistically.

Mr. Lo Dico asked if it was feasible to put something for an elevator in the future. If we ever want to put an elevator in, do we have an area to put it in? If that comes up five years or ten years from now, and it's constructed that we can't.

Mr. Costa discussed the specifications needed for an elevator. Councilman Cimiluca asked about a people elevator versus a freight elevator, and Mr. Costa said the key is to keep the costs down. He also discussed plumbing. Council President Mazzer asked if we were thinking about using the second for anything other than storage it would bring other codes into play. Mr. Costa said then you might need the elevator. He said if they wanted to go the other route they could come up with a quick concept and come back, but you're going to add a lot more cost to the project.

Councilman Cimiluca discussed storage in the concession area and putting something like a freight elevator in that area.

Mr. Costa made some suggestions and said you might want to set the concession stand up more like a restaurant kitchen.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if Mr. Costa had taken a look at the one at the high school, and Mr. Costa said yes. More discussion of the snack stand followed along with discussion of the roof and changes to the rest rooms. Councilman Camilleri made suggestions for placement of an elevator in the future.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked what the upstairs space could be used for, and Councilman Camilleri said storage was the chief thing, because with all the sports you never have enough storage. More discussion of an elevator followed.

Councilman Cimiluca suggested selling bricks as they did with the Board of Education snack stand or pavers or tables.

Mr. Costa said the only problem is they have to maintain this in perpetuity because all of a sudden if a bench disappears or the brick is gone it creates quite a stir.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said she thought it was a good idea. Council President Mazzer said UNICO did a bench by Welcome Road.

More discussion of the roof followed.

Mr. Costa reviewed the items to be changed or added to the plans.

Council President Mazzer expressed concern about the concession stand window and asked if it would be a temperature-controlled building. Mr. Costa said it was.

Mr. Costa said he would have the concepts back to everybody by the end of the week.

Councilman Camilleri asked about the area of grass by the girls' softball. He said if we can close that issue we will know exactly what we're going to spend on the field and then how much we have for the concession bathrooms. Councilman Cimiluca said he liked the idea of colored concrete, and Mayor White said he liked that idea as well. Discussion of the color followed along with the size of the area.

Council President Mazzer said we have a budget in front of us and suggested having a budget meeting.

Mr. Lo Dico said the auditor is available next Tuesday and Thursday to come in and talk to the Mayor and Council about the budget. He said we were finishing up the reports. Mr. DiMaria would be coming in to do the financial statement for 2014, which is the last piece of the puzzle for the budget.

Council President Mazzer asked if everyone was available for Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The Council members agreed.

Mr. Lo Dico said he would place the public notice and advertise for several dates in case they were needed. He said tonight everyone had received a budget book, which is the wish list for the departments. He said we were working on the actual budget numbers which they will get a document which has the revenues and what each department is requesting. At this point we are within all CAPS and the auditor is fine tuning it. They are going over some numbers and the Council would have it at the end of the week. Weather permitting.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to go into closed session at 7:36 PM.

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION**

### **CR# 215-53**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook desires to meet for the purpose of a closed session to discuss personnel; 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 February 16, 2015 at 6:30 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 exists.

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

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to come out of closed session.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP JUDGE**

In accordance with the provision of Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Administrative Code, I Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby appoint:

#### **NICHOLAS P. NASARENKO**

As Township Judge to fill the unexpired term of Deborah Gross-Quatrone effective February 16, 2015 and shall expire on December 31, 2015.

Motion for advice and consent: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Camilleri

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Cimiluca explained he voted no for reasons previously discussed and he felt it was time for a change, going back and he did not feel this was a change.

Mr. Suarez said this is for Judge Gross-Quatrone's unexpired term and next year there would be a new appointment for a three-year term.

Council President Mazzer clarified that in January of 2016 they would have to do advice and consent. Mr. Suarez said yes.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

With regards to the television station, Councilman Cimiluca noted that as he said at the last meeting, in talking to Mr. Halko, it's not that easy to get these things on. He said he thought it was something that was just brought to Cablevision and they throw it in the CD player. He said he had no idea. He had asked the guys who taped it last time if they could get in there, and if they needed help maybe someone would help them. He asked if Mayor White had any idea when they would get on that last meeting. Mayor White said he and the people who taped the last meeting had gone in there and taken a look and there are some issues. He said he had a computer technician come in and basically trouble shoot. They found two problems. He explained the problems with a decoder and a transmitter and said they are trying to get ahold of people who can come and make repairs. Other than that we should be up and running shortly.

Councilman Cimiluca said Mr. Halko was able to do it, and Mayor White said he was, but there have been some problems since then. Councilman Cimiluca suggested talking to Mr. Obiso about doing the billboard since he does the Facebook page. Mayor White said he had and Mr. Obiso would be interested, and they had a quote from Mr. Obiso. Mayor White added that he wasn't planning to discuss it as he wanted everyone to see it and didn't want to throw it at everybody last minute. He said he had decided to wait until the next meeting, and hopefully we will be a little further along.

Councilman Cimiluca suggested the Mayor give it to them ahead so they could look at it. If Mr. Obiso had numbers they could look at them. Councilman Cimiluca said maybe when he was updating Facebook he could update the billboard.

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

Motion: Councilman Camilleri

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

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

Mr. Len Azzarone of 234 34<sup>th</sup> Street in Fair Lawn said he had sent everyone an e-mail thanking them for considering him, and he said he understood the e-mail came out as gibberish. Council President Mazzer said it was just a strange format. Mr. Azzarone apologized for that and said he wanted to thank them in person.

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

Motion: Councilman Camilleri

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

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

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Camilleri

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

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

Approved: April 2, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Florence Mazzer  
Council President

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Peter Lo Dico, RMC CMC  
Township Clerk

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