

The minutes of the regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on June 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.

Council President Camilleri called the meeting to order.

Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Council President Camilleri asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag and to remain standing in honor of Memorial Day and for the passing of Lillian Setticas.

Council President Camilleri announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members by police messenger on May 27, 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.

Presentations

Councilwoman Mazzer awarded her annual scholarship to three of the 2016 recipients who were in attendance. She explained the criteria for the scholarship and expressed her pride in the recipients and their community service.

The scholarship recipients spoke briefly about their community service activities and their educational plans.

Mayor White congratulated the scholarship recipients. He then spoke about Crossing Guard Rosemary Selinka who recently passed away. He said he always looked forward to waving to Mrs. Selinka at her post every morning on Cambridge Avenue. He spoke briefly about Mrs. Selinka as a generous and giving person and extended his condolences to her family.

Chief Robert Kugler extended the sympathies of the Police Department and all the School Marshalls to the Selinka family and spoke about the sixteen years that Mrs. Selinka dedicated to the Township.

Chief Kugler noted that today a middle schooler was struck by a car in front of the High School, and said sometimes we take the crossing guard job not as serious as it is. He spoke about driver safety and the importance of School Marshalls. Chief Kugler retired Mrs. Selinka's badge and presented it to her husband Jerry.

Mrs. Selinka's daughter and husband spoke briefly and thanked everyone for their support.

Chief Kugler then spoke about the Chief for a Day Program and introduced Saddle Brook Police Department Chief for a Day Samantha Maniscalco who would be

joining him for a tour of Saddle Brook and the County and be introduced to law enforcement agencies throughout the County on Friday, June 3rd. Chief Kugler and Mayor White administered the oath of office to Chief Maniscalco.

Chief Kugler then gave an update on the 300th Anniversary Committee. He noted the banners hanging in the Council chamber and said they would be hung along roads in the Township representing individuals and businesses who support the Township and they would be going up as of Monday, June 6th.

The Chief then announced that on June 10th there would be a Pizza Party Celebration at the VFW Hall, for \$10 per ticket and there would be entertainment as well as honoring a resident who would be turning 100 years old on June 11th. Chief Kugler thanked Mr. Thomas Van Winkle for posting information to the Facebook page Saddle Brook 300. He encouraged residents to call the Mayor's office for more information.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

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

Mr. Ryan Roy of 167 North Leswing Avenue identified himself as an advocate for people with disabilities. He extended his condolences to the Selinka family and thanked them for their support throughout his life. He congratulated Samantha Maniscalco on being named Chief for a Day and thanked the Mayor and Council for really making a difference.

Mr. Roy mentioned the Blue Mass and said we really need to honor the fallen officers.

Mr. Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue expressed his condolences to the Selinka family and announced the Mayor's Youth Group is open to students from 4th through 12th Grade and would meet on Saturday at 11:00 AM at Town Hall to discuss upcoming events.

Mr. Nicholas Willie of 518 Lyster Avenue discussed the problem of tractor trailers on the street despite signs saying No Right Turn and No Trucks. He explained the trucks cannot turn around and have to back out of the street; they've hit cars on the block and have torn lines from his house. He said Chief Kugler told him to keep calling headquarters, but he doesn't like bothering headquarters for this. When they ripped his lines down he called, the police came and handed out tickets. Two days later another truck came down the block. He said he would not call if the police are not going to issue tickets every time because it's not stopping the problem. He suggested the Council should get ahold of the company and put a stop to it. All they do is give us lip service.

Mr. Willie said it has become unbearable because the trucks cannot turn around, they have to back out. He noted a driver urinated in the street at 1:30 in the afternoon. He said confronting the driver did not help. They don't care. He said he lays some of it on the building inspector because when these companies come in the townspeople on the block should be notified who's going in there, what their hours of operation are, what they do, what kind of product they're bringing in there, tractor trailers or whatever. If the railroad tomorrow tells them they're not allowed to use that road anymore, then we're going to have tractor trailers down our street seven days a week. I don't know what you can do, something's got to get done because if you don't do something and something is not done, there is going to be a war on the streets. It's coming because the people on the block are getting tired of it. When the trucks are backing out, they can't back out onto Erie Street, they're there 15-20 minutes. Now the traffic is backed up to Market Street, the other traffic

can't get through, we can't get in and out of our street. It's been going on roughly two years, since Global Access moved in there.

Councilman Accomando asked if Mr. Willie knew the name of the company, and Mr. Willie said Global Access. He said he had called the main office and you get lip service. What do they care? They don't live there. To make our street worse, now they put lights at the end of the block for the trains, which is another joke because two cars have been hit since the lights went in. Now they have the No Turn On Red lights up but the people in the row of traffic can't see that light because it's behind a tree, so they're all blowing the horn. So from six in the morning until 10 o'clock at night, all we hear is not horn honking, people just leaning on their horns, and it's seven days a week, and it doesn't stop. Our block has become really –

Councilman Accomando said paralyzed by the whole situation. Mr. Willie said it really is, it's terrible. Councilman Accomando said he encountered that today, no turn on red, you can't see it until you got up to it, and you can't turn on red when the train's coming which makes no sense because the train is to your left.

Mr. Willie said what's even worse is when the light is red for the people going south on Midland Avenue right before the tracks, the red light, they still don't make the left turns, then the people pull out of the lane, they're trying to get around. So that whole area there, between the trucks, then lights and everything ... I've been there since '63. I've been in the house for 35 years on this side of town, and I'm ready to sell. I'm ready to get out of the town because of this, and my neighbors are all thinking of selling too because it's unbearable. It's just unbearable. Would you like tractor trailers up and down your street all day? No. You can't get out of your driveway then they get to the end of the block, you're coming home, you can't go down your street, you've got to wait, then you have to wait for a cop to come to help them back out. It's enough. It's enough. We've had enough, so whatever you can do, we would appreciate it.

Councilman Cimiluca asked about the tree Mr. Willie said was blocking the sign. He asked if it was the tree or a branch. Mr. Willie said it was the tree. Councilman Cimiluca asked if it was the trunk of the tree. Mr. Willie said it's only when the train is coming. It's lit up, so then the first or second car can see it; the rest of those cars can't see the sign, so they just lean on their horns and just lean on them. It's all day long.

Councilman Cimiluca said it's the angle of the box. Mr. Willie said that's right. What's also bad is, as you all know because you drive, is a lot of people don't like to make that turn on red, so they don't go either, even when it's just a red light and the light is not on, they still don't make the turn on red. So everybody is blowing the horn at them. People are pulling out, going around and then the tractors are coming up Midland Ave almost having head ons. It's a fiasco.

Councilman Cimiluca said we had a couple more signs put up there. Is there any difference in the tractor trailer traffic? Mr. Willie said none. None. No. Because their GPS tells them to go to 400 Lyster Avenue, so they make the turn and go down. I can't say any more on that. I need the Council and the Mayor to get together and do something, send this company letters. They're going to tell you it's not their problem because it's not their truck drivers. It's deliveries that are coming into them. It's always somebody passing the buck. That's the bottom line.

Mayor White said I think what we have to do is meet with that company and sit them down, the chief and I and talk about what's going on there. They've got to give direction to these delivery people. Mr. Willie said they say they do, every time I'm down there. Mayor White said, I'm sure they do, but we need to really reiterate to them. Mr. Willie said I told them to put a sign there, Global Access up ahead. They put a sign about this big, and they leaned it up against the telephone pole on the ground. That blew away.

Mayor White said he thought they put it on a telephone pole, and Mr. Willie said they leaned it up against the telephone pole. Mayor White said he saw it there. Mr. Willie said they have a sign this big on the fence behind the leaves so the trucks don't see that either. They don't care. Let's just face it. They don't care.

Mayor White said as far as enforcement goes, if the enforcement is not consistent, it's not going to work. Mr. Willie said I don't like calling headquarters for that. They have more important things to do but if that's what it's going to take to stop – they keep giving them tickets and giving them tickets and the second time they came down, they just didn't get the ticket. So why should I call? That's the end of that issue.

Mayor White said I think you should call because it really is, the chief is here tonight.

Mr. Willie said my biggest mistake was the day the guy was taking a whiz. I should have filmed it with my camera phone, but I'm not that savvy with the thing. That's what I should have done, because that was the proof right there of what's going on.

Councilman Cimiluca suggested through the chair, although there is a sign there that says no turning or truck traffic, if we enact it as an ordinance and as part of our ordinance would be a second offense would involve registration revocation. I think at that point, now you're hitting people in the pocket book because they do it once, now you're on notice you shouldn't have done it. The second time, they're getting the registration suspended. If you have a suspended registration on a tractor trailer, you're not making money. So it's something to consider.

Mr. Willie said this company says it's always first time truck drivers that are coming to their place. So it's not the repeat driver doing it, it's always a first time driver. And they can't read. That's the problem. They can't read.

Councilman Cimiluca said they must have an endless supply of drivers. Mr. Willie said it's not their drivers. It's drivers that are coming to their company. Councilman Cimiluca said he wanted to know how many different companies are accessing it. It's not fair to revoke a registration for the first offense, but if it is a repeat offense, you're on notice. You hit them with a fine, hit them in the pocket book, but the second time around – you're only talking about people that are getting caught. They could be doing it five hundred times. If they're not caught they'll do it five hundred more, but once they're caught the first time, now they're on notice, the second time you're going to be revoked. It's not so much the driver, now the company is on notice because the driver doesn't own the truck. He may not care.

Mr. Willie said that's exactly what he said to the guy. He said I could care less. My boss is going to pay this ticket. Councilman Cimiluca said but it's the company who is getting the registration revoked, now you can't use your tractor trailer. If you can't use your tractor trailer, you're not hauling your product. If you're not hauling your product, you're not getting paid. If you're not getting paid, you're out of business. So that's something that we can consider.

Mr. Willie mentioned Long School on Floral Lane. He said we all know in the morning people park on the one side. The homeowners are parked there, a couple parents; the other side, the parents come up, and they start letting their kids out. I'm going down that street driving now, 46 years I have never run across this problem. I'm going down there the other day and an officer jumps out from between two cars and says to me, what do you think you're doing? I said I'm going to the end of the block. The officer says you're not allowed to do that. I said what do you mean I can't do that? You can't come through here. You have to get in line with these parents and wait in that line. You can't pass these parents up. Very nicely too - the officer was very nice. I said I've never heard of it. I pulled in the driveway turned around and went the other way. I was thinking about it. I don't know if it's legal or not for them to stop me doing that, but the officer made sense because it was so crammed in there to get through. There's children running back and forth and everything and about six or seven years ago I brought it up. I guess the Chief can answer the question. I see it in other towns because I'm on the road all the time. If the DPW works at 7:30, why can't they put coming from Fair Lawn Parkway towards the school at that one corner, put a barricade there? Just so traffic that's coming from Midland can go through, and the parents all have to come around, turn down by your house on Hayes, come around in a big circle, which a lot of them do anyway, they come around and they line up. That way you don't have this back

and forth traffic going through there for that hour and a half. At 9 o'clock the kids are in school, you pick up the barricade, you move it to the sidewalk. At 3 o'clock before they get out you put it back out and you do it again. For the safety of the kids and to keep traffic moving, there would be a nice flow going around the block. Because the way it is now is crazy. I don't see how they could stop you from going down the street. Maybe the chief could talk it over, the mayor or whatever. I don't know. Maybe you can't even do it legally in this town, I don't know, but I see it done in other towns.

Councilman Accomando said he liked the idea. There's one way in and one way out in the back of the school is always empty in the morning. Why can't the parents pull into the back of the school and drop the kids off the other way to leave the street open? Mr. Willie said he asked that. Councilman Accomando said if you ever need an emergency vehicle to go down the street during school drop off, house is on fire, it's going to burn.

Mr. Willie said he did ask that question. They said they line the kids up in the back, and they're all running around so they don't want the cars going back there.

Councilman Accomando said they did away with that. Mr. Willie said so either that or on Hayes drive right around Belli Terrace another left, the parents will still be dropping their kids of the same way. Now you have nice flow of traffic and if somebody is coming down the block they can still go down because it's all going one way just for that hour and a half. The officer's reasoning to me, I'm thinking, now I go down Cambridge Ave. I'm not allowed to go down that street. I have to get in the line of all the parents dropping off the kids because it's the same thing.

Council President Camilleri said Cambridge is one way going down, it's a little different. Mr. Willie said it is one way, but it's still the same premise. You're going to go down the middle of the street just like you're doing on Floral Lane. It's something to think about. When I brought it up last time they put the stop signs instead.

Mr. Willie concluded that help with Lyster Avenue would be appreciated. He said he didn't ask his neighbors to come get, that would be next time if something doesn't get done, especially the lady who the whole side of her car got destroyed. My lines are down. It took them five days to get there to fix it, so I just cancelled the phone because it's not the first time.

Council President Camilleri suggested the Mayor and Council get some kind of letter together to the company. They have to know who's picking what up, and maybe they could send out a mass e-mail to their truckers coming in, there is no truck driving on Lyster Avenue. Maybe we could try to get the word out that way just to stop it because we have to stop it. It is a little ridiculous. I wouldn't want to go out in front of my house and see some guy pop out of his truck and urinate in the street.

Mr. Willie said at first I started laughing but the lady across the street has two kids, and it's really not cool. Council President Camilleri said maybe we could get something like that together.

Mr. Willie thanked Council President Camilleri.

Ms. Jessica Kern of 73 Rochelle Parkway said we have the same problem with the tractor trailers on Rochelle Parkway. They're not supposed to come down there; they're certainly not supposed to make the left and go over 80 to all the factories back there. It's the same thing. They come, they sit and they idle. They get out of their car, they act like they don't know they're not supposed to go that way. My husband has gone out there to talk to them, they say the same thing. This is the way they're told to go; they're not going to go any other way. They've come down, and they've tried to make K-turns like on the side streets, Congress, Albany, Washington. There's tons of kids there. They're reversing these huge tractor trailers, they can't see, they come back, they idle. They have gotten out of their cars and screamed. My kids have been outside, they're rude. We try and help them and tell them they can't come this way and we were told the same thing. Call the

police every time. I would have to sit outside all day and make constant calls. It never ends. Same thing over there. I just wanted to let you know I have seen cops give tickets for sure, but it's not all the time. I know other neighbors have also complained about it. They've called, but sometimes by the time the cop gets there, they're gone.

Council President Camilleri said I live on Albany and I understand this problem exactly. The thing is I think where a lot of those trucks go, it's not as isolated as Nick's problem because there's different factories there to get in touch with. I don't even know where they're going but maybe collectively again we should look into that.

Ms. Kern said it's not the same truck, so I can't even say it's this company. There's a ton of them, and the cops when they do pull them over or give them a ticket they say the same thing, you've got to go the other way and come down Market, but you tell them once it doesn't matter. There's a ton of different ones.

Mayor White asked Chief Kugler through the chair to try to address this problem through placing officers there during the day and making this a priority. He said he knew Lyster has been a problem forever, and he said he's received other complaints from residents on Rochelle Parkway and also them going over Mayhill Street, which they're not supposed to do. They're supposed to come in through Market, and they're not supposed to pass the High School. Maybe we can try to place some officers there and let them sit if they have enough available and make it a priority.

Mr. Phil Sergio of Leonhardt Drive said we all regret the passing of Rosemary Selinka. He congratulated Chief Maniscalco on the Chief for the Day program and also congratulated the scholarship recipients and Councilwoman Mazzer for all the years that she has shared her successes as a business woman by helping our kids get an education. He said he thought that was one of the most unselfish things people can do. He said he was a member of Saddle Brook UNICO, and they do it every year, anywhere from five to eight scholarships, \$1000 apiece to help the kids continue their education.

Mr. Sergio thanked the VFW for allowing him the honor of being the Grand Marshall in this year's Memorial Day Parade. It was a very heartwarming thing, especially with the public support he received.

Mr. Larry Ratajczak of 92 Claremont Avenue said on Tuesday night there was a presentation put on about the company for the tax appeals. I know two Council people were missing from it. There was a lot of questions to be answered that we didn't get answers from, and I just have a few things to ask the Council about.

Mr. Ratajczak said I know we are looking at a five-year contract. Like I said on Tuesday night, the program might work, it might work for a year, it might work for two years, but what happens when the attorneys for these commercial buildings find a loophole to do the tax appeals again and we're stuck in this contract for five years? I recommend or would look at doing a one-year. I know you're going to pay more money for a one-year, but there has to be some way we can opt out of it because we can't be locked into something for five years and keep getting beat up for five years. Eventually they're going to find a loophole, and they're going to appeal their taxes again. So if this company could give us some kind of option to get out with no penalty, that's something we should negotiate before. And the other thing is, like I asked the gentleman if he's the only company that does this and he said no. And why didn't we get any presentations from the other companies? If there's three or four other companies. The other thing I didn't like when the tax assessor said that he had a relationship with this guy, this company. I know he works full time for Hackensack. They kept saying that Hackensack was doing very well and everything like that, but don't you think for this kind of money that we should get other prices or other presentations rather than to jump into something like this?

Councilwoman D'Arminio said through the chair actually why he said the company because this particular company did the reassessment in 2013, and if you recall

what the gentleman said the other night when it was referenced to Paterson, the other company came it at \$900,000 versus him, \$200,000 because the data – he already has the data. So going forward with us, being that he did it in 2013, he has all the data, so the price is going to be less than somebody coming in to recreate the wheel again.

Mr. Ratajczak said we don't know that. We didn't get any other pricing yet, so we don't know that. The other thing is, after the five years, who is going to own that data? Do we own it or does that company own it? Do we know this? We don't know these answers.

Mayor White said through the chair, we will let Anthony answer that.

Mr. Suarez said my understanding is it would be their proprietary documentation and we could discuss with them our ability to be able to keep the data, but I think that based upon this presentation is that that's kind of their work product, which was why they were able to give us the price that they were able to give us, rather than any other company. With regard to the South Jersey companies, one of the things I had talked to them about was when they do some of this evaluation and come up with their numbers that they're local and people have distances to travel, which is part of what they bill for because they're a close by Bergen County company, they're in Glen Rock.

Mr. Ratajczak said but we don't know because we haven't gotten any other pricing. We don't know the other company's prices. We're just taking this guy's word that that's why he's giving us such a deal. Okay. The other thing is when you compare to Paterson, you can't compare. All of the big buildings and all the corporations that go into Paterson are there on tax abatements. They don't pay no taxes. So they don't have to appeal anything. You look at Home Depot, you look at Lowes, you look at Pep Boys, you look at the hotel that's being built. They're there on tax abatement. There's 1100 churches there so they don't pay taxes. So that's why Paterson is in the condition that they're in right now. Because nobody pays taxes there. So he can't really compare us and say how good he's doing in Paterson when nobody in Paterson pays taxes. That's why the residents are getting hammered over there.

Mr. Ratajczak said the only thing I worry about is we got to have it in writing that we can get out of this if it doesn't work for us because the first time a commercial tax appeal comes, he says we're going to be at 100% all the time. The first time a tax appeal comes and we lose, are we out?

Councilwoman D'Arminio said through the chair, the purpose of it to do the rolling re-assessment is to keep the property values across the town at 100%. Mr. Ratajczak said I'm not arguing about that.

Councilman D'Arminio said that being said, there will not be any tax appeals. I know you're saying that attorneys will come along, but if you also heard what he said, there is legislation down in Trenton which the state is going to require the towns to do this, so you're saying hypothetically –

Mr. Ratajczak interrupted and said, you know how fast they move. If they move as fast as we're getting the money for that senior housing, we're going to be waiting a long time for government to move. Government does not move fast. Okay? Like I say, if someone does appeal the taxes or commercial – say Zuckerberg's appeals their taxes, who is going to represent us, and who is going to pay the legal fees for that? Because I mean this is supposed to be a failsafe policy that he's giving our town. Is he going to put it in writing that he's going to go to court and defend us, and if we do lose, how do we opt out immediately? Because once Zuckerberg wins, then Park 80 is coming in, the Marriott is coming in, and they're all coming in. We just have to get some kind of protection.

Council President Camilleri said that's where we're at now, Larry.

Mr. Ratajczak said but we're set to vote on it tonight. And we can't get to these questions. If you want this guy to put in writing that you can opt out and he's going

to pay legal fees, you've got to do it before you vote and before you sign the contract, not after because he's just going to laugh at you.

Council President Camilleri said I just look at what we're up against this year, Larry, a couple million dollars as opposed to \$75,000.

Mr. Ratajczak said this is the problem, and we've had the same tax assessor for 20 years. Remember that. Remember that. Okay?

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked is that a bad thing you're saying? Are you saying that's a bad thing because we have the same tax assessor?

Mr. Ratajczak said we're in a bad predicament where we are with the tax appeals, and we don't handle them fast enough and we just let them sit there and lay and think they're going away.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked Mr. Suarez to explain the tax appeal process, how come it takes so long.

Mr. Ratajczak said I understand it, Karen. I understand it. I don't think the Council does because the Council lets them stay there for six years and seven years, so if you understood something – you have a bill at your house, and it's sitting there for 30 days, 60 days, we're talking about things that are sitting for five and six years and millions of dollars and millions of dollars, and then the previous council goes and approves a zero percent budget when we have all those back end bills back here that we ain't looking at and we're going to go zero. So obviously the council doesn't understand the tax appeal process because they just ignore them.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said oh, no we did, because we had to raise taxes this year by \$167 to each of the residents because of the tax appeals, so we do understand it.

Mr. Ratajczak said it shouldn't be sitting there for six years.

Mayor White said through the chair that Mr. Suarez would explain the tax appeals.

Mr. Suarez said I'm sure that you're aware that basically when this group came in here that there was so many different tax appeals that had been open for a number of years with regard to especially some of the bigger properties in town, so like the Councilwoman just said, unfortunately with the budget presentation, the auditor did explain that taxes have been flat but for the fact that you have these enormous tax appeals that had sat around for some period of time and on this contract too, I was going to mention that the terms can't be changed unless all parties agree to it. So I know that you had asked about opting out or anything like that, I think part of what he had said was the price we're getting is based on the fact that it was over the course of the five years, otherwise the price would have been different.

If you want to discuss me going back and saying anything else about proprietary information we should talk about that in executive session if you want to have that because I don't want to go into contract arguments in open session. That would be a potential litigation issue. I also understand what you're saying with regard to that. But that issue is not specifically addressed in the contract. I thought that was part of what he had said which is why they can offer the price they can offer because he has that information, and I'm making a business assumption that he's not going to say that I'm going to give you all my information because you're my client, but maybe he will, I don't know.

Mayor White said through the chair, doesn't he have to submit annual reports which is going to have a lot of that data anyway?

Mr. Suarez said that's a good point, and in article 5 they are supposed to provide monthly reports of the progress of the work and meet with the assessor when required or requested. They are also to provide with regard to any of the appeals that are going to take place, an expert to go to the hearings which would be part of

the normal cost of doing a tax appeal when you go into tax quarter, you have to bring in your experts, so that's provided with the contract.

Mr. Ratajczak said, the other thing is, you're going to spend \$350,000 –

Council President Camilleri interrupted to say \$375.

Mr. Ratajczak said why don't you get a second price? Or bring out a second presentation? You don't jump at the first – you know what I'm saying? You're jumping –

Council President Camilleri said you're right in one aspect, Larry, but the thing is there is – we go through our professionals who happen to be our tax assessor. That was his recommendation and – I think he knows his business.

Mr. Ratajczak said if he knows his business how could we let them appeals sit there for five and six years? Don't you think he should have been on the Council saying look guys, we ought to do this, we got to settle this, we got to settle that? How aggressive is he to just sit back and just lay back?

Council President Camilleri said what we want to do now, as we explained, Larry, it's being proactive instead of reactive. The situation the town is in now, we're hurting and we're going to get beat up even worse if we don't do something so –

Mr. Ratajczak interrupted to say the only thing I would say when spending that amount of money is just shop around – just have another presentation, hear from another company. I did ask the guy if there was other companies that did this, and he was very hesitant to answer that. He was talking about Hunterdon County, Camden County and all. I said you can't be all over the map. You can only be up here. So there are other... when you go shopping for a big ticket item, I think you should hear other presentations before you go and vote on this and hire this company. It's just a lot of money and like I say, there's a lot of unanswered questions.

Council President Camilleri said I agree and I disagree.

Mr. Ratajczak said, like I said, I don't know how we're going to vote, because like I say, if the questions can't be answered here, the guy got you in a contract now, now you might as well just say here, take my money and go. That's what we're doing. That's what we're doing.

Mr. Omar Rodriguez of 275 Madison Avenue identified himself as four times Council president, and said I just want to make a comment. After approximately 8 months I stood up at this podium last month and there were some inconsistencies in the remarks that I received in regards to some of the questions that were presented last month. It took me to do some research, and that's why I'm here today, and I was here also on last Tuesday at the work session.

First and foremost, I would like to officially present the idea to the Mayor and Council to - I believe that I spoke to some of you, but officially I would like to request that you consider using some of the properties that we have in town, any pocket parks or any particular property that we have and dedicate as a memorial or as a park in honor to those that have served on a volunteer basis to our community. Now we heard about the passing of Rosemary and not too long ago about PJ Punzo, Jack Wasdyke and others. I believe it will be a nice moment, a nice time to think about that. Since we have so many properties we can use one of them, look for the grant to beautify from the county or the state or actually do it through volunteer services in town that we are very good at doing that, so at the end of the day it will not cost a penny to the taxpayers. I would appreciate if you would consider that.

Second, I came last month and I stood up at the podium when I heard that most of the homeowners will be hit this particular year with \$400 or \$500 increase in the taxes. That's the average assessment home. Because all the taxes are going to go up starting with County, Board of Education, municipality, open space, so that is

just the assessment. That's the minimum. If you've got a beautiful home that is assessed at a higher price, of course it's going to go higher. It took me to doing some questioning and the main reason why taxes are going up, I actually am not lecturing you, but I'm speaking to the residents, the homeowners, that have to do two or three jobs in order to pay the taxes, is the reason there were a lot of commercial tax appeals and they were successful in their endeavors, and now we have to give them refunds. After giving these refunds to the commercial and industrial taxpayers, the homeowners will have to fill the gap, so the taxes will increase. So that brings me to questioning what are we going to do in order to avoid that and I was asking questions, and this came about resolution #15, which is rolling re-assessment, rolling annual re-assessment.

Mr. Rodriguez continued, first I would like to ask through the chair if I may, the business administrator or anyone on the Council those are the ones that are going to vote tonight, which company did our revaluation in 2013?

Mr. Lo Dico said the same company that we have on the agenda for tonight.

Mr. Rodriguez said through the chair to anyone that is going to be ready to vote tonight because apparently as the tax assessor was saying that it was a done deal, that it's ready to go, it's going to be approved, even though the Council President corrected that there was more questions coming out, I believe there is still a lot of questions like Mr. Ratajczak just mentioned before, a lot of questions remain on the air.

One of my first questions is, why are we in a rush to purchase this? Are we in that real – that situation to purchase an unknown service? That's my first question.

Council President Camilleri said I have to correct you with the unknown, Omar, because we discussed it in detail in a closed session with the entire Council, and then we discussed it again in open session on Tuesday, which you were here. I kind of emphasize for yourself if you were to have asked those questions, why those professionals are here because you may have gotten all the answers you wanted to get. You know what I'm saying? You're asking questions now when I can't answer for the professionals, I can't answer for the gentleman that was presenting this plan, but he would have had the answers to your questions.

Mr. Rodriguez said maybe I don't have too many questions. The question right now that I'm doing is, why are we trying to purchase this system in a rush because apparently it's that we are against the wall. Why are we doing that? Are we in that bad of a shape?

Council President Camilleri said, I can speak for myself. I'd like to purchase this plan to protect our town and to make, which I think you spoke about, the commercial end pay their share instead of the burden being dumped on the homeowner. I do feel that this plan will nip that right in the bud with all these commercial appeals. We have to do something because what we're doing now, it's not working. It's not working. Every year we're going to get belted for a million, two million, and we have to do something pro-active.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Council President Camilleri. He said so we're not in good shape and we need to do something, correct?

Council President Camilleri said I don't want to see history repeating itself next year.

Mr. Rodriguez said right, because year after year we're getting beat up. I just want to leave that up there because that's what I wanted to get.

Mayor White said through the chair, yes, we need to do something. We need to take a proactive approach and stance, because you just said it yourself taxes are going to go up way too much. It's not fair to the taxpayers. We need to do something, and as far as the big rush, I think Mr. Lo Dico can explain. There is a deadline we have to get by next week to the Bergen County Division of Taxation. We need to present some plan to them otherwise we're going to have to wait until

next year, and we're going to get belted again like we did this year, and I don't think that's fair to our tax payers. We need to do something. The ratio fell significantly to 78%.

Mr. Rodriguez said for the record, every single town goes more than the required 15%. That's just a benchmark. The 15% below ... is just a benchmark, 85 is the requirement. Or 115, so there's nothing wrong with that. It's not the best case scenario, but there's nothing wrong.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked if there was a question here because I don't get it.

Mr. Rodriguez said I can ask all the questions you want right now.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said but you're not asking any questions, you're ...

Mr. Rodriguez said you want the questions? In 2013, it was not a reassessment like you just stated before.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said yes it was.

Mr. Rodriguez said if I can correct you, I don't know if you understand the difference between re-assessment and –

Councilwoman D'Arminio said there's no reason for you to be condescending, Mr. Rodriguez.

Mr. Rodriguez said you just tried to interrupt me so let me try to clarify here. A re-assessment is not the same as a revaluation. If you know that, you shouldn't say re-assessment twice. It's a re-evaluation that happened in 2013. All right?

Mr. Lo Dico said it was a reassessment.

Mr. Rodriguez said according to the webpage of Appraisal Systems it's under revaluation.

Mr. Lo Dico said according to the resolution we adopted it was a re-assessment.

Mr. Rodriguez said in 2013 according to the webpage it was a revaluation that we paid over \$300,000. Correct? That's on the webpage. So now it's a big difference between reassessment and revaluation, and that's what I'm just going by there. But the reason I'm saying that and actually by the way here it's stated also wrong, that when he mentioned another town that there is \$200,000 a year and they can get out in the first year and second year, third year, fourth year any time, they can get out. The next lowest bidder was \$900,000. Not accurate at all. It was \$425. Because they did have shared data. But that's not what we're here for. We're here about Saddle Brook.

Council President Cimiluca asked Mr. Rodriguez you're saying the gentleman that gave us the demonstration just gave out false information?

Mr. Rodriguez said I'm going on the record and I'm saying that second lowest bidder is not \$900,000 like he stated here. It was \$425,000, so do clarifications right there. I do my research before I come over here and I do. The reason I'm saying this – the same year that we bid our job, 2013, right? In another town nearby – there were a lot of tax appeals, maybe like we're facing now. They are taking a pro-active approach. You know what they're doing? They're suing. They're suing the company that did their revaluation. They're suing them. The same year that we finished. They're suing the company for all the losses. What are we doing right here? This just happened in the last 48 hours. What are we doing right here? We're not suing the company. But what we're doing right here is that we are saying hey, you just did it, guess what? We're going to reward you. Tell me what you have on your shelf. Of course everybody is a salesman when it comes to their pockets, I want a better product. Buy this, I will sell it to you for \$75,000 a year for five years. Wow. In ten years that usually is the term of a revaluation. It's not a scientific science, it can be from 7 to 10, sometimes 12-15, that Saddle Brook has

experience. In ten years this will cost us \$750,000. A revaluation for the size of our town, the average price is between \$275 and \$325 for the town.

Council President Camilleri said agreed right there. But if this plan doesn't work in five years, Omar, there will be no reason to continue it for another five to ten.

Mr. Rodriguez said in New Jersey the state law says when you do a re-assessment and that's what they're trying to sell us, a re-assessment, you have to do a minimum of 25% of all the homes. Council President Camilleri said correct.

Mr. Rodriguez said in Saddle Brook it's around 4200, so per year we will have to do at least 1050 homes, not homes, line items which is commercial, industrial and residential. The question is, if they're going to complete the job in four years, why do we need a fifth year? By law when you say to the State and to the County, I'm going to do a re-assessment, by law you have to do 25% every single year. Why do we have a five year? Why other towns are doing this program just for four years? Now also the question that wasn't answered, I don't know if you did, that was found in writing, was what was the price if you need to change it for four years, what is the price if you need to change it per year? He never responded. That was not an option. You know what's not an option? And this can be done in house, and I also asked our tax assessor what kind of software do we have? I'm guessing that we have CAMA that is supported by MicroSystems. If that is the case, all that we got to do to get the data and to upload it into our system, but guess what? We can do that ourselves. Do you know how many people we need to do the job? Two part-timers in Saddle Brook to accomplish the 25% of the state requires.

Now the question will come, if someone will do the job, the question will come does the tax assessor have enough time to work with him? All we need in order to accomplish this job, the same job that he's going to do is going to be two part timers. Now I want to throw a question then, in commercial and industrial, that's where we're going to get hurt big time. Are we going to – whose going to pay – in the meantime, I'm looking for my paperwork. Can anyone tell me how much is the hourly –

Council President Camilleri said I don't mean to interrupt you but you come out here saying all we need is two part timers to do this project. Have you done it? Are you speaking from experience? I don't get where you come off saying that. Part-timers are going to take care of this project and keep the commercial assessments in check?

Mr. Rodriguez said, there is a formula in order to accomplish that through one year, 25% of the homes or the properties in Saddle Brook is 1050 but my question goes even farther more. How much is he going to charge us to represent us in court? It's part of the contract. He needs to prepare, he needs to put everything in a file, he needs to provide it to the attorney, he needs time to go, time to stay there. How much is it going to cost us each hour?

Mr. Suarez said like I said before, I think they do the same thing with their revaluations, because I've had experience with them in that end. I believe they provide the expert, the town would have to pay the attorney I guess, who is going on the tax appeal, but they will provide the expert witness in the contract, paragraph J under article 1. It says the firm shall assist by providing an expert witness for all valuations rendered to the municipality.

Mr. Rodriguez said with all respect, I'm very aware of that, when we do a revaluation. After the revaluation is complete they will do it for free for one year. In this case they are not doing a re-valuation. This is an annual reassessment and that was my question that also wasn't answered. Is he going to be free now because he's going to do it on an annual basis, or is he going to be charging per hour on every single case? Now another question, who is going to pay for Title 91? Who is responsible for payments on Title 91? Can anyone in the Council that are going to vote explain it to me who is going to pay for Title 91? That's the most important key of all these what we're buying tonight. Can anyone?

Mr. Rodriguez continued well, that's a question that I will think that you've got to table this until you get a lot of answers. You can call for a special meeting. I know the Mayor just mentioned that time is of the essence, but time is one of the most expensive items. I will explain to the residents – any time that we lose a commercial and an industrial appeal, even if we are at 100% market ratio, they will appeal. They will appeal. Our chances just when we settle is just a little better, but it was said that day that if we keep it at 100% our tax ratio will go down, but that doesn't mean that your taxes will go down. Taxes will not go down, it will stay the same. If anyone right here on this Council will tell me otherwise, I'm ready to hear anything. It will not go down. However on commercial and industrial properties there is a caveat right here. They don't inspect the properties. They don't go inside the properties.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said yes they do. He said yes they do. He said they will go into...

Mr. Rodriguez interrupted and said, with total respect to the chair, if I can, I can pass it out to you so you can just maybe learn something.

Mayor White said it says it right in the contract that they can go inside the houses. Council President Camilleri said for the first year.

Mr. Rodriguez said, if I may once again, I'm going to pass it on. Commercial and industrial, I know it's going to come, if you can pass it around please. That is out of the web page, they don't go inside, to correct you. They don't do commercial and industrial, it's a different kind of criteria they use for those. I'm going to tell you how they do it. And that's what my problem is, my person problem. For the camera, this is Title 91, so they could answer, but I'm going to show what is the Title 91. Title 91 is a questionnaire in which they send questions to the commercial and industrial park owners. They have to put their income, how much they rent it for, how much they have to spend on repairing the buildings or factories or whatever they might have. It's based on honesty. Whatever they write, right here, that's what they mainly base their assessment for commercial and industrial, so my question here goes, we the homeowners, which are the majority of the town, will not have the chance. Why? We sell a house today for – our assessment is \$190,000 according to the town. If we sell the house tomorrow for \$300,000, with this system, the next week you will be paying taxes on \$300,000.

Council President Camilleri said correct. Mr. Rodriguez said the homeowner that is buying the house will appeal, whatever, not much will happen. That is not the problem in Saddle Brook. The problem is not the homeowners, the problem is the commercial and industrial. When I say why we, the homeowners will get penalized every time that we – I say penalized because you do a kitchen, you do an extra room, you will be charged immediately but the commercial and industrial, nothing will happen. Why? Because Title 91 is just sent to these owners just once a year. Once a year. Based on this, that's how they pay taxes. Based on this is how they appeal. That's Title 91. So now that other method, and you can read it there, is through sales price. They compare sales price. Let me put it this way, a big operation happened. The biggest building over here just sold, Park 80 West, just to mention for one two three hundred million dollars. It's a lot of stock that is going to be on the operation, we the people, we are basically not financiers, whatever property sales price it says there, that's what we're going to base on that, but our people, this Appraisal System will not come inside. The only way, and they said it right, the only way for commercial, when it comes renters, let's say Finnigan Apartments, they will go inside, yes because they are rental apartments. It's considered part of commercial, but when it's a factory that is also considered a commercial building, or industrial depending on where they are, they will not go in. So my question goes to you, Council members, respectfully, and I'm not here to knock it down. Maybe it's the best thing that could happen. It's just to question this with some more clarity from the vendor. When I say unknown, it's because this has been on the Market for no more than three years, and guess what? Regarding Wood-ridge – when the Mayor is senator/mayor, they're doing a revaluation system right now as we speak with the same company. Why they didn't take this rolling system?

Mayor White said through the chair, Omar, we can't compare ourselves to Wood-ridge. We're totally different than Wood-ridge. I think they're mostly residential, aren't they? Do they have any industrial, a commercial area? A commercial I guess, I don't think they have industrial.

Mr. Rodriguez said big industrial.

Mayor White said I don't know the town that well. What we have to do here as a Mayor and Council, we have to take the advice – we have a problem, we're trying to address it. We have to take the advice of our professionals. Somebody mentioned the tax collector before. We also have a tax appeals attorney. We also have an appraiser that works for the town. The tax collector – I'm sorry, the tax assessor, he's a part-time person, professional. We have an appraiser, we also have a tax appeals attorney. I'm not being a smart-aleck, but like Council President Camilleri said, they were all here on Tuesday. Now, you're talking to people here. I have some knowledge, admittedly, I'm not an expert. But this is why I don't mean to be a smart-aleck, but why don't you explain to me, what are your credentials? We're sitting up here, and I've got to tell you, to the people listening at home, you sound like you know what you're talking about. You do. But we don't have professionals here, except Anthony and Anthony is an attorney. I don't know if he does tax appeals or how much information he has, but I'm asking you, you're speaking like you know what you're talking about. Now in a court of law, a professional has to state what their credentials are, and I'm asking you, not to be a smart aleck, I'm saying it. Just to ask you man to man, what are your credentials? What are your credentials professionally?

Mr. Rodriguez said, Mayor, this happened on Tuesday night, this happened on Tuesday night and there were a lot of questions, apparently the tax assessor got tired of some questions and I said I was going to ask most of my questions, and I did that night. They didn't respond, and it doesn't take that long to do research. All you have to do is just go to the same webpage and get all the information from there and read it. They took the time and just read it and digest it.

Mr. Rodriguez said I also just wonder, Teaneck –

Council President Camilleri said hold on, Omar, one second, the mayor asked you a question and you didn't answer it.

Mr. Rodriguez said I'm a certified public manager. All right? Now –

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked what is that? What does that mean? You have finance background? What does that mean?

Mr. Rodriguez said through the chair, I don't want to lose my train of thought. Last month Councilman Cimiluca, and that's when I did my research, and it's not his fault. He also mentioned last month, and it's on the video, he says that at the end of the fifth year, it will be a revaluation, and we're not going to have a revaluation. So what the homeowners need to understand now is that if we continue with this company, every fourth year they will have to open their doors for these inspectors to come, take pictures and inspect their homes every fourth year. He said councilman Cimiluca also mentioned that company was doing business with another city at the time, and that's when he caught me off guard, and it's not that at that time I didn't know nothing, but when I don't know nothing, guess what? I just read. I just do research. I happened to find out that it wasn't true also. It wasn't true. They have been trying for the longest time to have that client, but they just signed it Tuesday and why? Because it went to us for information from treasury from everything because I needed to know what this program was. In closing I just need to say this – let's remember something that every time that we do things last minute, things don't work well. We have already ... not that you want to make the mistakes, but some of these professionals here tell you this is the best thing, but the best thing I believe is just to go around, ask the proper questions. Last time they were having meetings left and right, left and right, back to back to purchase for \$850,000 a property to build senior housing, five years later, we still don't have nothing. And today, Bergen Freeholders sent \$1.25 million to fund affordable housing projects, none of them in Saddle Brook yet. So that's again – I'm not here

to say that this is the worst, this might be the best, but it's just to do some research, and just for the record when you have this type of [finance], you don't go by what the professional says. Basically it might be the best relation that he got in this town and other towns that he worked for, but we've got to look at what is best for us. Why don't we do an RFQ? That's the minimum that we can do, I believe, but if it's next week, maybe there's not much time. I don't know those details. All I'm saying, this is a new program that we are paying double the price that it would have cost us to do a revaluation. Is it worth it, maybe yes. Thank you very much.

Council President Camilleri said wait one second, Omar, I have to interrupt there. It's not double the price. The total price for this is \$375,000. It's not double the price. Correct?

Mr. Rodriguez said no, you're incorrect.

Council President Camilleri said okay, it would be double the price?

Mr. Rodriguez said yes.

Council President Camilleri asked what was the price of our last revaluation? You said it was between \$275 and \$315,000.

Mr. Rodriguez said yes.

Council President Camilleri said so this comes it at \$375. I don't know what kind of calculator you used, but that's not double.

Mr. Rodriguez said if we're going to go with that, I was just being simple. A revaluation in the state of New Jersey, the average is ten years. So in ten years you spend \$300,000, and if you multiply \$75,000 for ten years it's \$750,000.

Council President Camilleri said, but as I said before if this doesn't work, we're out of it in five years at \$375, and the way we are right now, Omar, I think I owe it to the people to make a decision. I think I owe it to the people to try to make the best decision to get this tax problem that we have in this town in check, and this was what was proposed to us, and I do feel 100% it will work.

Mr. Rodriguez said once again, same year. If we are in a mess and we just recently did the work with the same company – another town is suing the company that did the work for all these tax appeals, but we are not suing this company. That is the same company that we are going to for advice. We are re-hiring them and paying them more money. I don't know, in my books it doesn't make sense. Maybe I'm wrong but then again –

Council President Camilleri said right here it's a different animal. It was also explained that the old system, the old way, doesn't work anymore and that's why he was leaning toward this new system. Something that's new that does work at the 100% assessed value, and he can make adjustments during the year on this with the rentals.

Mr. Rodriguez said I understand, if that would be the case, then people in Allendale, people in Teaneck, people in Wood-ridge wouldn't be doing the revaluation. They didn't take this rolling re-assessment, and they did it right now with this same company. With this same company they did it. Thank you very much, have a good night.

Mr. Suarez said I don't know the specifics in Wood-ridge but when we do a revaluation generally what happens is you are ordered to do the revaluation by the County Board of Taxation. My understanding from the presentation was that this was supposed to be a pro-active method of getting this ratio up to avoid tax appeals.

Council President Camilleri said exactly.

Mr. Suarez said then with regard to some of the issues that were brought up, yeah, some of the state law that is in the contract does permit and require that they do send out the income producing properties the questionnaire under state law, but what the contract lays out is the procedures he's going to follow are those that are prescribed by law in order to conduct this type of an activity. So then the procedure also allows if there's a taxpayer, say a resident who is concerned that their taxes are going to be higher because of the assessment that they can actually do a taxpayer hearing, and they will have a meeting with the taxpayers in order to address some of their concerns. It doesn't lay out specific hourly fees for the expert, but it says that they will be providing an expert witness at the time of a tax court hearing or a County Tax Board hearing. The other thing it does say – it's plain from the contract, it does say that 100% are going to be inspected in the first year. Then they'll do 25 in years 2 through 5, and over the four-year period all 100% will be inspected. It doesn't say in the contract that it's just for this type of property or this type of property.

Mr. Suarez continued in terms of what we can get and can't get, just to clarify, he never said that the Township is entitled to the facts or the information. It's just that I don't know the way that his computers work or his inputting system, so I think that he can give us the information. We're paying for it, but I don't know how much it helps that we have it and we don't have the system to work with it to get the results. That's the only thing that I believe, that's something that I was wondering. He's not going to give away his copyright or trademark or whatever you want to call it, but I would assume we would be entitled to the facts and the information that we're paying for, you would get that. I just wanted to clarify that.

Mr. Lo Dico said through the chair just to clarify also, I was a skeptic when this first came up, this idea, but we had a revaluation in 2010 give or take. We had a reassessment in 2013. In 2015-2016 we've dropped 20%, and that's the basis of the tax appeals. It's not the value of the property; it's the ratio. That was explained the other night. It makes sense to go to 100%. People file tax appeals, businesses. It's not going to stop people filing tax appeals. We're in a better position to defend the Township and stop the bleeding, and this is the recommendation that's been made. The reason we have to do it now is the County Tax Board is meeting next week. If we want to implement this by October 1st, I believe is the cutoff, we have to do it now. We could wait. It'll take another year, and we don't know what the tax appeals or the ratio is going to be. That's the only reason this is all coming to a head at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Suarez said there's some towns that he did the presentation for that I'm involved with that they are going to go with it, but they don't have the base that you have with respect to your commercial base which is really, the Park 80 alone is really what drove your tax increase here. So some of the other towns, it's mainly residential, and they're not finding the need for this, but from what your assessor said that night, he seemed to be very strongly in favor of it, so...

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Council President Camilleri – yes

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor White said our annual Police Department Memorial Service in memory of our deceased Saddle Brook police officers was on Friday, May 13th. He thanked all who attended that ceremony, especially the families of our deceased officers. On May 21st we had Armed Forces Day at the Saddle Brook Library. I want to thank the library for hosting that. It was a very good turnout, and our resident Henry

Ballone did a great job and did a very informative presentation. We had a Shared Services flood meeting on Thursday, May 26th. Council President Camilleri, Councilwoman D'Arminio and I attended. We met with representatives from surrounding towns along with Bergen County representatives Tom Richards and Betsy Stagg as well as NJ Assemblyman Tim Eustace. Council President Camilleri will elaborate more on what was discussed in that meeting.

Our Memorial Day parade was this past Sunday. I want to congratulate Phil Sergio, our Grand Marshall, who did a great job. Phil, congratulations. I want to thank all that participated, especially the parade committee, our Fire Department and Ambulance Corps for holding their ceremonies in memory of their deceased members. The event was videotaped and will be broadcast on our town TV and Facebook page. Yesterday we had the Blue Mass at St. Philips. The mass was intended to honor and remember New Jersey police officers who lost their lives while serving and protecting their communities and to thank and acknowledge the families. Very special thanks and appreciation to the Blue Mass Committee and St. Philips for offering their church to the mass.

Mayor White thanked Congressman Bill Pascrell, New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Bergen County Sheriff Mike Saudino, Bergen County Clerk John Hogan, some neighboring Mayors, Councilwoman Mazzer and Councilman Accomando who is also a Bergen County Sheriff's officer who were in attendance.

Lastly we appreciated the support we received from our residents and parishioners at St. Philips, many attended. The event was videotaped and will be broadcast on our town television, website and Facebook.

Regarding upcoming events, Mayor White mentioned the 300th Anniversary Pizza Party, the Fishing Contest coming up on Saturday June 11th at the County Park 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. There's still time to register by contacting the Mayor's secretary. The primary elections are next Tuesday, June 7th, the polls open at 6:00 AM and are open until 8:00 PM. The town fireworks display is Sunday, July 3rd at the County Park. He thanked the VFW for sponsoring it the way they do every year and added also this year the American Legion is contributing, and we're going to have an upgraded show.

Regarding Appraisal Systems Mayor White said I basically feel that this five-year reassessment - I'm in favor of it. I want the Council to know that, and I think that we should pass it. We need this pro-active measure to address the problems that we're having with these commercial tax appeals. Our professionals are recommending this method, and as I said during the public session, we have to rely on what our professionals say. Mr. Rodriguez brought up one thing about the company that we're using is the same company that we had the reassessment, but you know what, the reassessment that we had was fine for the first couple of years, then after that, the market dropped, houses dropped, the ratio dropped, so I think we're comparing apples and oranges there. I have personally spoken to mayors and different representatives that use this company and are using this method, this rolling five-year reassessment, and they're very, very happy with it. Some are three years, some are two years, some just started, but it's a reputable company, so I feel strongly that we should go forward, and we are on a deadline. I don't like the fact that we're on a deadline but based on everything I hear, this is the way to go. Also our anticipatory bond rate – good news, our Township received a rate of .89 from TD Bank for the bond anticipatory notes, which basically what they are – that's what the town uses to borrow money for capital improvements. This means the town can borrow at a minimal cost or rate of interest, which is a good thing.

Lastly, Safe Routes to School, our town engineer is working with our grant writer and the school district and we're going to be applying for a safe routes grant for construction of a bus pull off zone on Cambridge Avenue by Smith School.

Mayor White congratulated all our Saddle Brook graduates at every level and wished them well in their future endeavors, and he wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Councilman Accomando said yesterday's Blue Mass was the second one the Township has done, and it's growing every year. Great job on St. Philip's Church. Bill Gants does it out of the kindness of his heart, he reaches out to all these people. I don't know how he has the time to do so. Thanks to the chief, he's involved as well.

He added this afternoon there was a child hit by a car, I want to wish that child a speedy recovery. Congratulations to Phil Sergio for the parade, it's well deserved, and Happy Father's Day.

Councilwoman D'Arminio congratulated Phil Sergio as the Grand Marshall. I thought the parade was terrific. She congratulated Councilwoman Mazzer for giving the scholarships each and every year. She said every meeting there are those people that come up month after month after month to bash the Council. They have nothing positive to say, only negative. Their goal is to disparage, condescend and sometimes be disrespectful. I'd just like to say good things are happening in Saddle Brook. We as a Council work hard every month for the best interests of our town. We will be awarding the bid tonight for the bathrooms and concession stand at Veterans' Field, and it came in on budget. We're working on our road improvement program, and that work is being started. In the 6th district, phase 1 of the drainage program is being started with a \$67,000 grant we got last year from Community Development. This year we were awarded another \$90,000, which will go toward the same project. Because of the ordinance we passed, the roads were paved in the 5th district from curb to curb by the contractor. Ten roads at no cost to the taxpayers. This saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars. We're looking at grants for the new tricentennial park at the corner of Platt and Saddle River Road. We're replacing pipes and upgrading our infrastructure. Work is being done all around town. A town picnic is being planned celebrating our 300th anniversary. It will be held in the County Park on August 27th. There will be food, rides, balloon makers, face painters, a wonderful day for us to give back to our residents.

Councilwoman D'Arminio assured all the residents we are working for you all the time on your behalf. Saddle Brook really is a great place to live.

Council President Camilleri congratulated Councilwoman Mazzer's scholarship recipients and said these are all very good things that do happen in the town of Saddle Brook. He extended his condolences to the Selinka family, and said Chief Kugler might get a run for his money tomorrow with Samantha as Chief of Police. He congratulated Mr. Sergio and said I think the parade and all the festivities that day were just excellent. He thanked and congratulated all the graduates at all levels.

Council President Camilleri then mentioned the flood meeting and said it's a program that's out there. We're trying to lower our rates for insurance, for flood zone people, which includes myself. I do live in a flood zone. He explained how the program works and said it's a positive thing because it will lower our flood insurance rates.

He said let's all have a wonderful summer, it's here. Let's have a very happy Fourth of July, and I guess I have to wait until next year for my father's day gift.

Councilwoman Mazzer said regarding her scholarship awards, she said it was a tough decision picking the three. She mentioned the names of eleven scholarship applicants and said they did a wonderful job and she appreciated all their community service.

She also congratulated Mr. Sergio on the parade and his work with UNICO. We appreciate everything UNICO does for the Township. She said the blue mass was a beautiful ceremony, and St. Philips did an awesome job.

She congratulated Chief Maniscalco and said it's about time we had a female chief. Regarding the picnic she thanked Councilwoman D'Arminio for coming to her aid. She took the ball and ran with it, and we have the full agenda going and we just have to pray for good weather.

Councilwoman Mazzer congratulated all the graduates from preschool to grad school and said it was amazing when you see the accomplishments of our students in this town. For being such a small town we've got an awesome group of young adults that are graduating. We should be proud of each and every one of them.

She wished everyone a happy Father's Day.

Councilman Cimiluca said he was proud to take part of the Memorial Day Parade and congratulated Mr. Sergio, a very good choice for grand Marshall, he does a lot for the VFW.

He said although we are in the parade and that's the chief thing that people see, there are also memorial services in Saddle Brook. We do honor the deceased members of our first responders. He listed the various ceremonies that take place throughout the town and said he was proud to be involved with all of those. He regretted not being able to make the service held at Veterans' Field the next day by the VFW.

He said we had a bid come in for Veterans' at a nice number. Hopefully we will be getting this done quickly. It's taken a long time admittedly, but hopefully it will be done quickly. We're all on the same page. There are seven people – eight people sitting up here, and I think we all have the same agenda and that is to get this thing built. It seems like it did come in under budget, and that's what you might have seen on the TV. Pete and I have talked about that just to confirm – I thought the numbers were there, but it was just reconfirmed that we are under budget and we have – whatever it is we have enough money to get this thing going at the number that the bid came in, so hopefully we will get going on that quickly.

Councilman Cimiluca said transparency – don't know if it's going to ready for the fall football season. It doesn't seem that it will be. So whatever promises were made, and I may have made a promise, and I apologize. I thought this would be done earlier. For whatever reason it did not come and somebody said government moves at a slow pace, a glacial pace sometimes. But we're getting it done.

Speaking of glacier-like paces, we spoke to the Mayor on Tuesday night. I said where's my sign – I'm talking about the town's dual-sided electronic bill board. Many times there are events that go on in town, and people say, I didn't know about it. Well, those same events are on our TV station, they're on our Facebook page, they're on our website, they're on the TV, on SB-TV on the bulletin board that's there, and sometimes there's even a banner across Market Street and people still say I didn't know about it. Unless you somehow live in Saddle Brook and don't go on Market Street – which I don't know how many people can say that, there's no excuse, so we want everyone involved. The bulletin board will present information and will also talk about events and let everyone know about these events. Hopefully we will have that up and running shortly.

The Mayor and Mr. Roy and I attended an Access for All meeting hosted by East Rutherford and presented by the County of Bergen a few weeks ago. It was very informative. I spoke to the chairwoman of the East Rutherford committee, which is a very proactive committee, and I was told, talk to her at your own risk – very nice lady, but since then I have received ten e-mails, four texts, seven phone calls about Access for All. She is very involved, and she did provide me with a lot of information, and we have discussed at that meeting potentially identifying people who may be at risk, people with special needs, and how do we find out about them? Well, they did send out a flier, and there are two documents, and I'm doctoring it up so this way we can use it for us, but obviously it's got to be vetted by the Mayor's office and our committee. I'm not a one-man show. There's fifteen members of our committee. Once that's presented to our committee, we will present it to the Mayor, and perhaps we can present it and maybe that can go out with a senior newsletter. We can have it at Town Hall. We can have it at the hospital, we can have it at doctor's offices. This way people, if they have special needs, they can have information or requests they can make because we can't reach out to every single person individually, but we can try and get as many people as possible to reach out to us.

Regarding tax appeals Councilman Cimiluca said he was 100% in favor of it. We have a very experienced tax assessor who is in favor of it. We have a very experienced tax professional who is our auditor who is in favor of it. Again, Mr. Weilkotz, who is our auditor, originally was very skeptical, but he read all of the information. Somebody talked about being thoroughly educated and researching, and he did, and he is now in favor of it. We also talk about – we should get 900 calls soon – it's not that kind of thing. Another town has done our work for us. In a different city that somebody who came up to the podium works for, the price that they got was \$200,000 per year, and the last price or the next highest price was more than double, so it seems as if work has been done. There have been RFQs submitted, and another firm came in more than double. Why are we doing that? Why are we reinventing the wheel, especially when we are up against the clock? If we don't do it, within a week, and we're not going to do it, it's just possible to do it, let's say we put it off and we get hit with another large tax appeal, all this work is for nothing. So it's in the best interests of the town to get it done. We do 100% of the town the first year, and then it's four years after that. Somebody said, why don't we just have a one-year contract? Well, a one-year contract, these people need to make money, and they will make money. They're not in business just to give out advice for free, so if they're going to do it for one year, they'll charge us the entire thing up front. What they're doing is a reassessment at the normal fee of 375, but we're basically financing it for no interest at \$75,000 a year. The statement made that's it's going to be double is absolutely false. It's made on just false assumptions because once you do a revaluation they said it goes for ten years – it *could* go for ten years, but it could also go for three years. If your ratio falls below a certain level in three years, you might have to do it three times in a ten-year period, so now you're doing double or triple the work and the money. So that was just misinformation.

Councilman Cimiluca continued, when people have big mouths they tend to talk out of both sides of them, so what we hear in one sentence that you can't compare us to another town and then somebody comes up and says Wood-Ridge did this. It makes no sense. Everybody is individual, but you know there is a basic scheme or a basic – there's a method to the madness, and when you see other towns do things they're not going to be exactly like Saddle Brook. No one is going to have exactly our tax base; they're not going to have exactly the same ratio of commercial to residential, but if it works and Paterson is doing it, if it seems to work and Hackensack is doing it, we have the two county seats closest to us, they're doing it, other towns are doing it – and just so we know, and I'm not sure this was told the last time, in South Hackensack, we're trying to close out the appeals. Well South Hackensack went from 35 tax appeals to 21 by doing this. Little Ferry – 146 tax appeals to 46. Woodcliff Lake 50 tax appeals to 13, Moonachie 84 tax appeals to 11. Hackensack doesn't have numbers yet but we would assume, based on everybody else, that it's going to be a drastic reduction in the tax appeals.

Now again, and I said at the last meeting when it was accused, I think there was this veiled accusation, again finger-pointing past administration. I said I don't point fingers, but I said I will get the information. Somebody said that if the past administration they hid information and they didn't do anything, look at all the tax appeals that they left us. Well, when you do a little research as somebody said, in 2011 when the past administration took over, there were 58 pending tax appeals and some of them went back four years. Took over in 2011, and there were tax appeals going back to 2007. That administration ends, the new administration comes in – according to the new tax attorney there are approximately 40. So is it too high of a number? Yes, but it's one third less, so don't get confused when you see people throw stuff against the wall and you say it's true, because it's not. One third less pending tax appeals after the last administration – again this is not to throw flowers, this is just to try and tell people what when you see things on TV and people throw numbers out, as the Mayor said, why is everyone a financial guru? No one is throwing around resumes with PhD's in finance here. It's just people saying things and people tend to say it's true. I'd rather rely on our professionals. You have a tax assessor – 20 years he's been here. He wouldn't be here if he's not doing a good job. Believe me, we've fired people before. We have an auditor who knows his stuff, and I have full confidence in our business administrator and also Ray, our chief financial officer. Everyone is saying that this is a good thing. For

somebody to come in and if we say it's black, they say it's white. We say it's raining they say no, it's clear. It's election year, people. This is what they do.

On a more joyous note, I'd like to congratulate the Lady Falcons, tomorrow at Smith Field at four o'clock there will be a finals game for our falcons, the sectional finals, so best of luck to the lady falcons. On a sadder note, condolences to the Selinka family and the Setticase family – I did not know Mrs. Selinka, but I know there has been wonderful words said about her. I did know Mrs. Setticase, and she was a great lady. Condolences to both families.

He wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and a safe summer.

Councilman Cimiluca then said we are going to try and get the park cleaned up as much as we can for the Fishing Contest. He mentioned Mr. Willie came up before and asked about this problem – we called the Mayor; it was proactive. We got the sign up. It's not working as well as we expected, but we did what we were asked. A lady saw that the UNICO sign, which you see when you enter the town, was being hidden because they put up a telephone pole directly in front of the sign, so we called the Mayor; it was done the next day. We're cleaning up Market Street a little bit for the summer because Saddle Brook is going to be on the map. We've got our 300th Anniversary; we're going to have the UNICO Street Fair coming up. Before you know it, we're going to be having that Township picnic. Saddle Brook is a great place to live, it's a great place to raise your family, and there are the negative people that for whatever reason come here and only dwell on the negative. People wouldn't be moving into Saddle Brook if it wasn't a great place and listen so many people that come up here and bash, they've had family here for a hundred years. It can't be that bad if you're sticking around for a hundred years.

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 noted Resolution # 11 {CR# 616-131} would not be on the consent agenda, and Councilman Accomando asked that Resolution # 15 {CR# 616-135} be removed from the consent agenda since he was not present for Tuesday's meeting.

Council President Camilleri asked if Councilman Accomando was present for the closed session when it was first presented to the Council. Councilman Accomando said he was here, but he wasn't here when they asked all the questions.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

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

*** MINUTES**

1. May 5, 2016 – Regular Public Meeting

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-121

WHEREAS, Block 108, Lot 4, also known as 271 Third Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, has been overpaid by the mortgage company; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage has requested a refund of this duplicate installment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue a refund in the amount of \$2,025.00 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 1 Home Campus, MACX2302-04D, Des Moines, IA 50328.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-122

WHEREAS, Block 616, Lot 1, also known as 37 Rosedale Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, has been overpaid by the mortgage company; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage has requested a refund of this duplicate installment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue a refund in the amount of \$663.70 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 1 Home Campus, MACX2302-04D, Des Moines, IA 50328.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-123

WHEREAS, Block 1513, Lot 8, also known as 118 Danna Way, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, has been overpaid by the mortgage company; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage has requested a refund of this duplicate installment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue a refund in the amount of \$1,858.00 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, 1 Home Campus, MACX2302-04D, Des Moines, IA 50328.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-124

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign the Snow Plowing Agreement for the year 2016-2018 with the County of Bergen.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-125

WHEREAS, Remington, Vernick and Arango, Township Engineer, has submitted a proposal dated May 25, 2016 (RVA file No. 0257-T-017) for Document Preparation for bid services and construction for the CDBG Drainage Improvements – Liberty St. Drainage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves said proposal in the amount not to exceed \$16,750.00.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-126

WHEREAS, 250 Market Street, LLC., 130 Easton Road, Westport, CT 06880 received approval from the Saddle Brook Zoning Board of Adjustment on December 2, 2013 for preliminary and final site plan approval for Block 513, Lot 1 located at 250 Market Street; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Developer's Agreement between the Township of Saddle Brook and 250 Market Street, LLC., 130 Easton Road, Westport, CT is approved subject to the Township Attorney and Township Engineer's review and acceptance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement subject to the above review and acceptance.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-127

WHEREAS, Remington, Vernick and Arango, Township Engineer has submitted a proposal dated May 8, 2016 (RVA file No. 0257-I-020) for professional services, Rosemont Avenue Vacation Review,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves said proposal in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 and the Township Clerk shall send said proposal to Mr. Richard Kapner, Esq. to have said monies deposited in escrow.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-128

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following licenses be renewed for the year 2016-2017 and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control be so notified.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

<u>STATE LICENSE NO. AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
0257-33-012-006 \$1275.00	CP Saddle Brook T/A Saddle Brook Marriott GSP & I-80 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-011-005 \$1275.00	Matsuya, Inc. 490 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-004-010 \$1275.00	Anupam, Inc. T/A Discount Liquors 606 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-003-008 \$1275.00	Bennigan's Saddle Brook, LLC 405 North Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-013-006 \$1275.00	Chet Patel, LLC Krauzer's Liquors & Bar 215 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-016-010 \$1275.00	MJC Enterprise Holding, LLC T/A Midland Brew House 374 North Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-006-009 \$1275.00	Trajanoski, Inc. T/A The Golden Pub 335 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-017-003 \$1275.00	Ed's Tavern, Inc. 110 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-007-007 \$1275.00	Attiki, Inc. T/A New Saddle Brook Diner 30 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

0257-33-015-012 \$1275.00	Que Pasta, LLC 326 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-001-008 \$1275.00	Excelsior Catering, LLC T/A The Excelsior 190 Route 46 East Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION

0257-44-014-009 \$770.00	Shri Hanumann, Inc. DBA Wine County 195 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-44-008-008 \$770.00	All American Beverage 266 Garibaldi Avenue, Unit #9 Lodi, NJ 07644

CLUB LICENSE

0257-31-018-002 \$100.00	Romaine Sinniger VFW Post 3484 44 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-31-019-001 \$100.00	Jamros Baker Schneider Post American Legion 302 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

HOTEL LICENSE

0257-36-021-0001 \$2,000.00	Saddle Brook Operations, LLC Crowne Plaza 50 Kenny Place Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
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Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-129

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.	FIRE GROUND TECHNOLOGIES	PETZL EXO TRAINING	\$6,875.00
FIRE DEPT.	FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICE	PREV. MAINT.	\$37,414.99
DPW	KRAFT POWER	GENERATORS SEWER PUMP STATIONS	\$3,275.00
BOND ORD.	ESSER FENCE	VETERANS FIELD	\$4,370.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-130

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 **\$3,004,058.58** 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
- Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
- Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
- Councilman Accomando - yes
- Council President Camilleri – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-131

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 PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

PO#	VENDOR	AMOUNT
80383, 80384, 80412	STONE BROOK GARDEN	\$2,423.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF
BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORT SUBMISSION OF
APPLICATION FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

CR# 616-132

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is applying for funding to conduct an improvement at the Helen I. Smith Elementary School, 30 Cambridge Avenue within the Township of Saddle Brook, for a bus pull-off construction project; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and especially safety for school children and residents; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the facility, once constructed, will be assumed by the Township of Saddle Brook with the exception of (1) local ordinances that places maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that they hereby support the submission of a grant application for the Safe Routes to School Program within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor and Administrator to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-133

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for receipt of bids for the 2014 Water main Project at North 5th Street; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2016 three bids were received from Haskell Paving, Montana Construction and Pacific Construction; and

WHEREAS, after review of bids both the Township Attorney and the Township Engineer have recommended rejecting all bids,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the bids are hereby rejected and that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to re-advertise for bids.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-134

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for bids for the Veterans Field Concession Stand; and

WHEREAS, 3 bid were received and opened on May 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the 3 bids received along with the Township Attorney and recommends awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby awards the bid to Trino Associates, LLC, 354 Verona Way, Paramus, NJ with a base bid of \$519,665.00 and alternate bid of \$18,000 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-135

WHEREAS, a need exists for an annual re-assessment in the Township of Saddle Brook, New Jersey as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 129:44a-20.4; and

WHEREAS, Appraisal Systems, Inc., 266 Harristown Road, Suite 302, Glen Rock has submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide the necessary services for an amount of \$75,000 per year for a five-year period,

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

1. The Township Council hereby awards and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign said contract, which agreement shall be maintained on file with the Township Clerk and available for public inspection.
2. A notice of the action shall be printed in the Legal Newspaper of the Township as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 616-136

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has the need to acquire municipal parking to be used in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 88 Market Street has agreed to lease to the Township of Saddle Brook certain property to be used in the aforesaid capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached lease agreement, which has been prepared and is in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey for said use; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township of Saddle Brook for the Township Council to ratify the lease agreement annexed hereto and negotiated between the Township and owner of 88 Market Street;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the lease agreement for 88 Market Street, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Thomas Lemanowicz, PE Re: Proposal for Professional
Remington & Vernick Services
Engineers Rosemont Avenue Vacation
Review
RVA File No. 0257-I-020**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: May 8, 2016

Pursuant to recent discussions by the Township Council, it is my understanding that the Township desires this office to coordinate with the property owners to determine if they are amenable to the vacation of the right-of-way so as to allow the nonresidential properties on either side of the right-of-way to create a common parking area, while also eliminating the commercial “cut-through” traffic between Market Street and Claremont Avenue.

It is my understanding that the applicant for Market Street property on the west side of Rosemont Avenue is willing to pursue the matter at his cost. As such, this office will act in more of a coordinating role. Our task list is anticipated to be as follows:

1.0 Preliminary Investigation

- 1.01 Visit Site
- 1.02 Review plans recently approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment with ZBA Chairman to understand the feelings of the ZBA in the matter.
- 1.03 Meet with property owners on either side of Rosemont Avenue to discuss potential parking layouts and understand their feelings with respect to the expenses involved in facilitating the vacation and associated site changes to take best advantage of same.
- 1.04 Assuming a non-negative result in Item 1.03, meet with resident at corner of Rosemont and Claremont to discuss changes to that property.
- 1.05 Assuming a non-negative result in Item 1.04, coordinate a meeting with all property owners involved to coordinate the extent of the site improvements, easements, and lot lines.
- 1.06 Review concept with DPW to assure that public utilities are adequately accessible through easements.
- 1.07 Report to Mayor and Council will be made as progress dictates.

2.0 Document Coordination

- 2.01 Review conceptual layout with Township representatives as recommended by Mayor.
- 2.02 Review revisions that may be suggested during review with property owners and DPW.
- 2.03 Assuming that all parties are in agreement with conceptual layout, coordinate a presentation before the Mayor and Township Council for the purpose of establishing a formal agreement on the vacation required to bring the project to fruition.
- 2.04 Review Site Plan/Lot Line Adjustment application for substantial conformity to concept plan and discussions prior to submission to approving land use board.

3.0 Anticipated Escrow Requirements

The above scope of work assumes that all survey and design functions required to perform the work listed, and ending at the determination of Substantial Conformance in Item 2.04, will be performed by professionals hired by the owner(s) of the properties involved. That said, we would recommend an initial escrow deposit of \$3,500.00. Should the effort begin to show signs that additional funds are required, we will advise the Township and the applicant.

**2. Thomas Lemanowicz, PE Re: 131 North Leswing Avenue
Remington & Vernick Sanitary Main Repair
Engineers Recommendation for Payment,
RVA File No. 0257-G-002**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: May 20, 2016

Enclosed, please find the invoices for the work performed by Frank Semeraro Construction Co., Inc. for the above mentioned project. Remington, Vernick, & Arango Engineers has reviewed the invoice and agree with the payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend that payment be made to **Frank Semeraro Construction Co., Inc.** in the amount of **\$4,999.00.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our Secaucus Office at (201) 624-2137.

**3. Thomas Lemanowicz, PE Re: Televising and Cleaning of Liberty
Remington & Vernick Street Storm Sewer Main
Engineers Recommendation for Payment
RVA File No. 0257-T-017**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: May 24, 2016

Enclosed, please find the invoices for the work performed by Aqua Infrastructure Rehab Co. LLC DBA Tri State Grouting for the above mentioned project. Remington, Vernick, & Arango Engineers has reviewed the invoice and agree with the payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend that payment be made to **Aqua Infrastructure Rehab Co. LLC DBA Tri State Grouting** in the amount of **\$9,172.00.**

In addition, please see the attached change order which adjust the project to as-built amounts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our Secaucus Office at (201) 624-2137.

4. **Thomas Lemanowicz, PE** **Re: CDBG Drainage Improvements**
Remington & Vernick **Liberty Street Proposal**
Engineers **RVA File No. 0257-T-017**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: May 25, 2016

At your request, this office has reviewed potential drainage improvement projects in the areas of the Township. There were several potential projects in the area of North Leswing, South Leswing and Liberty Streets. Since drainage improvements can impact downstream drainage systems to remain, we first reviewed the issues along Liberty Street.

PROJECT A – LIBERTY STREET

The Liberty Street issue stemmed from apparent capacity issues in the pipe carrying flow from the area of the entrance of the Saddle Brook High/Middle School, northward toward Leswing Avenue. This pipe is generally under the park strip, which is the grass area between the curb and the sidewalk. We observed sinkholes over the pipe and were advised by the DPW that the pipe exhibited signs of restricted flow. The combination of sinkholes and restricted flow suggests that the pipe is damaged and allowing soil and roots to enter the pipe which inhibits the flow.

In order to fully assess the pipe, it was cleaned and video inspected. In addition to finding numerous open joints, cracks and holes in the pipe, we found a pipe conflict at the intersection of Liberty Street and Leswing Avenue. This conflict became apparent during the video inspection where it was noted that the pipe suddenly pitches upward at a 30% slope, apparently to go over the sanitary main coming into Liberty Street from Leswing Avenue. This upward pitch acts as a dam that partially blocks the pipe and significantly reduces flow capacity. Also contributing to the flow restriction would be the soil and rocks entering the pipe via the open joints, holes and cracks.

Our proposal would involve the abandonment of the existing drainage pipe from the Saddle Brook High/Middle School Entrance to the south side of Leswing Avenue at the existing catch basin. The new drainage system would be located in the street rather than in the park strip. Replacing the existing pipe in its current location is problematic as the trenching would require the stabilization of all the existing utility poles during the project and cause curb and sidewalk to be replaced which is substantially more expensive than replacing asphalt. Further, we would use multiple smaller pipes rather than a single large pipe which will make it easier to reduce / eliminate the pipe conflict at the intersection of Liberty Street and Leswing Avenue. Further, the pipe between the two inlets at Leswing Avenue would be replaced so as to go over the sanitary main.

With the total available funds at \$150,000.00, this work would not consume that amount. This lead us to consider a second issue as follows:

PROJECT B – 87 SOUTH LESWING AVENUE

In front of this address are two non-standard and undersized street inlets, one on either side of the street. The inlets should be replaced with standard structures to better remove surface water. This is a relatively small project that would not bring an economy of scale if not linked with the nearby PROJECT A discussed prior.

ESTIMATE OF COSTS:

Our recommended scope of work for this project is as follows:

- Perform detailed field survey to locate existing features, including pipe inverts and utility locations. The extent of the survey will be along Liberty Street from the existing headwall at the Saddle Brook High/Middle School entrance to the north curbline of Leswing Avenue. The survey would also include the area in the immediate vicinity of the inlets in PROJECT B to allow the proposed grades to be set.
- Prepare a base mapping of the project area to solidify design options available to resolve or to best mitigate the existing drainage system issues for the locations of PROJECT A and PROJECT B
- Prepare design plans and contract documents for the bidding of the construction of the project.
- Assist the Township in the bidding process and recommended award to the successful bidder
- Perform construction observation and administration including, but not limited to, shop drawing review, preconstruction meeting, construction observation, payment processing, and assisting in the coordination with CDBG.

Our preliminary estimate of the construction cost of the project described above is \$110,000.00. We propose to complete the scope of the work outlined above on a time and material basis not to exceed \$16,750.00.

Should additional funds become available in the future, this office would recommend that the Township apply it to work in the "U" shaped portion of roadway where North Leswing and South Leswing meet. This area of roadway is not graded to encourage proper drainage. The road should be re-designed and reconstructed to improve drainage. The improved drainage will also increase pavement life. The total cost of this project (construction and design) would likely be in the \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00 range.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

**5. Thomas Lemanowicz, PE Re: Veterans' Field Concession Stand
Remington & Vernick Recommendation to Award
Engineers RVA File No. 0257-T-007**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: May 27, 2016

We have tabulated the bids received on Friday, May 27, 2016 regarding the above-referenced project. The project consists of the demolition of an existing frame garage and the construction a new concessions stand along with a men's and women's ADA compatible bathroom structure at Veteran's Field.

A copy of our bid tabulation is enclosed for your review.

Please note that the low bidder, Trino Associates, made no mathematical errors and included both Addendums. The second low bidder, GK Fotinos, did not sign and include Addendum No. 2. The third low bidder, Salazar Associates, made a mathematical error and did not sign and include Addendum No. 1 or Addendum No. 2.

Our recommendation(s) to award are as follows:

- Should the Borough decide to award the Base Bid only, the resolution should indicate award to Trino Associates, 354 Verona Way, Paramus, NJ 07652 in the amount of \$519,665.00 representing Items C1 through A1 of the Base Bid.
- Should the Borough decide to award the Base Bid plus the Add Alternate "A" Bid, the resolution should indicate award to Trino Associates, 354 Verona Way, Paramus, NJ 07652 in the amount of \$550,865.00, representing Items C1 through A1 of the Base Bid and Items AC-1 through AC-2 of the Add Alternate "A" Bid.

In accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq, the contract should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, which appears to be Trino Associates in all scenarios.

Any award should be contingent upon review and approval of the Borough Attorney, and monies being available. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at (201) 624-2137.

6. **Thomas Lemanowicz, PE Remington & Vernick Engineers** **Re: 2014 Water Main Project at North 5th Street Recommendation to Reject RVA File No. 0257-T-003**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: May 25, 2016

We have tabulated the bids received on May 17, 2016 with reference to the above-captioned project. The project includes water system improvements to portions of 5th Street and North 5th Street as well as an add alternate bid for Rosol Lane.

The bids received are as follows and a copy of the bid tabulation is enclosed for review:

- Haskell Paving
- Pacific Construction
- Montana Construction

Please note that the two lowest bidders for the above mentioned project have not indicated a licensed plumber in their bid packages as required by statute N.J.S.A. 45:14C-2 and N.J.A.C. 13:32-1.3. The section in the bid package is attached for reference. We have spoken with Anthony Suarez, and he is in agreement that the omission constitutes a fatal flaw and the two low bid should be rejected on these grounds as a licensed plumber is required to be listed in the bid package due to work being completed on private property.

In addition this office recommends rejection of the highest bidder, Montana Construction, as the proposal is higher than the available funds to complete the project.

The rejection should be contingent upon approval of your Counsel. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Secaucus Office at (201) 624-2137.

* RAFFLES/APPLICATIONS

None

* REPORTS

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – April 2016
2. Bergen County Sanitarian Report – April 2016
3. Senior Citizen Center Monthly Report – April 2016
4. Fire Prevention Monthly Report – April 2016
5. Hotel Room Tax – April 2016
6. Water Operator's License Report – April 2016
7. Water Billing Report – April 2016
8. Construction Code Official Report – April
9. Property Maintenance Official Report – April
10. Engineer's Monthly Report – April

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor White thanked Councilwoman Mazzer for her scholarships and said all three recipients deserved it. He commended Councilwoman Mazzer for offering the scholarships.

Council President Camilleri said we are all on board with Veterans' Field, it has been awarded, we're going to go ASAP on that, and it's going to be a nice project when it's all done. We'll have state of the art concession; we will have bathrooms finally and complete the facility. I'm excited about that. I still do coach rec football, and it is what it is, we'll work around it, we'll get done, but I'm glad to see that kicked off the ground finally.

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

Seeing none, Council President Camilleri asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Councilwoman D'Arminio wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and congratulated all the graduates.

Council President Camilleri asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved: July 14, 2016

Joseph Camilleri
Council President