

The minutes of the regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on February 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.

Council President Mazzer called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Cimiluca – present
Councilwoman D’Arminio - present
Councilman Gierak – absent
Councilman Accomando – present
Council President Mazzer - present

Mayor White – present
Mr. Suarez, Twp. Attorney – present
Mr. Arango - present

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

Council President Mazzer announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members 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

Mayor White announced that the month of February is American Heart Month. He said this month is to try to get all Americans to be aware to be heart healthy, to live heart healthy, proper diet, exercise, see a doctor regularly. It’s important. It may save a life.

He read a proclamation recognizing February as American Heart Health Month and February 2nd as National Wear Red Day.

Mayor White then recognized the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest, which was held during the holidays in December. He invited Mayor’s Youth Group Liaison Thomas Van Winkle to present the awards.

Mr. Van Winkle presented certificates to the three winners of the contest: Third Place, the Celantano Family of 24 Garden Street; Second Place, the Rittereiser Family of 150 Skillman Terrace; First Place the Viele Family of 83 Strathmore Terrace. He congratulated all of the winners and everyone who entered the contest.

Mr. Van Winkle announced the next meeting of the Mayor’s Youth Group was scheduled for February 21st at 5:30 at the Senior Center and any Saddle Brook resident grades 4 through 12 were welcome to attend. He said they planned to discuss the upcoming project of fixing up the playground at Avon Park.

Council President Mazzer congratulated all of the winners and contestants in the decorating contest and thanked Mr. Van Winkle and the Mayor’s Youth Group.

Outgoing Fire Chief Thomas Dickman then presented a photograph of the members of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department.

Council President Mazzer thanked him for the dedication and service of the department. Mayor White said the photograph would be proudly displayed in the Council chambers and said he would recommend that the Ambulance Corps and the Police Department do the same thing.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public and reminded everyone of the 3-minute time limit.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Mr. Omar Rodriguez of 275 Madison Avenue said he received a letter and wanted to know if the municipal taxes were going up this year, and if so, by how much.

Council President Mazzer said we do not know what the new tax rate is yet. It has not been set. We are waiting for the school and the county.

Mr. Rodriguez repeated his question and said already it's 2.501. He asked again if the municipal taxes are going up or not, and if so, by how much.

Council President Mazzer said we have yet to have our budget meeting, and we're not sure of the numbers.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if any of the elected officials or business administrator could answer his question. He said the municipal tax rate is already in, therefore the municipal tax budget part is already in. Whether you guys remember or not – ladies and gentlemen, once again, once the municipal tax rate is in, you have the budget already. For your understanding, your assessment on any property in Saddle Brook got an assessment value. You just have to multiply that by zero point zero two five zero one and that will be the portion of the taxes on the municipal level. My question, what I said that – whether the municipal taxes are going to go up or not because it brings me to another one. My understanding is the budget surplus is one of the highest. If so, can someone explain to me why the surplus is what it is, is so high right now? Which is a plus of the town, don't take me wrong. Can someone explain to me and explain to the residents why the surplus has reached this level being so high? Through the chair.

Mr. Lo Dico said we have approximate numbers. The auditor hasn't finished reviewing them. Yes, we have a healthy surplus. Those numbers will carry out. In answer to your tax question, the tax rate, the letter said an estimated tax rate because none of the budgets have been submitted, municipal, county, or Board of Education. It's an estimate of \$2.50.

Mr. Rodriguez said once again, once your rate projected a surplus of that magnitude, it is the duty of the elected officials to start working on the budget in turn to give relief to the taxpayers. Therefore I'm urging you not to increase the taxes and use some of the surplus overall – the surplus to begin with just came because you guys budget the fuel tax rate at a higher rate. Maybe it didn't snow as much as you guys budget and just to finish, my understanding for so many years was that commercial properties, we were not going to bond for the commercial properties because successfully they'd been appealing. We were told over and over every year that was not going to happen, every year two or three million dollars. Can someone explain to me? And I will finish with that. Thank you very much. I will just expect an answer from any of the elected officials.

Mayor White asked what Mr. Rodriguez's question was.

Mr. Rodriguez said why are we still having the commercial properties appealing successfully their taxes when we were told for so many years already that that is not going to happen because we got this in place? Now we got a new system, this

is not going to happen. This is the last year, but every year we're bonding to pay for those appeals. When is this going to stop? We've been listening to the same for more than five years. Every year.

Council President Mazzer said Omar, we got it. Your time is up.

Mayor White said I think those appeals are down. I don't know where you're getting your information from, but I think this rolling five-year reassessment has helped. A lot of that – we just paid most of it off with that bonding. That was done just last year. There was a tax increase, but that was paid last year. The majority of it was paid.

Mr. Rodriguez said, thank you, Mayor. I don't have enough time otherwise I would like to elaborate on that. Thank you very much.

Mr. Larry Ratajczak of 92 Claremont Avenue said we were told with that rolling assessment that that was going to stop the commercial tax appeals. I know it won't be 100%, but it's not – the last time that guy was here it was \$2 million still sitting on the books, though. And we were told, in the public, that we had nothing. We were all caught up and we were all done. We never caught up. There's one on here tonight, I don't know how old it is, but CVS got \$7,000. I don't know how old it is. We'll get to that one when we go through resolutions. The other thing, like I said on Tuesday night when I was here, there is a tremendous amount of projects in this town that are not completed, not done, and they're being dragged. Since Tuesday night, have any of you discussed any of them to see if we can wrap them up? The generator at Town Hall, Veterans' Field, senior housing. Senior housing has been going on eight years now. Now we're finding out that the attorney's just doing the deed. We were supposed to have the funding in place and everything. I still don't see the funding or commitment from that guy with the funding. A couple of months ago some of the residents came up to complain about Fifth Street, the light. Has anybody done any research on that or anything like that with the Department of Transportation? Fifth Street? Anybody do any checking on that? Follow-ups? The Chief was here.

Mayor White said the Chief was supposed to look into that.

Mr. Ratajczak said I called the Department of Transportation. The problem with that intersection there is it's a four-way intersection right now. You have two arrows in the two left hand lanes on east and west bound on Route 46. You can't make an intersection a 6-way intersection and put four arrows there. So the object there is to clear the fast lanes of Route 46 so the people can turn left onto Fifth Street going towards Garfield and left to Saddle Brook. So that problem, all you got to do is make a phone call and you'll get answers, but if you sit there and you wait for months and wait for it to go away, you're never going to have answers. I asked about the speed bumps for the people on President Street. We're sitting on that answer. We decided that we're not going to do it, but we're not going to announce it publicly. That's what you said, right, Mayor?

Mayor White said no, I did not say that.

Mr. Ratajczak said are we still studying it then? Mayor White said we are still studying it.

Mr. Ratajczak said that's going to be another two or three year project. We can't keep having two and three year projects and five and six months putting a generator in and Veterans' Field and everything else like that. We've got to do something. Someone's got to be held accountable, and you five people are the only ones who can do it. You five people have all the power in your hands to finish these projects. We vote to do them. We spend a lot of money and everything else. I'm going to get back to the taxes now. I asked about the assessments. The assessments are all over the board. There's no consistency. I told you, you can take two identical houses, and there's an \$80,000 difference in assessments. The lower one is two years newer than the one that's assessed higher. We don't have any consistency. Whoever did this side of town, the same person didn't do that side of town. We need answers for that, and I don't think we're getting our money's

worth on the \$360,000 because everybody's assessment went up between 6% and 7%. And our taxes are going to go up also. Because you're just playing the numbers game. You're flipping the numbers so the pressure goes on the residents, and it should be on the commercial. We're still going to get the commercial. I would like to know how much money we still have sitting on the books with commercial tax appeals from last year and how many new ones are in this year.

Mr. Emil Sudol of Van Luyn Terrace asked about the inspection of the grease traps. Is this being done at all? I don't have a clue. From what I understand, a lot of the surrounding towns like Garfield, Lodi, Elmwood Park, they use Passaic Valley Sewerage commission. They do all the inspections of all of that kind of stuff. I don't know if we use them here in Saddle Brook, but they do inspect, and if there's violations they're addressed, and if everything is okay they're usually issued a certificate of approval, and it's done on an annual basis. I don't know if we're involved with them with that at all, but it might be a good thing to look into.

Mr. Sudol mentioned the benches in the County Park, and he said Councilman Accomando really grabbed the bull by the horns here and was able to get the County Corrections Department involved in replacing, repairing, doing all of that stuff. I know a bunch of people reached out to Bergen County Parks Commission and got nowhere, but Todd – awesome job, that's really good. It's a great thing. You accomplished something.

Mr. Sudol said I asked the Township attorney. There was a part you can add on to an assault rifle that was called a bump stock, and I asked if there was anything the Township could do to ban these things. The guy in Las Vegas that murdered 60 people – I think he wounded 500 more, by using this apparatus. I asked to look into having the Township put a ban on these things. What I found out was on the very last day of our past governor leaving office, he put a ban on bump stocks in the whole state of New Jersey and anyone possessing them, you either have to turn them in, I think it was 90 days, you have to turn them in or be fined. There's really severe penalties for possessing these things. So that's a damn good thing. That's awesome. Thank you, very much.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Councilman Gierak - absent

Councilman Accomando - yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Comments

Mayor White addressed Mr. Sudol's question about the grease traps. He said we have an ordinance in place. Our DPW does work with Passaic Valley doing inspections, and they are going to start to do them really as we speak, they're going to start. Councilman Cimiluca can elaborate more.

Mayor White said we do have a temporary municipal budget. It's 26.25% of our 2017 budget, and we're working on a permanent budget for introduction in March. We are putting \$15,000 from the 2017 budget for employee retirement payouts. We're making a line item for that. It's the responsible thing to do in order to meet the financial obligation. It does come up, and in the past we tried to transfer money or bond money. We're hoping to get enough funds in there so that when we do have a retirement we don't have to scramble around to get the money. That's something our auditor recommended and our CFO, and we're doing that. In regard to the auditor and CFO, they are currently doing an assessment of the town's finances, and preliminary numbers look very good. It was mentioned tonight about having a healthy surplus and preliminarily it looks like we are going to have one of the highest we've had in years. Now, I've done a little research in talking to the

auditor and the CFO and our business administrator and other towns, and the benefit of having a healthy surplus is really to maintain a good bond rate. That's what is looked at if we have a surplus. It's also good to have an adequate cash flow during the year. It's good in times of economic downturn to survive that and probably one of the best things is to fund a one-time expense that comes up, especially if it's an emergency without raising taxes. That was mentioned here tonight about giving the money back to the residents. That's something that we may consider, but there's also a lot of benefits to having that surplus there. It's not like it's just a pot of money you can just use. It's not meant to be that way. You have to have at least some surplus, at least most financial experts recommend it.

Regarding the tax assessment letters, Mayor White said there was a lot of talk about that. It's part of the five year rolling re-assessment, and I know some residents get confused. They get another letter, they're assessments went up, so they're afraid their taxes are going to go up. First off, the numbers that Larry mentioned, I don't know where you're getting those numbers, but what I'm hearing from our tax assessor is the average is about 2% that they're going up. There are some that are going higher, and they are for whatever reason. Maybe they did work on the house or they got caught - they didn't take our permits or whatever it might be. But there are some anomalies here and there where they go way up, but for the most part it's about 2%. What people don't understand is just because – and Omar mentioned it – although he did say the tax rate is an estimated tax rate at this point, so we don't want to really speak upon it or say that it's set in stone, but the preliminary numbers look good. On the municipal side, I don't think we're going to get a big increase at all based on what we spent last year, just preliminary numbers. Just because your assessment went up, doesn't mean your taxes are going to go up. It's based on the rate. It's the value of the house times the tax rate. It does look like the rate is going to go down from what it was last year. Last year's rate was 2.578, and this year it looks like it's going to be 2.501. Again, I don't think there's going to be a big increase on the municipal side. You still have the county, you still have the Board of Ed.

In regard to this rolling reassessment, the Mayor said Larry and Omar mentioned about – we never said – *we never ever said* – it's going to eliminate tax appeals. What it is doing is reducing the big bad ones. We've had, over the years since 2010, we've had some of them \$300,000 plus. We haven't seen that, and we're not going to see that. That's what we're trying to eliminate. You're never going to eliminate all of them, because they're going to file appeals. If they get back \$7000, like you said, compared to if it was \$50,000 years earlier, that's a benefit to us in the long run. It's saving us money. So no one said it was going to eliminate them.

Regarding grants, Mayor White said we received \$16,000 from New Jersey State Recycling Tonnage Grant after December. Also our fire chiefs are here. They may be submitting it tonight, the FEMA 2018 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant, which we are long overdue to get. These guys did a great job. Last year we missed out. I have a good feeling this year we're going to hit pay dirt on that, so they do a lot of work putting that in. I'm keeping my fingers crossed. I'm hoping this is going to be our year.

Mayor White said Howie Weinberg our Community partnership coordinator is here. ACME did a promotion this week, up until the Super Bowl on Sunday they have 'buy one bag of their store made cookies and you get the second bag free', but their cashiers are encouraging the purchaser to donate the other bag, and we're getting quite a bit of cookies that are donated, which we donated to the Saddle Brook Food Pantry as well as Kessler Institute. They're going also to the Senior Center and some of our emergency services. We just had another five cases of cookies, so that's been a success and that was spearheaded by the district manager, Eugene Pate of the ACME. That's a good thing.

The Mayor added we're having mental health first aid training. This is the Access for All Committee. I'm sure Councilman Cimiluca will talk more about it. We're supposed to have it two nights from 5 to 9. We're looking at March 14 and 15, but we may change that. But that's something that's offered to all residents. They want 12 people maximum, so hopefully we will have some room for any resident that might want to participate in that.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Van Winkle for his update on the Mayor's Youth Group and said our school liaison committee business administrator Pete Lo Dico is trying to schedule a meeting to discuss a mutual item of concern. I want that as a shared services between the town and the school district. We have a resolution on the agenda tonight for a shared services project with the school district regarding the lightning detection satellites that we're going to put on all township fields and parks. The main transmitter is at Veterans' Field.

Mayor White mentioned the flood committee and said we really have not done too much with this, but I want to work closely with Rochelle Park and some of the neighboring towns that have made some significant progress. We want to meet with them and really try to mitigate whatever we can and work with our county and our state officials to see what we can do. Also we're continuing to improve our FEMA community rating system score. Pete Lo Dico is the coordinator there. What that does is if we lower our score, it lowers insurance premiums for those residents who are in flood prone areas that have to pay flood insurance. So we're still doing that.

Mayor White discussed road resurfacing and said again there was a lot of talk about what's not been done. I want to let you know what's been done. The water main project, because of that, we paved 9th Street and Third Street and the bottom part of Wilson Street last year from North Midland to Plaza Road. We also have some resurfacing grants from the New Jersey DOT, one being Fifth Street for \$390,000. That's a combination of several years that we're going to use to pave the entire length of Fifth Street. We also were approved for paving Caldwell Avenue. That we got an extension on because the senior building, affordable housing being built on Caldwell, we're going to wait until that's finished and then pave. We got approval for that from the state. Our engineer helped us out with that. We also put in an application for Fairlawn Parkway, that was submitted this year by our engineer and that's going to be the whole length of Fairlawn Parkway from the border all the way to Cambridge Avenue. That was just submitted.

Mayor White continued that with our town resurfacing program that we started last year or two years ago we have several things in the spring that are going to be done. We're going to finish the top part of William Street, the bottom part was done the year before last. Kenny Place, Claremont Avenue, President Street. With President Street we're working with Public Service because they had to rip up the roads and do some gas work over there. They're going to pave from President Street from Midland Avenue to Seventh, and we're going to continue and use tax dollars to finish it off because it's not fair to leave that little portion undone. So we're going to do that, and that entire length will be paved. Also in the 2018-2019 Bergen County Road Program we received a notification from them that they're going to be paving Midland Avenue from Molnar Drive all the way to Outwater Lane sometime in 2018 or early 2019.

Regarding capital projects, Mayor White said Veterans' Field concession stand is basically complete. We're doing a punch list on the inside. The rolling window counter has to be done on the interior. All the appliances are there. It looks great. We all visited it this week, and it's really looking good. The exterior, we have a handicapped accessible ramp. The outdoor automatic door openers need to be finished, and also pavers and landscaping around the building, but other than that, and our engineer says we're going to be doing that, the outside work next week. Senior housing, we have on tonight a merger of three deeds into one, which Bergen County requires. This senior housing project, to me it's a home run. I know it's taking a long time. It's taken a long time because we're dependent on the county. It's another layer. We could have done this ourselves, but we decided not too because it would have been too much to bite off and chew. If we would have done it on our own, we would have had to bond for a lot of money, and we would have had to form a local housing authority and be responsible to maintain that building once it's done. Once it's done we don't have to do any of that, and we're going to get money back not in taxes but in revenue from the apartments from what they're renting. We will get a portion of that back, which is going to be probably what we would get in taxes. I know it's taking a little bit more than even we'd like, but it's because we've got to deal with the county, and it's not that they're sitting on

their hands and just saying hey, the heck with Saddle Brook. They're working with us, but it's a little bit slower going than if it would have been done another way. I'm happy with it. I know they're going to start this spring, and it's going to be nice. I'm really looking forward to it, and I know the council is too.

Mayor White said the Town Hall generator will be complete shortly. I think the engineer was saying Public Service has to come and do an inspection. They're going to pull the wires through, connect everything up, and we'll be up and running. I anticipate certainly within the next couple of weeks that will be done.

The Mayor said the Eagle Scout Michael Maniscalco has a project that he's doing, a proposal at Avon Field. There is a playground that he wants to make a special needs handicapped accessible playground, and he's got a whole plan that he's looking into doing, and he's got a budget and everything else. It's something that he was given the go ahead by the Boy Scout Council, and I think we're all very supportive of that. I think I speak for everyone here on that. Also the Girl Scouts are looking into doing the renovation and clean up on the playground that's across the street from the high school by the tennis courts there and the library. We're going to work with them and the DPW and the Mayor's Youth Group and try to do something there to spruce that up.

Mayor White congratulated the holiday contest winners and thanked the fire department for the photo and for the job they do for us each and every day. He concluded by reminding everyone that February is American Heart Month wished everyone a Happy Valentines' Day.

Councilman Accomando said he appreciated Mr. Sudol's recognition, but there is still a long road. We have a meeting tomorrow at 1:00 with the County, and he planned to suggest we start hopefully in Saddle Brook and we end up in Darlington in Mahwah, so that's how this thing snowballed. It went from Van Saun to Saddle Brook; now it went from Saddle Brook all the way up to Mahwah. I'll let the Council know what's going on after the meeting tomorrow to see where we are with the funding. The labor is free, so we're just waiting on funding.

Regarding the lightning detectors, Councilman Accomando said we've been trying to do this for about two and a half years, and I'm glad it's happened. It's something we need in a small town. God forbid something happens to one of our kids, it's not something we want to have on our conscience. As far as the fire department, thank you very much for all you do. And Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilwoman D'Arminio thanked the Mayor for going over all the projects and mentioned that the Mayor and Mr. Lo Dico and the engineer are on top of the projects on a day to day basis, and they're doing a really good job. She said I think the other day at the work session you were going to do a report on the status and got cut short. I want to assure all the residents that the Mayor and we are day-to-day. Thank you for that. She added that we did reach out for John Biale, who is the senior housing contact for the county. I understand there was death in his family. I did e-mail him, inviting him to come to the next work session, so hopefully he will be here. I want to thank the fire department also for what you do. The picture is great, and I think that covers it. Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilman Cimiluca said the Mayor and Council had the pleasure of attending last month both the Ambulance Corps and Fire Department installation dinners. On behalf of the Mayor and Council I would just like to extend our thanks and gratitude to everybody who attended it, who gives up their time and also the families because every time these guys go out on a call they're leaving their husband/wife their kids to do that, to help out the public, and they're not getting anything for it other than our gratitude. I know it's not much, but it's all we can give you, and we also give you fire trucks and an ambulance.

Councilman Cimiluca said regarding the Access for All Committee, it is the 13th and the 14th that we're looking at, a Tuesday and a Wednesday of March. It's mental health first aid – evidence based interactive course that spans one 8-hour or 2 four-hour sessions. We thought the 2 four-hour sessions were more doable for most people. It teaches students the signs of mental illness and substance abuse and

introduces a five-step action plan to initiate referral to mental health resources. The Mayor mentioned it was a maximum of 12, it's actually a maximum of 25. It's a minimum of 12, so the first thing we need to do is get 12 people. As the chairman, I'm going to reach out to several local organizations, and the most obvious ones would be fire department, ambulance corps, community action program, people who volunteer, the school – teachers. Hopefully we will get a minimum of 12, and then if we're not up to 25, I think what we're going to do is put it on the website, TV and try to fill it up. So first we have to get our 12, and then we can try and work on getting between 12 and 25.

Regarding the grease traps, Councilman Cimiluca said we have a grease trap ordinance on the books. We've had one for a while. It's going to be enforced. People have to pay a fee, and we are working with Passaic Valley, and according to our ordinance, the superintendent of the DPW can go in there or a health official can go in and check. It hasn't been thoroughly enforced or as thoroughly enforced as we would have liked it to have been, but we are on top of that. We've had some problems, and sometimes the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so we understand that it's an issue, and we are on top of it. We do have the mechanism to enforce it, and we do get assistance from PVSC.

Councilman Cimiluca said most of the major projects are coming to a conclusion. The Mayor and Council visited Veterans' Field, and it looks great. The snack stand and rest rooms, it looks like a #1 facility. I haven't been to a lot of other towns recently, but I know when my son was playing football nobody had what we are going to have. It is a real state-of-the art kitchen. It is a very, very functional rest room facility that's going to be more than adequate, interior – no more porta-potties. It's going to be good, and it's going to be also handicapped accessible. There is an opening to go into that garage, which everyone knows is right now for storage. We mentioned this, I said it was going to be in stages, and it was in stages. This is another stage, and the next stage in that facility will be that garage, and I'm certainly going to push for it. I know the Council is very interested in making that garage functional for use. It's not big enough as a recreation center, but it certainly would be good to use for some youth activities. Wrestling and cheerleading come to mind. If there are meetings that need to be done by commissioners, they can use that after we get done with it. That's the next phase.

Councilman Cimiluca said I was more successful than you were to contact Mr. Biale, and I actually got him. The way he explains it is, we had just about sub-zero temperatures recently, and then it went up to 50, then it went down to 20, it goes up to 40. Right now is not the time to break ground, but they anticipate getting all the legal work done. Again, the merger of deeds, it's a legal thing. We had different properties, and in order to get this thing done the right way they've got to file some kind of legal paper to get everything, so now it's one lot and block. He's expecting, as we anticipated, as we talked about several months ago, that they are going to break ground in or around April. I'm hoping we can get that done. The foundation I believe is going to be a prefab foundation, so they've got to do the digging, and right now is not the time to be doing that. So in a couple of months we should see some activity over there, and I'm glad that's going well.

Councilman Cimiluca said in terms of the assessments, and it keeps coming up, like the Mayor said, no one ever promised that there would never be an assessment. The CVS property over there was assessed at \$4½ million, and they got a \$7,000 refund. A \$7,000 refund on a \$4½ million dollar property, that was a 2017 assessment or decision, it's not bad. Where we get killed when we're giving \$300,000 - \$500,000 back. The rolling re-assessments, you can't look at something that happened – we just started this last year. This is our second year into this project, so it's not expected that you're going to see refunds and they're going to be for the 2015 or 2014. This is before the rolling reassessment. The one thing that we have to remember, without the rolling reassessment, if a property value goes up, commercial property value – because of other sales, everything starts moving up. Our tax assessor was not allowed to raise the taxes, but now he is able to, so when we do see the property values rise on a commercial property, he is able to go in and reassess them for the higher value. Usually what we were stuck with was going down constantly. Now we have the ability to also go up.

Councilman Cimiluca said the surplus is one of those things. When you have a surplus, people say don't raise our taxes and when you don't have a surplus well, raise taxes. We need some more money to be held on site. The main thing, like everything in government, is a system of balances. Everything's got to be weighed. We haven't made the decision yet, and it's a good thing to be able to go through a year and start to build up our surpluses. Again, it's not a slush fund. It's not something that we intend to have tens of millions of dollars in, but there was a time when there was no surplus at all, so to complain about the size of the surplus, I think that's finding things to be angry about, to be upset about, to question the Mayor and Council on the job that they're doing. It's sort of like paying off your credit card. You can have money in the bank and not pay off your credit card, or you can pay off every dollar of your credit card and not have a dollar in your bank account. You have to weigh the options.

Councilman Cimiluca extended prayers to Councilman Gieriek whose father was undergoing surgery.

Council President Mazzer said while we don't have a tremendous amount of projects, we do have a couple of major ones, and of course we'd like to see them come to fruition. We don't like them out there. Like everyone here said, everyone has been on top of it. You can't compare public sector to private sector – two different entities, two different bases, but it will get done, and it will get done right.

Council President Mazzer commended the Ambulance Corps on 66 years of service. While surrounding towns are thinking about regionalizing or privatizing their EMS, we have an awesome crew and it's our pleasure to introduce this first ordinance for a new ambulance and other equipment they need. We are so proud and so fortunate to have them in our township.

She concluded by extending her prayers and thoughts to Councilman Gieriek and his family.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE #1639-18 – FIRST READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF AN AMBULANCE AND PAGERS FOR THE USE OF THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$325,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF AN AMBULANCE AND PAGERS FOR THE USE OF THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$325,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

The Council President directed the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

CR# 218-21

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF AN AMBULANCE AND PAGERS FOR THE USE OF THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$325,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 1st day of March, 2018 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of a time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

2. ORDINANCE #1640-18 – FIRST READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1613-16 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 6, 2016.

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1613-16 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 6, 2016.**

Council President Mazzer thanked the fire department for their dedication and service.

The Council President directed the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

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

CR# 218-22

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1613-16 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 6, 2016.

by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 1st day of March, 2018 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of a time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

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

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 asked that the resolution for the consolidation of the deed for senior housing be added to the consent agenda {CR# 218-38}. There were no objections from the Council.

Mr. Lo Dico said resolution #11 {CR# 218-33} would be voted on separately.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

*** MINUTES**

1. December 28, 2017 – Regular Public Meeting
2. January 2, 2018 – Reorganization Meeting

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-23

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby agrees to enter into an agreement between the Township of Saddle Brook and Munidex, Rochelle Park, NJ for a one (1) year maintenance agreement for software at a cost of \$18,643 (with a 20% discount) totaling \$14,914.40 providing funds are available and hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

#1-2018

AFFIDAVIT

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52: 27BB – 10 and 40A: 4-57. I do hereby certify that funds are available and that the attached resolution can be adopted.

Munidex, Inc.

PURPOSE: _____

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| 01-2010-20-1062-230 | \$ 1,670.40 |
| 05-2010-55-5022-201 | \$ 11,112.00 |

ACCOUNT _____

Current

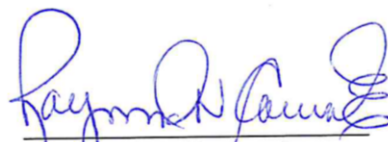
FUND _____

\$ 14,914.40

AMOUNT _____

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|-------|--------------|
| 85647 | \$ 13,244.00 |
| 85648 | \$ 1,670.40 |

PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____



Raymond N. Carnevale
Chief Financial Officer

DATE 1/30/2018

CHECKED BY (Signature)

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-24

WHEREAS, JKO Consulting, Inc., Saddle Brook, NJ submitted a proposal for renewing the contract with the Township of Saddle Brook for maintaining the Township's website as well as Facebook, Twitter and other social media accounts; and

WHEREAS, the contract will run from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 at a cost of \$1,100.00 per month, and an annual fee of \$460.00 for website hosting and back up,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the contract with JKO Consulting is approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Councilman Gierak - absent

Councilman Accomando - yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

#2-2018

AFFIDAVIT

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52: 27BB – 10 and 40A: 4-57. I do hereby certify that funds are available and that the attached resolution can be adopted.

JKO Consulting, Inc.

PURPOSE: _____

01-2010-20-1082-230

ACCOUNT _____

Current

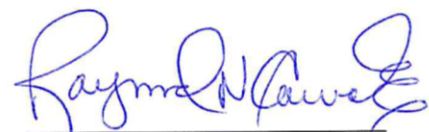
FUND _____

\$ 13,660.00

AMOUNT _____

85649

PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____



Raymond N. Carnevale
Chief Financial Officer

DATE 1/30/2018

CHECKED BY (signature)

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-25

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20 of the Local Budget Law provides that in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purpose for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the adoption of the Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook that, the following emergency temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

| | Temporary Budget | Amendment |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Office of the Mayor | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 1.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Township Council | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 7,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| General Administration | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 24,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Postage | \$ 6,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Contractual Services | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Computer Service Contract | \$ 13,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – SBCTV | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Grants | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Municipal Clerk | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 45,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Land Use | \$ 250.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Codification of Ordinances | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Elections | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Financial Administration | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 25,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 6,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Special Audit | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Statements | \$ 500.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Special Financial Services | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Audit Services | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Revenue Administration | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 25,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 3,000.00 | |

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| Tax Assessment Administration | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 13,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 750.00 |
| Other Expenses – Tax Appeal Attorney | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Other Expenses – Appraisals | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Legal Services | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Engineering Services | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Planning Board | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 375.00 |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 750.00 |
| Insurance | |
| Liability | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Worker’s Compensation Insurance | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Employee Group Insurance | \$ 675,000.00 |
| Unemployment Compensation | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Police Department | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 950,000.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Overtime | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Clothing Allowances | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Retirements | \$ 197,200.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Civilian Dispatchers | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 20,000.00 |
| School Marshalls – Crossing Guards | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 125,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Police Clerical | \$ 7,700.00 |
| Office of Emergency Management | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 500.00 |
| Fire Department | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Uniform Fire Safety Act | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Municipal Prosecutors Office | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Building and Property | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Streets and Road Maintenance | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 200,000.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Overtime | \$ 6,200.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 37,000.00 |

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| Snow Removal | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 6,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Division of Sewers | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 25,000.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Overtime | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Retirement | \$ | 19,093.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Other Expenses – Repairs | \$ | 6,000.00 |
| Solid Waste Collection | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 160,000.00 |
| Other Expenses – Recycling | \$ | 30,000.00 |
| Recycling | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Public Health Services | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 500.00 |
| Other Expenses – Wallington | \$ | 500.00 |
| Other Expenses – Contract | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Animal Control | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses – Contract | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Recreation Services and Programs | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 7,000.00 |
| Other Expenses – Project Graduation | \$ | 300.00 |
| Other Expenses – Memorial Day | \$ | 500.00 |
| Other Expenses – Senior Citizen Center | \$ | 500.00 |
| Other Expenses – Senior Dinner Dance | \$ | 300.00 |
| Other Expenses – Community Projects & Act. | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses – Summer Programs | \$ | 200.00 |
| Municipal Court | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 25,000.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Special Court Session | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| Code Enforcement and Administration | | |
| Salaries and Wages – Div Engineering | \$ | 19,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 500.00 |
| Salary and Wages – Construction Code Off. | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 500.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Plumbing Sub-Code | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 500.00 |
| Salaries and Wages – Fire Sub-Code Official | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 500.00 |
| Department of Inspections | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Utility | | |
| Other Expenses – Electricity | \$ | 40,000.00 |
| Other Expenses – Street Lighting | \$ | 50,000.00 |
| Other Expenses – Telephone | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| Other Expenses – Gasoline | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| Dumping Fees | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ | 15,000.00 |

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| Statutory Expenditures | | |
| Public Employees retirement system | \$ 100,000.00 | |
| Social Security System | \$ 50,000.00 | |
| Police and Fire Retirement System | \$ 100,000.00 | |
| Local Firemen’s Pension Fund | \$ 1,200.00 | |
| LOSAP – Fire | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| LOSAP – Ambulance | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Municipal Public Library | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 100,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 75,000.00 | |
| Sewer Processing and Disposal | | |
| Other Expenses – PVSC | \$ 100,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses – Lodi | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Garbage and Trash Removal Tonnage Tax | | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Capital Improvement Fund | | |
| Capital Outlay | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 |
| TOTAL CURRENT FUND OPERATIONS | \$ 3,862,019.00 | |
| Municipal Debt Service | | |
| Payment of Bond Principal | \$ 250,000.00 | |
| Interest on Bonds | \$ 160,000.00 | |
| Payment of BAN & Capital Notes | \$ 30,000.00 | |
| Interest on Notes – BANs | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| NJEIT Trust Loan – Principal | \$ 15,000.00 | |
| NJEIT Trust Loan – Interest | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS | \$ 4,324,519.00 | |

WATER UTILITY FUND APPROPRIATIONS

| | | |
|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Water Operations | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 50,000.00 | |
| Salaries and Wages – Overtime | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Group Insurance | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 6,000.00 | |
| Bulk Water Purchase (United Water) | \$ 200,000.00 | |
| Bulk Water Purchase (Garfield) | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Fire Hydrant Service (Garfield) | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| Engineering | \$ 500.00 | |
| Audit | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Capital Improvements | | |
| Capital Outlay | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Debt Service | | |
| Payment of Bond Principal | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| Interest on Bonds | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Statutory Expenditures | | |
| Public Employees Retirement System | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| Social Security System (OASI) | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| TOTAL WATER UTILITIES APPROPRIATIONS | | \$ 314,500.00 |

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
FOR 483 FAIRLAWN PARKWAY, BLOCK 1502, LOT 6
FOR TAX YEAR 2017**

CR# 218-26

WHEREAS, CVS has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Township of Saddle Brook challenging the tax assessed against property located at 483 Fairlawn Parkway and identified on the Township's tax maps as Block 1502, Lot 6 for tax year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township Governing Body, upon recommendations of the Township Assessor and Appraiser, approved Resolution Number 917-226 on September 7, 2017 authorizing the Township Tax Appeal Attorney to execute any and all documents necessary to settle this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey issued a Judgement as a result of a negotiated settlement according to the following terms:

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2017 to be reduced from \$4,582,000 to \$4,300,000 resulting in a refund of \$7,629.96.
- 2) The assessment for all other tax years under appeal to remain unchanged.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Township Tax Collector be hereby authorized and directed to adjust the Tax Books accordingly and to issue a refund for overpayment of property taxes according to the terms of the settlement and Tax Court Judgment.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
FOR 567 NORTH MIDLAND AVENUE, BLOCK 1701, LOT 5
FOR TAX YEAR 2015**

CR# 218-27

WHEREAS, IEC Realty, LLC has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Township of Saddle Brook challenging the tax assessed against property located at 567 North Midland Avenue and identified on the Township's tax maps as Block 1701, Lot 5 for the tax year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Township Governing Body, upon recommendations of the Township Assessor and Appraiser, approved Resolution Number 917-217 on September 7, 2017 authorizing the Township Tax Appeal Attorney to execute any and all documents necessary to settle this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey issued a Judgement as a result of a negotiated settlement reducing the assessment for the tax year 2015 from \$8,570,000 to \$6,750,000 resulting in a refund of \$49,413; and

WHEREAS, a refund check was issued to taxpayer for the incorrect amount of \$47,684; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer is owed an additional \$1,729;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Township Tax Collector be hereby authorized and directed to adjust the Tax Books accordingly and to issue payment of the \$1,729 owed to the taxpayer as per the Judgement of the Tax Court.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-28

WHEREAS, Reivax Contracting was awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,045,191.50 for the 2014 Water Main Project at North 5th Street – Re-Bid; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously approved Change Orders #1, #2 and #3 to adjust the contract to as-built quantities and account for additions to the contract due to design adjustments from PSE&G; and

WHEREAS, Richard Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Reivax Contracting, Inc. recommended Change Order #4 to adjust the contract for as-built work and that the contract price be increased by \$44,332.05; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #4 for Reivax Contracting for

a total amount of \$44,332.05, a total contract amount of \$1,107,153.55 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierrek - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-29

WHEREAS, Reivax Contracting was awarded a contract in the amount of \$705,124.50 for 2015 Water and Roadway Improvements to Wilson Street and 3rd Street; and

WHEREAS, Richard Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Reivax Contracting, Inc. recommended Change Order #3 Final - \$26,085.50 for additional work; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #3 for Reivax Contracting for a total amount of \$26,085.50, a total contract amount of \$788,405.60 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierrek - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-30

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> |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| *DPW-SEWER | RAPID PUMP & METER | MAYHILL ST PUMP STATION | \$4,196.63 |
| RECREATION | TERRACE @ BIAGGO’S | CORONATION BALL | \$32/PERSON |
| *FIRE DEPT. | FIRE AND SAFETY | REPAIRS- LADDER AND ENG. 1 | \$4,624.03 |
| WATER | FRANK SEMERARO CO | WATER MAIN – DANNA WAY | \$3,763.72 |
| WATER | FRANK SEMERARO CO. | WATER MAIN – MAYHILL ST. | \$4,000.00 |

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|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| DPW – 2017 | GREAT WHITE MECH. | HVAC SYSTEM-ENG. 2 | \$10,950.00 |
| DPW – 2017 | GREAT WHITE MECH. | HVAC SYSTEM – TOWN HALL | \$10,950.00 |

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierек - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-31

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$2,710,174.97** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierек - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-32

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 **\$5,931,903.30** 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: Councilwoman D’Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierек - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION [CR# 218-33] IS NOT PART OF THE
CONSENT AGENDA**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-33

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.

| P.O.# | VENDOR | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 85324, 85364, 85374, 85453 | MAZZONE PLUMBING & HEATING | \$645.00 |

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

- Councilman Cimiluca - yes
- Councilwoman D’Arminio - abstain
- Councilman Gierrek - absent
- Councilman Accomando - yes
- Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-34

**APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER
FIRST ALTERNATE – UNEXPIRED**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Clerk of the Township of Saddle Brook that

**JASON SIBANI
OXFORD AVENUE
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663**

Is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

- Councilman Cimiluca - yes
- Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes
- Councilman Gierrek - absent
- Councilman Accomando - yes
- Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-35

**APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER
SECOND ALTERNATE – UNEXPIRED**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Clerk of the Township of Saddle Brook that

**JOHN MANZO
MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663**

Is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-36

**APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER
FOURTH ALTERNATE – UNEXPIRED**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Clerk of the Township of Saddle Brook that

**JOHN DUFFY
SOUTH LANZA COURT
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663**

Is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-37

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has worked with the Saddle Brook Board of Education and has pursued areas of shared services to save money wherever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Board of Education have agreed to share costs to install a lightning detection system in all Board of Education fields and Township parks used by the Township's Recreation Department for the safety of all who use these facilities; and

WHEREAS, funds have been identified for such purpose by both the Township and the Board of Education,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes the CFO/Treasurer to issue a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 to ThorGuard, 1193 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway, Sunrise, Florida 33323 to cover one half the cost of this project.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Councilman Gierak - absent

Councilman Accomando - yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-38

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Saddle Brook has previously approved the attached application regarding senior housing in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby authorizes the execution of a consolidation deed as attached hereto or as further drafted by the Township Attorney with the following language added to the proposed form of deed:

It is the intent of this Deed to consolidate and merge Lots 7, 8, and 9 in Block 408.

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

1. The Mayor be and hereby is permitted to execute the deed attached hereto or any other document necessary to effectuate the agreement related to the approved senior housing project.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Maria Bruzzese, Senior VP, Cable Operations, Altice** **Re: Cablevision Franchise Fee**

To: Mayor White **Date: January 12, 2018**

This is to certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the gross revenues of Cablevision of Oakland, LLC (hereinafter "Altice") paid by subscribers to its cable television reception service subject to franchise fees pursuant to the application of state law, who reside in the Township of Saddle Brook, for the calendar year 2017 were \$3,787,385.

Accordingly, please find Altice's franchise fee payment applicable to such gross revenues. Attached is a check in the amount of \$132,558, representing full payment of all franchise fees for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

2. **Anthony Suarez, Twp. Attorney** **Re: Municipal Court Appointments**

To: Mayor White **Date: January 8, 2018**

Please allow this correspondence to serve as notice that as Township Attorney, I am making the following appointments in accordance with law:

- a. Prosecutor, Kellie Reyes, Esq.
- b. Public Defender, John Bruno, Esq.
- c. Substitute Prosecutor, E. Carter Corrison, Jr., Esq.
- d. Alternate Public Defender, Kris Kim, Esq.

Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration in this regard.

3. **Lt. Thomas Johnson, SBPD** **Re: Livery Application – Zenon Limousine**

To: Chief Robert Kugler, SBPD **Date: January 9, 2018**

**Zenon Limousine
Boris Pacheco
140 Mayhill Street, Apt. 12
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663**

In accordance with Township Ordinance #189 the Detective Bureau was assigned to conduct an investigation of the above referenced business and individual who filed an application to operate a livery service. The livery service operates out of

140 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook. The investigation did not reveal any incidents that would warrant the application to be denied.

All required documents were submitted with this application. The driver holds a valid driver's license and the one vehicle submitted with the application is properly registered and insured. The company also meets all insurance thresholds as established by the ordinance.

I therefore find no reason why this application should not be approved.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

4. **Lt. Thomas Johnson,** **Re: Livery Application – MESH**
 SBPD **Limousine Service**

To: Chief Robert Kugler, **Date: January 9, 2018**
 SBPD

Mesh Limousine Service
Daniel Fox
132 Martha Avenue
Elmwood Park NJ 07407

The above business filed a Livery Service application and all required documents were submitted. In accordance with Township Ordinance #189, the Detective Bureau conducted an investigation of the above business and individual who filed the livery application. The investigation did not reveal any incidents that would warrant the application to be denied

The above individual has a valid New Jersey Driver's License. The one vehicle that was submitted with this application is properly registered and insured. The business also meets all insurance thresholds as required in the ordinance.

Based upon the above information I recommend the application be approved at this time.

5. **Lt. Thomas Johnson,** **Re: Livery Application – Ground Jet**
 SBPD **Executive Transportation**

To: Chief Robert Kugler, **Date: January 12, 2018**
 SBPD

Ground Jet Executive Transportation
Cenk Kardesoglu
19 Hampshire Road
Washington Township NJ 07676

In accordance with Township Ordinance #189 the Detective Bureau was assigned to conduct an investigation of the above referenced business and individual who filed an application for a livery license. The livery service operates out of 472 Market Street, Saddle Brook. The investigation did not reveal any incidents that would warrant the application to be denied.

All required documents were submitted with this application. The applicant holds a valid driver's license and the (6) six vehicles submitted with the application are legally registered and insured. The vehicles will be parked outside of this jurisdiction. The company also meets all insurance thresholds as established by the ordinance.

I therefore find no reason why this application should not be approved.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

6. **Lt. Thomas Johnson,** **Re: Livery Application – Park Avenue**
 SBPD **Limousine Service**

To: Chief Robert Kugler, **Date: January 22, 2018**
 SBPD

Park Avenue Limousine Service
Suat An
127 Herman Street
Hackensack NJ 07601

In accordance with Township Ordinance #189 the Detective Bureau was assigned to conduct an initial investigation of the above referenced business and individual who filed an application to operate a livery service. The livery service will operate out of Park 80 West Plaza 2.

All required documents were submitted with the application. The owner/driver holds a valid driver's license. The two vehicles submitted with the application are properly registered and insured. The company also meets all insurance thresholds as established by the ordinance.

I therefore find no reason why this application should not be approved.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

7. **Lt. Thomas Johnson,** **Re: Mobile Food Vendor Application –**
 SBPD **Blue Jay Catering**

To: Chief Robert Kugler, **Date: January 8, 2018**
 SBPD

Blue-Jay Catering
Arthur Premseelaar
40-06 Paterson Street, Fairlawn New Jersey 07410

In accordance with Township Ordinance # 530 the Detective Bureau was assigned to conduct an investigation of the above referenced business and individual who filed an application for a mobile food vendor license for operation at Comar Inc., 141 North Fifth Street, Saddle Brook NJ.

All required documents were submitted with this application. The application meets all standards for the police department as established by the ordinance. The owner of the company holds a valid NJ. Driver's License, and the one vehicle submitted with the application has a valid registration through May 2018.

I therefore recommend that this application be approved at this time.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

8. **Lt. Thomas Johnson,** **Re: Livery Application – Fusion**
 SBPD **Limousine Service**

To: Chief Robert Kugler, **Date: January 8, 2018**
 SBPD

RE: Fusion Limousine Service Sergio Reyes
 216 Midland Avenue 6 Augusta Street
 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

The above business filed a Livery Service application and all required documents were submitted. In accordance with Township Ordinance #189, the Detective Bureau conducted an investigation of the above business and individual who filed the livery application.

The above individual has a valid New Jersey Driver's License. The one vehicle submitted with the application is properly registered and insured. The business also meets all insurance thresholds as required in the ordinance.

Based upon the above information I recommend the application be approved at this time.

9. **Lt. Thomas Johnson,** **Re: Livery Application – Jet Set**
 SBPD **Limousine, LLC**

To: Chief Robert Kugler, **Date: January 8, 2018**
 SBPD

RE: Jet Set Limousine LLC. Ediz Yan
 Park 80 West Plaza II 89 Lydia Drive
 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 Guttenberg NJ 07093

The above business filed a Livery Service application and all required documents were submitted. In accordance with Township Ordinance #189, the Detective Bureau conducted an investigation of the above business and individual who filed the livery application.

The above individual has a valid New Jersey Driver's License. The one vehicle submitted with the application is properly registered and insured. The business also meets all insurance thresholds as required in the ordinance.

Based upon the above information I recommend the application be approved at this time.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: December 18, 2017

Should you should have any questions, please feel free to call our offices at (201) 624-2137.

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: January 12, 2018

Should you should have any questions, please feel free to call our offices at (201) 624-2137.

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: January 12, 2018

Should you should have any questions, please feel free to call our offices at (201) 624-2137.

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: January 18, 2018

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 9 from Reivax Contracting for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agrees with the partial payment noted.

This office recommends that the Township approve of Change Order No. 4 which adjusts the contract to as-built amounts. This change order results in a net increase in the contract of \$44,332.05.

Upon approval of the change order, we recommend that payment be made to **Reivax Contracting** in the amount of **\$20,824.90** for Certificate No. 9.

Should you should have any questions, please feel free to call our offices at (201) 624-2137.

14. Richard Arango, PE, CME
Twp. Engineer

Re: 2015 Water and Roadway
Improvements to Wilson Street
and 3rd Street Change Order
Recommendation No. 3

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: January 12, 2018

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of Change Order No. 3 Final which adjusts the contract to as-built quantities:

The contract breakdown is as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Original Contract | \$ 705,124.50 |
| • Change Order No. 1 | \$ 39,695.60 |
| • Change Order No. 2 | \$ 17,500.00 |
| • <u>Change Order No. 3 Final</u> | <u>\$ 26,085.50</u> |
| Amended Contract Total | \$ 788,405.60 |

This office recommends that the Township approve of Change Order No. 3 which increases the contract by \$26,085.50.

Should you should have any questions, please feel free to call our offices at (201) 624-2137.

*** RAFFLES/APPLICATIONS**

Raffles

- 1. RA# 1268 – Long Memorial PTO – 50/50 – Raffle
- 2. RA# 1269 – Long Memorial PTO – 50/50 – Raffle

Public Place

- 3. Uber Brunch – 365 North Midland Avenue – RENEWAL
- 4. New East Wok – 519 Market Street – RENEWAL
- 5. Subway @ Wal*Mart – 189 Route 46 West – RENEWAL
- 6. Royal Hibachi Buffet – 189 Route 46 West – RENEWAL
- 7. Los Gueros VIII [Taqueria Los Gueros] – 304 9th Street – RENEWAL
- 8. Mario’s Pizza – 439 Market Street – RENEWAL
- 9. Mr. Bruno’s Pizzeria – 472 Market Street - RENEWAL

Vending Machines

- 10. IXpress Delivery, LLC - @PHI Progressive, Inc. - RENEWAL
- 11. Saddle Brook Marriott – 138 New Pehle - RENEWAL

Mobil Food Vendor

12. Blue-Jay Catering – 40-06 Paterson St. Fair Lawn - @Comar, Inc. 5th St. - RENEWAL

Livery

13. Fusion Limousine Service – 216 Midland Avenue – RENEWAL
14. Jet Set Limousine, LLC – Park 80 West, Plaza II, Suite 200 – RENEWAL
15. Zenon Limousine – 140 Mayhill Street, Apt. 112 – RENEWAL
16. MESH Limousine Service – 160 Market St. Suite 5 – RENEWAL
17. Ground Jet Executive Transportation – 470 Market Street – RENEWAL
18. Park Avenue Limousine Service – 250 Pehle Avenue, Suite 200 - RENEWAL

Auto Repair

19. Mike's Truck Repair – 9 Capitol Street – RENEWAL
20. Don's Auto Service Center – 126 Route 46 East – RENEWAL
21. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 - RENEWAL

Auto Body

22. Finesse Auto Body – 374 North Midland Avenue – RENEWAL
23. J&R Auto Painting (MAACO) – 123 Fifth Street – RENEWAL
24. New Saddle Brook Auto Body – 508-510 Market Street - RENEWAL

Gas Station

25. Saddle Brook Amoco – 387 Market Street – RENEWAL
26. Pehle Management, Inc. – 16 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
27. KM&KS Enterprises – 230 Market Street – RENEWAL
28. A&R Walmach (Keely's) – 390 Floral Lane - RENEWAL

Used Cars

29. Don's Amoco Service – 126 Route 46 East – RENEWAL
30. North Jersey Truck Center – 236 Route 46 East – RENEWAL
31. Auto Trader Wholesale – 60 Route 46 West – RENEWAL
32. Richard Gianetta, Inc. – 16 Pehle Avenue – Limit 3 cars - RENEWAL
33. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 – Limit 6 cars - RENEWAL

*** REPORTS**

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – December 2017
2. Bergen County Sanitarian Report – October 2017
3. Bergen County Sanitarian Report – November 2017
4. Construction Code Official Report – December 2017
5. Property Maintenance Official Report – December 2017
6. DPW Monthly Report – December 2017
7. Water Operator License Report – December 2017
8. Hotel Room Occupancy Revenue Report – January 2018
9. Grant Writer Monthly Report – December 2017
10. Tax Collector Report – December 2017
11. Water Billing Department Report – December 2017
12. Engineer's Monthly Report – January 2018
13. Budget Status Report – 2017 Budget – January 2018

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

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

ALEXANDER YODA

As Library Board Trustee, for a term of five years, effective February 1, 2018 and which shall expire on December 21, 2022

Motion for advice and consent:

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Mr. Ratajczak questioned resolution # 8 {CR# 218-30} - \$4,296 for rapid pump.

Council President Mazzer said it was for the pump station. Mr. Ratajczak asked which one. He said shouldn't the council know which pump station? Council President Mazzer said it was Mayhill.

Mr. Ratajczak then asked what year the refund for CVS was for. Councilman Cimiluca said it was for 2017. Mr. Ratajczak said I know the Mayor said he didn't expect to have zero, but you guys should go back and watch the presentation that the company did the night they came here with Mr. Carlson and said that he had the ability to take the trump card away to stop these things. This is only a little one; this is the beginning. Nobody ever said there'd be zero, but I'm just saying, and I said it that night, that this is the beginning. Once one comes in, they're all going to come in, and like I said, are we prepared to go to battle with them? Or are we just going to give in like we do? As soon as they file one we give in. The other thing I disagree with is the assessment. I did maybe 15, 20 houses at random, and the percentage that they went up is more – I'll show you the addresses, the percentage they went up is not 2%. They're 5½ to 8%, and I just did them randomly, nice sized houses. I didn't do old houses. I did nice sized houses. My entire block, which is all uniform houses, the increase is 6½%. That's an entire block. That's not 2%. Two percent might be on the old blocks, Evans Place, Graham Terrace where the capes are, but anybody with a substantially less than 25-year house went up between 5½ and 8%, and there are a lot. There's more of them houses in Saddle Brook than there are of the standard Cape Cod that we were accustomed to having. So they're always working the numbers game, and that's what they're doing to us. If you want to sit down, I will gladly sit down, and I'll show you. I'll give you 15 addresses off the top of my head, and you'll see that they're 6 to 7% increase on the assessment. Then we can pick ten Cape Cods where they went up 2%, but the majority of it is that. Across the board. And I said I did them randomly. I disagree with that number. We can't keep getting fake numbers, and that's what we're living off of. We're living

off of fake dates for the senior center. That guy slipped last month. A couple months ago he said 2018, and that's what it's going to be. I don't know who slipped, the engineer or him, and that's what they told us. You can't stay on top of things and just let people buy time.

Council President Mazzer told Mr. Ratajczak his time was up.

Mayor White said through the chair that the 2% is from the tax assessor. Mr. Ratajczak said he talked to other people that have business and the tax assessor doesn't do his job. I'm going to show you one example. I'll call you tomorrow. The property record card hasn't been updated since 1967, and the house is assessed at \$400,000. We didn't have \$400,000 houses in 1967. You have to update both parts of the thing or else the records aren't up to date, and that's what's happening.

Mayor White said I can't comment on it. Mr. Ratajczak said I'll call you tomorrow and give you the example.

Councilman Cimiluca said through the chair, I think the way it works is a certain percentage of houses go up, a certain percentage of houses go down, and a certain percentage of houses stay the same, so for every 6% house that's raised 6% there may have been a house that went down 6%. So you say you picked random houses and they just all happened to be 6%. Maybe that side – maybe that particular street was under-assessed for a little bit. I don't know. That's generally what happens when you have the reassessment. Some people go down, some people go up, and some people are going to be the same.

Mayor White asked Mr. Lo Dico to comment. Mr. Lo Dico said the ratio that was presented, most of the homes were at 2% ratio for an increase. On average, we had, out of 4,137 properties, 4,034 – these were all numbers based on the 2017 budget – were showing as decrease in property taxes. These are the figures that we have. We don't have the 2018 budget.

Councilman Cimiluca asked for clarification. Mr. Lo Dico said 4,137 residential properties, 4,034 properties out of that 4,137 based on the 2017 budget. That's the only numbers we have – we don't have anything for 2018. There's no municipal tax rate, school board – they would have had a slight decrease in their taxes.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked through the chair if we could ask Appraisal Systems to come back at a work session and have him go over this with us.

Council President Mazzer said yes. Mayor White said that was a good idea. Councilwoman D'Arminio suggested the tax assessor come also.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor White announced that Councilman Gierak's father had emergency surgery but he's doing much better now.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to go into closed session at 8:08 PM.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 218-39

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on February 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public or the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on them in closed session no longer exist.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to come out of closed session at 9:07 PM.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC CMC
Township Clerk

Florence Mazzer
Council President

Approved: March 1, 2018