

conditions and stuff like that for the concrete and stuff like that. I hope we get the same guarantee, Mr. Engineer, from the contractors against cracking and flaking and stuff like that, as we would if it was done in May or April. And they will follow up on it, they will give us that? Okay.

Mr. Arango said through the chair, the contractor, upon completion, did submit to us a two-year maintenance guarantee.

Mr. Ratajczak said regarding property maintenance, the hotel, Mr. Lo Dico, is a disgrace on Pehle Avenue. I also would like to know how many times the police are dispatched there in a month. How much calls were going over there. It's really getting shady, you know what I mean? They've got a bus company working out of there. I don't know what kind of people you've got in there, but there's an awful lot of police activity that goes on through the months and if you would look into that and see and maybe... you know after a while the place becomes a public nuisance. That's what the place is being. They won't clean up. I'm sure they were warned several times. The garbage is all over the place; the buses are all over the place, and the clientele there is not the healthiest for our kind of town. Across the street to the Marriot, the Crowne Plaza, they're hotels. Not this place. You could read between the lines.

Mr. Ratajczak said, I know the building has been sold, but Carucci's has made no attempt to clean up anything or to make it look presentable for the center of town. The other building is Amloid. I showed you the photos where the senior housing was stored. It's a disgrace. There's actually people that live on that block, Urma Place, that have to look at that every day. I know if I looked out my window and I'm sure all of you up there if you looked out your window, you would not want to look at what's over there, at that building. I mean it doesn't take much to clean up the overgrown stuff. Just clean it up or do something. The other thing is there's a lot of - you're noticing it now doing the paving and curbs with the trees and the stumps and everything else. There's a lot of dead trees that are out there, a lot of uprooted sidewalks that are up there. They need to be taken care of; they need to be taken care of. We have to develop some kind of program where we will do that maintenance. Like have a tree company come in, or if we don't have - the DPW is not capable or doesn't have the equipment, you've got to bring somebody in, once a year and let them look at the trees and stuff like that. There's houses, I don't know the exact address. There's one house on Hayes Drive, the upper end, closer to Midland Avenue, they've got four junk cars and trucks in the driveway for at least 15 years, at least 15 years. He had 8 gallons of tar, 5-gallon pails outside at the curb for two months before he removed them. I guess the garbage people wouldn't take them, recycling wouldn't take them. They were there for two months. They finally took them in. Sampson Street has that one house across from our house - you don't even know it's a house there. There's all kinds of feral cats around there, they're living on cars, living in cars. If an ambulance had to get into the front doorway, they couldn't get in; it's overgrown by trees.

Mr. Ratajczak said the other one, ride down Hobson Street and see what that looks like. Just see what that looks like. You've got a landscaper there operating out of a house, there's like four junk trucks there. It's not Saddle Brook, put it that way. It doesn't look like Evans Place, it doesn't look like Hayes Drive. That Hobson Street is a street of its own, and it's got beautiful bi-levels in the beginning. It's not right. Nothing is being done with our property maintenance, and it has to be done.

The other thing is, I know we don't pick up the leaves at the curb anymore. I think we have to have a better schedule because when the bags are left in the rain the DPW can't handle it. The leaves fall out. We have to - I know Fair Lawn this weekend they worked Saturday and Sunday. They're behind on their leaves. They still pick them up at the curb, but they did overtime and got them in. We had an unexpected snowstorm; we were plowing snow, leaves, it was mixing it with the new curbing and stuff like that. That's what I'm saying. You have to make sure you get the right guarantee with the - because you had salt mixing in there and everything else.

Mr. Ratajczak said I know the paving project had a November 9th deadline. We always go over the extended deadlines and are always late. Why couldn't we do the paving in June and July? Why did we start November and then try to jam

everything up with a November 9th deadline? You knew it and I knew that that the guy was never going to meet that deadline, but yet we still forced it and forced it and forced it. We're always late with everything. We're always the last one to catch up. The other thing I think should have happened is the paving of Fairlawn Parkway, Fair Lawn did it. We should have coordinated something with Fair Lawn and used the same contractor and came from Route 4 all the way down to Cambridge, and it would probably be the same price as we're going to pay for the two individual pavings that we're cutting Fairlawn Parkway in half, if you would have used the same contractor. That's how a business is run. I don't know how a town is run, but that's what a businessman would do. Coordinate something like that. I think it's time that we start running the town, I know Mr. Cimiluca was saying this to me, a town is not run like a business, the town does not run like a business. But you know what? It's time that we start running it like a business because it's our money, it's our tax dollars are being wasted. Even if you save \$50,000 on Fairlawn Parkway – build a nice park for \$50,000. The other thing while I'm thinking about a park, Elmwood Park at the marina... I know, Bobby, you're working on that park over here, they have the picnic tables with the year-round umbrellas. They're not umbrellas, but they're shaped like it and made like huts. I think that's something we should look into for over there. Just look around what other towns have. The Christmas lighting, that's what I always say, that's curb appeal. It looks beautiful; it lightens up Market Street. Why does it take us so long to catch up with the rest of the teams? You know what I mean? I hope at the end we're right up there with them. We're always in last place. And we don't belong in last place. Like I told you, it's a good town, it's a clean town, but you got to work to keep it clean, and you can't let the outsiders take over like they're doing with Pehle Avenue. Okay? Thank you.

Ms. Sylvia Zottarelli of 232 Lanza Avenue said because of the time limit unfortunately it forces people to come back and bring up things that they really don't want to, but I'm back and I have to. I'm here as a resident. I want to say that loud and clear, I'm not here as a Board of Ed member. I'm sure I'm going to get another personal attack, but we'll deal with that. Has the coach been removed from coaching?

Mr. Suarez said with regard to this personnel issue, I don't believe that at this point the only thing I think they should answer her about is if it's a yes or no answer but not to discuss anything with regard to any of your personnel, employees anything of that nature.

Ms. Zottarelli said he's a volunteer, he's not an employee.

Mr. Suarez said still, you have situations now involving someone who has got a relationship with the town, not just get into a matter involving whether or not he's an employee or not but also you can be talking about someone and there may be information that may be in certain respects defamatory or slanderous, and I don't want to have the members of this governing body to be involved in a lawsuit because of that. She has the freedom that she could speak and say what she wants under the time limit, but I've got to caution members of the governing body from saying anything in response specifically on this end.

Ms. Zottarelli said, okay, has he been removed? I think that's a yes or no question.

Mayor White said no, but the season that he coaches is over.

Ms. Zottarelli said though the chair if I may ask the council individually, each and every one of you were okay with this? Mr. Cimiluca let's start with you. You can answer it later if you'd like because this is my time but... that's a question to each and every one of you.

Ms. Zottarelli said to answer your question from last month, Mayor, which I didn't have more time so I couldn't, why didn't I come to you and give you that courtesy? When we had a situation that arose with the Board of Ed, did you give us that courtesy? Or did you run to the newspaper? Mayor White said two totally different things.

Ms. Zottarelli said no, it's not two totally different things. Mayor White said, Sylvia, I don't really want to get into that. No, I don't believe – and you know what, there was conversations with people to try to get messages to that individual we're speaking of, so it wasn't like Ms. Zottarelli said I'm not mentioning any names. Mayor White said I don't want to either so that's all I have to say about that. It's two different things. And I did try to get my point across and get my message across there to that individual before, and I really don't want to get into it.

Ms. Zottarelli said okay. I too would like to say how nice the lights on Market Street look. They really look great. I hope to see more eventually each year, but they do.

Next Pete, I know I spoke to you. I did get a phone call from somebody at the police department about the yellow curb line outside my house. He was supposed to come and look at it and keep me informed as to if there was anything we could do. I haven't heard anything.

Mr. Lo Dico said I will check with him.

Ms. Zottarelli said the tax issue and my assessment, please? Mr. Lo Dico said sure. Mr. Zottarelli said thanks.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Comments

Mayor White said Larry, you brought up a lot of good things and interesting things that do need to be looked at and I will go over – I don't want to go over each one of them, but we will go through them, and hopefully be able to resolve some of those problems. You do bring up some good things that need to be corrected.

Mayor White said Sylvia, I just want to say that it wasn't my intention to demean you. Maybe you felt that but that was not my – I didn't want to belittle you in any way. If it came across that way, that was not what I was trying to do. I was caught a little bit off guard. Look, I'm talking to you as a board member now, I want to do nothing more – I don't want to meddle in the board business. But I'd like to work with you. There are other issues, but you brought up last month, and I probably said more than I should have about that issue, but it's a public safety – your concern is – and you have a legitimate concern. We can disagree. We don't see eye to eye on much at all, Sylvia, let's face it, but that doesn't mean that I disrespect you. Because I do respect you. I respect you as a person, I respect you as a board member and I do want to work with you, okay? I want to work with you and the rest of the board. I really do. I think it's important, there's so many things of mutual concern that we have as a town and a board. One of the examples is the security in the schools. That's something that I think we can – it was great that you passed the referendum because that involves the security of the buildings themselves and improvements there. I feel there needs to be some more done on that as far as security – actually staff or people assigned to all the schools. But that's something we need to work with the police department and the school district, those are things I want to work with you on and the board. So again, if you feel that I was belittling you, I'm sorry, I'm truly sorry. I don't feel I did – if you feel that way, I'm going to extend myself to say I'd like to – I really want to work with you because you are a person of influence on that board. I'm going to compliment you on something, I truly feel this way, that you are one of those people that you stand by your convictions and that you're the type of person I'd want to go to battle with because you know what.

Mayor White said I don't mean battle with you personally, I mean I want you in a battle with me standing by my side because you're the type of person – when you're in a fight – some people stay and some people walk, you're the type of person that you're going to stay and you're going to fight which is an admirable quality. I respect that. I'm not trying to kiss your tail here, what I'm trying to do is say let's work together on things of mutual concern. That's what I'd like to see. I don't want to fight with you, I don't want to fight with anybody. I want to do what's right, I want to work towards making this town better, so again, that's just the way I feel about it.

Mayor White said we scheduled hearings – Pete Lo Dico and myself with department heads. They've been instructed not to exceed the required 2% spending cap for the budget appropriations so we will be meeting with them before the end of the year. The 2018 road program, we spoke a little bit about it. Claremont Avenue is complete. Most of the cement work is complete on the other roads, Hayes Drive, Legregni, Erie and Nedellec. The contractor is going to start milling tomorrow on Hayes Drive weather permitting, and we do expect to finish this hopefully by the end of the year, beginning of next year those streets that I mentioned.

Regarding the Community Development Block Grant for the VFW, Mayor White said we put in for two different grants, one for the VFW as a service organization – to help build handicapped accessible bathrooms downstairs and also the paving project at North and South Leswing. We also put in for a FEMA grant, for a generator for our senior citizen building as the senior building does act as an emergency shelter in case residents need to be evacuated during a major incident or any other type of emergency.

The Mayor said we had a meeting on Monday, December 3rd about the Market Street bridge at Market and Rochelle Avenue, the light at Rochelle, Essex and Main. Councilman Cimiluca was at that meeting, and I'm sure he will update us on that.

Regarding the Holiday Tree Lighting and party that was held on Friday, November 23rd, Mayor White said it was another excellent job by our Projects and Activities Committee. He thanked Councilwoman Karen D'Arminio, Councilman Todd Accomando, co-chairwoman Shannon Accomando and Christine Genuario, the Women's club of Saddle Brook, Tommy Van Winkle and Joanne Brendel for taking photos, members of the Mayor's Youth Group for helping decorate earlier that day, our police department, fire department, DPW, Joe Schilp and Debora Cannariato as Santa and Mrs. Claus. He added we have a video of both events, and you can watch it on our town TV, You Tube or the town website and Facebook.

The Mayor said there was a flag retirement ceremony last week and I want to thank the members of the VFW post 3484, Boy Scout troop 213 and the Cub scouts 222, for holding the flag retirement ceremony last Tuesday night in the rear parking lot of the VFW. They burn the flags. The ceremony is a way to destroy worn, tattered flags in a dignified manner. The Scouts also have a box in front vestibule here at Town Hall for anyone who needs to dispose of an American flag, and then they have these ceremonies throughout the year.

Regarding the Winter Wonderland tree decorating, the Mayor said for the last three years the County of Bergen has purchased a live Christmas tree for each municipality in the county, and they display them in a designated area at the Winter Wonderland at Van Saun Park. They allow representatives from each town to come and decorate the tree, which is then kept on display in that area until the holiday season is over. Then the tree is given to the municipality, and we plant it. I want to thank Christine Genuario for decorating our tree. A photo of the tree appeared in the *Record* newspaper last week and then in today's *Community News*. We got some positive press there. I also want to thank the Council for appropriating the funds for the holiday lights. That was Mr. Cimiluca's idea, and I feel, and we all feel that it makes the town look more festive. I want to thank Lou Virile, commander of the VFW, for again organizing the Challenger Christmas Party that took place on Sunday, December 2nd at the Saddle Brook VFW. For decades Lou and town resident Tommy Hayes have supported sports programs for kids with

special needs and disabilities, and they hosted this particular party for the last 27 years. The kids and their families have a great time, dancing, singing Christmas carols and receive presents, and you get a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and the last couple of years many of the kids that come to this party are members of the Saddle Brook Angels, and I want to thank James and Monica Maniscalco for running that very important program here in town.

Mayor White said at the AARP meeting this past Monday, December 3rd the Choraleers which is a select group of choir students from the Saddle Brook HS/MS choir performed for the members of the AARP. The students did an awesome job, singing Christmas carols and holiday songs and they were led by the chorale director Malcolm Coudan. Our senior citizens were very appreciative, and they really raved about the show, so a big thank you to Mr. Coudan and the Choraleers.

Mayor White said upcoming events, the Township Decorating Contest for houses for the holidays, registration began December 1st and goes to the 18th. The judging in will be December 19th. The Mayor's Youth Group is involved in that where they go around with the senior bus and they judge these houses that are registered. There's a blood drive sponsored by the Saddle Brook fire department that will be Thursday, December 27th 3:30 to 7:30 PM at Engine Co. No 1.

Mayor White said I also want to mention Addy Goldsholl. We lost another good one in Saddle Brook. She was an honorable and very valued member of our community and served in many different capacities throughout her years, and I want to offer my condolences to her family. She will be missed. Lastly, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Councilman Accomando said the holiday party was a great job and it was well attended, everybody had a great time. Merry Christmas.

Councilman Gierak said the paving is not getting done as quickly as we'd like it too but it's getting done, so I hope to see more streets get paved in 2019. I attended the Holiday Party and the Tree Lighting, and it was a huge success. Everybody that was involved with that, I'd like to thank them. Also, on Market Street, the lights, I think it's a great thing. Hat's off to Councilman Cimiluca for that idea. Hopefully we can add to it the following year. Happy holidays to everyone, Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

Councilman Accomando said through the chair in regard to the paving, you said we're going to start milling tomorrow. We're looking at snow tomorrow. Now we know how the forecasters are at predicting snow, they're not very well at it. If in fact we do get a storm like we did last week, or a couple weeks ago, will that affect the new blacktop getting plowed? Mr. Arango said no. Councilman Accomando said how about the curbs getting hit, we're in good shape? Mr. Arango said yes. Councilman Accomando said should we delay milling tomorrow if in fact we do because my thinking is, if the manholes are raised and we're going down that street with a plow – I'd hate to see what would happen. I plow, so I know if you hit a manhole, that truck is going to jerk in either direction and a truck that big, who knows what may happen, it may hit a curb, hit a house, hit something because at that speed, hitting a raised manhole could do a lot of damage not only to the truck but God forbid the individual inside of it.

Mr. Arango said we can certainly tell the contractor to postpone it. Councilman Accomando said I hate to use the word delay, but I think safety is more of an issue than getting the road paved at this point. Sorry, Andrew, I know it's your street, but...

Councilman Cimiluca asked when it was supposed to snow and Councilman Accomando said they said tomorrow. It's going to miss us? Well they said the same thing it was going to miss us las time. Councilman Cimiluca said that snowstorm that's going across the country right now? Mr. Arango said I know there's one south of us. Councilman Accomando said that's the southern states. I heard on the news today that Pennsylvania now, we have a potential of getting – we may get rain but they're saying snow, a storm is coming, just a little bit of caution, that's all.

Mayor White said it brings up an interesting point. If that were to happen, I guess we would have to put it off.

Mr. Arango or mill on Friday and if something happens Saturday or Sunday, we'll have them do it on Monday, that way they can pave on Tuesday.

Councilman Cimiluca said through the chair, they're going to mill tomorrow, what's the schedule – pave on Monday? Mr. Arango said pave on Monday.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said Councilman Accomando and his wife did a great job at the holiday party. She thanked Christine, Debbie Cannariato and Joe and said everyone did a great job. Thank you. Merry Christmas, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilman Cimiluca offered his condolences to the Goldsholl family and said there's a couple of other families in town, I know Diane Bonner lost her mom and Tony and Mike Serbo also lost their mom. Condolences to the families.

Councilman Cimiluca said in regard to what Mr. Ratajczak said, I don't think I ever talked about the difference between the government and a business. I think it was more the government and a homeowner. Whereas a homeowner – I want my roof done, I go get some oral quotes and I don't like the guy I kick him off the job. It's a lot different with the town. I'm not saying it's different in a good way; it's different in a bad way. It's hard to get good work done in a way that – with all the regulations that we have to go through in order to get the right kind of contractors. It's a burden, and it's something that we have to do. It's not as easy as if you were a homeowner.

Councilman Cimiluca said I agree 100% with property maintenance. I prosecute property maintenance cases. When people say how do you get elected – it's keep the streets clean, pick up the garbage on time, things like that. That's what most people see in the town. They don't want to see garbage on the streets. I 100% agree. I've always said – and this is going back forever, having a strong property maintenance force in town, and we are working on that, and hopefully in the new year we will see some improvement in terms of possibly additional personnel or additional time set out for the property maintenance aspect because it's very, very important, and it's very frustrating, and I understand that. I've been complaining about the wall at the cemetery on Midland Avenue for six months, and they finally plastered it and we can't get them to paint it. We need somebody out there issuing summonses. You're not going to make friends. You're going to make some friends with the neighbors next door, but those people – you never know what the story is becausethey might have had tar out there but – who knows – my wife had breast cancer and I was at the hospital every day watching her undergo chemo. There are reasons sometimes for everything, but I agree you knock on the door and say listen, be a good neighbor, clean up your stuff. That's the way to do it. You have to do it in the right manner. You can't just throw a ticket at them and say hey, because they're residents, they're taxpayers, and they deserve respect. You have to do it in the right way. I know our property maintenance guy in River Edge where I do most of those things is very good at that. I've given him a couple of chances but if they blow it, they blow it, and they got to pay, they got to clean it up, and if they don't clean it up, we do it and we charge them and put a lien on their house.

Councilman Cimiluca said Sylvia asked about the coach. I'm not going to say much other than to say that I think the Mayor spent ten minutes at the last meeting talking about how he vetted that person. There was an appeal process, he vetted that person, and I was satisfied with his response and his answer. We went above and beyond trying to see whether or not this person was a viable coach, although he didn't meet the letter of the law possibly, I'm not going to get into that, but there was an appeal process, and the Mayor did a very thorough vetting process, and I was 100% satisfied with his response.

Councilman Cimiluca mentioned the three lighting and then congratulated Mr. Suarez on the publication of his book. He said he started to read the book, and it was extremely interesting. It's called *Politically Indicted* – look it up on the internet.

Not many people survive a federal indictment. They usually don't indict people that they can't prove. It was a sham case and their main witness was a total shyster and a thief and a crook, so congratulations to you.

Councilman Cimiluca said we went to a meeting on December 3rd – this Monday, Pete and I attended the meeting. There were representatives from Lodi, representatives from Rochelle Park, and obviously county people. What their proposal is, is that there would be three lanes on the Lodi leg. Everything is approaching the intersection, so three lanes approaching the intersection from Lodi, three lanes approaching the intersection from Saddle Brook and three lanes approaching the intersection from the Maywood or Hackensack area and two lanes approaching from Rochelle Park along the river. There will be signals, obviously. They probably are going to have the red lights, arrows for left-turn-onlys, which will help. They're figuring, I think they said – 2020 or 2021? Mr. Lo Dico said 2021 maybe.

Councilman Cimiluca said when it's done, it's not an if, it's a when now, I think it's going alleviate a lot of traffic in that area. Now, I was also the week before at the community partnership meeting. Mr. Weinberg who is in the audience now is the head of that, at least for the high school part of it and we know that there are some students that are interested in doing something. Mr. Sudol came up and said it's really dingy underneath the bridge, and I agree, it is. So we asked – no one really knew a contact to call to see who would be in charge of that. It's someone at NJ DOT. Even though there is it's a federal highway up above, the actual stanchions are state property. I don't know if they would have to power wash it first, but we're going to contact - Pete has a name and we're going to go through channels to find out if we can because the community partnership kids are interested in painting murals, anything to brighten up the town. Happy Hanukah, I think it's the fifth night tonight, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council President Mazzer congratulated everyone that was responsible for the holiday party. A great time was had by everyone it was beautiful. Great job.

She said since this is my last regular meeting as Council President this year, I'd like to thank everybody for the courtesy they shown me and also for a productive year. I'm very proud of everything that has been done in this Township. It's not always this quick as we'd like to, that's for sure, but it is getting done. I'm very proud of that. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE #1648-18 – FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2019

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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

Motion: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

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

CR# 1218-227

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2019

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 27th day of December, 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 - yes
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer – yes

2. ORDINANCE #1649-18 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR 2019 (BLUE COLLAR)

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Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

CR# 1218-228

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR 2019 (BLUE COLLAR)

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Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

**3. ORDINANCE #1650-18 – FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY
OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND
WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF
FOR 2019 (WHITE COLLAR)**

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR 2019 (WHITE COLLAR)**

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**CR# 1218-229
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF
BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF
EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR 2019 (WHITE
COLLAR)**

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 27th day of December, 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 Gierak

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierak - yes
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.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

*** MINUTES**

1. November 8, 2018 – Regular Public Meeting

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1218-230

WHEREAS 4 Clean Up was awarded a contract in the amount of \$121,839.27 for William Street Roadway Improvements; and

WHEREAS Richard G. Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Marini Bros recommended Change Order #1 (Final) —\$15,949.81 for as-built quantities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 (Final) for 4 Clean Up for a total amount of —\$15,949.81, a total contract amount of \$105,889.46 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1218-231

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook approved the renewal of liquor license #0257-43-002-009 Chetan Patel, PO Box 80, Paramus, NJ 07652 [inactive] for the 2018-2019 license term via Council resolution CR# 618-115; and

WHEREAS, the licensee is required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to submit an application for 12:39 Special Ruling;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby rescinds the portion of CR# 618-115 approving the renewal of liquor license #0257-43-002-009 for the 2018-2019 license term.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1218-232

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Bond Counsel
- (2) Auditor
- (3) Tax Appeal Attorney
- (4) Health Risk Manager
- (5) Labor Attorney
- (6) Insurance Consultant
- (7) Township Planner
- (8) Township Attorney
- (9) Township Engineer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the RFPs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services as set forth hereinafter shall be prepared and published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., and all submissions in response shall be evaluated on the basis of the most advantageous submission, all factors considered, including but not limited to:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to public notices of RFPs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services enumerated above, in a newspaper circulated in the Township of Saddle Brook by December 12, 2018. The notice of RFPs shall include the following:

- (1) A description of the requested professional or extraordinary unspecified service for which the RFP is made;
- (2) A statement that Qualifications must be submitted by 10:00 A.M. on December 28, 2018;
- (3) A statement that the RFPs are being made by the Township
- (4) The address and phone number of the Township Clerk's office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFP document from the Clerk's office;
- (5) A statement that the RFP is being made through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.,

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENDORSING RESOLUTION FOR BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTH AND SOUTH LESWING AVENUE

CR# 1218-233

WHEREAS a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant totaling \$449,692.50 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for Road Improvements on North and South Leswing Avenue in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

ENDORISING RESOLUTION FOR BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT VFW BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

CR# 1218-234

WHEREAS a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant totaling \$124,150 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for Bathroom Renovations at VFW Post 3484 in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1218-235

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>
WATER	FRANK SEMERARO CONSTR.	WATER MAIN BREAK	\$9,386.76
FIRE – 2019	MACALUSO'S	INSTALLATION DINNER	\$78/ PERSON

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1218-236

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 \$10,745.48 PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1218-237

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 **\$4,352,966.05** 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 Gierak - yes
Councilman Accomando - yes
Council President Mazzer – yes

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Robert J. Klein, PE
Remington Vernick
Engineers** **Re: 197 Cambridge Avenue Pavement
Repair – Pay Certificate No. 1 Final**

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

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 Final from Montana Construction for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the final payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **Montana Construction** in the amount of **\$9,288.00**.

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

2. **Robert J. Klein, PE
Remington Vernick
Engineers** **Re: FY' 2016/2017 CDBG Storm
Drainage Repair and Maintenance
Program Phase 2 Payment
Certification No. 2 Final**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: October 22, 2018

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 2 Final and two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. CSC-225349M from Marini Bros Construction Inc. for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the final payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to JA Alexander in the amount of **\$3,918.77** for Certificate No. 2 Final.

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

3. Robert J. Klein, Remington, Vernick, Twp. Engineer **Re: President Street Water Main Improvements Pay Certificate No. 2**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: October 25, 2018

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 2 from Reivax Contracting for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the partial payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **Reivax Contracting** in the amount of **\$190,801.10** for Certificate No. 2.

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

4. Robert J. Klein, Remington, Vernick, Twp. Engineer **Re: William Street Roadway Improvements Phase II, Change Order No. 1 Final**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: November 2, 2018

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of attached Change Order No. 1 Final which adjusts the contract quantities to as-built quantities.

The contract breakdown is as follows:

- Original Contract \$ 121,839.27
- Change Order No. 1 - \$ 15,949.81
- Amended Contract Total \$ 105,889.46

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

5. **Robert J. Klein,** **Re: William Street Roadway**
Remington, Vernick, Twp. **Improvements Phase II Payment**
Engineer **Certification No. 2**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk **Date: November 2, 2018**

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 2 Final and a two (2) year Maintenance Bond from 4 Clean Up Inc. for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the final payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to 4 Clean Up Inc. in the amount of **\$11,598.70** for Certificate No. 2 Final.

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

6. **Robert J. Klein,** **Re: Veterans Field Concession Stand**
Remington, Vernick, Twp. **Payment Certification No. 8 Final**
Engineer **(Vanas Construction)**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk **Date: November 8, 2018**

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 8 Final and a two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. SU 1142116-000 from Vanas Construction Co. Inc. for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the partial payments noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **Vanas Construction Co. Inc.** in the amount of **\$19,105.95** for Certificate No. 8 Final.

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

7. **Robert J. Klein,** **Re: 2014 Water Main Project at North**
Remington, Vernick, Twp. **5th Street, Payment No. 10**
Engineer

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk **Date: November 27, 2018**

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 10 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.

Therefore, we recommend that payment be made to **Reivax Contracting** in the amount of **\$19,600.00** for Certificate No. 10.

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

*** RAFFLES/APPLICATIONS**

1. RA# 1286 – St. Philip’s Holy Name Society – 50/50
2. RA# 1287 – Long Memorial PTO – 50/50

*** REPORTS**

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – October 2018
2. Bergen County Animal Control Report – September 2018
3. Bergen County Animal Control – October 2018
4. Senior Center Monthly report – October 2018
5. Grant Writer Monthly Report – October 2018
6. DPW Monthly Report – October 2018
7. Water Department Revenue Report – October 2018
8. Fire Prevention Official Monthly Report – September 2018
9. Engineer’s Monthly Report – November 2018
10. Budget Status Report – November 2018

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Cimiluca talked about the pool ordinance and said his understanding was it was something that has to go before the Planning Board because it was a zoning ordinance, it has to go to the Planning Board for review and comments and come back to us.

Mr. Suarez said through the chair – we did bring it up and some of the things we talked about, there’s nothing in writing at this point that I was going to be conferring with some of the other professionals and look at what some of the other towns had and then put something together for your discussion before you pass that on first reading and send it over to the board, and being that you’re already at the end of the year – and this is the last meeting, you want to do it next year anyway.

Mayor White asked through the chair, shouldn’t we get the recommendation first before we pass it on first reading? I’m a little concerned about that because I think there was some discussion at one of the Planning Board meetings and – really not a lengthy discussion, but there was some apprehension on the part of some of the members.

Councilman Cimiluca said I don’t think that’s the scenario. I think we pass it and then send it to them. I believe that’s the way it operates. Or we might not pass it on first reading.

Mr. Suarez said I know that from our discussion it was that you looked at the review of last year’s applications, and there was I think two pool applications, and we said there may or may not be a need for this, so that was something that was discussed before – am I right about that - before you were even going to vote on it to see if there was a need for it and that you weren’t at the meeting and everyone wanted to give you the courtesy to be able to talk about why you thought it was important. Is that how we left it off? What we had talked about was that we were going to look into it and see what could possibly be put together with respect to any issues.

Mr. Arango said I think I found two towns that may not include the surface of the pools as impervious. Many towns are either silent or they actually say it is not part of what is pervious, it is impervious.

Councilman Cimiluca said it was brought up to me by a homeowner who apparently wants to put a pool in and can’t because of it. In that person’s opinion, the pool is basically a giant receptacle and should not be counted at impervious surface. It’s not like blacktop. We’ve had horrific rains, I don’t know if anyone has

ever had a built in pool or even an above-ground pool where based on rainfall the water has built up so much that its overflowing it's boundaries. It's basically a container. It's a big bowl. That was that person's position, and I tend to share it. I really don't think that it should be considered impervious. That's my position, but certainly you bring it up to the Council, put it in writing, see if the Council wants to pass it just for first reading. It doesn't mean it's going to go through. Obviously, you need Planning Board input and comment and then the second reading, if it gets to that point, the Planning Board may be yay or nay or have negative comments or positive comments or no comments and again we'll have to discuss and determine it as a five-member council, that a majority of the council agrees with what I think should be done.

Mr. Suarez said I can put a memo together and submit that regarding the information researched - I can do whatever you want. If you want a draft to have for introduction to discuss, it's up to the governing body, if that's what you want.

Councilman Cimiluca said I would think we put it for ... again this is going to be January, put it for a first reading. First reading just gets it on the table, gets us talking about it, and then send it to the Planning Board where they're going to actually talk about it because it is a zoning regulation and give their input if they choose to. That's what I think we should do.

Mayor White said I'm okay with it.

Mr. Lo Dico said he would like to say a few words about Addie Goldsholl. I worked with Addie and I've known the Goldsholl family for close to 50 years. Addie and I were first elected to the Board of Ed – we were known as the kid and the housewife when we first got on – it wasn't complimentary from some of the board members, so Addie one day calls me up, we're on a couple of committees and says they put us here for a reason so come over we have to talk, and we turned those committees into something more useful, and I'm sure it probably continues on the board today. But Addie was an advocate for children, she served on the Board of Ed, she was a school nurse, she was a maternity nurse at Valley and her last year she served as president of the Library Board. It's rare in politics, its rare anywhere to have a friend, a part of the family, as the Goldsholls, especially Addie and I certainly will miss her.

Councilman Accomando said I don't know if this is new business or just a comment but to go off of what Pete was saying, and I think I'm going to start doing this myself... I'd like to challenge everybody in the month of December for the next 26 days to do some type of act of kindness because we have so much hate in this country right now. I don't know if it's just our country or the world, but it starts at the top, so I don't care if its buying someone's coffee behind you, paying for someone's gas or opening the door, I just challenge everyone to do something nice for the person behind them, next to them, in front of them whatever for the next 25 days to try and end this year on a good note and hopefully welcome next year on a better note. It just starts with us and I think that's the best way to beat the – the nasty politics that's going around in our country right now, and I think it starts with us and I think we as people could beat that and we're better than that so I just challenge everybody to try and do better and be kind, that's all.

Mayor White said that was a good idea.

Mr. Suarez thanked the Council for keeping him as the Township attorney. He said I've been here for a very long period of time, and this is a great governing body to work for. He thanked Councilman Cimiluca for coming on Saturday. He said this was the only town that kept me in the public arena. Everyone other than Richfield kept me in office, but every town that I worked for essentially made me resign and this town believed in me and you were on the governing body along with Councilman Cimiluca and Joe Setticone and I remember Lou D'Arminio who was the mayor – he had a lot of pressure, and he kept me here and if everyone fired me I would not have been able to support my family I would not have been able to work and I really appreciate it then and even after I was vindicated I can remember coming back to that meeting and how happy everyone here was. Peter, I knew for so long, since I had been here from the beginning and just walking back in here

and just coming back here when the Mayor had faith in me and brought me back, and you all support me, so I really never forgot that, and I really appreciate that. I just want to thank you. I never, ever forgot that.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said we just want to be in the movie.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilwoman Gierak

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

Mr. Ratajczak said number one, the cleanup for William Street. We're getting money back or what kind of cleanup is that?

Mr. Lo Dico said 4-Clean Up is the name of the company. Mr. Ratajczak said what did he do?

Mr. Arango said he resurfaced William Street and this is a negative change order. Mr. Ratajczak said we're getting that money back? Mr. Arango said we're not getting money back, we're paying him less than the contracted amount.

Mr. Ratajczak said, so how much did that street cost to do?

Councilman Accomando said we're saving almost \$16,000. Mr. Ratajczak said it's a tiny street. What was the billing for that?

Mr. Arango said I can get that for you. Mr. Ratajczak asked what does something like Claremont cost to pave? Mr. Arango said I don't have those numbers. Mr. Ratajczak said put it this way, I've done some research on other towns. We're paying top dollar, above and beyond top dollar, we're paying. If you look what other surrounding towns pay. Other towns, I can't say they're *better* contractors, they're better known in the paving business and do quality work. Other towns can get these contractors, we can't, and we pay for the sub-professional work more than other towns pay for the A contractor. Look into it, do some research and see what other towns pay. A lot more we pay. A lot more. Sometimes I can't believe the numbers what we pay. I don't know whether you can shop around, or you got to wait for the bids. If the bid comes in and it's double the amount, you have to throw the bid away. I would rather ride in potholes than pay double because we get two streets done for the price of one. And we do. I'm not saying we get robbed, but something is not right with the contractors that we use, something is not right. What is Vanas's payment here for the refreshment stand, final payment it says?

Mr. Arango said on William Street the original amount was \$121,000 and the contract came in at \$105,000. Mr. Ratajczak said that street there, you could probably have done for about \$75,000 from a top notch contractor. I don't know what your tolerance is for puddling in the streets, but Fifth Street is not good, Fifth Street and Sullivan is not good. And these handicapped ramps that they're putting in with the curbing on the people's lawns, they're water pits. They're going to be water pits there and it's going to freeze over in the winter. I ride around. I've never seen another town do handicapped ramps like that. I've never ever ever seen that. Where they put the curb in the street and then they put the curb on the person's lawn. You're making a channel there for the water to stay there instead of regrading the property or regrading something... you can't put two retaining walls on one side because it's going to retain water. The person in the wheelchair is not going to make it, and the other question is, why wasn't there curbs put down by the VFW? Mr. Engineer? The VFW, Claremont, there's no curbs on that side of the street. Check it out because like I said, what's going to happen – you've got a guard rail and you've got six feet paving from the VFW and the paving from

Claremont, there's nothing for it to butt up against, and then the road went down, The road – we have boundaries now. All of a sudden down there, we opened up again to nothing.

Councilman Accomando said through the chair isn't that parking? Mr. Ratajczak said no it's not; they have a guardrail. Councilman Accomando said along the guardrail? Mr. Ratajczak said I don't know whose property. I don't know if that's a road or that's a curb but the way I look at the road, it should be a curb and a sidewalk should be there. That's what belongs there. If you're going to the contour of the rest of Claremont Avenue, that's what should be there, and it's just wide open. Check from Rosemont that Mike's owns now from the corner of Rosemont to the corner of VFW Drive, there is a curb on the VFW drive that comes around that was put in years ago, and there's no curbing at the VFW parking lot. There's a guard rail and like I said there's six feet of – there's no guidelines there, and that's what we were trying to do was create guidelines for the water, the parking and everything else, and we just left out sixty or seventy yards and just had an open parking or however it's going to be. There should have been a curb there to let people park there. Now when there's a VFW event, it's scrambled eggs there. That's what you have. We had the opportunity to do it when you paved the road, not after. Check it out, take a look – you're going to go there, and you're going to see no curb; that's what you're going to see. I'm not going to come up here and lie to you and tell you there's a curb there, but a curb belongs there. I also spoke to the Mayor tonight about a curb on Legregni, if you want to touch base with him on that because now is the time. Once they pave it and once the concrete goes away, you're not going to dig it back up again. Just do yourself a favor, look at the curbs that this guy poured at the complex where Ed's Tavern is, look at the curbs at Mike's liquor store he's pouring and look at the curbs that we poured. They look nothing the same. There's three different contractors, Ed's Tavern, Mike's liquor store, and I'm saying where I live on Claremont Avenue. You got to look at it to believe it. Just go there and just look at them. You'll see the difference, and you'll see what I'm talking about. I've never seen people's properties curbed. I've never seen that. Never.

Ms. Sylvia Zottarelli said I don't know if this falls under the agenda – it's a suggestion. With the tree lighting ceremony and the party afterwards, the celebration – when it comes to taking a picture with Santa, maybe you want to think about it, and it's just a suggestion – having them fill out a form and getting an e-mail address and you can e-mail the picture instead of everybody waiting and that poor man having to go through seventy eight times that picture and they can have as many copies as they want that way. It's just a thought.

Council President Mazzer thanked Ms. Zottarelli.

Mr. Ratajczak said I never got an answer on Vanas. What was the payment to Vanas?

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilwoman Gierek

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Councilman Cimiluca said Larry, I don't know where you're getting the numbers from. Every town does the same thing. You put out specs, you put out to bid, you get bids, and generally we take the lowest bid unless we've had a history of problems with that contractor. There are very, very limited exceptions to the bidding process.

Mr. Arango said commented about the only way to disqualify a contractor and said other than that you have to go with the lowest bidder.

Councilman Cimiluca said Elmwood Park has a thousand-foot road, they put out the specs for a thousand-foot road, five people bid on it. Elmwood Park takes the lowest bidder, whoever it is, it could be that person. Saddle Brook puts out something for a thousand-foot road, people bid on it. I can't see how contractors are going to see a road in Saddle Brook that's a thousand feet and say it's going to be \$300,000 and for Elmwood Park they're going to say we're only going to charge you \$150,000. Unless there's this vast conspiracy against Saddle Brook by a number of contractors it just doesn't make any sense. There's a lot of contractors, but there are not that many when you think about it that do governmental work. If a construction company does government work, they generally do a lot of government work. Usually the same people coming to bid, so it's not that they have the Hilton of contractors and we have the Motel 8 of contractors. It's all done in accordance with the public bidding law. It's a law of how you do it and for you to say that other towns get better contractors and other towns pay much less than we do for the same kind of work, prove it to me if that's the case.

Councilman Cimiluca said you can say that all you want, it just doesn't make any sense that other towns are paying less for the same work than we do. It's a bidding process, it just doesn't work that way.

Regarding what Ms. Zottarelli said, Councilman Cimiluca said one thing and I told her at the Holiday Party, but I don't think there was anybody who was at that party or that function that didn't have a camera. So we were taking pictures and poor Enlocosa was trying to print these out, and we had some people that actually went up to stop it because one lady was like crop this and do this – it's like the DMV you take one picture whether you like it or not. Everybody was taking their own pictures of their kids and we were taking the picture. Maybe next year we don't give pictures because everyone has their own picture. Take your own picture. If somebody says I don't have a camera or I can't afford a camera, somebody will take a picture, give us your email or tell us where you live and we'll drop it off but for the most part every single person has a camera and I'm sure that everybody was taking four or five pictures of their kids with Santa at the same time that we were taking that one picture and trying to get it right. So I agree it took a long – the lines were hideously long. Put your kid up there, take your own picture and move on.

Mayor White said through the chair some of the people pick it up at Town Hall. We could also put those on line, but then it wouldn't print out Merry Christmas from Mayor White and the Township Council because I guess that's a program. I don't think that would appear on that. I'm not sure.

Mayor White said regarding Larry, I remember there were some companies years ago that used to work in town. I don't know if they went out of business or – big ones like Smith-Sondy, I remember that name. But they never bid. Maybe because for years – we just started this paving program, and for years we had nothing, we had no program, so maybe they bid on bigger jobs or towns that do more work. So you might get a better price.

Mr. Ratajczak said there's three guys working on Claremont for six days, three guys. You bring three guys to a job like that? You do a driveway with three guys; you don't do a road with three guys. One guy is on the machine, and two guys are with shovels. Come on. I could tell you when you show up to a job whether you're good or not.

Councilman Accomando said through the chair, I have to agree with Andrew and Sylvia. It was such a burden on Enlocosa with the camera and printing it out. Like you said, you offer them the opportunity with their own camera, take ten pictures and move on. I think that's easier that way. Somebody doesn't have a camera, I'm sure somebody will take a picture for us, and it doesn't cost anything to send a text or an email. I think that's the best way to keep that line moving in a timely manner because this year it was rough. I felt bad for them. It takes time.

Mayor White said people don't like to wait on a line. We can come up with something else.

Councilman Accomando I think they should take pictures with their own camera and move on, it's just safer and easier.

Council President Mazzer thanked them for their suggestions.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierek

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: December 27, 2018

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

Florence Mazzer
Council President