

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on April 4, 2019 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 Gierrek – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Council President Mazzer - present

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

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

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

Introduction of 2019 Budget

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 419-81

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Calendar Year 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in “Our Town” in the issue of April 11, 2019.

(a)	\$18,603,304.43	(Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
(b)	-	(Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
(c)	-	(Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations
(d)	\$805,653.00	(Item 5 below) Minimum Library Tax

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues		
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	800,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	40004-10	4,022,729.74
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	15-499	390,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	18,603,304.43
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		-
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	-
Item 6 (b), sheet 13 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	07-191	-
Item 6 (c), sheet 11 Minimum Library Tax		805,653.00
Total amount to be raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts Only		-
4. To be added TO THE CERTIFICATION AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6(b), Sheet 13 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	07-191	-
Total revenues	40000-10	24,621,687.17

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	
Within "CAPS"	15,925,870.00
(a&b) Operations including Contingent	7,790,070.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal	2,092,808.43
(g) Cash Deficit	
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	2,233,738.14
(c) Capital Improvements	100,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	3,269,270.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal	71,019.43
(f) Judgments	-
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	-
(g) Cash deficit	-
(k) For Local School Purposes	-
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves if any)	1,000,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS – TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)	
Total Appropriations	24,621,687.17

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - no
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierrek - yes
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

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

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

Mr. Larry Ratajczak of 92 Claremont Avenue congratulated Councilman Cimiluca on the first time it was a four to one. He said I brought it up Tuesday, all the votes are 5-0. You have to have a mind of your own up there and be able to stand up and talk for what you believe is right. It's not all 5-0. It's *impossible* to go 5-0 all the time. The other thing, Mr. Suarez, you weren't here in the beginning, on this rolling reassessment, you said about these attorneys that send out the mass mailers or whatever are for residential tax appeals. They're not the commercial big guys. They're not the Marriott, not the Park 80, not Zuckerberg's, not that. They attack the residents. They're young attorneys trying to build up their practice or whatever. So we have to get that straight, too. Also I went back onto the tape when we had them people in here, and I asked a question: On a commercial tax appeal, who pays the attorney fees? And Carlson and the other guy talked together right here, and they said well we'll send an agent. An agent is not going to do it. An attorney. And we shouldn't have to pay. That was the main purpose of the rolling assessment. That's why I asked that question. So we're going to pay our attorney to represent us in the 17 tax bills are commercial, Pete, the 17 appeals that you have?

Mr. Lo Dico said the majority of them are.

Mr. Ratajczak said the majority are all commercial. So we're paying again. We're not going to get it done for \$500. And like I say; we'll probably lose again. The other thing is we have to close the loopholes in the permits taken out on these houses under construction because they're leaving the permits open, and they're paying taxes on the old house. Like I said, the minute you flush a toilet or your kid goes to school, that should be deemed complete. And there should be a time limit on how long. This guy on Evans Place, twelve years now. He's got permits open. A guy on Beech has them open. They don't close them. Instead of paying taxes on \$500,000, they're paying it on \$240,000, the old house. So we've got to fix them. We told Carlson about that about three years ago, and we're still not doing anything. That's revenue that we're losing besides the revenue that we're going to lose on these other places.

Mr. Ratajczak said about Bobby hired a maintenance enforcer. I see in his report that didn't go over really that good. Are we going to have someone to work on Saturday and Sunday? Mayor White said yes, Larry, I believe so. Mr. Ratajczak said you believe so? That's when we need it. I see you got one guy working without a permit or whatever, but on Sunday is when the contractors come in and do their side work and put these add-a-levels on. It's considered side work. And we lose out on that. The other thing about the pavers, through the engineer. I asked you about two months ago about the VFW, why they didn't continue that curb down there on Claremont. There's a section from the old Rosemont to the VFW. There's no curb there, and there's a guard rail four feet in. Where does Claremont end, and where does the VFW property begin, and why wasn't a curb put there?

Mr. Klein said a curb is not needed there. Mr. Ratajczak said it's not needed? It's a street. What's not needed?

Mr. Klein said the curb is designed to control flow. Mr. Ratajczak said water and parking. Is there a curb there? There are guard rails there. That's not controlling water. And I asked you why wasn't it completed all the way down, and you said you'd get back to me. Mr. Klein said I remember the question, and I'm looking into it. Mr. Ratajczak said it's the length of the VFW parking lot. There is no curb there.

Mr. Klein made a comment and Mr. Ratajczak said listen, when Claremont was done you were supposed to put curbs and sidewalks where there were no curbs and sidewalks. There's no curbs and sidewalks there, and it still lets the parking go wish-wash whenever there's an event there. If there's a curb there, they park against the curb. That's what designates where you park. You park parallel to the curb. There's no curb there. The other one I asked you about was Que Pasta, the big driveway opening. I showed you the site plan. There was no big driveway opening there. There's a 50-foot driveway opening there, and I said who authorized you to put it there? And then the other guy came up, Bob Agnello, and asked you about the house with all the cars. Who authorized you to make a driveway pad bigger? And it was.

Mr. Klein said the restaurant...the curb was there when we got there. Mr. Ratajczak said no, it wasn't. Mr. Klein said it was. Mr. Ratajczak said listen. I'm going to tell you how it was. It was a curb, and it was built up with asphalt on both sides so they can enter into there.

Mr. Klein said at some point previously... Mr. Ratajczak said that's how it was. It wasn't a restaurant before that. Mr. Klein said when we surveyed, there was a curb. Mr. Ratajczak said no, there wasn't. Mayor White said there was something there. I remember. Mr. Ratajczak said there was a curb there, and what they did was built up the asphalt so the cars can get in there over it. Mayor White said it was pretty much even. Mr. Ratajczak said the curbs aren't big to begin with. The other thing, if you look on Hayes Drive and Midland, the first house that was knocked down, it's an open lot. Go take a look at that curb. It's all old, busted up. That's where the job begins right there, Hayes and Midland. You didn't put a curb in front of that house, it's all busted up. Go there and take a look. That's your job, not mine.

Council President Mazzer said Mr. Ratajczak's three minutes are up. Mr. Ratajczak said but Flo, look, there's nobody here. Council President Mazzer said I know, but it's protocol. Your three minutes are up and then some.

Mr. Ratajczak said it's really bad when a resident can talk for three minutes and that's it. And there's nobody here. You people come in here, you're out of here by 8:00 PM. You get an hour or two.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White said Larry, as far as the VFW, because I spoke to Rick and Bob about that. You said that they're supposed to replace the curbs. They don't replace. The contract isn't to replace all the curbs. It's the ones that are needed to be replaced, and there was never a curb there by the VFW. There was just a guard rail. So they didn't feel it was necessary.

Mr. Ratajczak commented about Claremont where the trees were growing into the street.

Mr. Klein said when you have grass versus asphalt you don't want to pave up against the grass. When you have asphalt there you can pave up against the asphalt – you need a curb. Mr. Ratajczak said there's no curb there.

Council President Mazzer cautioned Mr. Ratajczak that the meeting was now closed to the public.

Mayor White then read a proclamation in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. {See Correspondence #7}.

Mayor White said regarding the budget, as you know, the first order of business that we introduced it tonight. I want to thank Business Administrator Pete Lo Dico, our CFO Ray Carnevale, and our auditor Steve Wielkots for their hard work helping to prepare the budget and also our Township Council for reviewing it. We're within the 2% CAP, calling for a modest increase on the municipal side. We're continuing our road resurfacing program and addressing infrastructure concerns. There's going to be a public hearing. It will be held on May 2nd. The Auditor will be here along with the Council and I to address any concerns. I attended a meeting of Bergen County Community Development on Thursday, March 28. The Township is submitting a grant to pave North and South Leswing Avenue. We had a Bergen County Housing meeting, myself, Councilwoman D'Arminio and Business Administrator Lo Dico. We met with the Housing Development personnel on this Tuesday, April 2nd at the Senior Center. Regarding our senior housing project on Caldwell Avenue, the applications will be out soon. What's going to happen is a letter will be sent to all interested parties, providing them with necessary information. The application process is going to be – they will only be accepted online. There will be a specific filing date sometime in early May. The housing authority will have representatives available for assistance at our Senior Center and the Bergen County administrative building in Hackensack on that date. Again there's going to be a letter sent to everybody that's interested informing them when this application needs to be filed and the procedure. We are going to have a meeting in between there – in between the notification that they get from the county, we're going to notify the residents and the people that are on our list that came to our Town Hall, phoned or whatever and gave their information. We're going to contact them and have a special meeting and inform them of the process. Once the town receives the letter, we will have a meeting for all interested residents.

Regarding the Eagle Scout Project, Mayor White said Michael Maniscalco has begun this project to replace the playground at Avon Park to make it more handicapped accessible. Just a note, the town received a \$15,000 Open Space Grant which we're using to help him, and he also collected funds. So this \$15,000 grant will supplement the funds that he's already raised from various events. The playground has been ordered, and the work has started to disassemble the old playground. Tri-centennial Park, the DPW will start working and overseeing contracted work at that location. Fencing will be installed, the monument, flagpole and landscaping. Governor Murphy came to visit our senior center on Thursday March 28th to sign a Secure Choice Bill which – that bill provides retirement savings for private sector employees. I'm very proud that the Governor chose to come to Saddle Brook, and I want to thank all the members of our Senior Advisory Board who attended that event. This was a bill strongly supported by the NJ AARP, and that's a big part of the reason why the Governor chose to do it at our senior center.

The Mayor said the New Jersey DOT Grant – we received notification in writing this week that we were awarded a \$192,000 grant for Phase II of the paving of Fairlawn Parkway. Engine Co. No. 2 is getting a new fire truck, and they're going to have a dedication. I have something to read here. Battalion Chief Cerone who is in the audience asked me to read this: The members of Engine Co. No. 2 will be hosting a dedication for our new 2019 Pierce Enforcer Pumper on Saturday, July 27th. The event will take place at 299 Market Street parking lot from 3PM to 8PM. There will be a DJ, food, refreshments and a bounce house. Selling commemorative mugs and t-shirts that day. Please follow the Saddle Brook Engine 2 Facebook page for more information. The truck is expected to be delivered to Saddle Brook in late April or early May.

Mayor White said I also want to report that the Stigma Free signs that we ordered came in, and they were posted in six different locations throughout the town at the entrances and exits of town. I want to thank the ACME store for donating funds for two refrigerators that were donated to the First Reformed Church for their food pantry. I also want to thank our Community Partnership Committee coordinator Howard Weinberg who is in attendance tonight. Really, if it wasn't for Howard, it wouldn't have happened because he was the one that networked and was able to make the whole thing a reality.

The Mayor concluded by saying our Easter celebration is Friday April 12th – 6PM to 8 PM at the Saddle Brook High School gym. The Ambulance Corps Fish n Chips is Good Friday, April 19th at the VFW from 6 to 9 PM. Happy Easter and Happy Passover, everyone. Thank you.

Councilman Gierek thanked the Mayor and Mr. Lo Dico for their budget so far. Unfortunately, these budgets aren't getting easier. I'd also like to wish everybody a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said regarding senior housing, as the Mayor said, everybody that is on the list in Town Hall that Pete has will be getting a letter with a date of a meeting that will occur at the senior center. We're trying to work it out so it will be the end of this month. As the Mayor said, the application process will not start until May, but at the meeting at the senior center, we want to go over the requirements and the application process with them and we also want to have groups go over to see the units so that they can see what it looks like. Some people may not be interested after they see how small it is.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said the Easter Egg event is next Friday. Last year I know, everybody brought a food item to the event for the food bank at the church, so I'd like to ask all those who are going if they would do that again. Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Councilman Cimiluca said I was unable to attend the signing. The reason that Saddle Brook is one of the towns within District 38, Senator Lagana I think was a sponsor. That's one of the reasons that they chose one of the towns in District 38, and Senator Lagana is doing a great job for us and for the community.

He said I spoke about this the other day, on Wednesday there was a conference call between some members of the Community Partnership program, and a group down in Westfield for mental health. We are planning to do a mental health program toward the end of May. We are working on the dates. I'm not 100% sure of them, but it would be a combination of a march, a speaker, hopefully to set up tables for people to get information, get more community support. Hopefully, we will have some kids. It's not going to be devoted to any specific aspect of mental health. It's in general. We are hoping there are hundreds of people there. We're trying to make it a fun and informative evening. Obviously, we've got to try and coordinate the logistics with our field, and we're thinking of having Veterans' Field. Again, it's all subject to change. That will be in May, and we will have more information at some point.

Councilman Cimiluca said something that's been bothering me – we've been talking about the community center, and one of the things that I'm hearing is that parents, and everyone has got a concern for their children, but that the firehouse is going to be located within the same complex. You can rest assured that we will do everything that we can to keep children and fire apparatus separate. We have a tremendous volunteer fire department. I emphasize volunteer because without them we would be stuck. We couldn't afford a paid fire department. They request certain equipment to keep them going, and we gladly give them after looking at the cost, obviously, Pete. But we provide them with up to date equipment. And they need that. The thing that really bothers me is that some people are saying they don't like the fact that there will be 'drunk' and these are the terms that they use – "drunken firemen" flying all over the place. I think that it's just amazingly disrespectful to the people of this town that devote their time, effort and energy to fighting fires and other aspects of the fire department. They're saying, well, we can't have our kids there. We've had a fire department next to the Little League field for I don't know how many years. We've got a fire department on a small local street on the south side of town. Hook and Ladder comes out onto the busiest street in town, Market Street. As far as I know, there has never been an issue with any problem accessing ingress or egress from those fire houses, and just when I hear the fact that people are actually thinking about that, I think it's a slap in the face to our volunteers. I really do. I think it's disrespectful, disingenuous, and I think that it's like a cancer that spreads. Somebody says it, and then somebody else and somebody else, and before you know it there's this cult of people that are anti-fire department? I don't get it. I just don't understand. I just don't get it. For all those that volunteer for our town, we have your back, you understand that. I don't know where this comes from. I don't know where it started, but it's a ridiculous argument in my mind. We will make sure and to the

parents out there, we will make sure that nothing is going to interfere with your children's enjoyment of the center that we propose to construct. We want to give the fire department a good home. The place that we have right now is not adequate. It's not. We want to give the Ambulance Corps a good home. The place they have is not adequate right now. We want to give people that work here a good home because this is not adequate, and the citizens that come in here, it's just not an adequate facility, and we are going to do whatever we can to make it a state-of-the-art, top-notch facility and make a safe facility for all.

Councilman Cimiluca said there was a comment about the three minutes. And this three minutes has been going back and forth. But for people that weren't here, and no one was here on Tuesday except one person and that person was allowed to speak for 55 minutes. It's a public comment section. If you had 55 minutes on Tuesday, how much more can you actually talk about? Last month, during the work session, that person was given 75 minutes to speak because there was no one else here, and there was an open dialogue. And I think it was healthy, it was a good dialogue because some ideas that are presented are good ideas. But everybody knows each other here. We are a small town. This isn't New York City where we have a thousand different districts. Anybody can call anybody up and have a personal conference with them, and I understand there's a TV here and maybe somebody wants to get something out, but the fact that when we hear, I only got three minutes – add that to the 55 you had on Tuesday, that's a long time to get your comments out. Thank you.

Council President Mazzer thanked the Mayor for the proclamation for Autism Awareness and also my colleagues for dressing in blue tonight. She then read a short poem from a child's viewpoint on autism.

Mayor White thanked Council President Mazzer for the flowers she provided from Stone Brook Nursery.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE #1655-19 – FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” TO AMEND SECTIONS 12.2 AND 12.3 AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12.5

Mr. Lo Dico noted this was for library parking.

The Council President announced that a motion is in order that the Township Clerk proceed to give same ordinance a second reading.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

The Township Clerk then reads the Ordinance by title on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” TO AMEND SECTIONS 12.2 AND 12.3 AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12.5

The Council President announced that the motion was in order and that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Hearing no one, the Council President announced that the motion was in order and that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be closed.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll call:

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

CR# 419-82

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” TO AMEND SECTIONS 12.2 AND 12.3 AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12.5**

does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said ordinance or Title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – no
Councilwoman D’Arminio – yes
Councilman Gierrek – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Council President Mazzer – yes

2. ORDINANCE #1657-19 – FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Lo Dico noted the Township does this every year. It allows us to bank any unused CAP.

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)**

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – no
Councilwoman D’Arminio – yes
Councilman Gierrek – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Council President Mazzer – yes

CR# 419-83

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

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 2nd day of May 2019 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 Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – no
Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes
Councilman Gierek – 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 minutes and applications.

Mr. Lo Dico noted the minutes of the March 14th public meeting and resolution #7 {CR# 419-90} would not be part of the consent agenda.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2019 PUBLIC MEETING ARE NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. March 14, 2019 – Regular Public Meeting

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

*** RESOLUTIONS**

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 419-84

WHEREAS, On March 15, 1919, The American Legion was founded in Paris, France, by United States World War I military personnel, members of American Expeditionary Force, who convened for the first caucus; and

WHEREAS, a new organization named The American Legion eventually developed from this historic meeting, whose founders, led by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., were dedicated to the four pillars consisting of the care of veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, and children and youth; and

WHEREAS, today The American Legion is the world's largest veterans' organization, with over two million members worldwide, and over 4,000 members belonging to 41 Posts in Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County American Legion organization recognizes 23 "Centennial Posts" that are celebrating their 100 years of service, having all been chartered in 1919; and

WHEREAS, those Posts are situated in the following municipalities: Bogota, Carlstadt, Cliffside Park, Closter, East Rutherford, Englewood (78), Fort Lee, Garfield, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Hillsdale, Leonia, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Oradell, Park Ridge, Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, Ridgewood, Rutherford (109), Teaneck and Wood-Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County American Legion Centennial Committee's mission is to bring recognition to the 23 Centennial Posts in Bergen County that were chartered in 1919, and to that end will hold a Centennial gala on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at The Elan Catering & Events in Lodi, New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected representatives and citizens of the Township of Saddle Brook are pleased to recognize The Bergen County American Legion for their Posts' collective myriad of contributions to the good and welfare of veterans, service members and the communities they serve, and wish its members every success in continuing the legacy of service into its next one hundred years.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - no

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Councilman Gierrek - yes

Councilman Accomando - no

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

CR# 419-85

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, hereby states that it has complied with the N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierек

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - no
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierек - yes
Councilman Accomando - no
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 419-86

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey adopted its 2019 Temporary Budget to cover budgetary appropriations through the first three months of the year; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Budget has not yet been introduced; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the temporary budget by resolution adopted by the 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make this amendment for the period between the beginning of the current year and the adoption of the 2019 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook that, the following amendment to the 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

	<u>Temporary Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Office of the Mayor		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Township Council		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
General Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other Expenses – Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Other Expenses – Contractual Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses – Computer Service Contract	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Other Expenses – SBCTV	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Other Expenses – Grants	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Municipal Clerk		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Other Expenses – Land Use	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Expenses – Codification of Ordinances	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Other Expenses – Elections	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other Expenses – Special Audit	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses – Statements	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Expenses – Special Financial Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Audit Expenses	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Revenue Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Tax Assessment Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 4,000.00
Other Expenses – Tax Appeal Attorney	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses – Appraisals	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses – Assessment	\$ 0.00	\$ 75,000.00
Legal Services		
Other Expenses	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Engineering Services		
Other Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Planning Board		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 5,200.00
Other Expenses	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Other Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00

Insurance		
Liability	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Employee Group Insurance	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Police Department		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Clothing Allowances	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Retirements	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 142,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Civilian Dispatchers		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
School Marshalls – Crossing Guards		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Police Clerical		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Office of Emergency Management		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Ambulance		\$ 65,000.00
Fire Department		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor's Office		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Building and Property		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Purchase of Equipment	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Streets and Road Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 475,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Retirement	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 38,650.00
Other Expenses	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
Snow Removal		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Division of Sewers		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other Expenses – Repairs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

Solid Waste Collection			
Other Expenses	\$	160,000.00	\$ 375,000.00
Other Expenses – Recycling	\$	35,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
Recycling			
Salaries and Wages	\$	1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Public Health Services			
Salaries and Wages	\$	1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Other Expenses – Wallington	\$	500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Other Expenses – Contract	\$	1,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Animal Control			
Other Expenses	\$	1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other Expenses – Contract	\$	2,500.00	\$ 19,535.00
Recreation Services and Programs			
Salaries and Wages	\$	14,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	15,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Other Expenses – Project Graduation	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
Other Expenses – Memorial Day	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00
Other Expenses – Senior Citizen Center	\$	500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Other Expenses – Senior Dinner Dance	\$	300.00	\$ 3,00.00
Other Expenses – Community Projects & Act.	\$	3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other Expenses – Summer Programs	\$	200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Expenses – Other Events	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other Expenses – Special Events	\$	2,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Municipal Court			
Salaries and Wages	\$	38,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Special Court Session	\$	1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$	3,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Code Enforcement and Administration			
Salaries and Wages – Div Engineering	\$	20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00
Salary and Wages – Construction Code Off.	\$	21,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00
Salaries and Wages – Plumbing Sub-Code	\$	5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Other Expenses	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00
Salaries and Wages – Fire Sub-Code Official	\$	1,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Other Expenses	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00
Department of Inspections			
Salaries and Wages	\$	10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Utility			
Other Expenses – Electricity	\$	50,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Other Expenses – Street Lighting	\$	45,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Other Expenses – Telephone	\$	20,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Other Expenses – Gasoline	\$	20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Dumping Fees			
Other Expenses	\$	15,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Statutory Expenditures			
Public Employees retirement system	\$	100,000.00	\$ 415,567.00
Social Security System	\$	50,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Police and Fire Retirement System	\$	100,000.00	\$1,161,222.00
Local Firemen’s Pension Fund	\$	1,200.00	\$ 5,000.00
LOSAP – Fire	\$	5,000.00	\$ 0.00

LOSAP – Ambulance	\$	5,000.00	\$	0.00
Municipal Public Library				
Salaries and Wages	\$	100,000.00	\$	655,653.00
Other Expenses	\$	75,000.00	\$	150,000.00
Sewer Processing and Disposal				
Other Expenses – PVSC	\$	100,000.00	\$	883,000.00
Other Expenses – Lodi	\$	2,500.00	\$	20,000.00
Garbage and Trash Removal Tonnage Tax				
Other Expenses	\$	1,000.00	\$	10,000.00
Reserve for Tax Appeals	\$	0.00	\$	320,000.00
LOSAP – Fire			\$	45,000.00
LOSAP – Ambulance			\$	20,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund				
Capital Outlay	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	\$	4,024,825.00	\$	11,713,227.00

Municipal Debt Service				
Payment of Bond Principal	\$	250,000.00	\$	1,321,300.00
Interest on Bonds	\$	160,000.00	\$	985,000.00
Payment of BAN & Capital Notes	\$	30,000.00	\$	913,970.00
Reserve of Tax Refunding Bonds	\$	0.00	\$	320,000.00
Interest on Notes – BANs	\$	2,500.00	\$	0.00
NJEIT Trust Loan – Principal	\$	15,000.00		
NJEIT Trust Loan – Interest	\$	5,000.00		
TOTAL CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	\$	4,487,325.00	\$	15,253,497.00

WATER UTILITY FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Water Operations				
Salaries and Wages	\$	90,000.00	\$	200,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$	5,000.00	\$	30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$	228,500.00	\$	1,000,000.00
Capital Improvements				
Capital Outlay	\$	1,000.00	\$	30,000.00
Debt Service				
Payment of Bond Principal	\$	10,000.00	\$	63,700.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation & Capital Notes			\$	8,125.00
Interest on Bonds	\$	5,000.00	\$	41,400.00
EIT Debt	\$	10,000.00	\$	72,000.00
Interest on Notes	\$	10,000.00	\$	69,500.00
Statutory Expenditures				
Public Employees Retirement System	\$	10,000.00	\$	75,000.00
Social Security System (OASI)	\$	5,000.00	\$	50,000.00
TOTAL WATER UTILITIES APPROPRIATIONS	\$	374,500.00	\$	1,639,725.00

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierak

Councilman Cimiluca - no
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gierek - yes
Councilman Accomando - no
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognize that Saddle Brook is liable for a dollar for dollar match for any funds awarded in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements.

Second: Councilman Gieriek

Councilman Cimiluca - no
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gieriek - yes
Councilman Accomando - no
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

CR# 419-88

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>
RECREATION	PITCHING MACHINE	PORTABLE	\$4,799.99
	SALES	PITCHERS MOUND	
*DPW	BEYER BROS.	REPAIRS TO	\$17,319.04
		COMPACTOR	
DPW	NY-NJ TRAILER	UTILITY TRAILER	\$4,845.00
	SUPPLY		
ORD	RAPID PUMP	COMMINUTER	\$39,480.00
		MIDLAND PUMP	
		STATION	

P.O.#	VENDOR	AMOUNT
89159, 89271	MAZZONE PLUMBING & HEATING	\$1,610.00

Roll Call:

Councilwoman D'Arminio returned to the dais.

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WHEREAS, the Township Assessor and tax appeal attorney recommends the Township engage the services of McNerney & Associates for said project.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - no
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Councilman Gieriek - yes
Councilman Accomando - no
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

* CORRESPONDENCE

To: Mayor White **Date: March 28, 2019**

The Board of Chosen Freeholders granted final approval to a Bergen County Trust Fund grant award for the above-referenced park improvement project at its meeting on March 6, 2019.

Accompanying this letter is the Trust Fund Project Contract, which is to be executed by the municipality and returned to the County within 90 days of its receipt.

The municipality is strongly advised to review the Trust Fund Project Contract prior to its execution. Please contact the County with any questions.

Kindly please complete the following steps:

- ☐ Review the Contract.
- ☐ Complete Attachment B – Project Schedule and Sources of Funding.
- ☐ Provide proof of project funding if it is already in place.
- ☐ Authorize a municipal Resolution as per Attachment C.
- ☐ Execute three (3) original signature pages (page 15) with witness for the Grantee.

Please print and return the following documents within 90 days of the receipt of this letter:

- ☐ Three (3) full copies of the Contract and its Attachments **OR**,
- ☐ Three (3) copies of the signature page (page 15), and,
- ☐ One (1) copy each of Attachments B and C.

A fully-executed contract document will be returned to the municipality with instructions on project completion for receipt of the grant. The Trust Fund grant is a reimbursement grant payable upon completion of the approved park improvement project.

Please note that this Trust Fund grant award **expires on March 6, 2021**, that is, use of the grant for the approved project is to be completed by or about that date. These County funds are reimbursement monies payable upon completion of only the approved project's elements as stated in the Trust Fund Project Contract. Contract extensions are determined on a case-by-case basis by the County and are not guaranteed.

Any changes, deviations, or additions to the proposed park improvement project to be funded by this Trust Fund grant must first be submitted to the County for review and approval of eligibility.

Please contact me via email at NWitkowski@co.bergen.nj.us or 201-336-7255 if you have any questions.

2. Robert J. Klein, PE Re: Legregni Street Roadway
Remington & Vernick Improvements Pay Certificate No.
Engineers 1 (Revised)

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: March 6, 2019

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from AJM Contractors 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.

Please be advised that none of the restoration items are being paid out at this time. Additionally, 10% of the total surface course item has been deducted from this payment until the issues are addressed. Additional deductions were made to the bid items as appropriate based on issues included on the punch list as observed in the field.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **AJM Contractors** in the amount of **\$113,738.80** for Certificate No. 1. The total contract price is \$170,535.40. Therefore, 33% of the total contract price remains.

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

3. Robert J. Klein, PE Re: Claremont Avenue Roadway
Remington & Vernick Improvements Pay Certificate No.
Engineers 1 (Revised)

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: March 6, 2019

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from AJM Contractors 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.

Please be advised that none of the restoration items are being paid out at this time. Additionally, 10% of the total surface course item has been deducted from this payment until the issues are addressed. Additional deductions were made to the bid items as appropriate based on issues included on the punch list as observed in the field.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **AJM Contractors** in the amount of **\$201,616.63** for Certificate No. 1. The total contract price is \$317,242.55. Therefore, 36% of the total contract price remains.

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

4. Robert J. Klein, PE Re: Hayes Drive Roadway
Remington & Vernick Improvements, Pay Certificate No.
Engineers 1 (Revised)

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: March 6, 2019

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from AJM Contractors 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.

Please be advised that none of the restoration items are being paid out at this time. Additionally, 10% of the total surface course item has been deducted from this payment until the issues are addressed. Additional deductions were made to the bid items as appropriate based on issues included on the punch list as observed in the field.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **AJM Contractors** in the amount of **\$123,301.05** for Certificate No. 1. The total contract price is \$231,030.35. Therefore, 46% of the total contract price remains.

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

5. Robert J. Klein, PE Re: Nedellec Drive Roadway
Remington & Vernick Improvements Pay Certificate No.
Engineers 1

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: March 6, 2019

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from AJM Contractors 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.

Please be advised that none of the restoration items are being paid out at this time. Additionally, 40% of the total surface course item has been deducted from this payment until the issues are addressed. Additional deductions were made to the bid items as appropriate based on issues included on the punch list as observed in the field.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **AJM Contractors** in the amount of **\$166,688.20** for Certificate No. 1. The total contract price is \$274,207.76. Therefore, 40% of the total contract price remains.

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

6. Mayor White

Re: Mayor’s Appointment – Acting
CFO/Treasurer

To: Council

Date: March 27, 2019

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING TOWNSHIP CFO/TREASURER

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

TIMOTHY CONTE

as Acting CFO/Treasurer for an unexpired term effective March 27, 2019 and which shall expire on December 31, 2019.

7. Mayor White

Re: Proclamation – Autism Awareness
Month

To: Council

Date: April 5, 2019

*Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
In Recognition of
Autism Awareness Month*

WHEREAS, globally since 2008, Autism Awareness Day is April 2nd and is observed throughout the month. The day often features educational events for healthcare workers, teachers, parents and children with autism; and

WHEREAS, studies performed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention have indicated that New Jersey has among the highest autism prevalence rates in the country; and

WHEREAS, more healthcare professionals are becoming proficient in diagnosing autism and the rates both nationally and locally are on the rise; and

WHEREAS, a variety of public and private organizations and agencies strive to provide quality care, support and services to children and adults with autism to help enable them to live as independently as possible and reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 4th Day of April 2019, I Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby proclaim April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day and April Autism Awareness Month in Saddle Brook. I urge all residents to become educated and informed about programs, services, and opportunities to help support individuals with autism.

*** RAFFLES & APPLICATIONS**

NONE

*** REPORTS**

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – February 2019
2. Hotel Room Tax Revenue Report – March 2019
3. Senior Citizen Center Monthly Report – February 2019
4. Construction Code Official Report – February 2019
5. Property Maintenance Official report – February 2019
6. Engineer's Status Report – March 2019

Old Business

Mayor White thanked Councilman Cimiluca for remembering Senator Lagana and said he was the co-sponsor of that bill, and that is probably the biggest reason why they were looking for a location in District 38. Our senior center fit the bill. Also I want to say that Assemblypersons Lisa Swain and Chris Tully were in attendance at that bill signing as well.

New Business

Councilman Accomando said two weeks ago the high school had a seminar in regard to vaping and dabbing. The gentleman was so informative. I thought I was educated being in the position I am – on vaping, and I knew nothing. The amount of clothing they sell now, the amount of product they sell and how it's being utilized. It's just good to know that the school put this out, but unfortunately out of 796 students, 13 families showed up. All I want to say is, if you could get there next time they do it and be informed on this – it could save your child's life because these dabs and these vapes – it's not just an easy way to quit smoking, like it's told by the cigarette companies. They're killing our children. And I think this is something we really need to worry about. If it does come out again, I strongly advise you as a parent to please make yourself accessible and to attend this seminar because it was very informative.

Councilman Accomando said on a second note, Paramus is putting together a class for CERT registration. It starts May 2nd and graduation is June 27th. They also put it out to teens. I think this is one of the first towns that has it for teen membership, so if anyone

in town is interested in becoming a CERT member as an adult or a teen you can contact me, and if you can put the email address on the screen when we show this. You can email me; I'll forward any information you need or want and to help you get started whether you are an adult or a teen. Thank you and Happy Easter.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Mr. Larry Ratajczak said I wish we can get three minutes out of each Councilperson. You have to be on the resolutions – on the over \$2,500, Rapid Pump \$9,000 – what is that for? Mr. Lo Dico said when you finish, I'll be happy to answer.

Mr. Ratajczak said no, no. I want to do it as I go along. Where is that for, Mayhill? Mr. Lo Dico said Midland Avenue. Mr. Ratajczak said this Great White for \$13,000, what is that for? Mr. Lo Dico said Engine 1. Mr. Ratajczak said did we approve that 100,000 for this police station? Mr. Lo Dico said no. Mr. Ratajczak said are we going to fix that air conditioner? I also understand that there's constantly water in the basement. Are we going to address that problem? Mr. Lo Dico said we had a report from the engineer last week. Mr. Ratajczak said we just don't use that floor. I looked Tuesday for the repairs... there was a Volvo repair for \$17,000 that's not on the list. Mr. Lo Dico said I apologize. When I typed it on the agenda for you I must have missed that. Mr. Ratajczak said what is it? Mr. Lo Dico said it's a repair to the DPW truck. Mr. Ratajczak said a truck, \$17,000? Mr. Lo Dico said it was an emergency repair. Mr. Ratajczak said do you think that's a lot of money to spend to repair something? If it's a 100,000 truck. Mr. Lo Dico said it's a relatively new truck which costs hundreds of thousands of dollars so...yes.

Mr. Ratajczak said what happened? An accident? Mr. Lo Dico said no, the engine. Mr. Ratajczak said the motor? Mr. Ratajczak said did we do proper maintenance? What year is the truck? Mr. Lo Dico said after the meeting I'd be happy to give you all the information you need on it. Mr. Ratajczak said but I'm saying, to blow a motor, the truck can't be more than five years old. Mr. Lo Dico said no, it isn't. Mr. Ratajczak said what kind of preventive maintenance are we doing? Do we have a preventive maintenance schedule? Mr. Lo Dico said yes, we do. Mr. Ratajczak said obviously something failed there. Mr. Lo Dico said something happened to the truck. It was doing snow plowing, and we had to get it fixed. Mr. Ratajczak said someone's got to be responsible for that. This other thing, this money that we're given to AJM – I told you Tuesday, unless we do something to them – they're working now in Paterson, they're paving Madison Avenue. They have two brand new dump trucks, new paving bucket and a new front end loader, brand new. That's not our money yet, but unless we get them here to fix all the problems that we have... we're not going to get them done. We're not going to get them done, and if they sue us for not doing it, let them. You know how long it takes to get into court? We can hold them off for a year, Mr. Suarez, you know that. And let them come in here and work and finish the damage that they've done. Especially, if you don't want to fix the roads, do people's property. Fix Hayes Drive, fix Legregni, do the residential stuff first. Worry about your municipal roads and all of that later because they're horrible. And like I said, I don't think you should give them a dime. Once we give them a dime, we're done. You'll never get them back here.

Council President Mazzer noted that Mr. Ratajczak's time was up.

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

Roll call:

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

Comments

Councilwoman D’Arminio said I believe Tuesday night Mr. Arango was here, and I just wanted to ask him also because he assured us that you’re working on the punch list from AJM, is that correct? Mr. Klein said that is correct. Councilwoman D’Arminio said so that is taking place right now? Mr. Klein said they have informed me that they plan to mobilize, to finish the punch list issues. We requested a meeting with them prior to go over all the items and how they’re going to do them. Councilwoman D’Arminio said they’re going to take the core samples, I understand, and it’s going to go to an independent lab. Okay. So you’re working with them. Okay, I just wanted to go over that. Thank you.

Mayor White said through the chair they were only paid a small amount, about 30%. Mr. Klein said they were paid – unfortunately, it’s kind of difficult to give them nothing, but we have leverage, the amount of money we still owe. First off, the amount of money that would be paid is a lot less than what they requested. Second, there’s plenty of money left in the contract to do the work that has to be done. If they were to walk away or something.

Council President Mazzer wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC CMC
Township Clerk

Approved: May 2, 2019

Florence Mazzer,
Council President