

The minutes of the regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on October 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.

Council President D'Arminio called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Council President D'Arminio asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence for the Las Vegas shooting victims and their families.

Council President D'Arminio announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members by police messenger on September 29, 2017 and to all legal newspapers in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Township Clerk announced that the public is hereby advised that any statements made during the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook may not be privileged or protected and that persons or entities who take issue with such comments or are offended by same, may, and have in the past, sought legal redress through the courts.

Any member of the public who addresses the Council speaks for themselves and not for the Council.

Council President D'Arminio invited Councilwoman Mazzer to speak on Italian Heritage and Culture Month. Councilwoman Mazzer presented Resolution #1017-252 honoring the Saddle Brook Chapter of UNICO for their service to the community.

Councilwoman Mazzer thanked UNICO and said it was an honor for her to be a member of such an amazing group.

Mrs. Susan Syme, President of UNICO, thanked the Mayor, the Fire Department, DPW, Police Department and our first responders for the help they provided at the Street Fair on Sunday. She said this chapter is the epitome of the UNICO motto *Service before Self*. She thanked everyone for this honor and said it was a great pleasure to be here this evening.

Mr. Sal Mangano of UNICO said he would like to bring everyone up to date with what is going on with the attack on Christopher Columbus. Yesterday there was a press conference in New York City to fight against Mayor DeBlasio's idea of taking down the Columbus statue in Columbus Circle. The group was large; it's getting larger. The Governor of the State is now with us. Mr. Mangano explained there is also a movement to stop Columbus Day as a national holiday, and they are working very hard on that. He said we're going to get more support from more organizations. We need to go outside of Italian Americans. We need to go to the Hispanic Community. There are many Hispanics that revere Christopher Columbus. We have to go out to all Europeans because this is not going to end with Italy and Italians. This is going to go on and on. They want to destroy all European history. They're called revisionists, and we have to be careful.

Council President D'Arminio said it is Fire Prevention week, and a resolution was prepared by Councilman Gierek. She invited Councilman Gierek to read resolution #1017-253 recognizing Fire Prevention Week.

Council President D'Arminio noted that tomorrow is Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day. She invited Chief Robert Kugler and Ms. Kathy Marro to speak about this issue.

Chief Kugler said tomorrow is the New Jersey state-wide Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day to make awareness throughout New Jersey and perhaps the whole United States because this is a problem not only here in Saddle Brook, not only here in the County of Bergen, not only in New Jersey but across the United States and that is the abuse of opiates, the abuse of pain medication including OxyContin, fentanyl and a whole host of other pain medicines that people get hooked on. That's where they start, and then they buy these prescription drugs on the black market, and because they're too expensive they migrate and they transition to heroin. They go to Paterson, and they buy packets of heroin.

Chief Kugler said two days ago in Saddle Brook our undercover detectives made an arrest of an individual from our community with 35 bags of heroin for personal use or for distribution to our children and to the people of Saddle Brook. He said last year 1,901 people died in the state of New Jersey because of opiate abuse and overdoses. It continues. It will be more this year, and it will be more in the years to come. We have to do whatever it takes to bring awareness to our communities, and that is why the Township of Saddle Brook along with many volunteers including our chief advocate Ms. Kathy Marro who is here to talk about the necessity to pass the word on member by member of each community. Tomorrow a group of volunteers will hang door knockers on various streets throughout Saddle Brook, and they will be distributed to attendees this evening.

Chief Kugler introduced advocate Kathy Marro who thanked him and the Mayor for supporting this cause. Ms. Marro said the CDC has declared prescription drug abuse a health crisis. Over 144 people die each day from an opioid overdose. She discussed other statistics of opioid abuse and said pharmaceutical companies are largely to blame. They have contributed to this epidemic. Today New Jersey joined a lawsuit against the drug companies. They're the tenth state to do so.

Ms. Marro said, as a community we need to recognize that addiction is a medical condition requiring immediate treatment without shame or stigma associated with it. Once this happens, families can let go of their concerns about negatively being judged. It's everyone's responsibility to speak up and call out. She encouraged everyone to take some door knockers and to post about opiate awareness on their Facebook pages. The goal here is prevention, to reach people before they become addicted. She thanked everyone for their attention.

Council President D'Arminio invited Mr. Tommy Hayes to speak. Mr. Hayes of Floral Lane said he came here with no complaints and added you're all doing a great job. Keep Saddle Brook safe. I'm proud to be a member of this community.

Mr. Hayes discussed his organization, Drums from Heaven, which does benefits for different causes to raise money for people in need or organizations that are requesting help. He said this time around one of our residents, Joanne Brendel, has had a lot of difficulty. She had a brain tumor removed in May and is now going through radiation therapy. She cannot work and is in need of some financial help. He said October 28th is the next Drums from Heaven event for the benefit of Ms. Brendel to be held at the Saddle Brook Hotel from 7 PM to midnight. He passed out fliers detailing the event.

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Mr. Emil Sudol of Van Luyn Terrace asked the Mayor through the chair, with all the ugliness that's going on in this country right now, is there anything the Township of Saddle Brook can do to stop the sale or purchase of the bump stock that you add to your AR-15? This device, which you can purchase legally on the Internet, if you attach it to these particular weapons, it allows the weapon to fire from 7 to 10 rounds a minute up to 600 rounds a minute, and they're legal. You can go on the Internet and buy these things. Is there anything the Township can do to stop either the sale or the possession of these things in the Township? There's been too much of this throughout the nation, and if there's anything we can do, it would be wonderful.

Mayor White said we have very strong gun laws in New Jersey, and no one can purchase an assault rifle or an assault gun. He said he believed they may already be illegal in New Jersey and that Chief Kugler might know.

Mr. Sudol said that particular attachment can be attached to several assault rifles, and it speeds up the amount of shots fired. It can make a weapon fire up to 600 rounds a minute, which is insane. I don't think even the military should have something like that. That's crazy.

Councilman Accomando said unfortunately, through the Internet, you cannot regulate the sale, even though it's illegal in the Township or the state. It's like drugs. If somebody wants it, they're going to get it. We have the strictest gun laws in the country. If someone wants it, and they want to take their legal gun and make it illegal.

Mr. Sudol said he wished there was something on the books indicating that we're against this. Councilman Accomando said he agreed with Mr. Sudol, but he did not think there was any legal way to stop this.

Mr. Sudol asked if the attorneys could think of anything and asked them to give it some thought to it in the future. He said I think that would be awesome if Saddle Brook could do something to stop this craziness. At least put our foot down because it is crazy.

Mr. Joseph Camilleri of 289 Albany Street asked when the clock started on his three minutes, and he was told it already started.

Mr. Camilleri said he had to clear a few issues up that were in the paper. He said I did not run on an anti-nepotism platform. This is what I ran on. I want to show it to the TV camera. There's nothing at all on here on anti-nepotism. He then asked Mayor White if Saddle Brook had a Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor White said no.

Mr. Camilleri said thank you. See a little deception there. Lastly, my poor son. Here's a picture of my boy. I want this on television. I'm very, very proud of this young man. He serves all of us. He put his life on the line to protect all of us, and there was an article in the paper where his name was brought up. I find it disgusting and stooping to a lower level to prejudice him and talk about things that are going to happen to him three years from now. The other thing was even with his hiring, he earned the position. We were all here. Did we hear Chief Kugler? Or we didn't listen. He took a Civil Service test. The other thing, to the attorney, what do we have on our RICE rule with this? Talking about employees on the newspaper?

Mr. Suarez said you should be proud of your son, obviously. We all should be proud.

Mr. Camilleri said that's not what I asked you. I asked you about the RICE rule.

Mr. Suarez said he had read the article in the paper and what Mr. Camilleri was looking at was out of context. He said there is no RICE law that's needed.

Mr. Camilleri said they're talking about a town employee from wrong – the town employee happens to be my son.

Mr. Suarez said a RICE notice is required when there is going to be some sort of action taken with regard to a negative implication on the employee. That is the furthest thing that happened.

Mr. Camilleri said I don't want you to go on to all your stuff. Forget about that.

Mr. Suarez said I want to answer your question.

Mr. Camilleri said I got to talk about the Civil Service test because my three minutes will be up. My son took a Civil Service test. I didn't take the test for him. I didn't even know he took the test. He took it and scored high enough to be accepted on the Saddle Brook Police Department. End of story. Again, Mayor, please don't stoop to such a low level. Okay? I can read your quote right here in the paper.

Mayor White said please do.

Mr. Camilleri said and in three years when his son, that's this guy right here, that is my son, want to see him? Is eligible for promotion, it will be a potential problem. That's not prejudicing him? How do you even know you're going to be here in three years?

Mr. George Louis of Garden Street said he wanted to bring up something that happened a couple of years ago with Mr. David here. He said I want to bring it up and let everybody know that when I had a situation with my son in the school district and he was president of the board, he did nothing for me or my family. Or my son. My son was threatened by another student with a gun, and that gentleman hid behind Dr. Katz and did nothing for me, and for you to walk up to my family when I'm not with them at a function and take pictures with them, I find that really offensive. Because you know what, when you had to stand up, you didn't stand up for my family, so how can I even vote for you as councilman? Do me a favor when you see my family, don't approach my son; don't approach my wife. Because you know what, you didn't help us. You turned your back on us. You did nothing for my family, so therefore you will never get my vote or any vote from my family or from anybody that I know.

Mr. Larry Ratajczak of 92 Claremont Avenue said once again I will remind you, Council President, that you ran on a platform of the no time limit, and I find it very odd or whatever that you would comment in the newspaper about Mr. Camilleri going back on his word. Mr. Camilleri and Mr. Accomando for that nepotism ordinance were against the Civil Service. I was also when I came up here and spoke publicly. You know, and I know, and so does the rest of the Council, why that ordinance was put in order. That order was to keep Chief Kugler's daughter out of joining the police department in Saddle Brook and for no other reason. It could easily be amended right now to exclude Civil Service, and we wouldn't be having the problems that we're having right now, but on a different agenda. You people had a different agenda against the Kuglers, and you stuck it to them, and the town is suffering now because we have a split party. We have two guys fighting from the same party for the same seat, and there was no reason for that. I recommend that you amend the ordinance as soon as possible to exclude Civil Service. Like the Chief said, their father cannot help them get hired. They must pass a test, they have to go through the academy, and everything else. So, I would like if the Council would bring that up and try to amend that as soon as possible.

Mr. Ratajczak said I'm going to get back to the Zoning Board again. I will speak through the chair to the Mayor. We did, as you said, brought it up at the Zoning Board meeting. We took it as far as we could go. We have no funds available; we

have no power to remove a member. We had a situation the other night where a resident came up. He did some building without a permit, got caught, finished the stuff, came before the Board, and the chairman was reprimanding him for doing it. We don't want people in town doing this. I said whoa, whoa, stop right there, we have a sitting Board member up here that pleaded guilty in court, and he's still sitting up there, and the town, for nine months, has done nothing about it. I see the writing on the wall. His term expires in December. He doesn't have to attend another meeting. He doesn't have to attend one, and he can just finish out his term. Whether he's re-appointed or not is up to the Council, but you want to talk about nepotism and stuff like that, a sitting Councilwoman – it just doesn't look right for a family member to sit up on the Board because she has influence over other Board members. Just like they did on the...

Mr. Suarez said the nepotism ordinance doesn't apply with regard to that situation. Mr. Ratajczak said no it doesn't, but it doesn't look right. It just doesn't look right.

Ms. Bidaymi Luis also residing on Garden Street said she was not here for anything other than to support what her husband had said. She said Dave, I don't know how you are even sitting as a Council. You were not voted in to be a Board member, and you ended up being a Board of Education – even after you weren't voted in, but whatever. Then you left them to come sit here. It's always been about Dave, whatever your personal interest is, that's what you're going to vote for. When you were on the Board of Education you were not there for the children. You were there for you. You were there for you from the moment that my son or your school needed you to protect them, you weren't there. Now you're sitting on a Council board. You weren't voted in, however that happened. I just think it's kind of funny how all of this political stuff is happening, and it's just being left to sit and then trying to bash one party because you want to look good. I think there's just always going to be told badly on one, it should be told badly on everyone. So, I think something is just not right with this Board, with the town, when they're overlooking so many things. Again, you were not chosen or voted for to the Board of Ed, and you ended up being there. You abandoned them, and you're sitting as a Councilman here. I don't remember voting to have anyone replace Joe, but it happened, so it is what is it, but you will not have this I'm told – I just feel that it's unfair, and it's not right. You cannot protect the town if you were not able to protect the Board for our children. My son. It took two weeks, and it took for us to go to the media for something to be resolved and done about my son because for you, at the time, the superintendent that was there was who was getting you whatever it was that you needed to get to at that moment. And you sat there doing the same thing, just quietly looking at us and just taking it all in. Not once did I get an apology from you at all, even after we showed proof of how poorly everything was taking place at the time. This is not about my son right now, and thankfully he is in a better place, but it's no thanks to you, and because of that alone, I want everyone to know that can hear me that if you couldn't protect our children, you will protect them even less as a Councilman because you are now trying to protect the town. You don't go by your words, sir. And that is very sad to see. Everyone here just sitting there, listening and taking in whatever lies or whatever cover or whatever – I just find it, it's just, I don't understand it. Like I said before, if I don't understand something, it's a problem to me, and if it's a problem to me, I'm going to let everyone know. And I think it's a problem when you're sitting on two Boards that you were never even voted to be on. Thank you.

Ms. Sylvia Zottarelli of 232 Lanza Avenue said October should not be Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it should be Ugly Month, because November follows, and we have elections, and this is what happens. We get downright nasty, you get vicious, you get dirty. I'm running for the Board of Ed in November. I have been told by numerous people, very good sources, I'm being targeted by this Council because of certain political signs I have on my lawn. I have helped every single one of you at some point of your elections, even you, Mr. Cimiluca, in the beginning. You all run on honesty and integrity. I really hope that at least four out of five of you are going to be honest because I do believe I'm being targeted. Bob, you've threatened me. You can say no all you want. Four out of five people on this Council know what I'm talking about. When it comes out, I really hope you are going to be honest enough to say yes, the man did threaten me. That's all I want to say because I am running. I take it serious, and I don't run interference. I don't run

interference. I can support who I want, it's my right. I shouldn't have the backlash for it. Thank you.

Mr. Ted L'Estrange of 6 Geoffrey Court, Otisville, New York said I'm sorry I don't have good news. I entitle this *Genocide by Scalpel* because that's a title given by one of the investigators in the forced organ harvesting in China. Their updated research concludes that China's hospitals transplant between 60,000 and 100,000 human body organs each year, but China has no organ donation program. Here in the US with the most sophisticated organ transplant system in the world, a patient will wait up to 3 years for a matching organ to become available. In China, however, the waiting time is measured in weeks. An organ transplant tourist to China, including one from the US, can arrange a specific date for their operation, which effectively means that someone will be killed on their behalf on that date. It's a cultural taboo in China to donate one's organs after death, so what's the source of these organs?

The translation of these facts equates to tens of thousands of prisoners of conscience each year being killed for their organs. Most of these prisoners of conscience are Falun Gong practitioners but also Tibetans, and House Christians. They are routinely blood tested and their organs examined while held in China's forced labor camps, detention centers and black jails. A 1984 regulation, ironically, decrees that they and their organs become the property of the state. On June 13th last year the US House of Representatives unanimously passed Resolution 343, which, in summary, condemns the practice of state-sanctioned organ harvesting in China. The European parliament has also passed similar regulations. This has been happening for over 17 years, but there is still a deadly silence on this issue, and that is why I stand before you, elected and respected representatives of the community, to work under the heavy burden of this genocide and seek knowledge by the house. China's total control of its own media and way beyond so it comes down to this type of word of mouth to divulge what's happening. Many dedicated researchers have gathered an enormous amount of data from current and archived hospital websites, medical journals, local media reports, telephone surveys and other evidence for the 865 hospitals in China that have performed these organ transplants. Books are now being written and documentaries being produced with more information on this – I have this package for your perusal.

Mr. Jimmy Mazzer of 264 Midland Avenue commented about the Zoning Board. He said you had a person get up over here saying about how one of the members was this and that. It's still not finished. It's still in court, but what amazes me is that he was ordered by this council to take a course or take some type of course – ethics course or else he couldn't sit. Well, guess what, he never took it. But is he still sitting there? Is he still opening his mouth? So, what are we listening to? You listening to this guy all the time? He's a joke. I'd like to leave it like that. Thank you.

Mrs. Ida Marie Camilleri of 289 Albany Street said to make a mockery of the Civil Service test, where we are a Civil Service jurisdiction is an outright shame. To compare taking a test, through the chair, Councilperson Gierak, to claim or make the assumption that taking a test is the same thing as filling out an application, to be employed by what did you say? The DPW. Two different entities, and sitting there, you should know this. You're all about the kids, and I just heard that you're really not all about the kids, and that's very frightening for me, still having a son in the school district and knowing that you sat there and did absolutely nothing but hide behind someone is and out and out – it's disgusting. It's disgusting, and I can't see how you can sit there with that smirk look on your face knowing that you did that.

Council President D'Arminio admonished Mrs. Camilleri that she was screaming.

Mrs. Camilleri said I'm sorry, I want to make sure that people can hear because the volume is very low on TV. And Italian, Sicilian and Irish blood too, you get my goat. As I said in the beginning, we are a Civil Service township. And you know all about Civil Service, Mayor Bob, and to make a mockery of what my son earned is disgusting, and I, as a life-long resident of Saddle Brook, New Jersey for 53 years, can't trust you, and I'm afraid for you because it's very scary that you're

representing me because you don't have a child's back. How are you going to have my back?

Mrs. Camilleri said Council President, he applied? No. He took a test. I don't know how you could say that he applied for a position. He didn't apply for the position. I'm looking at the Record, and it's a copy in today's *Shopper*. You stated that "although he is legally able to run, permitted to run" – oh wait, that's the wrong one – oh, "when Camilleri's son applied for a job with the police, Camilleri did the right thing." He didn't apply. He took a test. And you, of all people, should know he took a test and getting back – I don't want my time taken up. Spirit of the ordinance, if the Mayor and Councilperson Gierek, if you're going to be using this same term, make sure you spin on it – spirit.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

Comments

Mayor White noted the underground work is complete for the generator foundation at Town Hall, and we are waiting on the installation of the generator itself. Veterans' Field bathrooms and concession stand is moving nicely and should be done by the end of the year. Regarding senior housing, John Biale of Bergen County Housing and Development was at our work session here on Tuesday. They are completing the demolition. The building is going to be prefab, and they are going to start constructing the foundation and the prefab sections of the building which will be delivered and tied in February of 2018 according to Mr. Biale on Tuesday. The building should be complete before the end of 2018. We do have architectural plans that were dropped off. Mr. Ratajczak asked to see them and they are here at Town Hall if you want to come in and look at them.

Mayor White said we opened bids today for paving on Fifth Street, and we should be awarding a contract soon on that.

Mayor White said Mr. Lo Dico attended a Community Development meeting on Wednesday September 20th. Mr. Lo Dico said the Federal Government is in the process of budgeting for the year. Community Development is one of the block grant programs that may be eliminated. The hope is that some funding will continue. It's helped Saddle Brook and its residents over the years with many projects, and hopefully it will continue.

Mayor White said the town has benefited from Community Development funds. In 2015-2016 we got \$84,642, and in 2016-2017 \$125,544, and this year we are slated to get \$183,000. The committee accepted that amount, but now it has to be approved by the Freeholders. We have used, over the years, these Community Development funds for various handicapped accessible ramps, doors, Veterans' Field and drainage upgrades on Liberty Street.

Mayor White said next week is Fire Prevention Week. He thanked all the Fire Department members and the EMS members of the Ambulance Corps for all they do for the Township. They did a great job this past Tuesday during that electrical service disruption that we had. It was a major incident on North Fifth Street, and the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps were out from about 5 PM to after 11 PM keeping the residents safe. We do appreciate all their efforts.

Regarding leaf bags, the Mayor said, we will begin distributing them on Tuesday October 10th at Town Hall during regular business hours. It's a limit of ten bags per household. On Tuesday, October 16th Town Hall will be open until 9 PM for the last day of voter registration. Mr. Lo Dico will be there until 9 PM, and we will be giving out the bags during that time.

Mayor White thanked all the volunteers who will be helping to distribute fliers tomorrow for Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day, and also, he reminded residents that we have a receptacle at the Saddle Brook Police Department in the lobby for getting rid of unused and unwanted prescription drugs. It's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mayor White thanked McDonald's for helping the Mayor's Youth Group with a successful fund raiser this past Tuesday, October 3rd. The Youth Group will be using the funds to purchase a plaque for the town, and the town will be purchasing a park bench which will be put at Kern Street Park. The town is going to buy it, but Councilwoman Mazzer brought it up that the town would pay for it. It was a good idea.

The Mayor said the UNICO street fair was a very nice event, very well attended. He thanked UNICO for planning and organizing it and announced video of the event can be seen on the town Facebook and website, and the video is also on our town cable TV. It was a fantastic event, every year it gets better and better.

He said it's Italian Heritage and Culture Month and also Hispanic Heritage Month as well. We have upcoming events: the Halloween Decorating contest, registration ends October 23rd, judging takes place on October 26th. The Senior Halloween party is Tuesday October 24th from 6 PM to 9 PM at the VFW, it's a free event for our seniors. Senior bus service is available to pick seniors up and bring you back home. Trunk or Treat is Saturday October 28th at the Saddle Brook High School Middle School from 12 noon to 2 PM. It's free for all residents, anyone interested in participating or sponsoring a trunk, please contact the Mayor's secretary, Christine Genuario at 201-587-2903.

Mayor White concluded by saying it's also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, urging women everywhere to get annual checkups as early detection saves lives. He wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day.

Councilman Accomando commented that because he was raised right and has integrity, he did vote for the ordinance even though he was against it because it was the majority, but he said I can promise you it will never happen again, because my vote from now on will be from here not from here. I wanted to clear the air on that.

He also said he was a member of the Bergen County Sheriff's Department, one of the most elite departments in this county, watching the firemen the other night at that power outage, that command staff was very impressive. The presence that the chief had and the other firemen was – thank you. I don't know what else to say. You guys did a great job. You were on top of everything. Chief, you were there as well, and you handled it very well.

Councilman Accomando thanked the OEM from Rochelle Park and commended him for his help. He said he would like to see our CERT members called back into service because the town would benefit from it. I think we need to be more involved with our department and help them out with some of the little things like fireworks and picnics because these guys left an 8-10 hour job the other night and fought this situation for 5, 6 7 hours. Some of them were lethargic, some of them were exhausted, but they did what they love to do and that was to protect the residents of Saddle Brook. He extended thanks from himself and his family to the Fire Department of Saddle Brook.

Councilman Gierak thanked the Fire Department and EMTs in light of Fire Prevention Week and also the UNICO Street Fair was a great event. He said we had a flood meeting two weeks ago at the Senior Center. Tom Richards was there from Bergen County Shared services. He's the coordinator, and we had

representation from the Rochelle Park council. We had representation from Garfield, Mayor White, Council President D'Arminio, myself, Mr. Lo Dico, Chief Dickman. They flew a drone over the Saddle River that identified different areas that need to be addressed. There was debris; there's overgrowth. The County wants to lead the cleanup and utilize the inmates to clean up a lot of the area that's overgrown, and there's a lot of debris. Other areas of discussion were to clean out the catch basins throughout the town, especially along the Saddle River, assistance from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Restoration and also to get the DEP involved. Our next meeting is for the end of October, and we're hoping to get a representative from the DEP there.

Councilman Gierak said in regard to some of the statements that were made about me, I stand behind my record with the Board of Education and Dr. Richard Katz. We handled it according to policy. We discussed a lot of things in closed session that I can't divulge. A lot of things were discussed. The schools in Saddle Brook are safer than they've ever been. We have passed a referendum, we have cameras, we have excellent security. I stand behind every vote I made on the Board of Education.

Councilman Accomando said you mentioned you had representation for the cleanup. You had no representation from the Sheriff's department.

Council President D'Arminio said not yet.

Councilman Accomando said I understand that, but you said the inmates are going to clean. There was no representation. If you have representation from the County, from Rochelle Park, from Saddle Brook to clean the river, and you're going to utilize inmate labor. Don't you think it's common sense to invite the Sheriff's Department so you could go over the plan of attack?

Mayor White said through the chair, we are the host town. The meeting was actually called by Tom Richards, who is the coordinator of Shared Services for Bergen County. He said he believed Council President D'Arminio spoke to him recently and the inmates have already done some work. I know you're in charge of that, so I'm not going to dispute it.

Councilman Accomando said we did for Saddle Brook, and we did for Wallington. Like I said at the work session, I checked the schedule today. I don't know what they're telling you, but it is not scheduled from – nothing with the County from now until the end of the year calendar. So, I don't know what's being fed to you guys or what's being said.

Council President D'Arminio said we got in contact with Tom Richards today because after you said that I was concerned because he said he was going to schedule it for the next few weeks. He has not. He has not set the date for the Sheriff's Department. Councilman Accomando said I'm not attacking anybody, I'm just...because this has been going on for three years, I've been dealing with them. Every time they schedule it, they cancel it. It's not a personal attack on anyone. It's just if you're going to say it, make sure it's in the works, because like I said, it's not scheduled. It's been set for years, and I hate to break something up that's going to help the flooding. I'm not an engineer, but I don't think cleaning a river bank is going to help the flooding situation. I think we need to be a little more involved with – other than just having them pick up litter. I understand this is the way to go to try and clean the sides of the river banks because it did help behind Fifth Street, but it's just a matter of...

Mayor White said through the chair, you bring up an interesting point because the representative from Rochelle Park was there, and he was complaining to the County that he's been trying to get those islands that are in the river over there by Railroad Avenue, and it's difficult because they have allowed towns to go in and do things to the river that they couldn't do in the past. Assemblyman Eustace has passed some legislation, so it's not as restricted, so we can go into the bed of the river. There's things that can be done, and you're right in the sense that it will help a little bit, the desnagging certainly and getting the overgrowth out of the river, but

really to really get it done right we need to dredge or do some form of dredging, and that was a hit point.

Councilman Accomando said the River Keeper is very tough to deal with. Our detective bureau is along the Hackensack River. We cannot clean the litter out of it because he does not want us near because it's apparently interfering with the wildlife. I know there's a lot of red tape. I'll work with anybody to try and get those guys out there every day, seven days a week, but I just don't want to see a false hope. It seems like – and it's not based on anybody's election – It always seems this comes up at election time. Whether it's for regular election, special election, it seems that certain – again it's nobody here, but certain politicians say things to get the vote, and it never happens. Like with towns that flood, like Lodi, they'll sell you a boat as your house is sinking. I don't want to give people false hope. It's going to happen, it's not scheduled. Hopefully, they will schedule it soon. Like I said, nothing against any one individual.

Council President D'Arminio said I did question that after we talked at the work session the other night, and he hasn't yet set the schedule. What he has done to date is the Mosquito Commission cleaned the mouth of the river in Wallington and is working down Garfield and Lodi along with the Parks Department, so he didn't schedule it. I knew it was in the works, so I might have jumped the gun, but I did check out, and it hasn't happened, but it's supposed to. I thank you for sharing that with us. The problem with the flooding is, there's no money, and that's what everybody talked about at the meeting. There is no money coming in to really fix the problem. Did you find out about Sarlo? He had the \$250,000 to clean the Passaic River. Did you hear if that went through?

Mayor White said he had not checked into it. It was mentioned.

Council President D'Arminio said that's one of the problems. There's just no money. We're doing the best we can, and also, Mayor, you're going along to all the towns along the river to try to get the mayors. When we have the meetings, Fair Lawn didn't show up because they couldn't make it. Everybody doesn't come, so it's difficult to get everybody together. That's what we're attempting to do.

Council President D'Arminio thanked the Fire Department for what they do every day. She said I don't want to repeat everything that everybody else had said. As the Mayor said, the plans are here on the senior housing, and I did get some information on the qualifications, so we do have that available, and I think in the very near future we should set up a meeting with the seniors so they can come in and see what the qualifications are that they need to have in order to get in. The current income levels to get into the housing for a single is \$33,800, a couple is \$38,600. She said she had the e-mail and would be posting it on the website and also at the Senior Center, and we will have a meeting coming down the road.

Councilwoman Mazzer said she would thank the Fire Department because it did affect her personally. She also thanked the Police Department for doing the phone call to everyone telling us what we needed to do to keep everybody safe. It was a situation that actually could have been a lot worse. She said they did an awesome job, and everybody made sure that that everybody returned to their businesses safe and sound.

Councilwoman Mazzer said she was proud to be a diamond sponsor of UNICO this year. Their work is amazing, and they do so much for so many. She then extended her prayers to Joanne Brendel and hoped for a speedy recovery.

Councilman Cimiluca relayed a resident's complaint that although there is a left turn arrow on 46 at the intersection of Fifth, that there are no turn signals or any kind of delayed signal if you're going on Fifth Street crossing 46 to make left turns, and what happens, oftentimes, is that someone who is traveling toward the funeral home tries to make a left turn to go east on 46, and someone coming away from the funeral home is making a left to go west, and they are stuck there because no one knows what to do. The resident asked if we could do something about it. It is a state highway, but certainly we can pass it on. I know that intersection has been a

bone of contention for a long, long time, so if we can ask the DOT to take a look at that, potentially give them seven or eight seconds so a couple of cars can move.

Councilman Cimiluca said he remembered attending a meeting of people throughout the county on how we can fix certain problems and one of the problems was the intersection of where Market intersects with Lodi's Main, Rochelle Park, Rochelle Avenue, and beyond it's Essex Street. He said his suggestion was you're not going to fix anything there even if you improve left turn signals without making an extra lane. You need the left turn lanes like they have coming westbound on Essex Street to turn onto Main. That was a study, and they proposed all kinds of things. He asked Mr. Lo Dico if that just died a slow, unpleasant death.

Mr. Lo Dico said maybe four months ago the County sent an e-mail saying they're still studying it, and we will hear something.

Councilman Cimiluca said at least they're studying it. It's better than saying that they gave up on it.

He said he had been to a couple of Drums from Heaven events and though he was too young to go to Woodstock, if you go to a drums from heaven event, it's like Woodstock. It is a lot of fun, and they are really, really good people, and they do a lot of good work, and it's for an awesome cause because Joanne is an awesome person.

Councilman Cimiluca said New Jersey is now involved in the lawsuit – Saddle Brook did this over a month ago where we signed on to be the plaintiff in a litigation against the big pharmaceutical companies and Kathy Marro is the one, not just coming from people in politics, but this is from a lay person, someone who has been personally affected by this crisis to say that Big Pharma has a responsibility, and it's going to hit them where it hurts which is in the pocket book. So, I'm proud that the Council did something, and we were somewhat ahead of the curve on that.

He said he is proud to have been a member of UNICO for 20 years. He noted that Bill DeBlasio is a joke and an embarrassment who is falling in line with special interest and he doesn't have a backbone to stand up and support his own heritage. He's an embarrassment to anyone who has any kind of Italian blood in their system.

Councilman Cimiluca said I don't know if it was a sign of disrespect or praise, but somebody came up to me and said I went to the UNICO Street Fair and I didn't expect it to be so nice. I don't know how to take that. It was a great event. It always is. I think it's the fourth year, and the fourth year of very good weather.

Hopefully, next year around this time, election time, we will be able to see three things that we can't see now in terms of builders. One of them will be senior housing. Hopefully, it will move faster than the phase to get it to this point. It can move very slowly, but hopefully by next year we will have some seniors in there, and it will be something that Saddle Brook will be proud of. The second is Veterans' Field snack stand and rest rooms, which again has taken forever, but hopefully next year at this time we will be able to be proud of what's been accomplished. The third one has nothing to do with the town, in terms of it's a public building – across the street, there's all kinds of posts on Facebook, people crying that Ed's was torn down, and hopefully we will have a nice new, nice looking retail market. For anyone who has asked, it is supposed to mirror the look of the retail shop where Jersey Mike's is on Essex Street over there. It's the same builders, and I think they're going to follow the same architectural plan, and that is a nice place. Some people also on Facebook said, how can the town let that happen? Well, Mr. Wilczynski, who is 80 something years old and a good friend, it's his property, so if somebody wanted to continue to run a bar and grill, I'm sure if they offered him the same money that these people offered him, he would have gladly sold it to them. So, for all the people crying in their beer so to speak, that Ed's is gone and that the town is somewhat responsible for the failure to have a local watering hole anymore, go to Midland Brew House.

Regarding road paving, Councilman Cimiluca said we're taking on a number of road paving projects, and again, by next year hopefully this town will be proud of what we have accomplished. In one of our resolutions is a Shared Services Agreement with the County. Their Office of Emergency Management has entered into a Shared Services where we can utilize their emergency vehicles when necessary. It's probably always been sort of in place, but this legitimizes it and puts it in writing, and every town cannot have every single piece of equipment. The County has a lot of it, a lot more than we do, so it's good to know that we can count on the County to come in with some machinery or vehicles that we don't have.

He said our Access for All Committee was unable to meet this month, however last month we passed the Stigma-Free resolution, and we were able to get some documents, fliers and brochures and some pieces of literature to hand out at the Street Fair, and hopefully we will be able to report something a little more significant next month because we are meeting and trying to improve Saddle Brook for those who are having a difficult time physically, mentally, sight challenged, hearing challenged, we try to help them out.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE #1630-17 – FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Suarez said this makes it that there has to be ethics training, and the members have to be at the ethics training, or they can be removed, and it's been told to me that Steve Pellino, who is going to cover the Board, the Board Attorney for the Planning Board will also do the training for the Zoning Board. From what I understand it's going to be in the November meeting, so notice will be given, and I urge all the members of the boards to go to the training, or else there could be consequences as a result of not going to that as a result of the law.

CR# 1017-235

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT”**

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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

2. ORDINANCE #1631-17 – FINAL READING
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$310,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

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

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$310,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Ratajczak said Tuesday you discussed \$2.4 million for tax appeals. When is that going to be read? The second reading will be next month?

Council President D'Arminio said yes.

Mr. Ratajczak said why do we have that?

Mr. Suarez said we're talking about his ordinance right now.

Mr. Ratajczak said I would like if you would address that, why we have to get \$2.4 million.

Council President D'Arminio said we will have to discuss that after.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

CR# 1017-236

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$310,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine and non-controversial by the Township Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so requests it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies adoption of all resolutions, receive and file letters, correspondence, reports and approval of applications and minutes.

Mr. Lo Dico noted the two resolutions presented this evening would be added to the consent agenda to receive and file.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

*** MINUTES**

- 1. September 7, 2017 – Regular Public Meeting

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-237

WHEREAS, there was an overpayment of taxes for the 2017-2018 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended this overpayment be cleared of record; and

WHEREAS, the Homeowner is entitled to a refund for the overpayment of taxes for the 2017-2018 tax year,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue a warrant in the amount of:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REFUND</u>
506	13	Mr. Eugene Andrea 107 Franklin Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663	2017 2018	\$2,990.07
		C/O Marykae Scott 94 Maple Parkway Sparta, NJ 07871		

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-238

WHEREAS, a parcel of property referred to as 36 Sterling Place, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, also known as Block 906, Lot 1; assessed in the name of Doris Ann Higgins, has transferred ownership of this property as of May 24, 2017 to the Township of Saddle Brook;

WHEREAS, property taxes for the 2017 tax year have been cancelled in the amount of \$559.43, preliminary 2018 taxes have been cancelled in the amount of \$280.00. Municipal lien #77 year 1978 has also been cancelled.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-239

WHEREAS, the League of Municipalities conference takes place November 14-16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, reservations were made through the League of Municipalities for participants from the Township of Saddle Brook for room reservations that will be reimbursed to the Township by each attendee for these costs,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorized the Township Treasurer to release off-line checks upon receipt by the Township of participants' reimbursement to the Township.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-240

WHEREAS, 252 Lanza Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, also known as Block 413, Lot 8 was assessed in the name of Douglas and Michele Marvin at 100% valuation for 2017; and

WHEREAS, it should have been assessed at 50% valuation for 2017 because the owner of said property is a 100% totally disabled veteran and also this house is designated as a two-family home; and

WHEREAS, as a two-family home, the taxable assessed value can only be 50% of full value and is assessed and taxed on the valuation of \$131,750, which is half of the full assessed value of this house. Therefore, half will be exempt for 2017 and furtherance until the house changes ownership,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an adjustment be made for the 2017 tax year to reflect the difference in the amount of \$3,396.52.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

CR# 1017-241

WHEREAS, the following checks issued from the Township of Saddle Brook account have been outstanding for more than one year and are now stale-dated; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel these outstanding checks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following outstanding checks issued from the Township of Saddle Brook bank account be cancelled.

ESCROW ACCOUNT FUND

<u>CHECK NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2522	5/8/15	\$ 36.34
2556	12/30/15	\$1,775.50
2585	7/14/16	\$2,602.50

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-242

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License #0257-44-008-008 issued to All American Beverage Wine and Liquor, Inc. at 266 Garibaldi Avenue, Apt. 9, Lodi, NJ 07644 (inactive) to 66 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook does hereby approve the Place-to-Place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License #0257-44-008-008 to All American Beverage Wine and Liquor, Inc. at 66 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 - #0257-44-008-009.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-243

WHEREAS, Vanas Construction Co. Inc. was awarded a contract in the amount of \$845,870.00 for construction of a new concession stand at Veteran's Field; and

WHEREAS, Richard G. Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Vanas Construction Co. Inc. recommended change order #1: \$5,000.00 for additional work; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 for Vanas Construction

Co. Inc. for a total amount of \$5,000.00, a total contract amount of \$850,870.00 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-244

WHEREAS, Frank Semeraro Construction was awarded a contract in the amount of \$29,107.00 for Market Street & Finnigan Avenue Water Main Repair; and

WHEREAS, Richard G. Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Frank Semeraro Construction recommended Change Order #1: \$24,458.70 for additional work; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 for Frank Semeraro Construction for a total amount of \$24,458.70, a total contract amount of \$53,565.70 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FAIRLAWN PARKWAY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CR# 1017-245

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of Saddle Brook formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018 – Saddle Brook – 00448 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Saddle Brook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Saddle Brook and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-246

WHEREAS, 250 Saddle Brook, LLC posted performance bond totaling \$135,600 (\$122,040 bond and \$13,500 cash) for property located at 250 Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook, NJ (Block 513, Lot 1); and

WHEREAS, Township Engineer Richard Arango in a letter dated September 21, 2017 has approved the release of the bond providing that a maintenance bond in the amount of \$18,306 and maintenance cash bond of \$2,034 be submitted to the Township,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves the release of the performance bond posted by 250 Saddle Brook, LLC in the amount of \$135,600 upon receipt of a maintenance bond and maintenance cash bond totaling \$20,070.00.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-247

WHEREAS, Arrow Fastener, 271 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook posted a performance bond for property located at 271 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook, NJ (Block 1008, Lot 5); and

WHEREAS, Township Engineer Richard Arango in a letter dated September 21, 2017 has approved the release of the bond subject to review to determine if a maintenance bond needs to be posted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves the release of the performance bond posted by Arrow Fastener in the amount of \$52,800.00

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-248

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>
POLICE	WINNER FORD	3 MARKED POLICE VEHICLES WITH MARKED POLICE INTERCEPTOR PACKAGE	\$103,038.00
POLICE	EAGLE POINT/ TJ MORRIS	AMMUNITION	\$4,540.92
POLICE	D&E UNIFORMS	MARSHALL UNIFORMS	\$2,684.15
DPW SEWER	RAPID PUMP & METER	AIR RELEASE VALVE (WESTMINSTER & OUTWATER)	\$4,275.00
DPW SEWER	NATIONAL WATER MAIN	SEWER REPAIR- 335 MARKET	\$7,960.00
ORD. – DPW	BEYER FORD	2 DPW TRUCKS/PLOWS	\$70,239.00

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-249

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$3,501,185.45** 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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-250

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen is offering municipalities within the county the opportunity to enter into a shared services agreement for vehicles and equipment through the Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook wishes to enter into the shared services agreement as set forth in the proposed contract entitled **“THE SHARING OF COUNTY-OWNED EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT”** as approved by the Bergen County Board of Freeholders Resolution #347-17; and

WHEREAS, this shared service agreement is authorized in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P. L. 2007, c63 (C:40A:65-L et seq.)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, New Jersey, that:

1. The contract is proposed by the County of Bergen is hereby authorized and approved and the Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook is authorized to execute same.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-251

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook have been advised that an emergency affecting the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Saddle Brook and the general public, when a hose nozzle from the DPW sewer truck lodged in the sanitary sewer line, causing blockage in the line; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer notified the Township Business Administrator, setting forth the circumstances regarding the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council are satisfied that an emergency did exist and that immediate action was necessary to restore the aforementioned; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of repairs is not to exceed \$12,000, which is a fair and reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the Capital Fund in account 04-2156-55-9911-901; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-6, which authorizes the governing body to award a contract without benefit of obtaining quotes in emergency situations, and that the vendor, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, be paid therefore.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1017-252

Introduced by Councilwoman Mazzer

WHEREAS, October is recognized as Italian Heritage and Culture Month; and

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity to recognize the many contributions made by Italian-Americans throughout the United States, New Jersey and especially here in Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, in particular we honor the commitment of the Saddle Brook Chapter of UNICO National to our community by supporting programs including teaching Italian in our schools, sponsoring Saddle Brook's Street Fair, food pantries, assisting local families in need, awarding scholarships, including one dedicated to a student that is a first responder, supporting causes such as Jimmy V., Cooley's Anemia, St. Jude, mental health programs and anti-bias programs and maintaining UNICO park; and

WHEREAS, members of the Saddle Brook Chapter of UNICO have gone on to serve as UNICO District Governor and UNICO National President, as well as receiving numerous honors and recognition,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Saddle Brook Chapter of UNICO is commended for faithfully following the UNICO motto "Service above self" and recognized for its service to our community as we celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1017-253

Introduced by Councilman Gierek

WHEREAS, the week of October 8-14, 2017 has been designated Fire Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year is "Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out" emphasizing that occupants of homes should know at least two exits and plan a minimum of two drills a year, among other fire safety measures; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate at this time to recognize and commend the Saddle Brook Fire Prevention Office and our dedicated volunteer members of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department for the countless hours spent away from their families answering calls, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as well as attending mandated training sessions, participating in Township events and organizing the annual Santa ride,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that they hereby recognize Fire Prevention Week and with deep gratitude and pride, thank the members of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department for their dedication to our residents and businesses and thank their families for understanding whenever the Fire Department is called to duty.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Richard Arango, PE
Remington, Vernick
Engineers** **Re: Veterans' Field Concession Stand
Payment Certification No. 1
(Vanas Construction)**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 15, 2017

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from Vanas Construction Co. Inc. for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington, Vernick & Arango 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 **\$111,114.36** for Certificate No. 1.

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

2. Richard Arango, PE Re: Veterans' Field Concession Stand
Remington, Vernick Change Order No. 1 (Vanas
Engineers Construction)

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 15, 2017

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of Change Order No. 1 which adjusts the contract quantities to add one supplemental item.

The contract breakdown is as follows:

- Original Contract \$ 845,870.00
- Change Order No. 1 \$ 5,000.00
- **Amended Contract Total \$ 850,870.00**

This office recommends that the Township approve of a Change Order No. 1 which increases the contract by \$5,000.00.

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

3. Richard Arango, PE Re: Municipal Building Emergency
Remington, Vernick Generator, Payment Certification
Engineers No. 1

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 21, 2017

Enclosed please find Pay Certificate No. 1 from ARCO Electrical for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers have reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the payment.

Therefore, we recommend payment be made to **ARCO Electrical** in the amount of **\$33,462.56**

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

4. Richard Arango, PE Re: FY 2016 NJDOT Caldwell Avenue
Remington, Vernick Roadway Improvements Design
Engineers and Construction Administration
Proposal

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 21, 2017

Our Scope of Services, is as follows:

1. Prepare base plans utilizing GIS Aerial Photography to obtain existing conditions of the roadway and prepare existing condition base plans.
2. Prepare field survey to determine final curb/street grades every 50 feet along the project length.

3. Prepare field survey to verify compliance or constructability of ADA curb ramps.
4. Utilize the existing condition base plan(s), to design the roadway improvements.
5. Prepare the construction plans, specifications, and an engineer's construction estimate for obtaining construction bids for the project.
6. Assist in the bid opening, review of the construction bids, and recommend award of the contract.
7. Coordinate and attend a pre-construction meeting with appropriate Town officials, utility companies, and other parties affected by the construction activities.
8. Provide contract administration and construction observation services during the construction phase of the project, including the necessary work associated with the NJDOT State Aid reimbursement.

We respectfully request the Township authorize the design work for this project so the Township will be in a position next year to construct this project. We will also take into consideration the location of the Franklin School, we can be ready to bid the project in March of 2018, with the intent of beginning construction immediately after the end of the school year.

Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

5. Richard Arango, PE Re: Performance Bond Release
Remington, Vernick Arrow Fastener Co.
Engineers 271 Mayhill Street
Block 1008, Lot 5

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 21, 2017

Inspections performed by this office have found that the site work has been completed in substantial conformance to the approved plan. In reviewing the file, it appears that the Applicant has been substantially complete for the past two (2) years. Therefore, we would have no objection to the Mayor and Council waiving the requirements of the Maintenance Bond. However, should a maintenance bond be required the Applicant must provide a maintenance guarantee in the total amount of \$7,920.00, as follows:

- Maintenance Bond: \$7,128.00
- Maintenance Cash: \$792.00

By copy of this letter, the applicant is advised that a maintenance bond may be required as outlined above. If the bond is required a copy of the bond is to be sent to this office. Upon review and approval of the bond language, this office will be in a position to recommend the return of the performance guarantee. This performance guarantee is in the amount of \$52,800.00; \$47,520.00 Bond and \$5,280.00 Cash.

On behalf of the applicant, I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda for the October meeting of the Mayor and Council. In the case that the maintenance bond is required, that condition could be placed in the resolution to release the performance guarantee. This would prevent the need for a delay until the November meeting if the paperwork is not ready in time for the October meeting.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

6. Richard Arango, PE Re: Performance Bond Release
Remington, Vernick 250 Saddle Brook, LLC
Engineers Block 513, Lot 1

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 21, 2017

Inspections performed by this office have found that the site work has been completed in substantial conformance to the approved plan except for the planting of the trees which will take place this November. As such, the applicant must now provide a maintenance guarantee in the total amount of \$20,340.00, as follows:

- Maintenance Bond: \$18,306.00
- Maintenance Cash: \$2,034.00

By copy of this letter, the applicant is instructed to submit the maintenance cash and bond to the Township Clerk. A copy of the bond is to be sent to this office. Upon review and approval of the bond language, this office will be in a position to recommend the return of the performance guarantee. This performance guarantee is in the amount of \$135,600; \$122,040 Bond and \$13,500.00 Cash.

On behalf of the applicant, I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda for the October meeting of the Mayor and Council. In the case that the maintenance bond is not yet in place, that condition could be placed in the resolution to release the performance guarantee. This would prevent the need for a delay until the November meeting if the paperwork is not ready in time for the October meeting.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

7. Richard Arango, PE Re: Market Street & Finnigan Avenue
Remington, Vernick Water Main Repair, Change Order
Engineers Recommendation No. 1 Final

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 25, 2017

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of attached Change Order No. 1 which adjusts the contract quantities to add extra and supplemental items.

The contract breakdown is as follows:

- Original Contract \$ 29,107.00
- Change Order No. 1 \$ 24,458.70
- **Amended Contract Total \$ 53,565.70**

Please sign both copies and return one executed copy to our office.

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

8. Mayor Robert White Re: Appointment of Special Law
Enforcement Officer Class One

To: Mr. Daniel S. Song Date: September 6, 2017

In accordance with Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Township of Saddle Brook Administrative Code and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 *et. seq.*, it is with great pleasure that I appoint you as Special Law Enforcement Officer, (Class One) for the Township of Saddle Brook effective September 7, 2017 and for a term which will expire on December 31, 2017.

Under direction of the Chief of Police, Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer are authorized by law and municipal ordinance to perform traffic and spectator control duties, and are authorized to issue summonses for disorderly persons offenses, local ordinances, and Title 39 motor vehicle violations.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment in providing public safety for the community of Saddle Brook.

9. Mayor Robert White Re: Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer Class One

To: Mr. Domenic Pizzanelli Date: September 6, 2017

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10. Mayor Robert White Re: Appointment of Special Law Enforcement Officer Class One

To: Mr. Frank Giordano Date: September 6, 2017

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11. Detective John Tritto, Re: Liquor License Transfer, Place to SBPD Place, All American Beverage

**To: Detective Captain John Date: September 26, 2017
 Zotollo, SBPD**

**Re: Liquor License Transfer: Place-to-Place (17-02792)
 License# 0257-44-008-008
 All American Beverage Wine and Liquor Inc.**

In accordance with the Code of the Township of Saddle Brook, Chapter 52, I have reviewed and investigated the Place-to-Place Liquor License transfer application filed by All American Beverage Wine and Liquor t/a USA Wine Traders Club. The license is being transferred from 220 5th Street to 66 Market Street. Jayaprada M. Varma of 266 Garibaldi Ave, Apt 9, Lodi, NJ 07644, has the sole interest in the license.

The new location for the license is being transferred to Mike's Quick Stop, 66 Market Street, which is in the process of obtaining permits and approvals for renovations and additions. The new location, once complete, will become a Discount Wine and Liquor store. The township has all blue prints and plans for the renovation proposal. The previous location of this liquor license was the establishment, otherwise known as, Royal Bottle of 220 5th Street. This store has been closed for a couple of years already, and a new business has moved into that location (non-liquor business).

I have reviewed all lease agreements which were disclosed for the purchase and operation of the liquor license. I have reviewed the application and all necessary paperwork and found it all to be proper. A criminal background check of Varma was completed. No arrest records or wants were located. Further, the Police Department does not have any violations that occurred at this establishment on record from either this municipality or the State of New Jersey involving Varma.

Based upon the investigation that was conducted, I find no reason for the denial of this application. Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at any time.

**12. Richard Arango, PE Re: 335 Market Street-Repair of Sewer
Remington, Vernick Line Recommendation to Award
Engineers**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 6, 2017

We have tabulated the quotes received on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, with reference to the above-captioned project and find the lowest bidder to be National Water Main Cleaning Co., 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, NJ 07032, in the amount of \$7,960.00 representing the base bid. The results are as follows:

<u>National Water Main Cleaning, Co</u>	
6' Spot Liner for 10" Sanitary Sewer Pipe	\$ 4,280.00
10" Main Pre&Post Constr. Video	\$ 3,480.00
10" Sanitary Pipe Joint Grouting	\$ 100.00
By-Pass Pipe&Pumping	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,960.00

<u>J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.</u>	
6' Spot Liner for 10" Sanitary Sewer Pipe	\$ 7,400.00
10" Main Pre&Post Constr. Video	\$ 2,550.00
10" Sanitary Pipe Joint Grouting	\$ 4,000.00
By-Pass Pipe&Pumping	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total	\$14,950.00

Montana Construction Corp., Inc. **No Bid**

A copy of the tabulation is enclosed for your review.

Therefore, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq, the contract should be awarded to the lowest responsible responder, which appears to be **National Water Main Cleaning Co.** I have reviewed these costs with our water department and we find them to be acceptable for a small project like this.

The award should be contingent upon approval of your Counsel and the availability of funds. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (201) 624-2137.

13. Richard Arango, PE
Remington, Vernick
Engineers

Re: 225 Colonial Avenue Sanitary Line
Emergency Repair

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: September 27, 2017

On September 26, 2017, Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE) was scheduled to inspect a sanitary line repair on the above mentioned property. When our inspector, Ken Pfannen, arrived, the contractor was digging in the street, a police officer was on site, and the road was blocked off. The contractor informed our inspector that they received a street opening permit for the Township, paid a bond and for the police officer. Our inspector was joined by Charlie Galbo, Sewer Supervisor of Saddle Brook, who was also unaware of the project.

RVE instructed the contractor not to go any further out in the street and to just repair what the home owner payed for until we received a response for the Township. After confirming with the Township that the sewer line from curb to street is the responsibility of the Township, the Township requested a price quote for the work to be done. The contractor said \$11,000.00 and the Township agreed.

Then, the contractor started digging in the street, found line 4ft +- from the curb in the street to be 80% + filled with grease. This build up was over a long time, as he moved out to the main sanitary line, found storm sewer 36" concrete line with the sanitary line from the house going under it, which is 6". When taking out the 6" found broken 45' and 6" pipe broken that went under the storm water pipe, which was full of grease. After taking out more plastic pipe after the break, pipe was clear to the main line. I was there for some of the above as the contractor said. The contractor removed the 6" and the 45's, dugout under the 36" storm sewer to put the new pipe in, 6" was put in, but after trying, storm sewer has dropped and could not get any pitch to the main sanitary line, had to change to 4" plastic line to get the pitch. The contractor used 22 ft. of 4" plastic pipe to go from the curb to the main sewer line. He used 2 -22 bends to make the pitch to the main sanitary line.

The contractor sleeved the sanitary line from 4ft back to the curb with 4" and a coupling at the connection. It tested with no leaks. The line from the house to the street should be changed, but not at the Township's expense. Our inspector asked the contractor to TV the line again before closing up to ensure it was clean and the contractor complied. The trench was saw cut and will come back to black top in two days.

It is RVE's opinion that this pipe was broken for a long time under the storm sewer and that the sanitary line from the house was clean to the curb and after the storm sewer. It had grease 4.5 ft. from curb in the street to just pass the storm sewer.

* RAFFLES/APPLICATIONS

Raffles

1. RA# 1261 – Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library – 50/50
2. RA# 1262 – Saddle Brook MS/HS Music Association – 50/50

* REPORTS

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – August 2017
2. Bergen County Health Services – July 2017
3. Bergen County Animal Control – July 2017
4. Hotel Room Tax Report – September 2017
5. Grant Writer Report – August 2017
6. Water Operator License Report – August 2017
7. Water Revenue Monthly Report
8. Construction Code Official Report – July 2017
9. Construction Code Official Report – August 2017
10. Property Maintenance Report – July 2017
11. Property Maintenance Report – August 2017
12. Engineer Mid-Monthly Report – September 2017
13. Budget Status Report – September 2017

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Council President D'Arminio asked Mr. Lo Dico for the Best Practices report for 2017. Mr. Lo Dico said the state requires each municipality within the state of New Jersey to do a Best Practices check list. Our CFO and I have completed the check list and sent it to the state. It's required that we mention it at a public portion of the meeting. Out of a score of a maximum of 100 the Township scored 88, which ensures our state aid continuance.

Councilman Cimiluca said since we know where we were deficient, are we taking steps to get us closer to 100?

Mr. Lo Dico said we always strive for a hundred. He said each question is worth four points. We always try, and hopefully next year – they change the questions every year, so whatever we comply with this year, there will be new questions next year.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

Ms. Nancy Murray of Pine Avenue said of the three Ford vehicles that are being purchased in the resolution, what models are they?

Mr. Lo Dico said interceptor utility all-wheel drive base vehicle 2017 with the police package. Ms. Murray said those are Explorers. She said the ethics training is a good thing. I don't have a problem with it because I do it for work every single year. We have to do it also for business. It's something when we deal with vendors that you have to do. The only problem is, it's self-policing, so even at work in my office, if someone is not aware that they have an ethical challenge, they could still have an ethical violation and according to them they don't, so just be cautious. It's a good thing, and it very well is something that we should be doing, and make sure everybody is aware of it. I'm sure that you all have to take it, and other members of the town have to take it also. Just be aware that it's a self-policing type of program. We have it at work too, and it's the same thing, it's self-policing. So, you have to bring awareness that it's important for you to understand what is unethical and what you should at least question.

Mr. Larry Ratajczak cited resolution #15, CR# 1017-251 and said it says emergency sewer – where is that location? Mr. Lo Dico said it was on Market Street. Mr. Ratajczak said I believe Tuesday night when you read bids, National Water Main, I think...

Mr. Lo Dico said there were a couple of them. Mr. Ratajczak said for \$7,000. Mr. Lo Dico said there's two. Mr. Ratajczak said Fletcher Creamer, the original bid was \$14,000. Why did we award a \$12,000 bid when we had a \$7,000 sitting in front of us?

Mr. Lo Dico said it's two separate projects. Mr. Ratajczak said I know, but is this the one by Matsuya? Council President D'Arminio said yes. Mr. Ratajczak said this was an emergency, it just happened, right? The one bid was \$14,000, the other bid was –

Mr. Lo Dico said there was only one bid on that project. There's two different ones. Mr. Ratajczak asked what was the one for \$7,000? Mr. Lo Dico said that was on Hayes Drive.

Mayor White said there was three, there was one on Colonial too. Council President D'Arminio said Colonial was \$7,000. Mr. Ratajczak said when we were discussing that one, that one was an emergency one that just happened that day. Mr. Lo Dico said that was not to exceed \$12,000. Mr. Ratajczak said I believe we had two bids, \$14,000 and \$7,000. Mr. Lo Dico said no.

Mr. Ratajczak said if you check the minutes, you'll see. I believe you did. Mr. Lo Dico said we didn't. Mr. Ratajczak said I'm asking you to check the minutes. Why is Fletcher Creamer double National Water Meters? It's the same project. Mr. Ratajczak said the other thing like Nancy talked about ethics training, to Mr. Mazzer, the reason that I did not attend the ethics class that I was told to attend because my attorney advised me that would be an admission of guilt.

Council President D'Arminio said this is not on the agenda.

Mr. Ratajczak said you should have told Nancy the same thing.

Council President D'Arminio said it's an ordinance. The ordinance. Mr. Ratajczak said that's what I'm talking about, and Nancy was allowed to go on and talk about ethics training and everything else. So, what you let one person talk about, you let another person talk about. And she talked about ethics. I don't see anything on the agenda here about ethics. So, if you let one resident talk, you let the other resident talk. Not separate rules.

Mr. Suarez asked if Mr. Ratajczak was going to go to the one in November. Mr. Ratajczak said if I'm at the meeting, like I said, if we all take it. I shouldn't have been singled out. Mr. Suarez said this is for everyone now. Mr. Ratajczak said this is for everyone. I guess the town realized that they did it wrong. They only ordered it for me, and like I told you, it would be an admission of guilt if I would have taken the class. I'm not pleading guilty to anything. And I did not plead guilty to anything like the other person did.

Hearing no one else, Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public on agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC CMC
Township Clerk

Approved: November 2, 2017

Karen D'Arminio
Council President