

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center, 8 Caldwell Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ.

Council President D'Arminio called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Council President D'Arminio asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag.

Council President D'Arminio 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 and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey.

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 asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

Mr. Richard Garcia of 593 Hickory Avenue said he has decided to run for State Senate representing District 38. He said he looked forward to campaigning in the fall, and one of the reasons he is running is because he felt our District could be better represented and he felt his background and community involvement through the years would be a great addition to the State Senate. He said he would always be here for the residents of Saddle Brook. He thanked the citizens who worked with him last year when he ran for Council and said he thought the Mayor and Council was doing a great job for the residents of Saddle Brook. He said he hoped the next time he came he would be representing District 38 as State Senator.

Council President D'Arminio wished Mr. Garcia could luck.

Mr. Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue mentioned the Mayor's Youth Group did the spring Earth Day clean up on April 17th at Tri-Centennial Park. He thanked all the kids who came out to help plant flowers and do clean up. He also thanked Christine Genuario for her help coordinating and the Saddle Brook DPW for bringing the flowers.

Mr. Van Winkle concluded by saying the Youth Group would be having a May meeting, but the date had not been chosen yet.

Council President D'Arminio thanked Mr. Van Winkle.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

COMMENTS

Councilman Cimiluca thanked Mr. Van Winkle and the Mayor's Youth Group and said they do a great job and praised their volunteer efforts. He said he was happy to attend the Little League opening ceremony and asked someone from Little League to contact him regarding sponsoring a sign or a jersey.

He then thanked Mr. Garcia and said he was a class act.

Councilwoman Mazzer acknowledged Mr. Van Winkle and the Youth Group and said she was looking forward to the groundbreaking for the new municipal building. She said not only is it Mother's Day this week, it's both Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurses' Appreciation Week and said we couldn't do it without them. She concluded by wishing Mr. Garcia good luck.

Councilman Gierek said the Flood Committee met on April 22nd at the Senior Center. He said the Township submitted the initial paperwork to improve the FEMA Community Rating System rating for the Township. The hope is to lower flood insurance premium rates for our residents. Also the committee decided to send out a letter to Congressman Bill Pascrell requesting assistance with the flooding along the Saddle River. The hope is to secure federal funding to ultimately dredge the river and alleviate the flooding along the river. He thanked Mr. Lo Dico for drafting the letter. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and Happy Mother's Day. He then wished Mr. Garcia good luck, and he thanked Mr. Van Winkle.

Mayor White wished Mr. Garcia good luck and said he appreciated his kind words. He thanked Mr. Van Winkle for the Mayor's Youth Group update and all he does for the town.

Regarding COVID-19, Mayor White said local numbers are 1486 total cases since March 2020. Right now we have 162 active cases, which is pretty low. We've had 30 deaths, and our recoveries are 1294. Over 45% of New Jersey's adult population are now fully vaccinated. The vaccine is now open to any New Jersey resident 16 years and older. If you have not been vaccinated, please consider doing so. You no longer need an appointment at most sites. You can just walk in. Vaccines are safe, effective and free. Please, if you haven't and you want to, get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Mayor White said all the numbers are going in the right direction. The Governor is going to take some major steps to re-open the economy and loosen the gathering and capacity restrictions that were in place. As of May 7th, and barring any unexpected uptick in COVID numbers, restrictions will be lifted further on May 19th. He noted outdoor gathering limits would be raised, and if all goes well, a complete removal of outdoor gathering limits will take effect May 19th, but people must still remain 6 feet apart. There will be an increased capacity limit for certain indoor gatherings as well. The prohibition of indoor bar seating will be lifted. Prohibition on self-service food buffets will be lifted, but individuals will still be required to remain seated while eating and drinking.

Mayor White noted that indoor capacity limits will be guided by 6-foot-distance requirements for indoor and outdoor businesses and houses of worship; this includes indoor dining, retail businesses, gyms, personal care services, indoor and outdoor amusement and recreation businesses and pools.

Regarding the budget, Mayor White said operating expenses of all departments have been frozen. We will maintain all services to our residents. We are hiring three police officers and two dispatchers for our police department; one DPW laborer will be hired, and we will continue with the special law enforcement officers SLEO 3 program at the schools, which has been a success.

The Mayor discussed capital expenses, including continuation of road programs, water and sewer upgrades, IT communications purchases for the police department. He said they're in need of computers. The town will receive funding from the federal government, The American Rescue Plan, which likely can be used to offset budget increases, according to the auditor, the Governor and elected officials. We are supposed to receive some guidance on that, but we haven't yet. We hope to hear by June. We are open to amending the budget, but state law requires we adopt it by June 1st.

Mayor White said we will have a public hearing of the budget at our Council Meeting Thursday June 3rd, which will be held at Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

Mayor White then discussed the ordinances on the agenda including the salary ordinance and a capital ordinance to appropriate funds for improving Mayhill Street Park utilizing a donation from Columbia Bank for \$30,000 and \$30,000 from an Open Space Grant. He said we also have an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking of commercial vehicles on the roadways. We have been receiving a lot of complaints. He said we have three different ordinances on the housing settlement agreement and the 2021 ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP bank as required by NJ State Statute. In addition, we are signing a contract with Hoptite Communications as a wireless consultant. This is at no cost to the Township. This company will facilitate the review of any applications for wireless communications and will act as a Township consultant for the location of wireless equipment.

The Mayor said we are looking forward to the groundbreaking for the municipal complex on Wednesday, May 12th at 5:30 PM. We are starting demolition the following week, and we plan to keep residents updated of the progress on a regular basis. He thanked Mr. Lo Dico for all his work on the project as well as the all the council members, the fire department, the ambulance corps and town employees for all their input and assistance and said we're very excited about the project.

Mayor White noted grant applications were filed on the 2021 Congressional Appropriation Special Community Projects. We're putting in for sewer upgrades, the force main, Midland and Mayhill street pump stations, working with our grant writer and Township engineer and Congressman Pascrell's office on that grant. Also NJDOT for 2022 State Aid Program for Safe Streets - we're going to be putting in an application for Cambridge Avenue by Helen I. Smith School for some improvements at that location. We've had a lot of luck getting approvals when it's in the area of the schools. There's a lot of different criteria, and hopefully we will get the grant money again this year.

The Mayor said the annual town newsletter should be mailed out to property owners within the next ten days. Work is continuing on Tri-Centennial Park. Pavers are being installed; it's really coming together looking nice. We're going to get a dedication plaque on that large boulder that's there. We're also taking requests for memorial park benches there. We're hoping that some residents may want to purchase a bench for a loved one that passed away, and also we're doing the time capsule. Joe Obiso is involved in that as part of our Tri-centennial Committee back in 2016.

Mayor White noted the Saddle Brook Police Department Memorial Service will be Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 AM at Town Hall. It's going to be a private ceremony restricted to active and retired members of the police department, the governing body and some guests.

The Mayor announced the Memorial Day parade will be Sunday, May 30th at 1:30 PM. It will start where it always does at Fairlawn Parkway and Evans, and we are having all the customary morning services starting at 9 AM.

He said I'm happy to say we received the permit today from the County for the Fishing Derby for Saturday, June 19th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Saddle River County Park by Otto Pehle Lake. We are looking forward to the Town Picnic at the end of August. Little League and Recreation Softball had Opening Day on Saturday the 17th. He thanked Councilman Cimiluca and Councilman Gierak for attending those events. He wished both the organizations a lot of luck.

Mayor White noted Assemblywoman Lisa Swain attended the Mayor's Youth Group Earth Day planting at Tri-Centennial Park on Saturday, April 17th did some planting. He then wished all the teachers a happy Teachers' Appreciation week and Happy Nurse's Day, noting teachers have had to adapt to the pandemic with remote learning, and they have been doing a fabulous job all over the country looking after our children. Nurses have been on the front line of the pandemic caring for patients and their family members; they are true heroes in this pandemic. Also the VFW dropped off poppies. They are available at Town Hall for a donation.

The Mayor wished Ambulance Corps Captain Harry Reid a Happy 80th birthday on May 17th and said he had basically devoted his whole life to the ambulance corps. He concluded by wishing everyone Happy Mother's Day.

Council President D'Arminio said the Senior Center will be opening the week of May 18th. Exercise, Happy Stitchers and Bingo is back. We are doing it at a limited capacity still, but we can now accommodate twenty-seven at Bingo to keep the 6-foot distance. As the regulations change, it will be increased, but please call Joe at the Senior Center. We are only limiting it to that amount, so you have to give us a call.

She spoke briefly about the groundbreaking and said a rec center has been talked about for a very long time. We will be putting things on the website as it progresses so everyone can see.

She said the Youth Group did a good job on the flowers at Tri-Centennial Park, and the pavers are in. It's really coming along, and hopefully we should have that done, I would think within the next month or so. There are two benches available. Three have been sold, but if anybody would like to purchase, please call Pete at Town Hall. She concluded by wishing Councilwoman Mazzer good wishes for her upcoming surgery, Harry Reid a happy birthday and everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Lo Dico read the following resolution and said this is just a preliminary budget that the state is requiring us to introduce. We are still awaiting guidance on how to apply the federal aid that's coming to every town.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 521-80

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Calendar Year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in "Our Town" in the issue of May 13, 2021.

(a)	\$20,099,679.00	(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)	\$897,143.00	(Item 5 below) Minimum Library Tax

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues		
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	2,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	40004-10	3,175,390.13
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	15-499	357,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	20,996,822.00
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE 1 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		897,143.00
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	26,529,212.13

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Within "CAPS"		
(a&b) Operations including Contingent		16,917,875.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal		2,336,694.00
(g) Cash Deficit		
Excluded from "CAPS"		
(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		2,236,123.13
(c) Capital Improvements		150,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		3,888,520.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal		0
(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		26,529,212.13

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico said we will have it on the website, it’s also published and we have a public hearing on June 3rd.

ORDINANCES

1. **ORDINANCE #1699-21 – FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2024**

The 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 Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

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

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2024

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

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

CR# 521-81

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2024**

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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

2. ORDINANCE #1700-21 – FIRST READING

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MAYHILL STREET PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION.

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MAYHILL STREET PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION.**

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

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

CR# 521-82

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that **CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MAYHILL STREET PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION.**

that heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

**3. ORDINANCE #1701-21 – FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206-9.43.1, F
AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206-9.43.1, F AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

CR# 521-83

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206-9.43.1, F AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

that heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021 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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll call:

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

**4. ORDINANCE #1702-21 – FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206, ARTICLE VE, K OF
THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
ENTITLED, “ZONING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICTS”**

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206, ARTICLE VE, K OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED, “ZONING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICTS”**

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

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D’Arminio – yes

CR# 521-84

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206, ARTICLE VE, K OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED, “ZONING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICTS”**

that heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021 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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D’Arminio – yes

**5. ORDINANCE #1703-21 – FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE TOWNSHIP
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED,
“AFFORDABLE HOUSING”**

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED, “AFFORDABLE HOUSING”**

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

CR# 521-85

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED, “AFFORDABLE HOUSING”**

that heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021 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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

**6. ORDINANCE #1704-21 – FIRST READING
CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

CR# 521-86

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that **CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021 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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

**7. ORDINANCE #1705-21 – FIRST READING
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196, ARTICLE II ENTITLED
“PARKING”**

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196, ARTICLE II ENTITLED “PARKING”**

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

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

CR# 521-87

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196, ARTICLE II ENTITLED “PARKING”**

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021 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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - no

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - 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 minutes and applications.

Mr. Lo Dico announced that the minutes of the April 1st meeting and resolution # 12 {CR# 521-99} would not be part of the consent agenda.

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll call:

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

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2021 MEETING ARE NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

1. April 1, 2021 – Regular Public Meeting

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-88

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$101,000 in 2020-2021 Community Development Block for Albany Street Road Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Robert D. White to be a signatory to aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes Peter Lo Dico, Township Clerk/Business Administrator to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council recognizes that the Township of Saddle Brook is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the grant agreement, and that the liability of the Township Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-89

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$75,000 in 2020-2021 Community Development Block for Handicapped Accessible Improvements to Borough Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Robert D. White to be a signatory to aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby authorizes Peter Lo Dico, Township Clerk/Business Administrator to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council recognizes that the Township of Saddle Brook is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the grant agreement, and that the liability of the Township Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-90

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 471 N. Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 1401, Lot 8 C0001 is assessed to Trisia Barriga; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage company issued a payment in error on the incorrect parcel (qualifier) for the second and fourth quarter of 2019; the second and fourth quarter of 2020, a balance on the first quarter of 2021; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the mortgage company be refunded \$7,448.80.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REFUND</u>
1401	8	CORELOGIC	2019	\$3,704.00
C0001		PO BOX 9205	2020	\$3,733.00
		COPPELL, TX 75019	2021	\$ 11.80
		ATTN: RECOVERY DEPT.		

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-91

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 62 Westminster Avenue, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 520, Lot 19 is assessed to Jesus and Ana Otero; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Otero has a Veteran Deduction on his property of \$250.00 that had been removed when a deed change took place in 2016; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the homeowner is due a refund of \$1,250.00 for the Veterans Deduction for tax years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REFUND</u>
520	19	Mr. Jesus Otero 62 Westminster Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663	2017	\$250.00
			2018	\$250.00
			2019	\$250.00
			2020	\$250.00
			2021	\$250.00

Motion: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-92

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:68-1 et seq., THE “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act” local units may share services; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey have been encouraged to enter into such shared services agreements in order to consolidate and preserve economic resources; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook and Bergen County have entered into a shared services agreement; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County has offered a shared service agreement with the Township of Saddle Brook to provide for GIS Data; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution to authorize an agreement for the sharing of such services starting upon signing of contract for one year to be extended annually unless terminated or modified by the parties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A Shared Services Agreement Addendum with Bergen County for GIS Data be and is hereby authorized.
2. This agreement shall be in the form annexed hereto or in such other form as approved by the Township Council after consultation with the Township Attorney.
3. The agreement shall be in compliance with and this resolution shall be in furtherance of the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, NJSA 40A:65-1, et seq.
4. This contract shall be for a period commencing upon the execution of the contract and shall be subject to a review, revision, modification or renewal at the end of each calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within resolution to Bergen County for their execution of agreement.

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
 RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021
 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM
 THE PRIOR THREE YEARS**

CR# 521-93

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current and utility fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c. 74 amended N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of the COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years; and

WHEREAS, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Saddle Brook certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic and that the 3-year average of the amounts realized in 2018-2020 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021;

<u>Revenue Category</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Average</u>
Municipal Court	359,728.00	222,983.00	104,612.00	229,108.00
Construction Code Fees	202,321.00	162,389.00	141,406.00	168,705.00
Hotel Fees	426,996.00	417,117.00	144,912.00	329,675.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the 3-year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A:4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c. 74.

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
 RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-94

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook adopted a Special Emergency Resolution and Ordinance related to COVID-19 revenue losses for \$490,000 for Current Fund and \$310,000 for the Water Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, the actual amount required was \$446,505 for the Current Fund and \$-0- for the Water Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, the difference of \$23,495 and \$310,000 must be cancelled.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the over appropriation of \$23,495 and \$310,000 included in the COVID-19 Special Emergency is hereby cancelled as follows:

	<u>Realized 2019</u>	<u>Realized 2020</u>	<u>Shortfall</u>
Municipal Court	\$222,983	\$104,612	\$(118,371)
Fees & Permits	288,108	257,782	(30,326)
Construction Code Fees	162,389	141,406	(20,983)
Hotel Tax	417,117	144,912	(272,205)
Interest on Investments	93,884	69,264	(24,620)
			466,505
			<u>490,000</u>
			<u>\$23,495</u>
Water Rents	2,905,245	2,888,848	<u>\$(16,397)</u>
			<u>310,000</u>
			<u>\$310,000</u>

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-95

WHEREAS, Associated Appraisal Group, LLC., 6 Commerce Drive, Suite 303, Cranford, NJ 07016 has submitted a proposal for a rolling re-assessment for a period of 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Assessor and tax appeal attorney recommends the Township engage the services of Associated Appraisal Group, LLC for said project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby awards a contract to Associated Appraisal Group in the amount of \$75,000 per year providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-96

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following requisition(s) submitted to the Township Council for purchases over \$2,500.00 be approved providing funds are available:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FIRE	NJ FIRE EQUIPMENT	TEST SCOTT MASKS	\$2,548.80
WATER	F SEMERARO CONSTR	WATER MAIN BREAK MIDLAND AVE	\$6,800.00
WATER	QUALITY AUTO MALL	REPAIRS 2014 F550	\$4,119.00
DPW	NJ POWER EQUIPMENT	61" TURF TIGER LAWN MOWER	\$12,139.00
WATER	RIO SUPPLY	28 REGISTERS	\$4,371.00

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-97

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 **\$3,018.31** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-98

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$5,523,575.49** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilman Gierek Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CR# 521-99 IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Mazzer recused herself at this time.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-99

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

P.O.#	VENDOR	AMOUNT
95646, 95776	STONE BROOK GARDEN	\$151.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

Councilwoman Mazzer returned to the dais.

**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# 521-100

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 sq., (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 Governing body of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby states that it has complied with 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 the resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 521-101

Professional Services Contract- Wireless Consulting Services

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Wireless Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has not published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Wireless Consultant; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was conducted wherein Hoplite Communications presented its services to the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to appoint Hoplite Communications to the position of Wireless Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Township also wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Hoplite Communications, LLC, as required by law;

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

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Hoplite Communications, LLC, as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a wireless consultant within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did not publish a request for qualifications; and the contract recipient was not recommended by an Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Township Wireless Consultant.

3. *Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.*

4. The within contract has not been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.*

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township’s Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D’Arminio – yes

* CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Diane Gutierrez-
Scaccetti, NJDOT** **Re: NJDOT Fiscal Year 2022 State Aid
Programs**

To: Mayor White **Date: April 26, 2021**

~~On behalf of Governor Phil Murphy, I am pleased to announce that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2022 State Aid programs. **The deadline for grant application submissions is July 1st, 2021.** Grant awards are expected to be announced in November.~~

As you may know, the Transportation Trust Fund Reauthorization Act of 2016 increased funding for Local Aid programs to counties and municipalities from \$190 million per year to \$430 million. The reason for the steep increase is that the majority of New Jersey’s roadway mileage—about 90 percent—are under local government jurisdiction and are in as much need of repair as the state roadway network.

Our Commitment to Communities continues as we look for ways to improve our processes with technology. Behind the scenes our Division of Local Aid and Economic Development staff have been converting project management paper processes to an electronic format, the Project Management and Reporting System (PMRS). You will continue to submit applications through SAGE (System for Administering Grants Electronically), but you will now be required to submit your Resolution of Support through the PMRS platform. PMRS will be used for project management processes when you receive a grant starting in FY 2022. Older projects will be phased into the platform.

Another new feature Local Aid is providing is a Map Maker Tool. This tool will standardize all map submissions. Anyone can use this tool to draw a map, print it out and share with others. Our Local Aid Resource Center is available to assist you. Please see the attached flyer regarding PRMS training and more information regarding these new tools.

The following is a brief description of each grant program:

- **Municipal Aid** - This \$151.25 million program has been a significant resource in funding local transportation projects. All municipalities are eligible. The Department continues to encourage municipalities to consider using the Municipal Aid Program to fund projects that support walking and biking in their communities, especially now that additional funds are available. NJDOT has set a goal to award up to 10 percent of the Municipal Aid Program funds to projects such as pedestrian safety improvements, bikeways and streetscapes. An additional \$10 million is provided in Urban Aid for a total of \$161.25 million.
- **Transit Village** - This \$1 million program provides grants for traditional and non-traditional transportation projects that enhance walking, biking and/or transit ridership within a half mile of the transit facility. Only New Jersey municipalities that have been designated as Transit Villages by the Commissioner of Transportation and the inter-agency Transit Village Task Force are eligible to apply. The eligible town list can be found at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/transitvillagef.shtm>
- **Bikeways** - This \$1 million program is intended to fund bicycle projects which create new Bike Path Mileage. It is available to all counties and municipalities. The Department continues to work toward the goal of achieving 1,000 miles of dedicated bikeways in New Jersey. Special consideration will be given to bikeways that are physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier, but on-road bike lanes and other bike routes and facilities are also eligible.
- **Safe Streets to Transit** - The intent of this \$1 million program is to encourage counties and municipalities to construct safe and accessible pedestrian linkages to transit facilities, in order to promote increased usage of transit by all segments of the population.

All projects funded through the Transportation Trust Fund must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA guidance, program descriptions and application guidance materials can be found on the NJDOT website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/stateaid.shtm>

If you choose to apply, please be aware that Municipal Aid regulations require projects receiving this type of grant to award a construction contract within 24 months from the date of grant notification.

I encourage you to submit applications for these Local Aid programs. Each program application will be evaluated independently, affording counties and municipalities the opportunity to receive funding in more than one category.

I encourage you to submit applications for these Local Aid programs. Each program application will be evaluated independently, affording counties and municipalities the opportunity to receive funding in more than one category.

The enclosed map provides contact information for each Local Aid District Office. Consult with your Local Aid District Office if you need assistance. Please keep in mind that a separate application for each project must be completed and submitted on or before **July 1st, 2021**, on-line through SAGE, at: <https://njsage.intelligrants.com/Login.aspx?APPTHEME=NJSAGE>

As the Commissioner of Transportation, I am committed to maintaining and improving New Jersey's local transportation infrastructure by providing financial assistance, technical expertise and training for traditional and non-traditional local transportation initiatives. Our counties and municipalities will be well positioned to design and construct important local projects without the need to impact property taxes. Your success in building projects and spending the additional capital will mean success not only for your constituents, but for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of NJDOT and best wishes for success with your project applications.

Sincerely,



Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Commissioner

Enclosures

c: Municipal/County Clerk; Municipal/County Engineer

* RAFFLES & APPLICATIONS

PUBLIC PLACE

1. Royal Hibachi Buffet – 189 Route 46 West – RENEWAL
2. Midland Bagels & Grill – 160 N. Midland Avenue - RENEWAL

* REPORTS

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – March 2021
2. Bergen County Sanitarian Report – March 2021
3. Bergen County Animal Control Report – March 2021
4. Grant Writer Monthly Report – March 2021
5. Hotel Room Tax Monthly Revenue Report – April 2021
6. DPW Monthly Report – March 2021
7. Fire Prevention Monthly Report – February 2021
8. Fire Prevention Monthly Report – March 2021
9. Construction Code Official Monthly Report – March 2021
10. Property Maintenance Official Monthly Report – March 2021
11. Tax Collector's Monthly Revenue Report – March 2021
12. Water Department Monthly Revenue Report – March 2021
13. Engineer's Mid-Month Report – April 2021
14. Budget Status Report – April 2021

Old Business / New Business

Councilman Cimiluca noted that he voted no to the commercial vehicle ordinance. He said, personally I think it's a little over broad only because we already have something on the books which prohibits vehicles, I believe it's 8 feet high and 16 feet long. So the enormous vehicles are already prohibited. What happens is, we have a lot of people that have businesses and take their own business truck home. When I say truck, it's more likely a van, so somebody's got ABC Electrical, the van is probably no bigger than the regular van that you have your kids in. I just think it's a little over broad and may hurt people. Some people don't have the ability to put it in their driveway because they may not own the property, and I know some people who rent from other places, are prohibited from parking in the driveway when they live there. So I think there's other ways to do that. Should this pass, I have no expectation that it won't pass, the town is going to have to do a thorough job of advising people, so I would suggest that we now put it out there on the Facebook page, on the website, maybe on the billboard and places like that saying that – anticipated prohibition against commercial vehicles goes to the second meeting in June. I'm not sure if the ordinance would take effect right then, but I think the town may want to consider putting a start date which would give a reasonable period of time for those people who would be effected by this, and remember we've got to let people know what it is. So according to the ordinance or the definition of the ordinance, it would be any van or pickup truck bearing commercial license plates or having any sign, lettering or other indicia indicating that the vehicle is maintained for business or commercial purposes. So you could have a ford F150 that your neighbor could have, and he could park on the street, but because yours says Joe's Barbershop, you can't. So I think we should give people enough time to get used to it. Whether I agree with it or not, if it's going to be something that's on the books, and

it's going to be enforced by our police department. I think we should give people enough time so the burden is on us to advise people. That being said, some people just don't get the news because I was shocked when somebody posted everybody on the council posted on Facebook, we shared the groundbreaking ceremony, and I was shocked that some people asked when did this happen? I can't believe this. Some people were positive, and some people were – let the Council pay for it out of their own pocket, which is just utterly ridiculous, but they didn't know about it. I find it amazing that people did not know about this. When did we announce that we were in negotiations? Twenty-eighteen?

Mr. Lo Dico said there was a newspaper article in the community news in February of 2019. We've had it at different public meetings where it was discussed.

Councilman Cimiluca said so at least two plus years that this has been in the public, newspaper articles, council meetings, ad nauseum talking about this. It's been all over the place, and yet some people didn't know. It's happening, and we're beyond that will it happen stage. It is happening, and we have had many many negotiations with everybody who is going to be there. The fire department, the ambulance corps, trying to resolve their concerns to the best of our abilities, and I think we did a damn good job on that.

I usually talk about speeding. I don't want to say I'm happy to report, but I will report that there were about 50 or 60 summonses issued for speeding during the month of April or was that March?

Mayor White said April.

Councilman Cimiluca said 45 to 50 of them were on Fairlawn Parkway, so if you don't get it, that you can't speed on Fairlawn Parkway, I don't think you'll ever get it. It's 25 miles an hour. We're doing everything we can to quell the traffic there, so for the people on that street that have complained and may have indicated to us that you can put all the stripes you want, but if you don't enforce it, it's not going to be adhered to, it's being enforced. So to the people out there again, this is the fifth month. Slow down, there's kids there. It's a local street. It might be wide, but it's the same street as the street that you live on. It might have parking on both sides, and may be very narrow – it's the same speed limit, so be careful.

He said I'm happy that we are able to get back to somewhat normalcy with St. Philip's leading the way with the township food truck event that's coming out, the St. Philip's Summer Festival of Fun and then another food truck event in September, I believe.

He also said he was all for having the township picnic. He discussed the possibility of having an outdoor concert and said we had it pretty much set for last year, but due to COVID restrictions we couldn't have it. I think we're really going to look into it and have an outdoor concert. Where is to be determined, but I think last year we were looking at Washington School because you have the parking lot to put the stage on and then we have the grass field for people to sit. So hopefully that will work out.

Councilman Cimiluca said, they did a great job with the pavers at Tri-centennial Park and thanked John Joe and Brian Anthony for helping – it looks beautiful.

Regarding the budget, Councilman Cimiluca said I have to give kudos to the Mayor and Pete and our auditor, and to a lesser extent the Council. I don't want to toot our own horn, but keeping the budget intact with not that much of an increase just so people out there understand what we're dealing with in terms of revenue, one of the resolutions was a three-year average because COVID was so bad. Just so you're aware, the municipal court in 2018 brought in \$360,000 in revenue. In 2020 it was \$104,000. So it's less than one third of the revenue generated from the municipal court. We lost two thirds of our municipal court revenue. The hotel fees in 2018 were \$427,000. Last year \$145,000. So again, one third of our revenues. With that huge decrease we still were able to cobble together a budget which did not hurt too much. We also lost on building permits and construction fees, but it wasn't as much because as you see around you, everyone is building. I know that our Zoning Board and our Planning Board are doing all in their power to make sure that it's not over overbuilt. We are limited in lots size here, we don't have a lot of 120 frontage lots, but we are trying to rein it in as much as we

can, and from what I see, the homes being built do fit within the character of the neighborhood.

He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Memorial Day and said he hoped to see everyone at the events.

Mayor White mentioned the commercial vehicle ordinance and said I agree with Councilman Cimiluca 100% that it has to be advertised. All the normal ways that we do. The police department will be a big help too; they can issue warnings or even a warning notice, make up some kind of flier. There's really not that many. If you drive around town, guesstimate, I would think maybe twenty in the whole town. I agree with you on that; we definitely have to advertise. The problem with the ordinance that you're speaking of is the size of the vehicle – it's 8 feet by 18 feet long. And believe me, most large vehicles don't fall over that. Eight feet is big. Most medium sized dump trucks are okay with that ordinance because they're not 8 feet high. I believe the ordinance says if it's 8 feet height it's no good or if it's 18 feet long it's no good. You don't have to have both, which is good, but the 8 feet high, a dump truck, most of them are not 18 feet and they're not 8 feet high. Eight feet high is like a bus, an RV. I would think what we could do is address that issue too, and maybe revisit that ordinance and make it a little bit better as far as to eliminate some of these annoying bigger vehicles that park in the road. Even during the day sometimes we get complaints of these larger vehicles parked.

The Mayor said I just want to mention Town Hall is going to be closed on Monday, May 31st. He discussed the holiday pick up schedule for yard waste then said I'm happy to report today we received two bids from financial institutions for bond anticipation notes, and we got eight institutions to bid. We got the best low bid from Piper Sandler companies and a 1.5% interest rate. Our bond rating is much better over the last few years. It's really helping us enormously and saving us a lot of money. We're happy about that.

Mr. Lo Dico thanked Mr. Van Winkle for his work with the Township and wished Mr. Garcia good luck in the upcoming election. He then noted Town Hall would be open on Tuesday, May 18th until 9:00 PM – the last day for people wanting to register to vote for the primary election. This year we will have in person voting, so all the polling places will be open, and if you did not request an absentee ballot in the past you can now. Everyone is not going to receive an absentee or mail in ballot. You can go in person, all the polling places will be open this year.

He then thanked the Mayor for his compliments and said there is an ulterior motive – if everyone leaves Town Hall, it gives me plenty of room. I'm staying.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

Mr. Garcia asked for clarification on the affordable housing ordinances.

Mr. Suarez said these are amendments to the ordinances that we have already passed last year with regard to the Saddle Brook affordable housing case, and the reason why these are being done now is because we have a Special Master that was appointed by the court under the judge, and she's a planner. So what we do is we actually settled the case, and we got approved by the court, and in the comment section in this report that the Special Master gave in support of the settlement, she made a number of comments and recommendations, and we were following them. So a lot of these were just in

generality minor changes and deletes here and there that she thought would be necessary in order to effectuate the settlement agreement with what the Township had agreed to settle this case. But these are minor amendments to the initial affordable housing ordinances that we had passed that were initially applied with the settlement, and these are subsequent recommendations that her office gave to us in order to try to close the case out which is where we're pretty much getting toward.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer wished Mr. Lo Dico a happy belated birthday and mentioned she was going in for preventative surgery and said if she's not visibly at some events it's not because she doesn't want to be there, it's just that the recovery period is going to take a while. She said she plans on being at the June meeting, and she thanked all the professionals, Mr. Lo Dico and the Mayor for putting together a very fiscally responsible budget. With everything that's gone on this past year, we managed to keep everything going and hiring and not cutting services, and it wasn't easy. She concluded by saying she was proud to be part of this administration and wished everyone a Happy Mother's day.

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

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved: June 3, 2021

Karen D'Arminio
Council President