

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on December 2, 2021 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
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 and remain standing in remembrance of the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

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.

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. Thomas Van Winkle of Lincoln Avenue said the Mayor's Youth Group met at Town Hall on November 19th. They attended the Christmas Tree Lighting, and they plan to meet on Saturday, December 4th at 1:30 PM to decorate the Christmas Tree at Tri-Centennial Park at the corner of Platt and Saddle River Road. He said they would also be participating in the Holiday Decorating Contest, which started this week and will run through December 21st. Results would be announced on Christmas Day. He concluded that there would also be a brief meeting of the Youth Group on December 21st.

Council President D'Arminio thanked Mr. Van Winkle for his good work.

Mr. Emil Sudol of Van Luyn Terrace asked the engineer through the chair about the issue of flooding on Fifth Street if anything could be done by maybe installing a pipe or something like that over to the creek that's located in the back to eliminate some of the flooding there. He said the biggest issue I see, the Mayor brought up that it's really not entering a lot of houses, but it's flooding out all the roadways and creeping on people's lawns. Also there's a Little League field there that gets several feet of water. Also there's a park across the street – same thing. A lot of this is not just storm sewage, it's

regular sewage. It's just been a problem for a long time, and I really hope that maybe somebody looks into this and see if something as simple as putting an extra drain pipe in would eliminate or alleviate some of that issue.

Mr. Sudol also said the Mayor brought up last week about how bad an idea I had about putting a dog park there over on Kern Street. Maybe we can get the County or something to put one in. We have some County property in the back of – is it Coolidge School? There's a nice big area back there that's really not used, and I really feel that it would be a good idea. If we can look into possibly doing something like that, getting a dog park in there. And then finally, I just wanted to say that building on Fifth Street, the old Amloid building, really got pretty bad. It's been that way for several months now, and I just hope that if we can get this guy to clean up his act so it don't look as bad as it does. It really effects the neighborhood. It don't look so great. That's all I got to say. Have a good holiday.

Council President D'Arminio asked Mr. Klein to address Mr. Sudol's question.

Mr. Klein said Fifth Street was paved semi-recently, before my time, but I'm pretty sure – I'll have to look into what they looked at back then because that would have been the time to look at the drainage issue and implement it if one was feasible. I'm pretty sure they looked at something, I just don't know to the extent. I'd have to go back and look because it was before my time. But I will say generally, putting a pipe in doesn't necessary help the situation. It has to be studied. In some cases you can actually make it worse, depending on where the flooding is coming from. If the flooding is coming from the creek back into Fifth Street, putting a pipe in might make it worse. All I'm saying is, from a general standpoint, putting an extra pipe in doesn't necessarily solve the problem or make anything better.

Mr. Sudol said so it's something that you will look into?

Mr. Klein said at the very least I will look into what they looked into.

Mr. Lo Dico said Tom Lemanowicz probably did look into it because it did come up.

Mr. Klein said I'm pretty sure they did something. They looked into something.

Council President D'Arminio asked Mr. Klein to look into it and then said in regards to the dog park, we did discuss places. We have that house on Riverview that we bought, and because of COVID we can't knock it down yet, but that might be an area along with the County that we're looking into. She then asked if Mayor White had anything to add.

Mayor White said not on that particular issue. Regarding the old Amloid property, he said our property maintenance officer spoke to the property manager over there, and I also spoke to the property manager personally, and he's going to take care of it. They have an application before the Zoning Board in January, and he wants to make sure he cooperates and gets that done. I believe he may have already taken care of it.

Mr. Sudol said it's still there.

Mayor White said I spoke to him late last week.

Council President D'Arminio said we will follow up. She asked Councilman Cimiluca if he wanted to add anything.

Councilman Cimiluca said we spoke about it, and the Mayor had brought up that there is the area where the girls' softball team used to play behind Coolidge School; that area that was dedicated to softball. I don't think it's used anymore. We can speak to people in the county. I think the Mayor or the administrator would have to talk to them to see if there is a possibility of getting them to spend the money, and they have to allocate the money. Whether they choose to allocate it for that or to allocate it to the other part of the park that all of us are having a problem with which is the lake, the way it looks, the way it drains, the bushes, dead trees in there. I've been trying to get them to do that for years and years and years, and not to say they're putting us off, but there always seems to be something. Like every time they're going to do it, we get this major storm and they end up taking – there's eight guys that work on the parks system, and they're like well,

we're going to do that, but we have to put our men and our money someplace else, just like the benches. It took forever to get the benches. We were supposed to get them, and they said yes, yes, yes, and they had to do that allocation someplace else. He said his recollection is that there is a part of that park that was at least at some point dedicated to a dog park area. Now, they've never built it up. It could be just a circle on the ground in spray paint that says this is a dog park. To me that's not a dog park, that's just a place for a dog to take a crap. That's not a dog park. A dog park has a water station for the dogs, a place for them to go, usually divided between bigger dogs and smaller dogs, a place for dogs to basically get exercise as opposed to just walking them over there to interact with other dogs, but certainly we would do that. I brought up that maybe the Fifth Street park, which is a very under-utilized park, could potentially be a dog park. We have our own, as you see we got a couple hundred thousand dollars of police equipment, a million dollars for infrastructure type bonding, so we've got our own allocations, and for most people, their taxes went up, and it's because we need to spend money, and I'm not sure at this point if the allocation would work. Again, we are seeking out as many grants as possible to do all of these, so hopefully what we are going to do here is going to be offset at least in part by some grants, but I'm 100% in favor of it. I don't currently have a dog, but I've had a dog my entire life, and I think it's a good thing. Dog parks are a great idea, but we are looking into it between us here locally and in conjunction and coordinated with the County.

Mayor White said regarding the water on Fifth Street, I know that old Amloid building, the recent flood maps that came out, there is a portion of that property by the creek in the back that is in a flood zone. Whoever builds there is going to have to address that, and in talking to the property manager he has mentioned that he's got some ideas on how to improve the drainage there, and he believes it probably will help Fifth Street because you've got that creek that runs to the back and then goes towards south of 46. It actually ends up going under 46. So he does have some ideas about how to get the water out of that.

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

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

COMMENTS

Mayor White gave a COVID update, reminding everyone to remain vigilant as we enter the holiday season and to get vaccinated. Public health experts are tracking this new Omicron variant that has been labelled as a virus of concern. It's already been identified in the United States, in California and New York City. New Jersey daily numbers have gradually increased as residents travel and gather for the holiday season. The 7-day average has increased 41% from the previous week. In Saddle Brook we've been averaging about 25 new cases a week, which really isn't that bad; it's been kind of steady. Our rate of hospitalizations is extremely low, and schools have remained open with no closures or significant impact to operations.

The Mayor explained almost 6.2 million New Jersey residents are fully vaccinated. Everyone age 5 and older who lives, works or studies in NJ are eligible for a vaccine. The overwhelming majority of hospitalizations and deaths in NJ are among unvaccinated people, so the best way to protect yourself against any variant is getting vaccinated. If you need more information, you can go to the town website, or the county (co.bergen.nj.us) or state (nj.gov) websites.

He noted that he and Mr. Lo Dico had already started the budget process and will be meeting with the department heads soon to discuss their allocations and requests. Tonight we have three bond ordinances on for second reading, one authorizing the

purchase of new equipment and machinery for the pump station, water main project, another for various sewer system improvements, and \$580,000 for the acquisition of a new police communications system. We have a town mailer going out; please look for this in the near future. A while back we passed an ordinance banning the parking of commercial vehicles overnight on town streets between the hours of 9 PM and 6 AM. There's our snow ordinance banning parking of vehicles on township streets when roads are snow covered. I think it might be three inches. It was two, and we changed it to three.

Councilman Cimiluca said whenever the DPW calls the police or vice versa... whatever is a plowable event.

Mr. Lo Dico said two inches or more.

Councilman Cimiluca said we determined what the DPW does to go out to plow. They notify the police that they're going to do that, and at that point the ordinance kicks in. I think a lot of times they will give a warning, but let's put it this way, if everyone on the street is off and you're on there, you're probably going to get a ticket. Sometimes it makes common sense. We don't expect you to go out there with a ruler and say it's an inch and 15/16th ...

Mayor White said some people take it literally and they go out there, and if you've got to go out there and measure ...

Councilman Cimiluca said it's for safety of yourself, it's for the safety of others, and if you're the only car there, all that means is that the plow when it comes down, we do curb to curb plowing. A lot of towns don't. We do. So they're hitting the curb, going sliding along the curb, and then there's your car there, which means that it's 50 feet before it they have to swerve, and now you're getting plowed in. Not only that, but they have to get back around, so you've got 100 or so feet that don't get plowed. We want to try and get as much curb to curb plowing as possible, so if there is a snow event that comes up, please try and make as much arrangements ahead of time to get your cars off the street. Just be aware.

Mayor White said we try to clarify that as well as the other one that gets questioned a lot. A few years back we passed an ordinance about the fire hydrants in front of your homes, and if it's in front of your home you have to clear it so that the fire department can get to it. Also there's directions on how to sign up for Nixle alerts, which is our emergency notification system. Also I think there's something on there about garbage and recycling as well. Our online payment option is now available for both taxes and water. Please check out our website for further information and instructions.

The Mayor noted our volunteer Ambulance Corps is in desperate need of daytime members. If you're able to volunteer, please contact our Ambulance Corps at 201-587-2939. Regarding household garbage pickup: garbage will not be picked up on Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day but will be picked up Monday, December 27th, and again, due to New Year's Day being a Saturday, garbage will be picked up on Monday, January 3rd. Town Hall is closed, and the DPW as well, on Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th for the Christmas holiday and Friday, December 31st for New Year's Day. Grass and leaf pickup for Monday, December 27th will be the following Monday, January 3rd. DPW will pick up Christmas trees during the regular leaf and grass pick up days.

Mayor White said there are two drop off boxes for Toys for Tots, one at the police station in the lobby, 63 Market Street and the other at the senior center at 8 Caldwell Avenue. As Thomas mentioned, we had our Town Tree Lighting ceremony on Friday, November 25th, the day after Thanksgiving held at our new municipal complex construction site. He thanked Frank Ortega, teacher of the high school/middle school band for their performance and the Project and Activities Committee, Council President Karen D'Arminio, Christine Genuario and Shannon Accomando. The Mayor's Youth group helped out. Pastor Christopher Wolf of the First Reformed Church and Father Bruce Janiga of St. Philip the Apostle. Joe Schilp and Deborah Cannariato as Santa and Mrs. Claus and Thomas Van Winkle for taking photos and Rafael our videographer for taping the event and also the fire department, ambulance corps and police department for their assistance.

Mayor White said please check on the town website, Facebook page and our town TV for the video and the photos. Hanukkah celebrations started this past Sunday. He wished everyone a Happy and Healthy Hanukkah and a blessed holiday season and noted the Tri-Centennial Park dedication is going to be this Saturday at 1:00 PM at the corner of Platt Avenue and Saddle River Road. The Mayor's Youth Group will be there afterwards, decorating the tree on the property.

The Mayor noted that Saddle Brook's decorated Christmas tree may be seen at Van Saun Park during the Bergen County Winter Wonderland Festival. Please check the town website for Winter Wonderland hours between November 26th and January 2nd 2022. Our 2021 Holiday Home Decorating Contest registration began yesterday. Winners will be announced on Christmas Day or maybe the 24th. There is a flier with details posted on the website, Facebook page and our town TV. Winners will receive a gift certificate, which is mailed. Our AARP Christmas Party is 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM at the Venetian on River Road in Garfield. I don't know if there are tickets still available, but if you are interested call Joe Lecce at the Senior Center 201-845-4594.

Mayor White said the Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Santa Ride on Saturday, December 18th. He thanked all the volunteer fire fighters for making this annual tradition very special and concluded by saying Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah.

Councilman Gierek mentioned that the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has started a cleanup along the Saddle River about two weeks ago at the Old Red Mill at Route 4 in Fairlawn and is heading south through Fair Lawn, Rochelle Park, Saddle Brook and will end at Essex Street. The purpose of the cleanup is to remove areas of debris such as downed trees, branches, leaves and other materials that entered the flow of water in the Saddle River. The cleanup should be concluded at the end of the calendar year, give or take. Also the Flood Committee will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, December 29th at the Senior Center at 6:30 PM. Any residents that want to get involved are more than welcome to attend.

He wished all the residents, first responders, employees and their families a happy holiday and Merry Christmas as well as a healthy and prosperous new year.

Councilman Cimiluca said I think it's a good thing that the town is entering the technological age. We first started a few years ago by accepting credit cards for court, so we don't have to pay somebody to chase people to pay what they owe. Now we're at the next level with online payments for taxes and water. Some people prefer to come in and actually hand the check in. That's still going to be accepted, but it's a lot easier to press a couple of buttons.

He said the Tree Lighting was a great family and town event. It was cold as heck. I give credit to the boys and girls of the Saddle Brook Middle School/High School band because they were out there braving the cold. The tree looked beautiful. It's going to be there forever. That will be our new site. Hopefully, next year, when they run out of Greek letters to these variants and we get back to normal, we will have that facility open and we can go and do an actual holiday function afterwards. To my cynical friends out there who were just hearing the Mayor talk about how the garbage pickup is going to be on Monday instead of Saturday, I know you're out there, and I know you're saying what are you talking about? Our garbage doesn't get picked up normally, so that won't be a big change. Well, we're aware. We're all here, we all looked outside on that Wednesday and saw that the garbage wasn't picked up on Wednesday. I got many calls. They did come back later on that day, but a lot of it got picked up on Thanksgiving. We are kind of captive to the people that do the work, and they in turn are captives to their workforce. A bunch of us went down to the League of Municipalities a couple weeks ago, and Pete sat in on one of the conferences. The roundtable discussion was that garbage and recycling pickups have lapsed because of the difficulty that these companies have in getting employees and keeping those employees. It's a hard job. And a lot of people get hurt on the job when they do that, but they can't seem to keep the people. We did contact them. I know Pete was on the phone Thanksgiving with the actual owner of the company. We're getting slammed. I don't want to read some of the texts that I got telling me exactly how much money they pay in taxes and why can't we get this... I know that as a politician it's always plow the snow, pick up the garbage, do

what you can with the taxes, and that's really what we're about and believe me, we're trying. We went out for bid, we went out to bid again, and we've had that issue with pavers. Sometimes you're stuck with the low bidder, whoever it is. In this case, there's only one bidder. The companies that do this are getting less and less in terms of numbers so we hope they do a good job, and when they don't do a good job we get on them. We can withhold money, there are things that we can do to them, but usually it's after the fact. People say we can take a couple thousand dollars off the bill, but it doesn't matter to me because my garbage was sitting out there for two days. We feel your pain. We've all had the same situation happen to us. It's a local thing. It's a local issue. Nationally, everything is racism; everything is climate change, activism in schools. Locally we hopefully we teach our kids values that should be taught at home so they can get a job, keep the streets clean, keep us safe. Those are the issues that matter to Saddle Brook. That's what we try and do to the best of our ability. I think for the most part, we do a pretty good job with that. We can always improve.

Councilman Cimiluca spoke about the recent school shooting saying we know that at least four children died. A lot of these incidents, especially school shootings, are due to mental issues, so people should not be scared if they are having to talk to a professional, talk to their religious leader, talk to someone at school. If you need help, don't be afraid to get it. Saddle Brook is proud to be a Stigma-Free community. Talk to someone in charge, talk to any of us if you're having a problem. Not that these people can solve it, but generally they can direct you to places that can give you the help. And if you see someone that you feel is in distress, I don't think it's tattling, ratting them out or anything like that, but better to be safe than sorry. Bring it up to a teacher; they have some training in what to do, and if they can't help, they can direct you to the right person. That's a really sad note to end on, but everyone have a great holiday.

Councilwoman Mazzer thanked Thomas and the Mayor's Youth Group for always making our holiday celebrations extra special and everyone who came out that night and everyone involved who were in charge of the festivities, it was an awesome event. She congratulated our two new police officers that were sworn in Tuesday night and thanked them for their service. All our first responders, police ambulance please stay safe.

She concluded by wishing Township Attorney Anthony a happy birthday and said Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Council President D'Arminio said I'm proud to announce the 2021 Road Program is complete. We are in the process of picking the streets for next year, and I'm happy to say that we have continued doing this every year, and we will continue to do so. The Tree Lighting, yes, Thomas, I agree, you were the guy to be. You're always there when we need you. The DPW did a great job on the lights, the municipal complex is moving along. We are not having any problem getting materials. There are between 30 to 50 people there working. It's really, really moving along. We are very close to starting the sheetrock. Thomas does go there on a regular basis. If you check the town website you can see, Thomas gets there at least once a week to take pictures. If you go on the website you can see the changes from week to week. So we are moving along. So far, knock on wood, no glitches, everything is full speed ahead, and we're all looking forward to getting that completed.

She mentioned the holiday luncheon at the Venetian and said there may be several tickets open. Call Joe at the Senior Center. It's always a nice afternoon. Peter Lieberman is the entertainment. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, safe and healthy.

*** ORDINANCES**

- 1. ORDINANCE #1711-21 – FINAL READING
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$780,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

The Council President announced that 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:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$780,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

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

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: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

CR# 1221-206

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 ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$780,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

2. ORDINANCE #1712-21 – FINAL READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$475,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

The Council President announced that 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:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$475,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

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

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 Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

CR# 1221-207

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$475,000 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

3. ORDINANCE #1713-21 – FINAL READING
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW POLICE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$580,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

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

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW POLICE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$580,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

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

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# 1221-208

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW POLICE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$580,000 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
Councilman Gierek – yes
Councilman Accomando – absent
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President D’Arminio – yes

4. ORDINANCE #1714-21 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2023

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2023**

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

CR# 1221-209

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2023

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 28th day of December, 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 #1715-21 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (BLUE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2023

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (BLUE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2023**

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# 1221-210

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (BLUE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2023

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 28th day of December, 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

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

Mr. Lo Dico noted that the minutes of the November 4th Regular Public Meeting were not part of the consent agenda, and Resolution # 12 {CR# 1221-222} to approve the police communication system was also not part of the consent agenda. Councilman Cimiluca asked that Resolution # 11 {CR# 1221-221} be voted on separately.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 4, 2021 meeting are not part of the consent agenda.

1. November 4, 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**

**MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION FOR FY22 BERGEN COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

CR# 1221-211

WHEREAS, a FY22 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling approximately \$160,000.00 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for improvements to Congress Street in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project limits are within an area of the township deemed eligible per Bergen County CDBG mapping; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook endorse and support the aforesaid project because it is in the best interest of the people of Saddle Brook; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION FOR FY22 BERGEN COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

CR# 1221-212

WHEREAS, a FY22 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling approximately \$175,000 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for Barrier Free Entrances Phase III in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project limits are within an area of the township deemed eligible per Bergen County CDBG mapping; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook endorse and support the aforesaid project because it is in the best interest of the people of Saddle Brook; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilman Gierek

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# 1221-213

WHEREAS, Frank Macchione Construction was awarded a contract in the amount of \$151,272.85 for Albany Street 2020 CDBG Roads; and

WHEREAS, Richard G. Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Frank Macchione Construction recommended Change Order #1 Final; \$50,289.85 for addition of extra items; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for Frank Macchione Construction for a total amount of \$50,289.85, a total contract amount of \$201,562.70 providing funds are available.

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1221-216

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
RECREATION	VARSITY SPIRIT	CHEERLEADING	\$14,534.75
FIRE	FASHION ISLAND TECHNICAL SERVICES	3 TABLET COMP	\$13,973.00
FIRE	AAA EMERGENCY SUPPLY	POWER FAN	\$3,699.00
POLICE	EAST COAST EMER. LIGHTING	NEW VEHICLE	\$11,671.16
FIRE	THE BANCORP	FIRE VEHICLE 3 YEAR LEASE	\$18,501.00

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1221-217

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Water Operator Services
- (2) Payroll Services
- (3) HVAC Services

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to public notices of RFPs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services enumerated above, in a newspaper circulated in the Township of Saddle Brook by December 8, 2021. The notice of RFPs shall include the following:

- (1) A description of the requested professional or extraordinary unspecified service for which the RFP is made;
- (2) A statement that Qualifications must be submitted by 10:00 A.M. on December 21, 2021;
- (3) A statement that the RFPs are being made by the Township
- (4) The address and phone number of the Township Clerk’s office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFP document from the Clerk’s office;
- (5) A statement that the RFP is being made through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.,

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

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# 1221-218

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$2,524.05** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1221-219

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 **\$3,543,409.75** 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 Gierek

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 AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SADDLE BROOK THROUGH THE SADDLE BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE SADDLE BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

CR# 1221-220

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEA's); and

WHEREAS, rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with

delivery, maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through the 1033 program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Saddle Brook Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization beginning on December 1, 2021, making the term from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saddle Brook Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items on non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A”, which may include: office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, nonmilitary vehicles, off-road vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, excavation equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies and equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Saddle Brook Police Department without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saddle Brook Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire “DEMIL B through Q” property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Officer in Charge for the Saddle Brook Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saddle Brook Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorized requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be available through the 1033 program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorizing resolution will expire on November 30, 2022 and continued participation in this program will require annual authorization by the governing body.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierrek - yes

Councilman Accomando - absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D’Arminio - yes

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CR# 1221-221 IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

RESOLUTION

CR# 1221-221

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 520 Victor Street, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 707, Lot 2 Qual. C0055 is assessed to John Cook, Jr. and Jean W. Cook and;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2010 John Cook, Jr. was declared 100% tax exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs effective January 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, 520 Victor Street, Block 707, Lot 2 Qual. C0055, was purchase by John Cook, Jr. on October 15, 2021,

WHEREAS, 520 Victor Street, Block 707, Lot 2 Qual. C0055, Saddle Brook, New Jersey is 100% tax exempt as of October 15, 2021,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective October 15, 2021 in the amount of:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>
\$1,336.37	2021
\$3,068.00	2022

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - abstain

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CR# 1221-222 IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1221-222

WHEREAS, Regional Communications, has submitted a proposal for a telephone system for the Township of Saddle Brook, and

WHEREAS, Regional Communications has a state contract, and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted is for a police communications system at a cost not to exceed \$520,026.75

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves the purchase of police communications equipment from Regional Communications, Inc., East Midland Ave, Paramus, NJ 07652 providing funds are available.

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Robert Klein, PE** **Re: 2021 Road Improvement Program,**
Remington & Vernick **Phase I, Pay Certificate No. 1**
Engineers

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: October 28, 2021

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

Therefore, we recommend the following payment be made to **AJM Contractors** in the amount of **\$260,485.61** for Certificate No. 1.

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

*** RAFFLES & APPLICATIONS**

NONE

Old Business / New Business

Mayor White said regarding the garbage don't be afraid to report it, where it wasn't picked up. As Councilman Cimiluca said we really want to know the location. We don't like getting yelled at, but sometimes we deserve it. The big thing I want to say is to leave it out because we always have that question. Should we leave it out or bring it back? Leave it out because we're trying our best to get the garbage collected, whether it's household garbage or recycling to come back as soon as possible to pick it up. If you tell us the location, we know. I know, myself, Pete and some of the Council members were out there driving around, and we find that one location that didn't get picked up, checked that immediate area, we find other locations. This way we can call them back to come and pick it up in a timely manner. Also regarding the school shooting, I too don't know too much about it, but I was relieved that we do have Class III Special – retired law enforcement officers at the schools because when I see that happening, and it happens all over, sometimes close to us, sometimes not, I'm comforted by the fact that we have our retired police officers in the schools. That program is working out fabulously. The school district really, really thinks it's working well, and the parents love it. They love seeing a police officer on the premises.

Councilman Cimiluca said we try to do as much as we can. One of the bonds is for the system on Mayhill. Hopefully, that will help with concerns regarding flooding in that area if we get that up and running as close to 100% capacity. We've had issues with that particular piece of machinery for years. Hopefully, that will help that area of town that is most effected by malfunctions over there. Obviously the sanitary sewer bond, we need that. These pipes are a hundred years old and need to be replaced. The more we can replace, the better everyone is. The police communication system, and initially I would prefer to go a different route, but in speaking with the Mayor who took a very good position on it. I spoke to the officer in charge who is satisfied that we're doing the right thing, and I changed my mind. That's why I voted yes to award the contract to that particular contractor. Again, this is for the safety of our officers, but it's also for the safety of our citizens, so it's long overdue. Speaking of long overdue, one of the resolutions that we put in was for Saddle Brook to enter into the 1033 program. What happens is the US Department of Defense has equipment that is not old and broken down. They've got stuff that they don't use and they don't need, and we can get it at no cost to us, including office furniture, computers, medical and first aid equipment, PPE, respirators, binoculars, anything. And we are now into that program, and hopefully we

will be able to benefit. The less money we have to spend to purchase this if we can get this free from the federals, the better it is for everyone.

Council President D'Arminio commended Mayor White for the two new hires that were sworn in on Tuesday night and asked him if he would speak on that for a moment.

Mayor White said these officers were hired under the new alternate route program. It's a transfer program that's run through Civil Service. In our Township, we use Civil Service to do testing for candidates to be selected, but this new program was done by the state. The state passed a law to increase diversity and to make sure that each department and town has the ability to reach out, and if they need certain officers, minority officers, whether they're Asian or Hispanic or Black or women who are considered a minority in police work, that's why it was done. Because they're transfers, they're already certified PTC, Police Training Commission certified with the state. They don't have to go to the police academy. The police academy is over six months, so by bringing them on, that's saving the town six months of paying their salary for training, so that's a benefit. And a big benefit is they need to come in, they need orientation training, field training with a certified field training officer. That usually takes maybe a month, and then they're good to go to be out on patrol on their own; they don't need to have any assistance. We have two officers that are coming out of the police academy the end of the month. They take a little bit longer because they're new officers. They've been trained at the police academy, but it's a lot different once you hit the streets, so they need to have an officer with them for the better part of three months. So it's good to have these transfers and both of them are excellent with great records with the departments they came from, and I'm really happy with them; they're exemplary officers. One of the officers was from Saddle Brook, a police special Class I here for several years, and then he ended up getting hired in Warton, and the other officer is from Hackensack. The department he was with was more like a city environment, and he wanted a suburban environment. They're really good officers, so I'm pleased, and they're going to work out fine.

Council President D'Arminio said good, and they've already started.

Mayor White said they actually started yesterday doing some orientation.

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

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Karen D’Arminio
Council President

Approved: December 28, 2021