

The minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on October 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.

Council President D'Arminio called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

Mayor White – present
Anthony Suarez, Twp. Attorney – 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.

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: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

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

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to go into closed session at 4:13 PM.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1021-191

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook desires to meet for the purpose of a closed session to discuss contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act does make an exception and allows a public body to hold a closed session to discuss these items,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closes session to take place on October 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exist.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to come out of closed session at 5:24 PM.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico noted the first order of business was to authorize the preparation a bond ordinance for police communications.

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to authorize the bond ordinance.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico noted the law requires four votes on second reading of a bond ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO OPT IN TO EXAMINATION EXEMPTION CIVIL SERVICE HIRING PROCEDURES

CR# 1021-192

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") is a jurisdiction governed by Title 11A and the Civil Service regulation and rules established under Title 4A of the Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 permits municipalities to hire police officers who may not have taken an open competitive examination for the title of Police Officer, but are otherwise duly qualified, have completed training, and hold a valid NJ Police Training Commission Certificate as Police Officer (Basic Course for Police Officer); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 permits a municipality to exempt any person for an entry-level law enforcement position from taking the Civil Service law enforcement exam, as long as they have completed the full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 requires that a municipal police department may hire a person under this exemption only upon adoption of a conflict of interest and nepotism policy; and

WHEREAS, the Township has duly established written policies governing nepotism and conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate this policy, a municipality must affirmatively "opt-in" by adopting a Resolution authorizing such a hiring policy; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Mayor and Council believe that opting into this program is in the Township's best interests, and will promote interests of efficiency, expediency and enhance the Township's public safety; and

WHEREAS, this opt-in provision shall remain valid until changed by a rescinding resolution of the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township hereby authorizes such hiring policies related to the examination exemption set forth in N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Karen D'Arminio
Council President

Approved: November 4, 2021