

**The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on April 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.**

Council President Mazzer called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

Mr. Thomas Van Winkle of Lincoln Avenue offered an update on the activities of the Mayor’s Youth Group, noting that this month they would be participating in a couple of activities. He said on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, the Easter Celebration would be held at the Saddle Brook High School Gym. He said the Youth Group would also participate in an Earth Day clean up and planting at Tri-Centennial Park on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Further details would be posted.

Ms. Jeanine Ferguson of 8<sup>th</sup> Street stated that she was new to the community and was trying to get more involved. She expressed her concerns about public safety issues and the negative connotations to the numbered streets section of the community and the lack of recreation on the side of the highway that the number streets are on. She said she was looking to get more involved and lend a helping hand if she can with youth enrichment and things of that nature.

Councilman Cimiluca asked Ms. Ferguson if she lived near the highway, and she said she was about a block and a half away from the highway.

Councilman Cimiluca asked her if she had any issues with noise emanating from businesses along the highway. She said she hears a lot of noise from the drag racing from the highway but not necessarily from the businesses.

Councilman Cimiluca asked specifically about music and Mrs. Ferguson said no.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

## COMMENTS

Mayor White read the following proclamation.

### TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

#### PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a neurological disorder that interferes with normal function of the human brain and can affect anyone, regardless of ethnicity, gender or socioeconomic background; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors and understand verbal and nonverbal communications; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby proclaim April to be Autism Awareness Month. I urge all residents to become educated and informed about programs, services, and opportunities to help support individuals with autism.

Regarding COVID, Mayor White noted that all cases of hospitalizations and deaths have fallen to a level not seen since July of last year. In fact, Bergen County keeps track of each municipality, and the cases are so low they are not even reporting them to us. In the United States, the Omicron sub-variant has now become the dominant strain, and the hardest hit region is currently the northeast. He reminded residents that the best way to protect themselves and others is to stay up to date with vaccinations and boosters and get tested when exposed to sick people and monitor the latest public health guidance.

Mayor White said we are still working on the budget. Our auditor is guiding us along the way. It's important that the budget is fiscally sound and correct rather than rushing through the whole budget process. We are getting closer to submitting the budget to the Council.

The Mayor said regarding our Community Development Block Grant for Barrier Free Devices for the new municipal complex, we received those funds \$156,644. We have a couple of ordinances on tonight; two bond ordinances for second reading. One for the road improvements, \$1.6 million towards paving and improving the roads and also for \$375,000 for various improvements, most importantly the HVAC for the police department.

We also have the second reading for specific classes of cannabis, specifically microbusinesses, class 1 microbusinesses, allowing them in the B2 zones.

Mayor White said Mr. Lo Dico met with FEMA this week, and we're putting in for \$40,000 reimbursement from them for COVID related expense, mostly PPE and fogging of the buildings. I feel pretty confident we should get those funds.

He mentioned events that are coming up such as the Ambulance Corps Fish and Chips which is next Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. You have to purchase tickets online. It's a drive-through. The Easter Celebration is Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Saddle Brook High School/Middle School. Little League Opening Day is the same day, which normally starts at 10:30 AM at Fairlawn Parkway and Schepis and ends at 12:30 PM. Earth Day will be Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Tri-Centennial Park around 11:00 AM.

Councilman Gierak read resolution CR# 422-75 regarding support for Ukraine. He then noted the Saddle Brook Educational Foundation would be holding a fund raising dinner dance at the VFW on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased by going to the website, [www.spfnj.org](http://www.spfnj.org). The Flood Committee has rescheduled its meeting for Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center at 6:30 PM for anyone interested in attending. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked Councilman Gierak about the keychains available at Town Hall to support the Ukrainian people, and they are also at the Senior Center. She said anyone who wants to come in and make a donation will get a key chain.

She noted that Mr. Van Winkle takes pictures every week of what's going on at the new Municipal Complex. They are on our website. Neil, the project manager, explains the photos. The building is moving along. The electric wiring should be in place by the end of next week; ceilings will be closed. We are planning the grand opening for September 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the parking lot of the building. There will be tour groups going in. We will not be occupying the building at that point. Construction will be done in July, but because we're waiting on certain parts that are coming from Mexico, it delayed us. Everything will be done by September 24<sup>th</sup>, but we won't be moved in until after our grand opening.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said we talked about the artwork for the students, and the principal had mentioned that September was a target date to have the kids have their artwork done. Mayor White said he had to follow up on that. Councilwoman D'Arminio explained that the Mayor, along with the superintendent and the principal, went to the art students at the high school/middle school to draw something about Saddle Brook and we're going to use those, frame them and display it all to the building. She thanked Nancy Murray who is moving out of her facility and has been kind enough to donate furniture to us. Visions also has given us a lot of furniture, so we were able to get really nice furniture only for the expense of moving it. We've been very lucky on that.

She said the Township Picnic will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at the park. The fireworks, tentatively will be that night. The rain date will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>. She concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Councilman Cimiluca mentioned the concert to be held at the new complex. He said bring your chair, July 22<sup>nd</sup> for a Billy Joel tribute band. He thanked Councilwoman D'Arminio for her work on the new municipal complex and said now that we see the walls going up and the painting and the floors in, it's great. He went over many of the amenities of the new recreation complex.

Councilman Cimiluca said we spoke earlier about the issue with regard to commercial parking because we passed the ordinance. We did discuss that at the work session, and I was part of the committee to look it over and report back, made some suggestions, some were accepted, some were not, and we're going to be voting on that next month, the amendment to that. In general, the consensus seems to be that the prohibition of street parking for commercial vehicles will remain in force. What we plan on doing is allowing warnings to be given just like when it as enacted to begin with to warn people that they can't do what they were doing. If you've got a commercial vehicle, you've got to get it in your driveway or in a driveway.

He mentioned another event that he is involved in on April 13<sup>th</sup> saying a group he's involved in will be hosting a fund raiser for the Saddle Brook Food Pantry. Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, bring a bag of non-perishables, and you will be provided with an adult beverage and appetizers at Midland Brew House. He thanked Midland Brew House for agreeing to host it.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **1. ORDINANCE #1718-22 – FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIFIC CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES**

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

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

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIFIC CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES**

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

**CR# 422-63**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIFIC CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES** does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said ordinance or Title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

**2. ORDINANCE #1719-22 – FINAL READING  
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,600,000 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 Gierek

Roll call:

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

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

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,600,000 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 D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

**CR# 422-64**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,600,000 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 D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

**3. ORDINANCE #1720-22 – FINAL READING**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$375,000 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 Gierek

Roll call:

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

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

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$375,000 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 D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca                              Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll call:

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

**CR# 422-65**

**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 IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$375,000 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 D’Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

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

Mr. Lo Dico noted a resolution concerning cannabis would be added to the consent agenda {CR# 422-76} and a resolution awarding the contract for solid waste, {CR# 422-74} and revising the over \$2,500 {CR# 422-70} to go with the recommendation that Captain Galbo gave us the other day.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

**MINUTES**

1. March 3, 2022 – Regular Public Meeting

**\* RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 422-66**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook wish to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$156,644.00 in 2021 Community Development Block for Handicapped Accessible Improvements to Borough Hall Phase II; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC, to be a signatory to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council recognize 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 Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO SUBMIT A  
CDBG COVID-19 GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE BERGEN COUNTY  
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF  
MUNICIPAL COSTS INCURRED AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC**

**CR# 422-67**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$40,400.13 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for reimbursement of municipal costs incurred as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Township of Saddle Brook, 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 aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township 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 CD 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 Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 422-68**

**WHEREAS**, a 2010 Subaru Legacy, Vehicle Identification Number 4S3BMBJ64A3219197 was previously owned by David Tucker; and

**WHEREAS**, said vehicle had been in the possession of Main Auto Body, and accumulated storage fees with regard to storage of said vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Auto Body, to the knowledge of the Township, did enforce a valid lien on said vehicle and took possession of same in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Main Auto Body wishes to gift said vehicle to the Township of Saddle Brook; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to accept said gift;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township hereby accepts the aforesaid vehicle as a gift from Main Auto Body which was validly acquired by Main Auto Body from David Tucker, through the laws of the State of New Jersey

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 422-69**

**WHEREAS**, Visions Real Estate Partners has requested that the Township of Saddle Brook enter into a funding agreement with regard to the property more commonly known as 75 Mayhill Street; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of said Funding Agreement is annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the entering into of such agreement is in the best interests of the Township of Saddle Brook

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

1. The Mayor be and hereby is permitted to execute the attached Funding Agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
 RESOLUTION**

**CR# 422-70**

**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>
+ DPW	TRR, S, HACKENSACK	REPAIR TO #5420 2020 FORD	\$3,702.77
WATER	FRANK SEMERARO	WATER BREAK CONGRESS ST	\$4,800.00
DPW	GREAT WHITE	HVAC-DPW	\$13,790.00
RECREATION	FIESTA	CORONATION BALL	\$3,850.00 \$35/PERS
RECREATION	ZUIDEMA	PORTABLE TOILETS	\$3,840.00
ADM	JKO CONSULTING	2022 CONTRACT	\$15,600.00
ADM	MUNIDEX	2022 CONTRACT	\$17,576.00
ADM	ADV TECH GROUP	2022 CLOUD BACKUP	\$6,000.00
POLICE	CODY	2022 SUPPORT CONT.	\$6,688.15

+ INSURANCE MONEY WILL BE APPLIED

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
 RESOLUTION**

**CR# 422-71**

**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 \$327,226.43 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 BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 422-72**

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 **\$7,272,682.19** 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 D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 422-73**

**WHEREAS**, previously The Grande at Saddle Brook, 102 Midland Avenue, Block 402, Lots 1 & 2, had taken out a performance bond with regard to certain site improvements at the said property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, Remington & Vernick, has advised that the site improvements at the said property have been completed and that the construction is in conformance with the approved plans; and

**WHEREAS**, there is presently a performance bond pertaining to the said project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has recommended that the said performance bond pertaining the project be released;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township hereby discharges the said requirement that the above project continue to have a performance bond in place.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION**

### **CR# 422-74**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook has previously advertised for bids with respect to solid waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received and opened 1 bid for solid waste disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook wishes to award its solid waste disposal bid to the lowest responsible bidder; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township awards the bid with respect to solid waste disposal collection to Gaeta Recycling for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2022 under option 1 of its bid specifications, which includes multi-dwelling units, dumping fees and pickup two times per week and that the Township Attorney is authorized to prepare a contract with respect to the same and that all parties are permitted to execute a contract consistent thereto on behalf of the Township at a cost of: \$2,940,000.00.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION**

### **CR# 422-75**

Presented by Councilman Gierek

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022 Russian forces, enabled by Belarus, launched an unprovoked, full-scale, renewed invasion of the peaceful, independent county of Ukraine; and

**WHEREAS**, also on February 24, 2022, the G7 issued a statement condemning the "large-scale military aggression by the Russian Federation against the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine"; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2022, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) condemned "in the strongest possible terms Russia's horrifying attack on Ukraine," called on Russia to "turn back from a path of violence and aggression" and reaffirmed an "iron-clad" commitment to Article 5; and

**WHEREAS**, the European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and Canada, along with the United States, committed to coordinated economic sanctions, including severe restrictions against Russia's Central Bank and full blocking sanctions against Vladimir Putin; and

**WHEREAS**, United States leadership is integral to nations around the world in condemning and imposing costs on the Russian Federation for its illegal, full scale, renewed invasion of the Ukraine; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been reported that Russian forces have targeted civilians which would constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States, along with allies in Europe, the Indo-Pacific and others around the world, has been actively responding to Russia's unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine with critical military, humanitarian and financial support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has numerous residents of Ukrainian decent, some of whom are located in the Township of Saddle Brook and neighboring communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township to support the people of Ukraine in protecting their sovereignty.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it:

- Unequivocally supports Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- Affirms the continued use of peaceful methods including sanctions by the United States (as well as its allies and partners) to fully isolate the Putin regime economically for its unprovoked aggression against Ukraine;
- Supports the resistance by the Ukrainian people as long as the Russian Federation continues to violate Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- Declares that the war in Ukraine, a democratic country, represents the frontline of democracy and freedom versus authoritarianism represented by Putin's government;
- Supports the State of New Jersey's suspension of relationships with business and financial institutions backed by the Russian government; and
- Stands steadfastly, staunchly, proudly and fervently behind the Ukrainian people in their fight against the authoritarian Putin regime; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to Governor Phil Murphy, members of the legislature representing the 38<sup>th</sup> District, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - absent

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION**

### **CR# 422-76**

**WHEREAS**, WeedCraft, Inc. is a New Jersey based Women Business Enterprise corporation and is seeking a microbusiness cannabis cultivation license in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Township Council have met with the representative of WeedCraft, Inc. and are impressed with the team they have assembled, their business plan and their ability to fund and operate their venture of a microbusiness cannabis cultivation facility in Saddle Brook; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council believes that the company and their operation would be a good fit for the municipality; and



To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook:

I write to you in my capacity as the Attorney to the Saddle Brook Planning Board. You have referred to the Planning Board for review and comment the above-listed proposed Ordinance No. 1717-22 of the Township of Saddle Brook. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26(a)*, this Ordinance was considered at the Planning Board's regular meeting of March 21, 2022. The Planning Board has authorized me to write this letter report to the Mayor and Council.

The Planning Board determines that the proposed Ordinance is consistent with the master plan and recommends its adoption without amendment or modification.

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

## **\*RAFFLES & APPLICATIONS**

### **Raffles**

1. RA# 1339 – Saddle Brook Woman's Club – Prize Raffle
2. RA# 1340 – Saddle Brook MS/HS Music Association – 50/50
3. RA# 1341 – St. Philip the Apostle Church – 50/50
4. RA# 1342 – Saddle Brook Educational Foundation – 50/50
5. RA# 1343 – Saddle Brook Educational Foundation – Prize Raffle
6. RA# 1344 – Julia's Butterfly Foundation – Prize Raffle
7. RA# 1345 – Helen I. Smith School PTO – 50/50

### **Public Place**

8. The Excelsior – 190 Route 46 East – RENEWAL
9. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue - RENEWAL

### **Auto Body**

10. Finesse Auto Body – 374 North Midland Avenue – RENEWAL

### **Auto Repair**

11. Saddle Brook Auto Center – 458 Fairlawn Parkway – RENEWAL
12. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 West - RENEWAL

### **Used Cars**

13. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 West – RENEWAL

### **Gas Station**

14. Pehle Management – 16 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL

### **Vending**

15. Marriott – CP Saddle Brook – 138 New Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL

### **Ice Cream Vendor**

16. Mister Softee – 126 Reade St, Englewood – RENEWAL

### **Hotel/Motel**

17. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue - RENEWAL

## REPORTS

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – February 2022
2. Grant Writer's Report – February 2022
3. Hotel Room Tax – March 2022
4. DPW Monthly Report – February 2022
5. Fire Prevention Monthly – February 2022
6. Tax Collector's Monthly Revenue Report – February 2022
7. Water Department Monthly Revenue Report – February 2022
8. Engineer's Monthly Report – March 2022
9. Construction Code Official Monthly Report – February 2022
10. Property Maintenance Official Monthly Report – February 2022
11. DPW Monthly Report – March 2022
12. Budget Status Report – 2021 February 2022

## Old Business / New Business

Councilman Gierек asked for a motion to suspend the commercial vehicle ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Gierек

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierек – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Mayor White thanked Mrs. Ferguson for coming to the meeting and offered her his card and asked her to contact his secretary who can provide her with information. He said Fifth Street Park needs some improvement, and he felt we could do a lot more with that space.

He mentioned the daisy key chains that Councilwoman D'Arminio brought up and thanked the seniors saying they raised quite a bit of money as well as here at Town Hall. He said there are still some key chains left, and it was put out on Facebook and social media. He said the school was collecting clothes and other personal care items. And St. Philip's Church may still be collecting items for Ukraine.

The Mayor noted that Lou Verile, the commander of our VFW, said there will be a Memorial Day Parade this year on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The town donates \$5000 to that.

He mentioned in addition to the artwork, the Graphic Design teacher contacted him and wants her class to design a new Township Seal. Ours is kind of old fashioned, though I happen to like it. They want to try to design something a little more contemporary. He said he was really impressed, he went in and met the class along with the school principal and superintendent and they really had a lot of information about the seal itself, what each symbol represented and it was really very nice. He said I didn't make any promises, but they know we have the new building coming and we're going to have some seal in the front. Whether it's this one or maybe a new one, we'll see. Also the artwork is a great idea which was Councilwoman D'Arminio's idea. They're really looking forward to it. I believe they're going to submit the art like a contest, and the best ones will get some kind of award, but all them will be presented there. He thanked the school district and teacher Dawn Mazza, who is a resident as well.

Councilman Cimiluca said Fifth Street Park and also briefly discussed speed humps.

Mr. Klein said we should determine for this year where we want them. Councilman Cimiluca said Wilson was decided last year.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if he had the locations for Fairlawn Parkway. Mr. Klein said he had suggested a couple of spots there.

Councilman Cimiluca said you, me and the rest of the committee are going to go out and look at Lanza because we've gotten some recommendations or requests for Lanza from people that are employees there crossing the children. We will go out and do that and that will give you three or four.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio                      Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

Hearing no one, Council President Mazzer 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 D'Arminio – yes  
Council President Mazzer – yes

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

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca                      Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Florence Mazzer  
Council President

Approved: May 5, 2022