

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on March 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center, 8 Caldwell Avenue, 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 – present
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 and to please remain standing to observe a moment of silence in memory of former Councilman William B. Meisner; Community Partnership Committee Coordinator and Saddle Brook MS/HS Faculty member Howard Weinberg, and former Council President John P. Cook, Jr.. We also pray for all who are suffering in war-ravaged Ukraine.

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.

Presentations

Mayor White announced that March is Women in History Month. He said last year we were not able to meet, but we did recognize all female first responders and front line workers for all they did to help us get through COVID. This year we are able to meet again, which I know we’re all very happy about, and we want to recognize individual women who have made a difference in our community.

He presented Mrs. Frances Abate with a proclamation in the category of Outstanding Citizen and spoke briefly about Mrs. Abate, a 67-year resident of Saddle Brook who has been a Crossing Guard for the Township for 32 years. He said she provides a vital service protecting our school children; she is a loyal and devoted member of the community and is one of our best crossing guards, if not the best.

Mayor White then presented Mrs. Paula Bernstein with a proclamation in the category of Outstanding Community Service. He noted Mrs. Bernstein is the president of the Saddle Brook Women’s Club, whose motto is “Making a Difference” where she organizes various fund raisers in order to assist others in need. She is also a member of the Community Partnership Committee and has volunteered at countless Township events and is also a member of the St. Philip’s Rosary Society and is a truly valued resident of Saddle Brook.

The Mayor then presented Mrs. Barbara Macko with a proclamation in the category of Outstanding Community Service. He noted Mrs. Macko coordinated the 2021 Holiday Toy Drive where she works at Dollar General to help provide Saddle Brook residents who needed assistance with Christmas gifts. Dollar General and the town are fortunate to have her.

Mayor White then presented Mrs. Victoria Torbic with a proclamation in the category of Women in Government. He noted Mrs. Torbic, a 22-year resident of Saddle Brook, was a substitute teacher, classroom aide and lead replacement for the Saddle Brook School system. She volunteers for multiple organizations, including the Saddle Brook Woman's Club, the Saddle Brook High School Music Association and the Girl Scouts. She currently serves as a Saddle Brook Board of Education Trustee.

He then presented Mrs. Hayley Traverso with a proclamation in the category of Women in Government. He said Mrs. Traverso, a 29-year resident of Saddle Brook, who worked for the NJ State Judiciary for 24 years is presently employed by the Hackensack School District. She is a current Saddle Brook Board of Education Trustee and a coach for Saddle Brook Recreation. He said he knew she would do a great job on the Board.

Mayor White then presented Mrs. Toni Violetti with a proclamation in the category of Women in Education. He said Mrs. Violetti, former principal of Franklin Elementary School and director of curriculum, now serves as the superintendent of the Saddle Brook school system.

Mayor White then presented Council President Mazzer and Councilwoman D'Arminio with flowers in appreciation of their service to the Township.

Council President Mazzer congratulated all the honorees and said we are so lucky to have them all as part of our community.

Councilman Gierek read Resolution # 322-58 recognizing the honorees for the 2022 Women in History theme of Providing Healing, Promoting Hope.

Council President Mazzer called for a short recess at this time. Upon returning from recess Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Mr. Thomas Van Winkle of Lincoln Avenue congratulated all the Women in History honorees. Regarding the Mayor's Youth Group he said they met in February and elected all new officers. He recognized all the newly elected officers and congratulated them. He said they would be involved with the Easter Celebration to be held Saturday, April 16th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at the High School. There will also be an Earth Day activity and more information would follow. He concluded by noting Saddle Brook residents in grades four through twelve are always welcome to join the Youth Group.

Council President Mazzer thanked Mr. Van Winkle and congratulated the new Youth Group officers.

Mr. Nicholas Hart of Nedellec Drive said he's been a resident for 36 years and has parked his vehicle in front of his house for 36 years. Two weeks ago he found a note on his truck saying he could no longer park his truck in front of his house and he has to put it in his driveway. He said it's just a van; it does have commercial plates, and he wanted clarification as to why he has to put his truck in the driveway now.

Mayor White said, it does have commercial plates?

Mr. Hart said yes, it's a commercial vehicle and he got a note from a police officer saying he now has to park it in his driveway. For 36 years it's been in front of his house and now all of a sudden he's told if he doesn't do it he's going to get a ticket. He said he's curious as to what that's about.

Councilman Cimiluca explained probably four to six months ago we had a meeting and there was an ordinance passed stating there would be no overnight parking of commercial vehicles, and the definition of commercial vehicles included vehicles with commercial plates. It was posted on the town website, on the Facebook page and a couple of other places. That's the reason you got a warning notice.

Mr. Hart asked what is the purpose of it?

Councilman Cimiluca said the purpose is to keep commercial vehicles off the – it was generated by complaints that people mostly from out of town, many towns have ordinances that you can't have any vehicles on the street, but also that you can't have any commercial vehicles, so certain towns that have that ordinance, the closest one being –

Mr. Hart said I understand that, but I'm asking why. Is it the size of the vehicle? Or is it just unsightly? That is has lettering on it?

Councilman Cimiluca said generally they are larger vehicles, but it was generated based on complaints of vehicles from other towns coming to Saddle Brook, commercial vehicles that were not allowed. We're not the only town that has that, so vehicles from other towns that can't park in their towns were coming to Saddle Brook, so Saddle Brook made it – I'll be honest with you, I did not vote for the ordinance. However, it's the law, and it's going to be enforced, and hopefully everyone knows about it. Whether or not I agree with the law, it's still going to be enforced.

Mr. Hart said so just unilaterally you said nobody, instead of just saying let's just take care of the people from out of town? I'm not trying to be rude, but let's stick it to the people who live here.

Councilman Cimiluca said no commercial vehicles, that goes across the board. I know the issue is more, I believe a problem on the south side where there's a lot less driveways. Is there a problem with parking the vehicle in your driveway?

Mr. Hart said it's an inconvenience. It makes it more difficult for me to keep moving in and out.

Councilman Cimiluca said like almost everything we do, there are people that want things done. This didn't come out of left field. People were complaining about commercial vehicles parking on the street overnight, taking up what they thought were their spaces. Some people, like you park in front of your house, some people don't park in front of their house, so there were a number of complaints that were generated. It didn't come out of nowhere. People were complaining. Like anything, those people that complained are now happy, but by doing that this obviously has angered a number of other people.

Mr. Hart said you've got to realize that we're a blue collar town. So we've got probably a lot more people that are having to do this, and now let's park on the lawn because I don't have room in my driveway. Is that what we want as the look of our town?

Councilman Cimiluca said I don't know what people from other towns do, but we did talk about this on Tuesday at length, and we are looking at the ordinance because of obviously the great deal of pushback that it has generated. So right now it's the law, so you've got to comply, or you will get a ticket. It is the law. But we understand the issues that come with it, and we are working to see if there is an amicable solution.

Mr. Hart said you definitely have to revisit it and maybe figure out a way to take care of the people who live in town.

Mayor White said through the chair, everything Councilman Cimiluca said is correct, but it wasn't like we just adopted this ordinance without thinking of other ways to make it better or to maybe have less people inconvenienced. The reason we adopted it wasn't – we weren't trying to purposely inconvenience some people, but we had legitimate complaints. Councilman Cimiluca mentioned on the south end of town by the numbered streets we had both residents and non-residents taking advantage of parking oversized vehicles. I'm talking about tow trucks, dump trucks trailers –

Mr. Hart said I understand that if they're larger, but I have a van. If I had residential plates on my van, I could just leave it out there as long as I want.

Mayor White said yes.

Mr. Hart said where as if I have an Escalade, which is actually larger than my van...

Mayor White said our thought was this, if you have a smaller vehicle that's commercial you can put it in your driveway. If it's your business vehicle, and you have to take the vehicle that you use, your personal vehicle and put it in the street, that's –

Mr. Hart said that's basically what I'm doing right now.

Mayor White said but it's not the end of the world because in my view ...

Mr. Hart said I just want someone to explain to me –

Mayor White said that's what I'm trying to do.

Mr. Hart said it doesn't make sense to me.

Mayor White said let me explain to you. So in the south end of town, the number streets, that's where the problem existed the most. So not only – first of all that area of town is where the two families are, so it's multi-family. The streets are narrower, and we had residents from other towns, the bordering towns that were coming over with their commercial vehicles and leaving them there because in their town they would get tickets. So they knew if they came to Saddle Brook they wouldn't get a ticket. But not only that, they were parking it there, and at 5:00 or 6:00 in the morning, you had two, three or sometimes four other vehicles that would come and park and they would take that construction vehicle and go to work. So now you have those vehicles there, and residents were going crazy. They don't even live here.

Mr. Hart said I understand what you're saying.

Mayor White said and not only that, in the north end of town and the whole of the town, there were some people that took advantage that did have larger vehicles, and we did get complaints from them too. Larger vehicles, dump trucks, trailers, landscaping vehicles, tow trucks parked too close to the intersection, blocking things up. And you mentioned it. What's the complaint? The complaints from some of the people were – I just spent \$600,000 on this house. I don't want to look at this big tow truck across the street. This is a neighborhood, it's not a commercial area. So those were the complaints that I was dealing with, Pete was dealing with, the Council was dealing with on a regular basis. So there are different things we can do. I've heard issue permits for smaller vehicles, the problem with that is –

Mr. Hart said issue decals.

Mayor White said again your vehicle might be small, but you're going to get people who will say I want to park my vehicle, and maybe it's two feet longer than what we accept. And they do it anyway, and if you let them take advantage, they're going to take advantage. I'm not saying you were. I know the size of your van. Like you said, maybe that's an option. I know that commercial vehicles have insurance, I know that's important. I know probably taxes, it's better to have your vehicle registered commercially, but you don't have to. You could register it as a personal –

Mr. Hart said you're not allowed.

Mayor White said because you can't have a sign on it. But you can get magnetic signs.

Mr. Hart said if they look in the back and see tools and materials – that's happened to me. They'll say you're using a commercial vehicle on a residential registration and then they have the right to tow you. He said there are other towns that will actually issue decals to their residents to show that they are a resident. You can set a weight limit or a size limit. I understand a tow truck or a big rig or a dump truck, yeah, that's going

to be a problem on a small street, but when you have a pickup truck that you use for work or a van which is compatible to anybody else's that has a regular vehicle.

Mayor White said let me just say this. I understand that point. Believe me, I get it. Like Councilman Cimiluca said, every other town that surrounds us does not allow commercial vehicles in the road overnight. Some of those towns, Fair Lawn, Maywood, you can't park any vehicle overnight, and really, we would never do that in Saddle Brook. We can't. We have not enough parking, but that helps the police with who belongs and who doesn't belong if they see a vehicle on the street. But that's a moot point because we're not going to do that. But again, around us, we're the only ones that allow it. We're the only ones. People with commercial vehicles, you've got to park off street. There are things you can do. You can rent a spot. I know it costs money, but a permit would cost money too. A permit would cost money.

Mr. Hart said why?

Mayor White said well you'd have to pay for the permit for a sticker, for the time...

Mr. Hart said Garfield has it. You have to put it on the driver's side that says resident parking.

Mayor White said what I would rather see is basically again, if you're allowing it, you're going to get bigger vehicles that are going to say I want that. I would rather see it be that maybe the town could have a space or we could deal with maybe Wal*Mart or a private mall or company or even the new municipal complex. We have a lot of parking there. Maybe we could – I get it, but it's inconvenient for some people. Like Councilman Cimiluca has said several times, people don't want it; they don't like it. Maybe they don't say anything to you, but I'm telling you, I get the complaints. I hear it. They shouldn't be allowed. It was on social media. And by the way, this was mailed out. Every homeowner should have gotten this.

There was general dissent.

Mayor White said and the police did the right thing. They issued warnings. They didn't just go out and –

A resident said I got a ticket. Mandatory court, \$137. Fifty years I've been in this town. My job requires me to have my vehicle on my property.

Mayor White said I can't speak to that. I know that many people got a warning. Did you get a warning? What I'm saying is maybe we can do something rather than these permits which there's pros and cons to it.

Mr. Hart said all I'm saying is this is something that you have to do something about. He says he needs the truck. I get calls at night. I have to run, jump in my truck. You're locked out, I gotta go take care of you. What am I going to do? Drive my car all the way over to Wal*Mart, get in my truck then come back to Wal*mart?

Mayor White said it can be an inconvenience. Or park in your driveway. It's not like you don't have – that's the thing. I think the Council looked at it and said those smaller vehicles can park in the driveway.

Mr. Hart said but what if you can't?

Mayor White said if you can't then you got to figure something else out. You've got to rent a space or maybe ...

Mr. Hart said so if you live in Saddle Brook it's going to cost you more money. That's what I'm saying. That's not right.

Mayor White said maybe it's not right to you, but there's a lot of people that don't agree with you, Nick. There's a lot of people that feel they don't want to live in Saddle Brook and see the commercial vehicle.

Mr. Hart said I'm sure it's a minority.

Mayor White said I don't know about that.

Mr. Hart said I don't want to beat a dead horse.

Mayor White said we want this, but there's another issue too. And we received complaints about this, and we pretty much kind of don't want to address it because it would hurt residents. The zoning ordinance in this town, you're not supposed to run a business out of your house. So people can complain. They can say, well the vehicle is there, it's always there. Check the phone book, it comes back to a number at that house. We don't want to do that, but that is something that is – we're not going to do it right now, and it's not the police that handle it. That's the Zoning officer that handles it, and he's got enough work to do. What I'm trying to say is, I know it's an inconvenience, but take it from me, I'm the last person that wants to hurt anybody. I know we're a blue collar town. I know we're a hard working town, but we get the complaints. And some of them are legitimate. I don't know about the people in this room, but I know some people really, really take advantage of it.

Mr. Hart thanked the Council.

Mr. Robert Celantano of Garden Street said I see what you're saying Mayor, but I have a one-car driveway. My van is the same size as my pickup and now overhangs my sidewalk. Now I'm running the risk of getting that ticket. I'm an appliance servicer. I've been in this business for 25 years. All manufacturers in this field require you to take your van home. I can't go park it someplace. It has to be in front of my house or on my property to guarantee the security. So now the town is telling me change your job or sell your house and get out of town. That's what I'm hearing.

Mayor White said there are other alternatives, but I can see your point. I see what you're saying.

Mr. Celantano said my company told me, you have to have it – you live at X Garden Street, that's where that van has to be. You can't go park it somewhere. It has to be at your address. No matter what company I work at. General Electric, Whirlpool, Frigidaire/Electrolux... It's nice because I don't have to have another car. If it could fit in my driveway with no problem and I wasn't running the risk of getting a ticket for overhanging the sidewalk, I wouldn't care, but I have one of those neighbors who likes to call and complain. I'm sure anybody who works at the DPW – he's called and complained about the street sweeper so much they take a picture of his house. He's just itching to call and say hey, his van is blocking the sidewalk. I got \$137 ticket for the street or a blocking the sidewalk ticket. I didn't get no warning, no nothing. A couple days after Christmas, me and my neighbor both had tickets, mandatory court appearance.

Mayor White said we probably should change that mandatory court appearance.

Councilman Cimiluca said the reason it's mandatory is because I believe that the fine goes to a certain amount so the judge can fine you X amount or five times that. But that's one thing in talking to some members of the police department, perhaps one of the things to change that aspect of it is to give it a certain number, first offense, X amount, second offense and thereafter, so this way you don't have to go to court. It is a pain in the butt to go to court. You can just, if you do get it and you don't want to fight it, you can go on NJMC direct and just go and give your credit card and you're done with it. But it doesn't solve your problem because you don't want to get the ticket. But that's one of the reasons, that's the mandatory court appearance because a judge can find that it could be higher. That's something that we can look at in talking to the police. That was one thing. Why make it mandatory? Why make it like that when you can have a sliding scale.

Mr. Celantano said if it was a permit for vehicles under a certain vehicle weight. If I have to pay \$50 for a year for the permit, I would do it.

Councilman Cimiluca said we did talk about this the other day. It didn't come out of the air, but there are issues with it and like anything. You see almost every ordinance that we have has been amended at some point or another because we find a better solution,

we find it doesn't work. We find a way that makes it work better. So, we are looking at it to see what we can do that would make the people that are complaining happy while at the same time the people that are being affected by this which would be you gentleman to make you less angry.

Mr. Celantano said I'm just sweating the sidewalk ticket. Somebody is going to call and complain.

Councilman Cimiluca said he's done work at my house I think it's no bigger than a Chevy Astrovan or something like that.

Mr. Celantano said MV-1500. It's the same width and length as my Dodge 1500 pickup. It's a little bit bigger than a Chevy Astrovan.

Mr. Mark Nafash of Strathmore Terrace said he was the owner of a plumbing and heating business in town and has been a taxpaying resident for 28 years now. He said it has come to my attention that ordinance 1705-21 as amended where all commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking overnight on the streets. There are approximately 13,500 residents in our town. Conservatively at least 20% to 25% of them are contractors of some sort, whether it be plumbers, carpenters, electricians, masons, landscapers, house painters, sales, real estate etc. That being said, I have found the ordinance to be very broad as other people we're talking about here. If I have an F150 pickup truck or an SUV, and my neighbor has the same one, but mine has commercial plates on it, I can't park in the street, but he can. How does this make any sense? I'm not talking about vehicles over 10,000 pounds, trailers, dump trucks. I think everybody is in agreement with that. The last thing anybody wants to see across their street is something of this nature. Some residents don't have the luxury of having a two-car driveway or even a driveway for that matter, especially people who rent. Landlords down allow them a spot in the driveway, and then they have to take their trucks home such as emergency vehicles like the gentleman was just saying. Some of us are fortunate enough to get warnings, but I know several people who got tickets in the hundreds of dollars. Mind you we all live in this town 20 or 30 years, and some of these contractors are lifelong residents. We have always parked our vehicles in the street. I understand why you made the ordinance due to other towns parking overnight, and that is wrong, but what you didn't realize is that all the taxpaying citizens you affected are very angry. I'm sure some of them have done work in your homes as you just even said. This is a very blue collar community, and something needs to be done to revise this ordinance, possibly a sticker in the window to alert the police that you are a town resident or whatever you see fit that will protect our contractors. I have personally supported each one of you sitting here tonight for at least two terms, and I am a Republican as well, so that being said I ask that you now support the blue collar worker and find a way to rectify this situation that you created. I don't want to sound like a Karen, but this is an election year. I don't think you want to lose the support of 20% to 25% of the voters in town. If you can't support us then why should we support you? Thank you for your time and hopefully we can work this out. I'm available to talk further about how we can resolve the situation. Again I just want to reiterate, I am talking about pickup trucks and vans under 10,000 pounds. That's a big difference there, and I think we all can be in agreement with that that again, across the street you have a truck, I have a van, they're the same, he had residential plates, we're tax payers and the registration of it we can letter our trucks, but like you said before we flip over to a residential van. I have gotten towed because they pulled me over, they said you're doing a work type situation in a commercial type vehicle so then you get the ticket and you have to get commercial plates. So that's not an option. We're law abiding citizens. We're commercial vehicles that are conducting business. People are complaining. Understand that for 20 years they never ever had an issue and some people do take advantage. I can speak that I do not. I take my van home. It's a regular Econoline standard bed, under 10,000 pounds, and like I said, people who do take advantage of it they should have an issue. They're the ones that should be here being summoned. Not people who are residents who are just hardworking people. Inflation is through the roof. We all have to make our bills, now you're asking us to go pay for a lot to park in. For my situation my wife uses my car, so then I won't have a ride to get to my own van. You want to park by Wal*mart, you're on 46. Paterson is right down the block. You don't think that's going to be like a bull's eye or a lottery ticket come rob all our trucks of our tools, computer equipment that's in our trucks? We'll be hit left and right.

Mr. Nafash said I know this idea didn't come off the top of your head, I understand that, but you're begging people to get robbed. That's just the facts of life, people rob trucks. That's why I have cameras on my van every night in front of my window that I can see that's being recorded, so if somebody does go into it to try to boost it that we have some type of evidence. I hope that we can come to an agreement. We all love this town; we're happy here. You guys have been great to us; we've always supported you. I think that it just needs to be rewritten, and everybody here is saying the same thing. I've been talking amongst other people, and it's an issue we're all talking about it. I think there are more people that are blue collar workers in this town than there are people who are complaining about our trucks. A 30- or 40-footer, I don't want that on my street, it's terrible, but we're residential. You have a nice home, we take care of our homes. No one wants to see that or a big tractor trailer or a rig or tow truck. No one wants to see that, but a plumbing, electrical van? There's house cleaning cars that have commercial plates because they're maids. They get ticketed too. You're talking about a little car or a little SUV.

In conclusion Mr. Nafash said thank you for your time. I just want to let you know myself and a lot of people please let's revisit this. I hope we can all work together.

Ms. Jeanine Reyngoudt of Madison Avenue said I'm in this town 64 years, I'm the third generation of my family going to Franklin School. The traffic situation there is unbearable. I almost got hit by a car on Friday. This car literally missed me by three inches. I was just saying thank God I didn't have my grandson in my arms at the time. They are stopping at the middle of the hill letting kids out. They are scooting up and down that hill. They are double parking. They are blocking people's driveways. Something needs to be done. It's not just that, today a police car couldn't get up the hill, so he put his lights on until he got to the top of the hill, shut his lights off and then proceeded to go down the hill. Something needs to be done. It's not just me. There's other parents that have said things about it. Unfortunately they can't be here, but we need to do something to stop this traffic problem.

Mr. James Cullen of Spruce Avenue said I've been a resident here for 52 years. I've owned a landscaping business for 27 years in this town. I know Nick, Mark, Gary, Freddy, Bobby, a lot of people here, and for 27 years it was never a problem parking my trucks on the street. Now it's a problem parking them there. I understand you passed the ordinance. I understand that there's out-of-towners coming to park here. Maybe we could revisit getting a permit for the small business owners that live in this town like ourselves. That would help us to keep our businesses, still being members of this community, and you can keep people who have larger vehicles out. We've been here for many years, and we've serviced a lot of houses in this town. To go through this where we get tickets for parking on the street, it's a hardship. It's a hardship for small business owners here. I know you tried to rectify one problem, but another problem got created. A few people that complained, I understand, and now the rest of us are suffering for it. So if you could revisit this situation, revisit this ordinance and possibly come up with a permit. We'd all be happy to pay for it – a commercial permit for small business owners that can prove that they live in the town of Saddle Brook. I would have no problem with paying for that. Thank you.

Mayor White said through the chair we're going to look at it, but just realize like you said, what we did created a problem, and we have thought about it, and we're going to get our heads together and try to figure something out. No matter what you do, it does create a problem. It does. Sometimes it's a problem for the police department to enforce it, sometimes it's a problem where if you allow it. Like I said before, other people will take advantage because they'll see that little loophole. That's the kind of stuff that happens, but we will look into it.

Mr. Cullen said there's just a small group of business owners here. There is many more that live in this town, electricians, landscapers, plumbers. There's a tremendous amount actually of blue collar small business owners that do live in Saddle Brook, and we're all effected.

Councilman Accomando suggested through the chair to suspend the ordinance until we come up with something to help everybody out here. I'd like to revisit it, but in the meantime suspend it so that nobody is getting ticketed.

Mayor White said it's up to you, it's up to the Council to pass it. If you chose to do that I would think that warnings should be issued because you don't want to send the wrong message where if we don't change it, then you start writing tickets, now you're back in the same boat. It's up to you.

Councilman Cimiluca said I'll just play Devil's Advocate for a second. I'll use Nick as an example, he gets a call. He's got one van, and I don't know what kind of business, he's a landscaper. I don't know how big his business is, but let's say he's got four landscaping trucks or trailers – I'm just making this up – somebody who has a landscaping business or any kind of business and has four or five trucks, doesn't have a yard and is parking four or five trucks on the street, that's a problem. That's what people are complaining about, especially when some of the grass and the debris causes a problem. That's when you say totally suspend it, that's when people take advantage of it. Not you, but when we talk about people taking advantage of it, you have somebody, and I remember getting the complaints. I'm not going to mention the street, but a big F250 with a trailer and then another truck with a plow on it, it's like three or four trucks parked on a street that is narrow to begin with. That's the problem. That's what causes these people to generate the complaints that end up resulting in this. So it's not something that we can solve overnight. We've really got to bring our heads together and think of solution and possibly have a town meeting and involve the small business owners to come in and talk about it. We've done it before on different issues. Most of the time we don't have a lot of people here, but obviously this is something that is of interest and concern to people. I have no problem with it. It's up to the Council to see if you can do that, but potentially have that, this way we have a brainstorming session and see what we can do. Like I said before to make the people that have complaints about this happy and the business owners happy.

Mr. Nafash said we're not really all talking about trailers or stuff that you put on. Trailers could be in a yard. A trailer should be in the driveway or it should be in the yard. I think we're all in agreement with that.

Councilman Cimiluca said the vans are a different story. You take the lettering off, you can take your wife to dinner in that van. But I prosecute a lot of cases for the county and for Oakland especially who issued a ton of those where people come in and say oh, it's my personal van. It's a personal van; you've got a ladder on it. You've got the name of a business on it. It has no windows, and you've got all kinds of tools in it. Now you're saying you take your wife and kids to the movies. You take that van? Oh yeah. No, you don't. There's no seats in it, and you've got three workers in the back on lawn chairs. But I understand this, and I think having a brainstorm meeting would be a good idea. I'm all for that.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said through the chair, so am I. You try to do, like the Mayor said, you get a lot of complaints, and you try to come up with the best answer, and seeing all of you here, it certainly wasn't the best answer. So I agree, and I think it's something we should certainly revisit and get some better solution, whether it be permits or something. We have to do something, and I agree that we're all – I'm sure, come up with a better solution.

Mr. Hart asked can we temporarily suspend it?

Councilwoman D'Arminio asked can we do that? Mayor? Can we temporarily suspend the tickets or the warnings while we're working on this? The enforcement? Can we do that, Anthony?

Mayor said the attorney would have to answer that.

Mr. Suarez said you're not withdrawing the ordinance. It's still in effect, but you're just going to direct the police not to issue any summonses or tickets until further notice.

Councilwoman D'Arminio said yes, do you agree with that? Andrew do you agree with that?

Councilman Cimiluca said based on the issues here, it seems like it would be counterproductive to continue. I think they're going to go crazy in the police department because we directed them to do this, now we're directing them not to do their job, but

based on this I think we all agree that something needs to be done, and because of that I have no problem putting a moratorium on the summonses until we come back. And we'll either come back and say nothing's changing or something's changing and then we will do something about it. I have no problem with a moratorium.

Mr. Suarez said you can have a motion to suspend the ordinance until further notice.

Council President Mazzer said believe me, no one was trying to hurt you guys. My son has a fleet of plumbing vans, you know that. He employees 40 men who all take their vans home. We were under a lot of pressure from the Township, but we're going to revisit it and do the best we can.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Councilman Gierrek asked if it was just for vans or for the long trailers and everything?

Councilman Cimiluca said I think that we already have an ordinance in effect that restricts the height of the vehicles and the length of the vehicles. I think it's 9 feet high and 18 feet long.

Mayor White said that one should be revisited too because there's a lot of loopholes.

Councilman Cimiluca said yes.

Mayor White said the Zoning officer has to enforce that.

Councilman Cimiluca said I think there is something for anything over 9 feet or more than 9 feet high or 18 feet long is prohibited to at least overnight. I'm not sure if it's at all, so we already had something for the big big vehicles you can't do that. That's already on the books. We're talking about whatever this ordinance prohibits there will be a suspension or moratorium on that.

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierrek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Mayor White said we're going to have to put it out – we may have a town wide type of meeting, a town hall type meeting or if we discuss it at a work session to let everybody know. Did everybody sign in?

Ms. Sylvia Zottarelli of Lanza Avenue said she wanted to piggy back off of what Mrs. Reyngoudt said. The situation by Franklin School is horrendous. I don't know if you guys can think about possibly making it a one-way? That might help the situation. A speed bump definitely would help the situation and a stop sign coming out of I don't know if that's South or East Lanza because they come flying out of there, there's no stop sign. They're coming down Lanza. They're shooting out; somebody is going to get killed. I'm surprised they haven't yet. The parking, I flip out on people every day because I try pulling in my driveway, and they look at me like "I'm picking my kid up." I'm trying to get in my driveway. Something's got to be done.

Mayor White said I know the police department might have even met with the Board of Ed. I know they had a meeting with each one of the PTOs, and they talked about this problem. I know they're aware of it. It's really all the schools, but Franklin seems to be the worst.

Ms. Zottarelli said they can't get through. It's just horrendous. They're making U-turns in the middle of the hill on Lanza, they're actually pulling in people's driveways to drop their kids off.

Mayor White said it's the parents that are doing this.

Ms. Reyngoudt said I live around the corner, and I take care of my grandchildren, so I have to leave my house at 10 after 8:00 to get a parking space at Franklin school. I'm around the corner; it shouldn't be that way. I am going to go to a Board meeting and suggest drop off lines again because that would alleviate the problem. I've seen it work in other towns. I have a daughter that lives in Pennsylvania; they have drop off lines that are phenomenal, that everybody should take a lesson from.

Mayor White said we'll get together with the police department, and we'll actually have them come to the next meeting and discuss some remedies. A speed bump might not be a bad idea.

Mrs. Reyngoudt said I was at the High School the other day, and I know there's a yellow curb in front of the high school. It's been there – everybody has parked there for the past 88 years, they chased everybody. Today they were parked all across that yellow curb, all the way down to the driveway. It's everywhere. Something needs to be done. I don't know if it's the police department enforcing, but something has to give. I don't want to see a kid get hurt.

Mayor White said enforcement is definitely a deterrent. I'll tell you that.

Councilman Cimiluca said this is exactly the same situation as the commercial parking. I understand 100%. I live a block from Long School, and between 8:00 and 9:00 and 2:30 and 3:30 it's lunacy over there, but enforcement is important, and if they enforce, I'm just going to tell you this, there's a lot of times they go and they start giving tickets to everyone parked on that yellow curb, you know that we're going to have 20 people here saying I grew up in town and my mother parked there and my grandmother used to park there and where am I going to drop my kids off? And you guys are now enforcing this when you shouldn't, and it's been like this for 40 years and who do you think you are and we're going to move out of town. That's going to happen. I'm not saying you're wrong. I think you're right. But that's what's going to happen. We're going to have some people coming here complaining that we're actually enforcing a law that's for the safety of their own children. That's what we get.

Mrs. Reyngoudt said maybe the Council can get together with the Board of Ed and come to some kind of an agreement as far as creating this drop off lines. I've seen them work. She explained the drop off procedure used in Pennsylvania.

Councilman Accomando said I have kids, and they move at a snail's pace so if you have a kid and you say #258 is done, it may not be for 6½ minutes, and you've got 20 cars behind that person honking and honking.

Ms. Reyngoudt said then they get out of the line.

Mayor White said we have to come up with something.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White said the mask mandate has been eliminated effective March 1st for all Township buildings. The school mandate will be ending Monday March 7th. That includes buses. All signs are positive. Cases are low; transmission rate is down as is all key indicators. We had a donation to the school district from Gift of Life chairman and

founder Nicholas Lagonelli who came to the school yesterday and donated COVID test kits to every student. We thank him for that.

Mayor White said he and Mr. Lo Dico had met with all the department heads regarding the budget. He said we are amending the temporary budget to include two new police cars. Unfortunately with the way it is, supply chain – it's a one-year wait time to get police vehicles, so we want to order them now so we have them. We met with Captain Galbo about this request, and we feel it's valid. We're applying for additional grants from Community Development Block Grant to pave Congress Street. We're bonding for our 2022 Road Program for six or seven roads or more will be paved. We have some leftover funds from 2021. We have a first reading on that bond ordinance tonight. We're awarding a contract for body cameras for the police department which is a state mandate. We're using a grant from the state; we got \$81,000 that covers about half the total of \$192,000 which is to be paid over 4 years. The senior tax freeze, the blue books have been mailed. Seniors might not have gotten it yet, but they're on the way. We're going to post something on Facebook and on Our Town TV which lists all the guidelines for the senior tax freeze.

The Mayor said we have an ordinance for 2nd reading for Woit Industries, replacing all the parcels of their property as industrial. This went before the Planning Board. I think it's recommended that we pass that ordinance. We have a first reading on regulating the operation of several classes of cannabis businesses within geographic boundaries. The municipal building, Karen will get more involved with that, but we are awarding a contract to JCT for low voltage wiring and telecommunications. I also want to remind residents that you can go to the town website for photographs and a description of the work being done there. It's quite a collection of photos. In fact this week we just posted the new updates.

Mayor White said there's a flood mitigation petition that's going around. Councilman Gierak will speak about that. We've been able to have the Passaic Valley Sewer Commission clean the debris and trees along the Saddle River. The flow of the river is now less cluttered, and we're currently working – this is where the petition came from – with neighboring towns, Rochelle Park, Lodi, Garfield, Wallington, Maywood. We've been working with them. What we're trying to do is we're trying to get – and we're also working with Congressman Bill Pascrell trying to get the folks in Washington DC more involved with some kind of permanent solution to our flooding problem.

Regarding the playground at Saddle River Park, the Mayor said County officials are reporting that as a result of Ida, the flood, there was contamination on two of the playgrounds. Cleanup is now underway, however state agencies are involved and are taking time to ensure the public safety. New playground equipment has been ordered and should be arriving in parts. Limited access will hopefully be available by April, but we have OSHA and the EPA are involved and we need to get clearance from them. At this point they are testing the most recent dirt samples, and if there's a problem it will obviously take a little bit longer.

Mayor White said residents should go to the Saddle Brook Library website, there's a list there of activities occurring over the next few months. Some of the few things going on are making St. Patrick's Day and Easter themed soap, yoga, and STEM club, which has chemistry and robotics activities scheduled. March 7th the VFW in coordination with Midland Brew House is running the Veterans fund raiser where 20% of your food order will go directly to helping the Veterans. March 11th, 12th and 13th is the High School Middle School play *Hello Dolly: The Musical*. Tickets are available on the school website. Our videographer will be videotaping that. March 13th at 2:00 AM the clocks go back for Daylight Savings time. Remember we talked a lot about safety in the schools; it's darker in the morning; 7 o'clock in the morning it's still dark when the clocks change. We had a really bad bus accident a few years back on Fairlawn Parkway where a kid got hit because it was dark and the bus didn't see him. He was wearing dark clothes, so please be careful when you're driving at those times. On March 12th the fire department Engine Co. No 1 is having their St. Patrick's dinner at the VFW from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Tickets are \$40. See any member of Engine 1 for the tickets. March 27th is chicken Bingo for our seniors at 12 noon at the Senior Center, \$15 a ticket. Call Joe Lecce at 201-845-4594.

Mayor White said April 15th is the Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Fish and Chips Drive. It's always on Good Friday. It begins 4:30. Order tickets on line at ticketstrike.com. It's a drive though. This is all on Facebook, and we will put it on the town website and also Our Town TV. April 16th is our Easter Celebration, 12 noon to 2:00 at the High School.

The Mayor noted we are looking for substitute crossing guards. If you're interested please call Town Hall, 201-587-2093.

He offered his condolences to the families of Howard Weinberg, school teacher involved in our community partnership committee, and John Cook, councilman from 1997 to 2008 and Bill Meisner councilman from 1969 to 1976. He concluded by offering prayers for all those who are suffering in Ukraine with this crazy war there.

Councilman Gierek said there is a petition on Change.org to urge our federal elected officials to address flooding in our area. I urge you to go on and sign the petition. Our flood committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 30th at the Senior Center here at 6:30. Also the Saddle Brook Educational Foundation will be holding a dinner dance on April 30th from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the VFW. Tickets are \$55. You can purchase tickets at www.spennj.org or by calling Emily at 718-350-0909.

Councilwoman D'Arminio congratulated all the women that were honored today for Women in History Month. Every single one of them brings a lot to our community, and personally I would like to thank them. She said I was at the building today. We did award a contract which the resolution is on this evening to Johnston Communications, which is going to do our IT, our telephone and also our security cameras. Starting on Monday the cabling is going to be brought into the building by them. The walls are up, there's actually painting being done, so you can see the progress on the website. We are hoping to have the grand opening in July, and I don't know if I mentioned this last month, but there was a glitch. We are waiting for a switch to come from Mexico which was supposed to be shipped on the first of June. We've gotten told that it will not be shipped until June 20th, so it gets trucked here. It's going to delay our grand opening to early September. We need that switch because that goes to the transformer which does the electric for the entire building. If that changes, I will let everybody know. I was disappointed because we were planning to go with the grand opening in July. Right now it looks like the end of August beginning of September. As I said, if you go on the website you will see the progress, and if anybody has any questions you can email me or text me, and certainly if anybody wants to see the building certainly contact me and I'd be happy to take you to it.

Councilwoman D'Arminio then said she wanted to reassure everyone that we don't go out to put a law on the books to try to hurt anybody, so certainly we hear you, and we will let you know and we will get everybody together and we will fix this.

She concluded by wishing everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy St. Joseph's Day.

Councilman Cimiluca congratulated all of the Women in History honorees and said we had a meeting on Tuesday and we had a room full of wrestlers, wrestling parents, wrestling coaches. The crown jewel of Saddle Brook Recreation is Veterans Field. We upgraded it. We talked about doing it in phases, and phase I was the turfing, and we got that done, and it was 1000% improvement of the ability to utilize that field. Second phase was the bathrooms. Today was the snack stands. The restroom facilities and snack stand and there is a building next to the snack stand that's the old garage, and we've said for years that we've got to do something with it. It does seem like it makes perfect sense since we really don't have a dedicated facility for wrestling. The people came to the meeting and they did indicate that they were more than willing to spend a lot of sweat equity in making that a reality for their children and for probably their children's children. This is going to be something that when it's done it's going to be there for years and years and years. My vision would be that wrestling would have first dibs and also that the High School wrestlers could also utilize that. We appreciate all those people that came out. We appreciate the volunteers to take on this responsibility in coordination with the town and our engineer.

Councilman Cimiluca continued that have a couple ordinances on tonight which would be to change the Zoning map. One of them is we're changing the Zoning map – I said before – all the ordinances change and what we do here is we see what needs to be done. Nothing is set in stone. If it's worthwhile for the town and it benefits the town, we're willing to go get that. There's a certain area that wasn't zoned to its best capability, so we're fixing that. The same thing is cannabis, whether you like it or not, it's the law in NJ, it's here to stay. Saddle Brook has agreed to permit operation and limit it to three different things: manufacturing, cultivation and retail. We set limits on the number of facilities that can open in town, and we set limits on where they can open in town, and one of the ordinances tonight is going to make that clear.

Councilman Accomando congratulated the honorees and thanked everyone who came out and spoke on behalf of what they felt that we can change. As a Council maybe we can come up with something to accommodate both sides of the residents. He wished everyone Happy St. Patrick's Day.

He spoke briefly about Mr. Weinberg and extended condolences to his friends and family, noting he was definitely one of a kind.

Regarding former Councilman John Cook, Councilman Cimiluca said he had known him for a number of years and he was a great guy who was always fun to be with. He was the life of the party and he will sorely missed. He wished Councilman Accomando a happy birthday.

Council President Mazzer extended her condolences to the Meisner family and the Cook family. She said she'd had the privilege of serving on the Council with him and said he had been very instrumental in getting her involved in UNICO. She thanked the Mayor for the flowers and thanked everyone for coming out and giving their input.

*** ORDINANCES**

1. ORDINANCE #1717-22 – FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE SCHEDULE I (PART 2) SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS AND TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUCH THAT CERTAIN PARCELS ARE REMOVED FROM THE O-MR ZONE AND PLACED WITHIN THE I-INDUSTRIAL ZONE.

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 Gieriek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gieriek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE SCHEDULE I (PART 2) SCHEDULE
OF DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS AND TO AMEND THE ZONING
MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF
BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUCH THAT CERTAIN
PARCELS ARE REMOVED FROM THE O-MR ZONE AND PLACED
WITHIN THE I-INDUSTRIAL ZONE.**

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 Accomando

Roll call:

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

CR# 322-46

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE SCHEDULE I (PART 2) SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS AND TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUCH THAT CERTAIN PARCELS ARE REMOVED FROM THE O-MR ZONE AND PLACED WITHIN THE I-INDUSTRIAL ZONE.**

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 Accomando

Roll call:

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

2. ORDINANCE #1718-22 – FIRST 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 next order of business is the introduction of **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 directed the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

CR# 322-47

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 AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIFIC CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 7th day of April, 2022 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 D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

3. ORDINANCE #1719-22 – FIRST 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 next order of business is the introduction of
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 directed the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

CR# 322-48

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

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 7th day of April, 2022 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 D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

4. ORDINANCE #1720-22 – FIRST 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 next order of business is the introduction of **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 directed the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

CR# 322-49

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

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 7th day of April, 2022 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 D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Gierek – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
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.

Councilman Cimiluca said noted there was no certification page with resolution #13, {CR# 322-62}.

Mr. Lo Dico said regarding the temporary budget amendment we are adding money into the temporary budget for police cars.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if there was language about the certification on that and Mr. Lo Dico said no.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

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

MINUTES

1. February 3, 2022 – Regular Public Meeting

* RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 322-50

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick Engineers, Township Engineer, has submitted a proposal dated February 17, 2022, revised February 24, 2022 for the 2021 Road Improvement Program, Phase III; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves said proposal in the amount not to exceed \$49,500.00

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 322-51

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick Engineers, Township Engineer, has submitted a proposal dated February 17, 2022, revised February 24, 2022 for the 2022 Road Improvement Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves said proposal in the amount not to exceed \$210,000.00.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilman Gierek - yes

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 322-52

WHEREAS, Frank Macchione Construction was awarded a contract in the amount of \$392,280.58 for 2021 Road Improvement Program, Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, Richard G. Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Frank Macchione Construction recommended Change Order #1; \$126,960.22 for adjustment of unit quantities to reflect final as-built, repaving the VFW parking lot, removal of speed hump on Liberty Street, and install drywell at Wilson and Oak to improve ponding issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 for Frank Macchione Construction for a total amount of \$126,960.22, a total contract amount of \$519,240.80 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 322-53

WHEREAS, 4 Clean Up was awarded a contract in the amount of \$859,547.75 for 2020 Road Program; and

WHEREAS, Richard G. Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by 4 Clean Up recommended Change Order #6 Final; -\$28,167.94 for final quantities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #6 Final for 4 Clean Up for a total amount of -\$28,167.94, a total contract amount of \$976,448.49 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 322-56

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 **\$4,646,829.27** 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 - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Council President Mazzer – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 322-57

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 **\$50,186.67** 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 - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**WOMEN IN HISTORY MONTH
PROVIDING HEALING, PROMOTING HOPE**

CR# 322-58

Introduced by:

Mayor White and Councilmen Cimiluca, Accomando and Gierek

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, state and Township in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the theme of Women in History Month is PROVIDING HEALING, PROMOTING HOPE; and

WHEREAS, PROVIDING HEALING, PROMOTING HOPE, is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby joins the national celebration of Women in History Month with the theme this year of PROVIDING HEALING, PROMOTING HOPE; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby recognizes and congratulates all the honorees for their distinguished service to our community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gieriek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gieriek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 322-59

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is participating in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has interest in obtaining a low voltage wiring system and telecommunications systems for the new municipal building; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that a contract be awarded to Johnston Communications (JCT), 33 Commerce Street, Springfield, NJ 07081 in the amount of \$686,644.23 through the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement, providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 322-60

WHEREAS, Budz Prime, LLC, is a New Jersey based limited liability company and is seeking a recreational cannabis retail dispensary license in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Township Council have met with representatives from Budz Prime, LLC, and are impressed with the team they have assembled, their business plan and their ability to fund and operate their venture of a cannabis retail dispensary in Saddle Brook; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township has made revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and some of those revisions specifically permit, as a ‘use’ a cannabis retail dispensary; and

WHEREAS, the Township has recently decided to regulate cannabis related uses, however, nothing in the recent ordinance would prevent Budz Prime, LLC from legally operating within the Township;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township hereby supports the granting of the license sought by Budz Prime, LLC, permitting the operation of a recreational retail marijuana dispensary within the boundaries of the Township of Saddle Brook, subject to the Township's zoning requirements relating to such a business.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 322-61

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is presently holding a cash bond in the amount of approximately \$181,000.00 for the Grande at Saddle Brook project; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued from the Township Engineer for buildings A and B confirming completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the cash bond funds be released:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the cash bond for the Grande at Saddle Brook project be released in accordance with the recommendation from the Township Engineer.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman D’Arminio - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR YEAR 2022

CR# 322-62

WHEREAS; the Township of Saddle Brook in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey adopted its 2022 Temporary Budget to cover budgetary appropriations through the first three months of the year; and

WHEREAS; the 2022 Budget has not yet been introduced; and

WHEREAS; it is necessary to amend the temporary budget by resolution adopted by 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make this amendment for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the adoption of the 2022 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook that, the following amendment to the temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:

<u>GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:</u>	
	<u>2022 Temporary Budget</u>
<u>Office of the Mayor</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,500.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
<u>Township Council</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
<u>General Administration</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$32,000.00
Other Expenses	\$5,000.00
Other Expenses - Postage	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses – Contractual Services	\$5,000.00
Other Expenses – Computer Service Contract	\$20,000.00
Other Expenses – SBC-TV	\$7,000.00
Other Expenses – Grants	\$10,000.00
Flood Plain Manager	\$2,500.00
<u>Municipal Clerk</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,500.00
Other Expenses – Land Use	\$250.00
Other Expenses – Codification of Ordinances	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses – Elections	\$2,000.00
<u>Financial Administration</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$55,000.00
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses – Special Audit	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses – Statements	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses – Special Financial Services	\$500.00
<u>Audit Services</u>	
Other Expenses	\$8,000.00

<u>Revenue Administration</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
<u>Tax Assessment Administration</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00
Other Expenses – Tax Appeal Attorney	\$7,500.00
Other Expenses – Appraisals	\$75,000.00
Other Expenses – Assessment	0.00
<u>Legal Services</u>	
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
<u>Engineering Services</u>	
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
<u>Planning Board</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,500.00
Other Expenses	\$375.00
<u>Zoning Board of Adjustment</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,200.00
Other Expenses	\$750.00
<u>Insurance</u>	
Liability	\$100,000.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$100,000.00
Employee Group Insurance	\$1,000,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$20,000.00
<u>Police Department</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,400,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$20,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Clothing Allowances	\$2,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Acquisition of Vehicles	\$100,000.00
<u>Civilian Dispatchers</u>	
Salary and Wages	\$38,000.00
<u>School Marshalls-Crossing Guards</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$150,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,200.00
<u>Police Clerical</u>	
Salary and Wages	\$8,000.00
<u>Office of Emergency Management</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,500.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
<u>Aid to Volunteer Ambulance</u>	\$65,000.00
<u>Fire Department</u>	
Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
<u>Uniform Fire Safety Act</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$38,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
<u>Municipal Prosecutor's Office</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$2,500.00

<u>Building and Property</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$10,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Purchase of Equipment	\$15,000.00
<u>Streets and Road Maintenance</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$300,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$10,000.00
Other Expenses	\$80,000.00
<u>Snow Removal</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$6,000.00
Other Expenses	\$2,500.00
<u>Division of Sewers</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$5,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$2,500.00
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Other Expenses – Repairs	\$25,000.00
<u>Solid Waste Collection</u>	
Other Expenses	\$180,000.00
Other Expenses – Recycling	\$47,000.00
<u>Recycling</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,000.00
<u>Public Health Services</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Other Expenses – Wallington	\$500.00
Other Expenses – Contracts	\$1,000.00
<u>Animal Control</u>	
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
Other Expenses – Contracts	\$12,000.00
<u>Recreation Services and Programs</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$30,000.00
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Other Expenses – Project Graduation	\$100.00
Other Expenses – Memorial Day	\$500.00
Other Expenses – Senior Citizen Center	\$1000.00
Other Expenses – Senior Dinner Dance	\$300.00
Other Expenses – Community Projects and Activities	\$3,000.00
Other Expenses – Summer Programs	\$200.00
Other Expenses – Other Events	\$5,000.00
Other Expenses – Special Events	\$2,000.00
<u>Municipal Court</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$60,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Special Court Session	\$1,000.00
Salaries and Wages – Overtime	\$4,000.00
Other Expenses	\$4,000.00
<u>Code Enforcement and Administration</u>	
Salaries and Wages – Division of Engineering	\$25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Salaries and Wages – Construction Code Official	\$40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Salaries and Wages – Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$10,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00
Salaries and Wages – Fire Sub-Code Official	\$5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$500.00

<u>Department of Inspections</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$11,000.00
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
<u>Utility</u>	
Gas & Electric	\$75,000.00
Street Lighting	\$60,000.00
Telephone	\$25,000.00
Gasoline	\$20,000.00
<u>Dumping Fees</u>	
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
<u>Statutory Expenditures</u>	
Public Employees Retirement System	\$100,000.00
Social Security System	\$100,000.00
Police and Fire Retirement System	\$100,000.00
Local Firemen's Pension Fund	\$1,500.00
LOSAP – Fire	\$5,000.00
LOSAP – Ambulance	\$5,000.00
<u>Municipal Public Library</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$120,000.00
Other Expenses	\$120,000.00
<u>Sewer Processing and Disposal</u>	
Other Expenses – PVSC	\$470,000.00
Other Expenses – Lodi	\$2,500.00
<u>Garbage and Trash Removal Tonnage Tax</u>	
Other Expenses	\$1,000.00
Reserve for Tax Appeals	0.00
<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	
Capital Outlay	\$50,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND OPERATIONS	\$5,763,375.00

<u>Municipal Debt Service</u>	
Payment of Bond Principal	\$250,000.00
Interest on Bonds	\$290,000.00
Payment of BAN & Capital Notes	\$30,000.00
Reserve of Tax Refunding Bonds	0.00
Interest on Notes – BANs	\$2,500.00
NJEIT Trust Loan – Principal	\$25,000.00
NJEIT Trust Loan – Interest	\$21,000.00

Total Current Fund Appropriations	\$6,381,875.00
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WATER UTILITY FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Water Operations</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$100,000.00
Salaries and Wages Overtime	\$5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$400,000.00
<u>Capital Improvements</u>	
Capital Outlay	\$1,000.00
<u>Debt Service</u>	
Payment of Bond Principal	\$10,000.00

Payment of Bond Anticipation and Capital Notes	
Interest on Bonds	\$5,000.00
EIT Debt	\$10,000.00
Interest on Notes	\$10,000.00
<u>Statutory Expenditures</u>	
Public Employees Retirement System	\$10,000.00
Social Security System (OASI)	\$10,000.00
TOTAL WATER UTILITIES APPROPRIATIONS	\$561,000.00

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

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

* CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Stephen Pellino** **Re: Review of Ordinance No. 1717.22**
Basile Birchwale &
Pellino, LLP

To: Mayor and Council Date: February 23, 2022

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 February 22, 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.

2. **Robert Klein, PE** **Re: 2020 Road Program Pay**
Remington Vernick **Certificate No. 3 Final**
Engineers

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: February 7, 2022

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 3 Final and two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. CT025269M from 4 Clean Up for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the final payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to **4 Clean Up** in the amount of **\$46,364.11** for Certificate No. 3 Final.

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

3. **Robert Klein, PE** **Re: Arnot Street Force Main Break**
Remington & Vernick **Recommendation for Payment**
Engineers

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: February 15, 2022

We have reviewed the attached invoice submitted by J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc. (JFC) for the emergency sewer repairs completed in July 2021. RVE has found all items to be reasonable and just and we therefore recommend payment to be made to JFC in the amount of \$168,626.64.

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

**4. Robert Klein, PE
Remington & Vernick
Engineers** **Re: 2021 Road Improvement Program,
Phase 2 Change Order No. 1**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: February 21, 2022

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of attached Change Order No. 1 for Frank Macchione Constructon. This change order is for the addition of extra items.

• Original Contract	\$ 392,280.58
• Change Order No. 1	\$ 126,960.22
• Amended Contract Total	\$ 519,240.80

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

**5. Robert Klein, PE
Remington & Vernick
Engineers** **Re: 2021 Road Improvement Program
Phase 2 Pay Certificate No. 1**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: February 21, 2022

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from Frank Macchione Construction 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 **Frank Macchione Construction** in the amount of **\$508,855.98** for Certificate No. 1.

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

**6. Paul D. Cray, PP, PE,
CME
Remington & Vernick
Engineers** **Re: 2021 Road Improvement Program,
Phase III Professional Services
Proposal (Revised)**

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: February 17, 2022

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) is pleased to submit this revised proposal to provide professional services for the above-referenced project. The scope of work generally includes the upgrades of stormwater inlets pursuant to NJDEP regulations, the installation of curb ramps that are compliant to the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), milling and resurfacing. This project intends to utilize funds remaining from the 2021 Road Improvement Program.

The limit of work will be as follows:

- New Municipal Building Parking Lot
- Garden Street
- Kenwood Court

Our Scope of Services are as follows:

1. Utilize conventional ground survey to obtain existing conditions of the roadways. We will transmit the base plans to the various utility companies and request as-built information on existing utilities as well as notify them of the project. We will use the information received to prepare existing condition base plans. We will also update PSE&G's Road moratorium online mapping. For the New Municipal building Parking lot, we will utilize existing basemapping for the project or use google earth images rather than perform a conventional ground survey.
2. We will solicit quotes from a minimum of three contractors who do video and cleaning services for the sanitary sewer lines on the roads that are part of the program minus the parking lot. We will identify any sewer lines that need replacement or rehabilitation. We will include replacement of said lines as part of the road program plans. We will not include rehabilitation (trenchless technology) as part of the road program as that work can be done after the roads are resurfaced and under a separate contract if the Township desires to do the work.
3. Provide design for mill and overlay of the roadway with improvements to the ADA curb ramps; known utility repairs and NJDEP stormwater modifications. We understand that Saddle Brook desires to only install curbing where it is missing or otherwise not serviceable. Plans will also include replacement of driveway curbs and aprons where missing or in poor condition. Most concrete aprons will be left alone while most asphalt aprons will be replaced.
4. Prepare the construction plans, specifications, and engineer's construction estimate for obtaining construction bids for the project. We plan to issue two separate bid packages, one for the roads and one for the parking lot.
5. Review the preliminary design with Saddle Brook. Modify the plans / specifications from the result of the meeting.
6. Assist in the bid opening, review of bids, and recommend award of the contract.
7. Provide construction observation services during the construction phase of the project. Observation will be part time during concrete work and full-time during milling and paving operations. Please note that we will not include inspection services for any replacement work that is identified for the sanitary sewer lines at this time since that work is unknown and may not be needed. If it is needed, we will provide a proposal for inspection services at the appropriate time.
8. Provide contract administration services including the processing of change orders and payment requests. We will review and return shop drawings submitted by the Contractor. We will attend the preconstruction meeting and issue meeting notes. We will perform a punch list inspection and provide a list of punch list items to the Contractor.

PROJECT COST

The anticipated project cost(s) are detailed as follows:

A.	Estimated Road Construction Cost	\$ 408,000.00
B.	Field Survey & Base Plan Preparation Services	\$ 8,000.00
C.	Engineering Design Services	\$ 21,500.00
D.	Construction Administration	\$ 20,000.00
E.	<u>Video of Sewer Lines</u>	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
	GRAND TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 492,500.00

COST OF SERVICES

Remington & Vernick Engineers will perform the services outlined herein on a time and material basis with a maximum cost not to exceed **\$49,500.00** which includes items B, C, and D above.

We await your written authorization to begin preparation of the required documents for bidding.

We trust the information provided meets your requirements for this project. Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at our Secaucus office.

7. Paul D. Cray, PP, PE,
CME
Remington & Vernick
Engineers

Re: 2022 Road Improvement Program
Professional Services Proposal
(Revised)

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: February 17, 2022

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) is pleased to submit this revised proposal to provide professional services for the above-referenced project. The scope of work generally includes the upgrades of stormwater inlets pursuant to NJDEP regulations, the installation of curb ramps that are compliant to the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), milling and resurfacing.

The limit of work will be as follows:

- Skillman Terrace from Weller Terrace to Hickory Avenue
- Spindler Terrace
- Graham Terrace
- Schepis Avenue
- North Boulevard
- South Boulevard
- Adriana Street

Our Scope of Services are as follows:

1. Utilize conventional ground survey to obtain existing conditions of the roadways. We will transmit the base plans to the various utility companies and request as-built information on existing utilities as well as notify them of the project. We will use the information received to prepare existing condition base plans. We will also update PSE&G's road moratorium online mapping.
2. We will solicit quotes from a minimum of three contractors who do video and cleaning services for the sanitary sewer lines on the roads that are part of the program. We will identify any sewer lines that need replacement or rehabilitation. We will include replacement of said lines as part of the road program plans. We will not include rehabilitation (trenchless technology) as part of the road program as that work can be done after the roads are resurfaced and under a separate contract if the Township desires to do the work.
3. Provide design for mill and overlay of the roadway with improvements to the ADA curb ramps; known utility repairs and NJDEP stormwater modifications. We understand that Saddle Brook desires to only install curbing where it is missing or otherwise not serviceable. Plans will also include replacement of driveway curbs and aprons where missing or in poor condition. Most concrete aprons will be left alone while most asphalt aprons will be replaced.
4. We will include the installation of 4-6 speed humps throughout Town either as part of a road program bid package or as part of a separate request for quote package.
5. Prepare the construction plans, specifications, and engineer's construction estimate for obtaining construction bids for the project. We plan to issue two separate bid packages for the roads.
6. Review the preliminary design with Saddle Brook. Modify the plans / specifications from the result of the meeting.
7. Assist in the bid opening, review of bids, and recommend award of the contract.
8. Provide construction observation services during the construction phase of the project. Observation will be part time during concrete work and full-time during milling and paving operations. Please note that we will not include inspection services for any replacement work that is identified for the sanitary sewer lines at this time since that work is unknown and may not be needed. If it is needed, we will provide a proposal for inspection services at the appropriate time.
9. Provide contract administration services including the processing of change orders and payment requests. We will review and return shop drawings submitted by the Contractor. We will attend the preconstruction meeting and issue meeting notes. We will perform a punch list inspection and provide a list of punch list items to the Contractor.

PROJECT COST

The anticipated project cost(s) are detailed as follows:

A.	Estimated Road Construction Cost	\$ 1,375,000.00
B.	Field Survey & Base Plan Preparation Services	\$ 55,000.00
C.	Engineering Design Services	\$ 80,000.00
D.	Construction Administration	\$ 75,000.00
GRAND TOTAL PROJECT COST		\$ 1,585,000.00

COST OF SERVICES

Remington & Vernick Engineers will perform the services outlined herein on a time and material basis with a maximum cost not to exceed **\$210,000.00** which includes items B, C, and D above.

We await your written authorization to begin preparation of the required documents for bidding. We trust the information provided meets your requirements for this project. Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at our Secaucus office.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

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APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REGISTRATION OF VITAL STATISTICS

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Administrative Code, I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby appoint:

TRACY NAFASH

as Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics, for a term of three years, effective January 2022 and which shall expire on December 31, 2024

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Administrative Code, I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby appoint:

MARTIN P. GEISLER

as township Judge for a term of three years, effective January 1, 2022 and which shall expire on December 31, 2024

I request that the council give advice and consent on this appointment

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

*** RAFFLES & APPLICATIONS**

Raffles

1. RA# 1337 - American Legion Post 415 – Pull Tab
2. RA# 1338 – Romaine Sinniger VFW Post – Pull Tab

Public Place

3. Moe's Southwest Grill – 165 Route 46 West – RENEWAL
4. Frank's Pizza – 189 Route 46 West – RENEWAL
5. New East Wok – 519 Market Street - RENEWAL

Old Business / New Business

Mayor White thanked Mr. Peretti and Mr. Henkel from Saddle Brook Junior Wrestling and all the coaches and volunteers that showed up to Tuesday's work session. He said I think it's a great idea. I think the Council feels the same way as far as building that wrestling room. It really is a natural progression. The next phase will be a great addition. I want to thank them for volunteering their services, getting some materials donated, using their parent booster funds, and of course the Township is going to do our best to help them as well to get that project done. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day.

Council President Mazzer thanked the Mayor and Council for wearing blue and yellow tonight in support of Ukraine.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilman Gierak – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
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: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll call:

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

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Florence Mazzer
Council President

Approved: April 7, 2022