

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on August 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.

Council President Mazzer called the meeting to order at 7:27pm.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

Mayor White – present
Robert Klein Township Engineer - present
Anthony Suarez – Township Attorney

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor White commends Joseph Polizzotti who was Fire Chief from 2020 to 2021 for doing a great job during the COVID-19 pandemic and presents him with an American Flag that had flown over the Capitol in Washington.

Mr. Polizzotti thanks the Mayor and Council.

Lou Verile Commander of VFW 3484 comes forward to thank the Mayor and Council for repairing the parking lot and he presents Mayor White with a plaque to show their gratitude.

Mayor White thanks Mr. Verile and the VFW.

Council President Mazzer thanks Mr. Verile and the other members present on behalf of the Council for their contributions to the Township.

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

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward to give a Mayor's Youth Group update. He mentions the Tuesday National Night Out event and thanks everyone involved. He says that they are always looking for new members.

Omar Rodriguez of 275 Madison Avenue comes forward to speak. He asks if there are any items from the work session that have been amended or changed.

Mr. Rodriguez – Under the items for discussion on the work session are there any changes or amendments to the ordinances that have passed before. I know in the past there's been a lot of hearsay and a lot of talk but I haven't been clear. The town doesn't know or have any protocol on how to find out how the application is going where it can take six months a year two years but the town doesn't know when the applicant will be rejected if the applicant will apply again the town will not know but in the meantime they will be using revenues due to the fact that it might take instead of six months or nine months it might take one, two or three years. Is there anything in place in order to follow up on the applications for the class 5? I don't know about the cultivation if the three resolutions have gone out so I'm just wondering.

Mr. Suarez – There were discussions about amendments during the work session but that's up to the Council if they want to take action regarding manufacturing. With regard to your first question about amendments I don't know if there will be action taken at this meeting. There was a discussion during work session regarding amending the ordinance about manufacturing zones and the second part of the question about the follow up and we did discuss that and our office is going to be following up with all the companies on a timely basis. We're going to send them correspondence to see what the status is with regard to their license whether they got it or were rejected.

Mr. Rodriguez – For the sake of the town I know resolutions went out there's nothing in the process because it's a new subject but at the same time it will generate revenues for every municipality in this program. Is there any way that you can amend any of those resolutions that if they are rejected for any reason they should notify the town and the town should take action whether they want to take a different applicant or give the option to reapply to that company again because then we will have to wait for another year or two in the meantime the town will be losing the revenues which means the percentage they would have to pay to the town for all the sales for the year. I don't know if you can let us know if anything will be changed tonight.

Council President Mazzer – We don't have it formally on the agenda.

Mr. Rodriguez – So nothing will be discussed today?

Council President Mazzer – We may have discussion on it. The planner just got back to us we just got their report this morning and some of the Council haven't had a chance to read it.

Mr. Rodriguez – Thank you.

Council President Mazzer – Does anyone else wish to be heard?

Marie Scagliotti from Saddle River Court comes forward. She explains how bad the flooding is in Saddle River Court every time it rains and says that the drains are not working at all. The water was up to her knees and the Mayor and everyone is aware of it. She asks that the Township please help her and the other residents on the court to get this flooding to stop. They are also now considered a flood zone when they were not before. Does anybody have any thoughts or comments anything that can help? She showed pictures of the last storm to the engineer. She has also lost vehicles and had her home damaged by the flooding.

Mr. Suarez – This is a private development.

Ms. Scagliotti – I've been here for twenty three years and we are tired of hearing that. It is not a private street it's a public street. I don't know why this keeps coming around and around. I don't see how any street in Saddle Brook can be a private street. When you're paying twelve to fourteen thousand dollars in taxes how you can say it's a private street. Where is the money going?

Mr. LoDico – They were townhouses that were built in the 80's I believe. We've done the research over the years and there is no dedication of that street to the Township it remains part of the development of the townhouse development and that's part of the problem because the responsibility determines if there is a problem with the drainage if it is the Township or the Association.

Mr. Suarez – Do you have a homeowner's association?

Ms. Scagliotti – We had an association in the past and really everybody is doing their own thing. You can't be penalized living in a town and paying taxes twelve thousand thirteen thousand dollars we've got property on a block that has minimal property you're paying that much taxes it's not normal that we are penalized and subject to get flooded and for you to say this is very hurtful. Somebody's got to answer these questions.

Mr. Suarez – You're not getting penalized if it's a private development. You're taxes you have a police service, DPW services, library, ambulance these are the services your taxes pay for.

Mr. LoDico – The DPW has been there to clean out the catch basins.

Mr. Caravaglia – The answers they give us are not that. It's a problem with the Saddle River itself that's plugged up with silt and the water has nowhere to go. They say it's a problem with the state or the county to take care of the river meanwhile every rain storm nothing goes down the sewer and the flies and mosquitoes on the street is out of control. The water pools it's 18 to 24 inches in the common areas the sewers do not work. When we had Floyd and Irene I had three and a half feet with Floyd and eight inches of sewer for Irene. I had to change all the sheetrock twice in my house the rugs everything. My taxes went up four thousand dollars in the last two years and I get no services. There's no sewers they do not work. I've asked Councilman Cimiluca to find out if we need a new street who's paying for it and he said to me if I'm not mistaken it's a public street where you guys will pay for the paving of the street but now you're saying it was a private street and was never dedicated by the developer. The developer went to jail.

Mayor White – Do we plow and pick up garbage?

Mr. Caravaglia – For the first five or six years you didn't pick up anything we had to pay for it. Snowplowing street lighting everything we had to pay for and then some townhouse law was passed that said we were being double taxed. The issue with the street the street is collapsing. I've actually gone out with blacktop to fill holes in the street. I'm sixty eight years old I can't continue to do this. Whether it's private public we've been talking about this for twenty five years we can't get a straight answer whose property it is. You guys are saying it's a private street but yet if the street has to be paved who's paying for it the homeowners or the town?

Ms. Scagliotti – The property across the street I've been to Town Hall I've been everywhere trying to figure out that property across the street they say it's not our property they say it is our property so if it's our property we can build on that property then they say no you can't build on that property.

Mayor White – Who says you can't build on it?

Mr. Caravaglia – The builder says he still owns the property.

Mayor White – The guy who went to jail?

Mr. Caravaglia – The guy who went to jail says I own that property it's a separate lot he was going to build his house on that property. The bylaws we had upon closing on each townhouse each homeowner was turned over one twelfth of that property across the street so we all owned one twelfth of the common area. He's sneaky he comes up to people he says sign a quick land deed for your twelfth of the property across the street. He knows he can't build on it because his bylaws say that the homeowners own one twelfth of that property so he doesn't cooperate with anybody. Nobody knows who owns that property according to him it's his but he can't build on it unless he tried to get everyone to sign a quick land deed. We pay taxes on that property across the street.

The services we get from the Town we're the last to be snowplowed in the Town. We're lucky if we get garbage pickup we called Gaeta and the guy didn't want to come down the street and make a six point turn so he backed over the common property. They put double tandem wheels in the back they put fifteen grooves in the common areas. We called up the garbage department they came and put topsoil and seed down but who's to say they didn't rupture the leech field that's a leech field that's why I don't think it could be built on. I'm not an engineer if you have a leech field can you put a townhouse over a leech field? Years ago I wanted everybody to chip in and we'd put twelve garages and they said you couldn't build over there because it's a leech field that's what I was told. I've been there for twenty six years and I still don't know who owns the property across the street all I know is after Floyd and Irene every rainstorm I got eighteen to twenty four inches of water in the street. Someone from the DPW came down and he said we don't know what to do we don't know who's responsible is it the Saddle River problem with the silt in the pipes. The last three rains we've had two feet of water. What happens when it rains for two hours it's over I got over three feet in my house. To make matters worse I just retired from UPS in 2014 my house wasn't supposed to flood once every five hundred years now I'm in a flood zone. I wanted to sell my house and move to Florida and now my house is worth a hundred thousand dollars less I assume. Now I have to tell everybody it's a flood zone I'm sure that will affect the price of my house when I sell it and each year I got raised four thousand dollars in taxes and have no services. Every rain there is eighteen inches of water in the street. The bugs I've never seen bugs like there are. If I cut the grass there are white bugs that fly out of the grass.

Mayor White – Who cuts the grass across the street?

Ms. Scagliotti – We share we do it just so it looks nice and presentable.

Mr. Caravaglia – When the market crashed five people lost their jobs and they stopped paying the maintenance. Seven of us were carrying the association some lady painted her door white and her stairs white where there had to be conformity. She started a big argument other people stopped paying their maintenance. We stopped paying maintenance completely which is probably illegal there's no more association over there. The common area you were having a parade a couple of years ago and the property maintenance guy said your going to get fined five hundred dollars if you don't cut the grass in the common area. This guy that's not here had colon cancer and quadruple bypass of his heart he cuts six units and I used to cut six units we didn't get paid we did it because I don't want to live in a pig sty. I don't care about cutting the grass I can cut the grass no problem but picking up the leaves I have fifteen or sixteen garbage pails that I put out every Tuesday for you to pick up. Me and this guy Mark do the landscaping and she helps out too. We've done it for ten or twelve years and nobody pays up. Everybody is fed up whether it's private or public we're paying taxes on the property across the street but the builder says he owns the property. How am I paying taxes on piece of property for twenty seven years if it's not mine?

Mayor White – I think it's obvious that the Town doesn't own that property but we are giving you a lot of services there.

Mr. Caravaglia – We're last with everything I just want to tell you.

Mayor White – You mentioned that we pick up the grass.

Mr. Caravaglia – I do the grass.

Mayor White – But the DPW comes and picks up the grass.

Mr. Caravaglia – Yes I appreciate it.

Mayor White – We did have a problem with the garbage they were having trouble with employees. It was spotty all over town sometimes they miss. How many times would you say that your block gets missed?

Mr. Caravaglia – Three times a year. That's a lot.

Mayor White – It's probably the average with the way it's been going. It's gotten a lot better right recently it's been better?

Ms. Scagliotti – In my opinion I think the DPW is great but it's just a matter of the flooding water can you help us with the sewers?

Mayor White – I think it's obvious that it's private now we helped you out with the other stuff I don't know about this law you're referring to but we do pick up the garbage we do plow. The DPW picks up the grass and other kinds of debris.

Ms. Scagliotti – The sewer can anybody help us with the sewers? Can anybody come and just look at them and maybe they just need to be cleaned out a little better that's all we're asking for?

Mayor White – What we should do is have the engineer look at it but let's just say it's something that is very costly it's up to the Council and myself to decide.

Ms. Scagliotti – Let's get to the facts and understand it once and for all because we're being hurt our townhouses are being destroyed.

Mayor White – I know you are but legally you're saying it from your point of view and I feel for you and you don't have to show me I've witnessed it with my own eyes I was a police officer for years and I've taken people out in canoes and everything else I understand. It's always been a problem there you're right about that and it is a flood zone. It's a matter of legally are we required to fix the drainage there probably no but morally do we want to help you out? What if it costs a million dollars? Let's say the engineer looks at it and he says we need to change all the pipes it's going to cost a million dollars legally the association should pay for that but then again what does myself and the Council want to do? Do we want to spend a million dollars and have other tax payers pay that that's the issue? You're upset and you have a right to be but is it your problem or is it the Town's problem? I would really like to help you out but you have to understand what the issue is. It's obvious that you own that property and you're responsible for the street it's not a Town street. We've been willing to go as far as doing what we've done thus far pick up the garbage plow it pick up the debris.

Ms. Scagliotti – We really appreciate all that we're just here because of the flooding and whatever you can do to help us out to tell you the truth if I knew that it was a private block I wouldn't have been stupid enough to invest my money into a private block. I never knew it was a private block.

Mayor White – You weren't original right?

Ms. Scagliotti – He's original I am not.

Mr. Caravaglia – I'm an original but according to the bylaws the guy who built it was supposed to dedicate the street to the Town and I don't know if he ever did that.

Mr. Suarez – It doesn't work that way because the Town would have to accept it too.

Mr. Caravaglia – Okay but I don't think it was ever offered.

Mr. Suarez – What I'm saying is if the Town were to do that for every private street then by the Mayor's pointing out then it's assuming more and more responsibility with regard to more and more infrastructure.

Mr. Caravaglia – You keep raising taxes and who's getting the tax money? You are benefiting by us paying four thousand each unit so my taxes went from nine to thirteen we've got to get some services back yes the DPW yes we get garbage picked up now but for the first eight or nine years we didn't you had to pay out of pocket and you were still taxed. Do you get money back because you were double taxed no that never happens? I don't know what the answers are I'm very frustrated I'm going to tell you one more thing before I'm done. A couple of years ago Birk Street is the next street over and there was a shady guy that lived in the last unit on the end and there was a lot of drugs going on so the people that were staying at that house would park on our street. My neighbor called me he's eighty four he says Rich there's three cars parked on the street

we don't have enough parking for ourselves we've got people parking from Birk Street so I called the police. They came down and the cop that came up to me said who are you to call up he said this is a public street. I said it's a private street. We actually had an argument in the street I don't know who it was and he said it's a public street you have no right to call up. I said it's a private street and then I got involved with Councilman Cimiluca and I said do me a favor and find out if it's public or private and who paves the road which I've been asking him for years and he said he would talk to Mr. LoDico and find out who would pave the road if we need it. Every time the road floods the air bubbles are coming up through the street for twenty or thirty feet and sooner or later it's going to collapse. It's already collapsed where I filled in holes in the street by myself. I want to sell and get out but we can't sell because there is no association.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – Through the Chair can we have taking all of this into consideration have Mr. Klein take a look at it and let's determine maybe cleaning the sewer and catch basin would be helpful? If it should turn out to be very expensive but let's see first. Also what I want to say I remember when you bought the townhouse do you know where the owner is?

Mr. Caravaglia – He's in very poor health and I don't expect him to live more than six months.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – Have you ever pursued litigation against him?

Mr. Caravaglia – No he's as smart as a whip he's one of those guys that knows both sides of the law.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – You've never tried to take him to litigation?

Mr. Caravaglia – No because we originally had an association where we used to pay a hundred dollars a month now what townhouse association do you pay a hundred dollars a month.

Ms. Scagliotti – This was way back then.

Mr. Caravaglia – We had it was more like family we all knew each other we weren't looking to rip anybody off plus services were cheap back then twenty seven years ago. Then in 2008 when the market crashed five families lost their jobs nobody could pay their mortgage let alone their maintenance.

Ms. Scagliotti – All we're trying to do is get some help.

Mr. Caravaglia – We don't know what to do every rainstorm is a disaster.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – I think we would all be willing to have the engineer go out and take a look and go from there.

Mr. Caravaglia – I talked to the DPW guy and he said the problem is the river he said all the silt is filled up the drains and there is nowhere for the water to go. The rains we had the last three times it rains for an hour and a half and we get three inches of water if that continues for two hours I have two feet of water in my house.

Mayor White – I remember the last seven or eight years our DPW superintendent that retired Mike Calderone.

Mr. Caravaglia – He actually went in there and took cameras pictures I would love for them to do that again. He said there was no blockage and he checked all the sewers. I asked if there's a sewer on the common property and I asked a couple of years ago can you clean out that one you can see it's all jammed up. Guy said oh that's common area that's your problem.

Mayor White – Mike still lives in town I can check with him.

Mr. Caravaglia – We just want some help we don't know what to do it's a gray area who owns the property is it public is it private we don't know what to do.

Ms. Scagliotti – We love our police officers we love our town we get tickets on our block. Every one of us has gotten tickets on our block so how do you get a ticket on your block if it's a private street?

Mayor White – What were the tickets for?

Mr. Caravaglia – People were parking on an angle because there were no more spots because people were parking from other streets. A couple of people had businesses and put trucks in there so the truck takes three or four spots so my family parked their cars diagonally in the cul-de-sac and two of them got tickets. I told them not to do it. How do you get tickets on a private street?

Ms. Scagliotti – Then we came to a meeting and brought the tickets and they said you should have gotten the tickets because it's a public street.

Mr. Caravaglia – I've been there twenty six years I fought this for twenty six years. In the beginning we fought with the builder a lot but he was a wise ass and we could never get anything out of him. He said he could put a toll booth if he wanted to. Somebody was picking up leaves on the property across the street and he said get off my property we've been paying taxes on that property for twenty six years.

Ms. Scagliotti – I moved in 1999 but I was never told that it was a private road how would I have even known it was a private road. I buy into the town I buy my townhouse who the hell thought that this could ever be mentioned that this was a private block how would I have known?

Mr. Caravaglia – A Fort Lee cop moved in and I said listen we're trying to get the association back together would you mind paying a hundred dollars she said I'll sue every one of you my realtor told me there was no association. My friend does title work he does not know how they closed on the property with no homeowner's association. You have no homeowner's association and they closed obviously you had to pay cash to do it my neighbors house has sold five times but every time it went to attorney review the deal blew up because they said there's no homeowner's association.

Ms. Scagliotti – All we're looking for is some help.

Councilman Cimiluca clarifies what he had told the resident about the street. He says I believe what I said was if it's public then the Town is responsible I don't know to this day if it's public or private. He asks the attorney if that is a title search or what town records would clarify the issue.

Mr. Suarez explains that when they bought the townhouse the lawyer should have said something about it because it was a private transaction and had nothing to do with the Town. The Township is not required to notify individuals whether a street is public or private it is a private issue.

Councilman Cimiluca – The other issue I told you this I do remember you said there was no homeowner's association and I said you have to try and reenact that association because over ten years at two hundred a month for 12 units it's a quarter million dollars. This way you're not going and doing the leaves and the grass and you pay somebody to do it. In situations like that it's the homeowner's association that pays for that. The association for whatever reason was abandoned so you have a unique situation where normally the association would take care of things like that and would televise the lines. I don't disagree we can try and do a little research about public versus private because if it is a public street that's one thing if it's private that's another thing. If we undertake any work all your property owners are going to indemnify the Town. If it is a private complex and the Town says we're going to do this God forbid something bad happens the Town's not going to be responsible for it you're going to have to say we're allowing you to do this there's insurance but at the same time I don't think the Town can undertake work that may not be the Town's responsibility without having some backing from you guys saying please do it we understand that there is a risk involved. I'm in favor of what Councilwoman D'Arminio suggested.

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

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White gives a COVID-19 update. Yesterday there were 2,600 plus confirmed cases and 17 confirmed deaths and daily cases and deaths remain high. Eighteen of the states 21 counties are considered high risk for transmission that's up from only six in mid-July. Bergen County is now considered a high risk county. The states seven day average for confirmed positive tests is 2,689 a seven percent decrease in the past week but that's twelve a percent increase from a month ago. The rate of transmission was one on Wednesday August third when the transmission rate is one that means cases have leveled off at the current numbers anything above one means the outbreak is expanding below one is declining. There were 1,070 patients with confirmed or suspected cases reported with state hospitals as of Wednesday August third of those hospitalized 108 are in intensive care and thirty four are on ventilators. The statewide positivity rate conducted last Friday July 29th was 13.0 the CDC considers positivity rates above 10 percent to be high. The positivity rate is substantially lower than its peak of 40.83 on January 1st during the height of the Omicron variant. More than 4.7 million people in the state eligible for boosters have received one. That number may rise after the FDA approved booster shots for healthy children between the ages of five and eleven. US regulators authorized the booster for kids hoping an extra vaccine dose will enhance their protection as it continues to spread. Regulators have paused plans to authorize a second booster for adults under fifty this summer instead they hope to revamp vaccines to target emerging sub variants by the fall.

Mayor White - Our road paving program we're starting Garden Street tomorrow. The cement work will commence also Kenwood Court after that. Mayhill Street should be done mid to late this month. North and South Leswing, Boulevard and Adriana we have on to be approved tonight. Graham, Schepis, Spindler and Skillman should start by the end of the month. The storm on July 18th we had several areas of concern. We had some individuals here from Jamros Terrace at the work session. There are several other locations that are problematic. There is a low income household water assistance program New Jersey has expanded and created new utility bill payment assistance programs for those impacted by the pandemic including a new low income household water assistance program which is funded by the federal government. It provides eligible residents the ability to apply for debt relief of the water and sewer utilities. The Programs are administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The Saddle Brook Water Department's participation in this program will allow eligible families whose applications are approved to pay down unpaid balances up to fifteen hundred dollars each of residential water bills. We had our first concert at the end of July it was a big success we had a nice crowd. We would like to continue offering these concerts for our residents they're popular in surrounding towns. I want to thank Recreation Director Andy Gallo and Councilman Cimiluca who were instrumental in getting this concert realized. In the work session we discussed doing a better job advertising. National Night Out was Tuesday August 2nd it was hosted by the Police Department and was well attended by residents. The main purpose of it is to increase awareness about police and public safety programs. It's also a great way for the community to get together and meet and thank the emergency services personnel who keep us safe. The Police Department was joined by members of the Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Fire Prevention Bureau and Emergency Management. Other participants include Recreation Department, community Partnership Committee, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Mayor's Youth Group and Woman's Club of Saddle Brook. There were also representatives of various law enforcement agencies. I want to thank the members of the Police Department for planning and organizing the event especially Sergeant Marc Buchak and Police Officer Kim Diaz special thanks also to Captain Officer in Charge John Zotollo. Thanks as well to Fire

Chief Jason Sibani, Assistant Chief Dave Mielnicki, Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Dickman, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Councilman Todd Accomando, Fire Marshall Mike Seitz and all the Town fire fighters. I also thank Captain Harry Reid and members of the Ambulance Corp, DPW employees, Recreation Director Andy Gallo and Christine Genuario. Lastly we appreciate all the sponsors and participants for their time and generosity and Thomas Van Winkle for taking the photos. There's going to be a movie night on August 12th the event is hosted by the Saddle Brook Recreation Cheer and Spirit Leaders. It starts at 6:30 pm with a DJ, sand art and also possibly hair braiding. There will be snacks, drinks, popcorn machine and hot dogs will be available to purchase. The movie will begin at 8:30 pm they are showing Clifford the Big Red Dog. They are charging admission of twenty dollars for a family of five or five dollars per person this is at Veteran's Field. We're going to do a September 11th ceremony we've been doing it every year for the past several years. The eleventh falls on a Sunday I don't know if we're going to do it on a Sunday we'll let you know the particulars when it comes closer and enjoy the rest of your summer thank you.

Councilman Accomando – I was on vacation for the concert but I know the band and they are excellent. It was a great show and showing. I want to thank Councilman Cimiluca for helping out with that and I want to thank the county for donating the stage for them to perform. National Night Out I think this was the best showing we've had in all the years we've been up here. I want to thank all the volunteers and Sergeant Buchak for taking the lead on that. I want to congratulate Joe Polizzotti and thank the VFW for the plaque. I also want to thank the Mayor for appointing Thomas Dickman to OEM. I've been on OEM for almost eight years and I've been to more meetings in the past month than I have in eight years so he is taking the bull by the horns and I think we're going to see good things for OEM bring back CERT whether it's teen CERT adult CERT I want to thank Tom for taking the lead and thanks to the Mayor for putting him there.

Mayor White – We have to find him an office his garage is full of supplies.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – We found him one.

Councilman Gierak – A brief reminder the library is still conducting their survey. You can visit the Saddle Brook Library website to complete the survey. You can also get a hard copy at the Library, Town Hall or the Senior Center. The Flood Committee will be meeting on Wednesday September 28th 6:30 at the Senior Center new members and residents are always welcome thank you.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – I want to give an update on the Municipal Complex. Today we had our meeting I was also at the building this morning we did a punch list walk through. The municipal offices are all done we're continuing going forward they're cleaning locks are on the doors painting is all done. We have had some supply chain glitches but we're still on target for September 24th the Grand Opening. The dead Christmas Tree was cut down we will be replacing it with a new Christmas Tree. The power washing has been done they are working on the imperfections on the outside of the building and it will be painted. A crew is supposed to be there Monday. The parking lot will be paved towards the end of August. I'll be starting to stage furniture next week. We were able to get furniture donated to us and it is staged in each office. Next week we will start placing it in the office. We are not moving in until mid October but we are on schedule for the Grand Opening. The basketball court we're waiting on the floor. The baskets pads that will be done so pretty much everything will be done for the public to see it by September 24th.

Councilman Cimiluca – I would like to thank Councilwoman D'Arminio for all the work that she's done. For those who aren't involved in this like we are you can't believe how much work and hours she put into this. A lot of people have asked about the outdoor colors of the building so can you let us know what they will be?

Councilwoman D'Arminio – The base of it looks like white but has a gray tint. Where you see the orange is going to be blue and the orange trim is going to be gray. It's three colors and the bottom almost looks white. Where the orange stripe is will be blue and the trim will be dark gray.

Councilman Cimiluca – The concert again Andy Gallo it's tough undertaking an event like this there's a lot of hoops you have to jump through but he did a great job. It was a great event for those who attended the only issue was the attendance was less than I would have liked. We could attribute that one to the heat and the other thing was it was supposed to rain. I believe it did rain a little bit that day so some people might have made other plans because of the potential inclement weather. Like the Mayor said this is the first time doing something like this so we will attempt to improve communication to the public to try and get more awareness of the event. We've got some ideas and for people on social media if you know of a good town event please post it. If you know about it and you know a lot of people follow you or a group please mention it. We want to get as many people as possible to these events so please spread the word. The National Night Out was great and I believe years ago I was pushing that Saddle Brook does it and the past number of years we've been doing it for quite a while. It's a great way I believe for our children to get to know our first responders, our police officers, our ambulance corps members, our fire department personnel on a one to one basis. They're showing you what they do they're showing you their equipment. There were rides for the kids it was a just a fun family night. In regard to the Speed Committee we did some months ago purchase a speed box which measures speed on a particular street. I believe it's done by radar it's no longer a strip they drive over and count it. The recent one we did was on Danna Way because we get complaints about speeding and rather than just saying they're speeding on that block or no there's no speeding on the block now we have data to back it up. That data is being collected on Danna should be done next week the committee will review it and we'll get recommendations to the Council on how to go about doing something or not doing something we'll have to see. As we discussed in the work session speed humps will be going on there's four in this year's program one on Wilson, two on Fairlawn Parkway and one on Lanza Avenue near Franklin School. It's for safety and for speed so we have this box we can get the data at very low cost. We could use it for years and this way we know what's going on.

Council President Mazzer offers her condolences to Mr. LoDico for the passing of his mother recently.

Mr. LoDico thanks the Mayor and Council for their understanding and condolences.

Council President Mazzer offers her condolences to Councilwoman D'Arminio for the passing of her mother-in-law recently.

Councilwoman D'Arminio thanks her.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE #1725-22 – FINAL READING

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO ENTER INTO A SALES CONTRACT WITH THE FAR HILLS-BEDMINSTER FOR THE SALE OF A 1997 PIERCE FIRE TRUCK

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 Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - 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 PERMITTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO ENTER INTO A SALES CONTRACT WITH THE FAR HILLS-BEDMINSTER FOR THE SALE OF A 1997 PIERCE FIRE TRUCK

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 Cimiluca

Roll call:

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

Council President Mazzer asks for a motion to open to the public.

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

Council President Mazzer – The meeting is now open to the public anyone wishing to be heard?

Omar Rodriguez steps forward – What is the sales price?

Mr. LoDico – Fifteen or twenty five thousand off the top of my head I'm not sure. If you notice in the past we tried to sell by putting ads in the paper and usually we get no response.

Mr. Rodriguez – Is there any possibility in the future you can advertise or put it for bid because I would like to buy one of those and donate it to some poor countries for that price I'm willing to buy it.

Mr. LoDico – We've done that in the past and we've done five thousand no bid.

Councilman Accomando – Twenty five hundred dollars they go for when you put it out to bid it goes for anywhere from a thousand dollars to maybe three thousand dollars those trucks go for.

Mr. Rodriguez – Really I'll buy them all.

Councilman Accomando – You would but we want to try and get as much as we can.

Mr. Rodriguez – That's what I'm saying if you put it out to the bid because in other countries it cost a fortune so I would just like donate.

Mr. LoDico – We'll keep you in mind for the next time.

Mr. Rodriguez – Thank you.

Council President Mazzer – Anyone else? Hearing no one, the Council President announced that the motion was in order and that the public hearing on this ordinance be closed.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

Council President then directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding final passage.

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

CR# 822-124

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO ENTER INTO A SALES CONTRACT WITH THE FAR HILLS-BEDMINSTER FOR THE SALE OF A 1997 PIERCE FIRE TRUCK**

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

Mr. LoDico – That completes ordinances. We'll do the consent agenda.

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

Mr. LoDico notes that the Minutes of the July 7, 2022 are not part of the consent agenda.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll call:

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

Mr. LoDico – The Bergen County shared services snow plowing agreement is part of the consent agenda.

*** MINUTES**

1. July 14, 2022 – Special Meeting

MINUTES

1. July 7, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – abstain

Council President Mazzer - yes

* RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 822-125

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for bids for 2022 Road Program, Phase 2 and,

WHEREAS, 7 bids were received and opened on July 28, 2022 and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, after review with the Township Attorney, recommends awarding the contract to AJM Contractors, 300 Kuller Road, Clifton, NJ 07011 in the amount of \$371,428.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has completed a certificate of availability of funds certifying that funds are available in Capital funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby awards the bid to AJM Contractors in the amount of \$371,428.00 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

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# 822-126

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 **\$28,175.71** 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 BILLS ARE PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilman Accomando 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# 822-127

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$3,564,935.86** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilman Accomando 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# 822-128

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign the Snow Plowing/Salt Agreement for the year 2022-2024 with the County of Bergen.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on August 4, 2022.

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

*** APPLICATIONS**

RAFFLE

1. RA-1352 Saddle Brook Woman's Club 50/50
2. RA-1353 Saddle brook Woman's Club Tricky Tray

*** REPORTS**

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – June 2022
2. Bergen County Animal Control – May 2022
3. Bergen County Animal Control – June 2022
4. Grant Writer Report – June 2022
5. Construction Code Official Report – June 2022
6. Property Maintenance Official Monthly Report - June 2022
7. DPW Monthly Report – June 2022
8. Tax Collector's Report – June 2022
9. Water Collector's Monthly Report – June 2022
10. Engineer's Monthly Report – July 2022
11. Police Department Monthly Report - June 2022

Mr. LoDico – That completes the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor White – Through the Chair I failed to mention last Friday I promoted police officers from our Police Department two captains and two lieutenants. We need to also promote two sergeants but we don't have a list of eligible results. It should have been out by now but there's a hold up. I don't know what the delay is but they're saying that it should be shortly. I also want to before the end of the year look to raise or complete the table of organization so we have a full compliment of thirty four officers right now we have thirty one. One of the things I really want to stress and with our new OIC I want to see more community policing I want to see more involvement public relations that's really what National Night Out is. They did a great job but one of the things I've been harping on I know Mr. Cimiluca with the National Night Out and I remember there was a few years we didn't do it and then when we did for a number of years we used to do it between the parking lot here and the Police Station. It's a small area and we had to move the cars out and it wasn't really conducive. Then we moved it to Washington School that's when we took a break for a while for three or four years we didn't do it. Then Mr. Cimiluca prodding and it was the right thing to do we moved it over to Washington School on the grounds there but the new Municipal Building is really perfect. They did a great job Sergeant Buchak with spreading everything out it was a big crowd there but it didn't look jammed up. One of the things that I really want to do is have a Junior Police Academy and we've been close a couple of times. It's a little expensive but most towns' police departments get contributions from the businesses. I know Elmwood Park this is their second year they did it in fact I know there was one young fellow who is ten years old and he went through the Elmwood Park program so I guess they allow I don't know if they charge but I know he went through the program I saw it on Facebook. We had another couple of kids recently who went through the Bergen County Sheriff's Department so it's something we really need to do.

Councilman Accomando – The Sheriff's Department does a summer youth camp and it's a shared service we do shared service with towns that don't have the officers able to attend it. We do a shared service where you can send an officer or two officers to the county and they'll do a boot camp. That's something we could look into also.

Councilman Cimiluca – Once again speaking on behalf of the Mayor and Council we couldn't do a lot of this stuff without help from our neighbors and for the National Night Out we had it in the parking lot of the Municipal Complex obviously that means there was no place to park so the owners of 299 Market Street allowed us to have event parking there similar to when we have an event at Veteran's Field and the owners of Nourison across the street allow us to park vehicles there. Without that kind of help from our fellow citizens and business owners we wouldn't be able to do a lot of the things we do so thank you for allowing us to use your property and we appreciate it.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Cimiluca – We talked earlier at the work session about the amendments to the cannabis ordinance. I thought this was going to be on the agenda but it was not so I would like to introduce the ordinance by title for an amendment of the zoning code regarding cannabis operations. Currently manufacturing operations are permitted in the I Zone and CH2 but a very limited area. The proposal would be for sort of like micro cultivation there was an ordinance that was introduced and an amendment to our original ordinance allowing micro cultivation. Micro cultivation is 2500 square feet or less to be in zones that we have deemed appropriate for retail and generally that's the Route 46 corridor a certain number of lot and blocks. Although it's not officially termed that a micro manufacturing but limiting manufacturing operations of less than 5000 square feet to those same kind of areas. We did receive a report albeit this morning at 5:30 in the morning and we had asked and I believe it was a one hundred percent correct in asking for an opinion from our planner I believe the opinion given by the planner and reading it was positive. What I would like to do is introduce an ordinance by title to amend the ordinance to allow the smaller manufacturing operations 5000 square feet or less in the same areas designated for retail. If passed on reading by title first reading by title it would go to the Planning Board for their input and their evaluation. Then it would come back to the Council to vote on it or consider it for a second reading and if we need more information some things can be tabled but I do believe it's appropriate to introduce it by title. The title would be "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 it's

Geographical Boundaries”. This would allow small manufacturing operations with 5000 square feet or less within the same areas that we permit retail operations. From everything that we’ve been told a manufacturing operation is there are no public admitted to these facilities. It’s strictly employees there’s not even any signage on it which would tell people what is done there. Unlike cultivation which may have an odor with the micro scrubbing filters there is no odor, fumes or sound that would affect the neighbors. Retail operations in my opinion are more intrusive on the public there will be cars coming in and out. You wouldn’t expect anyone to be there other than the employees there. It’s 5000 square feet or less you wouldn’t expect that many employees so I am introducing that ordinance to be read by title.

Mayor White – I’m not necessarily opposed to the amendment what I’m questioning is I didn’t get a chance to read the 5:30 am email and I was very busy today so I didn’t get an opportunity today. I just don’t know what the rush is. Is it imperative that we put this on the first amendment tonight? It wasn’t on the agenda what’s the reason that’s what I want to know?

Councilman Cimiluca – We talked about it. It was supposed to be on the agenda.

Mayor White – We did not talk about it. We talked about it at a special meeting for a little bit and I don’t think anybody here including myself put it as eloquently not even close because I don’t have that much knowledge about it. You say we talked about it we had a work session we had National Night Out we cancelled Tuesday’s work session. We had a work session at 5:30 how much did we really talk about it?

Councilman Cimiluca – I’m saying at that special meeting.

Mayor White – There we did I agree with you but again I can’t tell you why it’s a good idea.

Councilman Cimiluca – What I’m saying is ---

Mayor White – I’m sorry Mr. Suarez did say that the planner thinks it’s a good idea and that’s good and I’m not opposed to it. I think it was great idea having a professional look at it getting input but I just don’t know why we have to I kind of feel like we’re being forced into this.

Councilman Cimiluca – It’s a first reading the only affect that it has is that it generates the Planning Board to do their job and it generates the ability to have a second reading. Putting it off all it does is delay everything.

Mayor White – Why do we care about it being delayed? Shouldn’t we want to be as careful as possible to make sure we have all the information? Like I said I didn’t read it Mr. Gierek didn’t read it I don’t know if anyone else did.

Councilman Cimiluca – It’s a three or four page report Mr. Suarez had summarized it. It is a positive report from the planner so I don’t think in a month to digest a four page report which we’ve already been told is positive that we would need to come back and say yes or no. I don’t think we’re locking ourselves into anything all we’re doing is allowing the Planning Board to review it and allowing us to potentially vote on it for a second reading.

Mayor White – I know what we’re doing but why I’m asking you why?

Councilman Cimiluca – I rarely agree with Mr. Rodriguez but he will agree with me that I rarely agree with him.

Mr. Rodriguez – It would be nice that you respond when I ask if there is any amendment.

Councilman Cimiluca – That’s why you’re still here and I’m doing it now.

Mr. Rodriguez – There’s a lot of questions in there I would like to ask a lot of questions.

Councilman Cimiluca – I any event because it allows a manufacturing operation potentially to begin the process as opposed to delaying it. Is the world going to end if it's not done? No but is the world going to end if it's voted on? You still have a month to give it to the Planning Board you still have a month to look it over and we will be voting on this potentially in a month from now as opposed to just arbitrarily delaying it. We could have a difference of agreement and that's what makes this form of government great. I would like to put it on and have it voted on tonight and I think it's appropriate.

Mr. Gierak – One concern when the gentleman was here proposing to change the ordinance or changing the resolution was in regard to the odor and I asked him to get back to Mr. LoDico with any municipalities that have been doing this in northern New Jersey and I haven't heard back. I'm concerned about the proximity to the residents and the odor that may be. We hear that there's no odor there's no concerns and he said I can find places that they're doing it close to residential and there's no problems and I was interested in hearing where they are and if there's been any problems there.

Councilman Cimiluca – We've got thirty days to get that.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – I'm a little confused because if you make a motion let's say I second the motion it's going to be no, no, no. What I'm saying is if it goes three to two it dies.

Councilman Cimiluca – It dies for now it could be re-upped next month. It doesn't mean it dies forever.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – I just wanted to clarify that because if they're saying they didn't read it.

Councilman Cimiluca – Again we have an attorney who has basically summarized it and there's nothing that he indicated in the report that would indicate the planner who is our professional and it's one of the reasons the Mayor brought up let's have an impartial person not that we're partial or biased for or against this but have one of our professionals review it and gave us an opinion and nothing in that report that I read would indicate there was an issue. I'm not pushing it just to push it I just think I'd like to get things done when they should be done. I don't see any reason to stop it. It's not as if this is a second reading and it's too quick and we're binding ourselves into a certain law. It's not law it needs first reading it needs Planning Board input and then it needs a second reading.

Councilman Accomando – Yes it was early I was up so I got to read it and after listening to the gentleman who came here earlier who has a license from the state and from the advice of the report I would say yes because then it gives the opportunity for a guy like that to come in and we could get revenue right away. We don't have to wait for somebody else to come in like we've been doing since six or seven months now waiting for someone to get approved by the state or denied by the state this guy's already approved so this is a perfect scenario for a gentleman like that to come in and start doing what he needs to do, for me I read it and that's what I wanted to do. I mean we did get it late but thank you for getting it to us as soon as you choose to.

Council President Mazzer asks for a motion to introduce by title:

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Mr. LoDico – We have an introduction of ordinance 1726-22 for first reading second reading will be on September 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm or soon after the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building 93 Market Street.

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – abstain

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – abstain

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to open to the public for agenda items:

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

Mr. Rodriguez – I was here before and I believe I was asking the right question if there is going to be any amendments or changes on the cannabis nobody says anything. I believe that it would be fair for the residents to know the truth not to be just voting for something that is tailored. It's obvious that the rush is saying that Councilman Cimiluca is working for somebody this is obvious what is the rush? Just wait because there is already zoning for cultivation. All you need to do tonight you are trying to change the Route 46 you're trying to amend the ordinance but what is the rush? Is someone going to die or some of the people that you talk to are not going to come to town if you don't change the Route 46? The public needs to know this is the first question. You're talking about under 5000 square feet on Route 46 tell me how many properties got that space all of them are bigger than that. Show me three lots on Route 46 that are under 5000 feet to cultivate that. Second question who assured you it is not going to smell and it's not going to go to the residential areas? Question number three you are talking about micro cultivation do you have any experience of any other town doing under 2500?

Councilman Cimiluca – I just want to stop you. You're talking about micro cultivation it's not micro cultivation.

Mr. Rodriguez – You just mentioned that.

Councilman Cimiluca – It's manufacturing.

Mr. Rodriguez – Okay you say manufacturing no you said micro cultivation 2500 and we can go to the audio and you mentioned it.

Councilman Cimiluca – That is now permitted.

Mr. Rodriguez – Okay but now by going to manufacturing who in the world is going to tell you that it is not going to smell? How come when something like that and you're going to amend it and you know that it's a residential area and you're going to affect many residents don't you think that at least it's courtesy before you just put it under a title at least offer the residents the chance to speak up because you're not going to live with that. That's going to affect the quality of life and I don't know who came here to say that it's not going to smell. Are you going to put a clause that if it smells you close it down? Do you have any experience of any other municipality that are manufacturing and it's not smelling?

Councilman Accomando – We go by their word.

Mr. Rodriguez – If we're going to go by their word then everything should be approved but it's not that's what you are the legislator you can not just the word the people who come to the podium. How many times the people have come here to propose anything to the town and they don't deliver it's totally different so right here you're going to play with the quality of life of many residents. This is going to be a residential area and it's not just because I live there but this could happen anywhere in Saddle Brook. That's why originally the manufacturing was happening in one particular area but just to amend it by title and push it instead of waiting and trying to digest it what is the rush? It's obvious someone is asking to be changed or amended to Route 46 so at least they should be clear what role are they playing and benefit the residents or benefit to an investor that's the main question. We're not here by coincidence he's not just pushing this because he's a good neighbor. There's an interest being played right here and there's a lot of money behind it and I know a lot about this so please let's not play with

the quality of life of the residents of Saddle Brook. If we're going to play right let's do it right but don't tell us when you manufacture and you're going to burn and process this that it's not going to smell tell me what kind of equipment they're going to use. What kind of installation who is going to tell me the smoke is not going to go out? What about the kids are we going to force them to smell that? We have a school nearby is it going to be affected? You're going to tell me because it's 500 feet away nothing will happen? Who will assure it our kids our neighbors that they will not smell day or night the manufacturing process? Why if they already have an area where they can manufacture why we just take it so lightly an amendment even though the Mayor can veto this at the end of the day even if he doesn't veto I believe as a courtesy you should send a notice to the residents of the affected areas along the corridor of Route 46.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to close meeting to the public:

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

COMMENTS

Councilman Cimiluca responds to Mr. Rodriguez's comments. First of all the Route 46 corridor is certainly not a residential zone. It's on Route 46 it was designated for retail now if you're worried about children Route 46 was designated by our planner as an appropriate area for retail. I would be more worried about a child going into a retail facility than a closed off manufacturing and you would not have any idea whether they are manufacturing pillows or cannabis products there. In terms of rushing its not rushing you're getting things done. I know in your tenure you tended to delay and I know in one instance you cost the Town four hundred thousand dollars by delaying the purchase of a fire truck because you needed to study it for over a year and the Town lost four hundred thousand dollars. The fact that it's going on and you're talking about people for a first reading there is no public comment for a first reading. Next month if we get the appropriate and I will say all the questions need to be answered that Mr. Gierrek brought up about other places that have it and I agree if that's not done I would make a motion to table this unless that's provided and we're satisfied with that answer. The second reading is when the public is given an opportunity to speak so if you want to rally your troops and bring them all here next month for a second reading go ahead.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierrek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Florence Mazzer
Council President

Approved: September 1, 2022