

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

Council President Mazzer called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Cimiluca – present
Councilman Gierrek – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman D’Arminio – absent
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 asks that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for the victims and families of the Highland Park shooting.

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 – Can I have a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue Gave a Mayor’s Youth Group update. The first thing we were involved with was the fishing derby which was on June 18th Father’s Day weekend at the park. I want to thank the Youth Group members that came and helped out kept track of the measurements of the fish. We have plenty of pictures on the Township Facebook page. The next thing we helped out with was the Township picnic which was this past Saturday. The Youth Group members were there helping out along with all our officers especially our President Tyler handing out food and beverages to all the seniors in attendance. I want to thank all of them who attended. I want to thank Councilwoman D’Arminio Shannon & Todd Accomando and all the civil organizations that made it possible. We will be meeting again we don’t have a date yet but we will let our members know when we do. We envision ourselves being involved

with the National Night Out which I'm sure we'll talking about a lot more moving forward. That's all I have thank you.

Council President Mazzer – Thank you Thomas thank you for all your help and all the photos.

Maria Panafiel Tutulic from 550 Fairlawn Parkway comes forward. I am here today because I want to voice my concern about incidents that have been taking place in front of my house.

Mr. Suarez – Just before you speak of course you can speak its public meeting time. I'm the attorney for the Town I just want to say one thing we're kind of aware of what you're going to talk about. Just to make sure that that there is no issues regarding the matter being it's an ongoing investigation. We would just ask that you not mention any particular I don't know if you were going to or not any police officers names leave that out any specific names of anyone involved and addresses things of that nature may be best. That's up to you but I'm just telling you that we think that that would be in the best interest of the Town in this regard.

Ms. Panafiel Tutulic – Okay I understand.

Mr. Suarez – We are understanding of the situation and obviously you know.

Ms. Panafiel Tutulic – I just want to make you aware of my frustration. There's been a couple of incidents going right in front of my house. Last year actually a year ago a highly intoxicated man came to my doorstep when my daughter and I were alone and tried to get into my house. We reported it we pressed charges we're waiting to see what happened to this person but now again it's a year later and we have at least three people roaming around our house disturbing the public safety. One of them was crying making weird noises my kids were outside. The other one was walking around Fairlawn Parkway waiting for a car to hit her. There's another one also in the middle of Fairlawn Parkway all of these incidents have been reported to the Police Department only one I saw that there was an outcome the person was taken into the hospital. The last incident a man that was actually two houses away from my house was detained which I believe is the drug dealer. As everybody knows I think here there is a problem a couple of blocks away from my house. A month ago I learned about other incidents I had no idea were taking place so part of my question is why aren't you making our residents aware of what is happening so we are more aware and we are able to take care of our children? My concern are my children I have two little ones that I, I understand that I can not place them in a bubble you know and my job as a parent is to teach them and guide them and tell them hey there is really ugly things out there but I don't want people going around my house and screaming and yelling and potentially going into my house and I want to know what are you guys doing in order to help us being safe and protected. That is part of my question. I know there's a couple of other people that want to come up here too and have other questions but my main concern and frustration is why there's no communication and what is being done and if you could please be transparent with us and let us know going forward what is being done now and what is going to be done in the future to prevent this from happening?

Mayor White – Through the Chair I think there is probably a few more people that want to talk. Does anybody else want to get up and talk because I think maybe we can address it after everyone's done? I understand what her question is and I'll respond to that but what ends up happening is if everyone else is going to say the same thing I can answer it now but you may have more to add. Why don't we hear everybody and then we'll respond. I promise you we're going to respond. I'll keep track of the questions and then respond at once as well as the Council.

Damon Tutulic also of 550 Fairlawn Parkway comes forward. Just in the same concern as my wife just spoke I think its more about there is a situation going on no names no houses being spoke but just sharing information with others to make us aware so we know what's going on and what to expect as a lot of these things that I'm not making accusations seem to be coming from the same and stemming from the same area. I'm not accusing anything just taking my best guess. I think if I was a little bit more aware I could have prepared myself better for these situations happening. As my wife mentioned a man trying to get in our front door bleeding from his face a man going into her car the same day all while screaming let me in to my daughter who was watching TV. Then last week actually three weeks ago another woman telling me she was being held locked up this that and the other in the middle of Fairlawn Parkway. I got a lot of answers out of her just by asking her questions where she was coming from. A couple of weeks before that a man in the middle of my street screaming. I'm not going to make an accusation of what drugs they were on I could probably tell you though. I feel confident I can from my background in the industry but um. Then we had another incident where same thing another woman roaming in the middle of the street all hours

of the night and I'm just also asking I know I've been working with the Mayor and the Council as well just to have that more proactive police presence in the area cause to me that could be somewhat of a deterrent. This is going on everywhere it's not just isolated to Saddle Brook but I'm just asking that you know that we approach it in a way of transparent communication making everyone aware of what's going on so we can protect ourselves and our families. If I knew that was going on there I know I should be vigilant I would have been more vigilant and I just wasn't. I'm caught back on my heels and it's not about placing the blame on anyone sharing information makes us stronger as a community. The best part about I've gotten out of this so far is meeting my neighbors and actually developing bonds with them. It's an unfortunate situation but I think we can be stronger as one as opposed to bits of information being shared here and there no one knowing the true story. It's everywhere so the better we share the information the more educated we are the more we can do.

Randy Stalter from 127 Skillman Terrace comes forward. I'm the person who has the bird's eye view of this every day. This is not a short term problem. This has been going on for eight years with maybe about a fifteen sixteen month period when this particular individual was on probation and followed the guidelines then. Immediately after that it started all over again. We constantly have drug deliveries in the neighborhood. We've had drug dealers living there I suspect that many different times they were manufacturing drugs there. I've personally been in contact with the local police department here in town as well as the prosecutor's office. Over this period of eight years I've probably supplied them close to two hundred photos of people's faces, license plates, cars, and all this activity. As of late in the last two or three months it has gone from one to two to three to nine to ten on a daily basis to the point where people are coming on the street that are delivering to the home. Now they're parking blocks away because they know they're being watched or being watched by neighbors primarily at this point however they're coming down the street and making comments to people at this point, what are you looking at. They're making verbal threats to people we've now reached a dangerous stage. I'm to the point my wife and I will not take our grandchildren outside the house out of fear of what might roll up or what might happen at this point. I no longer feel safe there. I realize there are certain constraints regarding what can be done with law enforcement but there needs to be more done. We're told there's going to be more patrols there's going to be more this. We all speak together there's no patrols. We're lucky to see a patrol every two or three days at this point. Now I know there are certain things with people short handed and such but it's not happening. It needs to be taken care of before some tragedy happens and it's going to happen there is no doubt about it. Thank you very much.

Beth Bernardo Lamboy of 138 Skillman Terrace comes forward. In addition to what everybody else said none of that is not true it's all true it happens every single day. Our police department is also currently taking reports from the specific individual for robberies of her home furniture supposedly being stolen from her home which she actually sold to people as well as her being supposedly held hostage in her house for three days. The police are now tied up doing reports for her for fictitious things and then they're not patrolling other areas of town or available for other areas of town meanwhile we're law abiding citizens who feel like we can't leave our house or let our kids be out. We're a small town I know it's a small police department. I don't know if it's something that needs to be looked into where we need more police officers on the road. Our taxes keep going up every year I'm not really sure where that money is going but if it needs to go into the police department we're all for it or if we need to do community policing ourselves we're just tired of it. We've been here eighteen years I can tell you I've honestly never come to a Council meeting because I never really had to. The fact that we're all here and you've probably never seen any one of us is we're done we're tired. We're just hoping you can help in some way and I know we've had conversation and we've met before and in writing and such but we're done. Thank you.

Mayor White – Let me just start by saying that you being here is a good thing and I think this is a public meeting it's being videotaped and it's a good way to alert the residents in the area. I think a lot of them know already but you know you have surrounding streets and I feel that look there is definitely a drug addict that lives at that location I think we all agree. There may be some mental health component to this thing now. I agree with you that the police need to be doing more I agree with you on that. I think it has reached a dangerous level because the individuals that frequent this house are not the most law abiding citizens let me just say that okay. There's a potential there for something to happen. Unfortunately, our constraints with that I mean look I wish I could keep somebody over there twenty four seven I really do. I feel your frustration I really really do. I don't have to live on your block or even in the surrounding area or vicinity to feel

your pain you can see all of you are emotionally distraught over this. It's a quality of life thing. It's affecting your daily life and I really feel bad about it. I just want to say that I do feel that the police have been and this is I understand the problem it's been a long time and it seems like nothing has been done okay. I agree the problem has not been resolved that's true so I guess if you look at it just from that point you can say well you know the response so far has failed and I'm willing to say that but I'm not willing to say that the police haven't been doing anything because they have been. They have been making it a priority I think many of you know I mean you talk to them and as far as the Town alerting it's a kind of grey area because we're limited what we can report and I think somebody mentioned community policing that needs to happen. Our police department we used to have that we were very good with it and three years it just kind of fell by the wayside. It's a deficiency and we need to get back to that and we are going to get back to that. Our manpower is pretty good we're going to be probably promoting and hiring pretty soon because we had some retirements but we need to get back to that and that's a good way neighborhood watch where the community come together for meetings and then with an officer and they can discuss all this kind of stuff. I know that some of the officers Damon I know you have my cell phone and you and I go back and forth I mean I don't know everything I'm not a police officer. I'm not entitled to know certain things that are confidential but I know you've communicated with other officers.

Mr. Tutulic – I'll tell you I always tell my wife the Mayor always gets back to me and is empathetic and I appreciate that and I don't know where you left off but he does and I say that. I think it's some of these numbers that have been provided to call maybe not get a response the empathy isn't there the follow up isn't there and when you report something you want to know something is being done to address it. When there's no follow up that's a lack of empathy it's almost a lack of respect I feel at times but I always say like thank you for getting back to me.

Mayor White – I know your case that your wife was speaking about I know that it's a year later but it's still going through the courts.

Mr. Tutulic – Yeah we showed up a couple of times and sat for four hours and we're just sitting there wasting time to get to this but there was no follow up to that right so I think that's it. It's like something happens it's no one's fault and we're just always looking for like okay what's our strategy to resolve this and it has to be a consistent strategy. You can't get that we're understaffed from a police force standpoint like that's just unacceptable. We need more people on the road and have more proactive presence like build a relationship with the community stop shoot a basketball with a kid like this is all that we're talking about in our country right now and like diversity inclusion like it's just you don't get that you get people you know so I think it's you build that community then you show that presence and someone had mentioned it. I was told what the F am I looking at by someone I didn't even know who it was and it was a brazen drug dealer. I'm sitting there I say hi to everyone you guys see me hey how you doing there unless they're speeding but the guys sitting there and like literally what the F are you looking at. I just looked up who is this guy I was so confused. He was ready to go at it with me and I didn't even know at least if I knew cause this person has been a suspect for a while I would be aware I can make the call and like I said you got me back on my heels. No one does well on their heels you have to be ready on your toes and I'm thinking a friendly neighborhood guy. What the F are you looking at now we're going to have trouble and I think that's what we're talking about. Something bad is going to happen and it's going to be soon if this doesn't get resolved.

Mayor White – I have a meeting tomorrow with the prosecutor's office and one thing that was mentioned a while ago which I'm in favor of if we can get permission from the prosecutor. We're doing a lot of surveillance there maybe its unmarked cars so maybe you don't see it and I'm disappointed about the lack of patrol cars because you're saying I'm sure they may go by sometimes when you're not there but with this situation I believe they should be omnipresent they should be there all the time.

Someone from the audience mentions that everyone has doorbell cameras and no patrols are coming past.

Mayor White – One thing that I would like to request permission to do is to maybe set up a pole camera in that area and have it monitored. If I can get permission the only thing is I don't know and we have a couple of attorneys here the constraints of are they going to say that we're harassing this person. You know what at this point I honestly don't care. I shouldn't be saying that but I don't because you know why I feel for you people that are here. I do know that the people are not showing up there as much anymore.

Someone says that they are showing up and parking blocks away.

Mayor White – There's different people. The one individual that Damon was talking about most recently has he been there?

Audience - Yes. Some stopped coming.

Mayor White – The black BMW?

Audience member (female) – We haven't seen him.

Audience member (male) – Since COVID I've been working from home I have a great view of this all day long.

Mr. Tutulic – The local businesses she is vandalizing just by her presence of the person going into the local businesses. When I go into a deli to get a bite to eat I don't want this person begging. She's knocking on people's doors and then how do you get from Fairlawn Parkway where the Memorial is to Route 4 with no one seeing you no cops patrolling like she's making this walk all banged up and she's just going unscathed.

Someone else says that a good deal of it is going on in hours of darkness overnight where people will not see them. The simple act of rolling your garbage can out to the street on Wednesdays I look three four five times before walking out to the curb that's how bad it's become. That's bizarre at this point that you have to have fear in your own neighborhood.

Mr. Tutulic – Them telling us what the F are you looking at like last I checked I was on the title of this house. They act like it's their neighborhood and we don't belong. That's where it's getting scary it's really hit home how scary it's getting and the presence like you said it's not there.

Audience member (male) – Two weeks ago he was outside his pickup truck there he made some sort of comment to a young girl. I saw the panicked look on this girl's face teenage girl walking down the street. I was on my way out the door this person had crossed the street already at this point the girl continued down. That scares me. It's beyond serious to the point where something is going to happen.

There is discussion among the audience members about various incidents related to this situation.

Mayor White – In order for the police to act there has to be some kind of crime or suspicious activity.

Audience member (female) – She was clearly on something and she was claiming that she was like isn't that enough for them to do something?

Mayor White – They could definitely stop her but if she's high if she's a danger to herself.

Mr. Tutulic – They're walking on my property.

Mayor White – They're trespassing.

Mr. Tutulic – Yeah that's what the first guy got.

Audience member (male) – One individual same person with the pickup truck walked halfway up to my window and waved he other night because he knew we were looking.

Mayor White – They shouldn't be on your property I can tell you that.

Audience member (male) – They're trying the intimidation game and the people I still speak with I've reported it.

Mayor White – I would especially if it's something that they can be arrested for.

Audience member (male) – Then I think that needs to be done I'm not a cop all this stress is not good you've got to arrest.

Ms. Lamboy – If they trespass onto your property because that's another incident where somebody did trespass onto somebody's property and were banging on their back door looking for this individuals house but was at the wrong house so not to be a pain they just let him go.

Mayor White – In a case like that I'm not an attorney but I would certainly call on it but if they're just intoxicated or high there's not much you can do. If they're a danger to themselves it could be taken under the ATRA law to the hospital but the hospitals not going to keep them. They're going to evaluate them and they're not going to keep them a long time. The same thing with psychological even if it's involuntary I've seen it all the time if they don't want to be there in the case of like this one that's a drug addict is definitely not going to want to be there.

Audience member (male) – One of the incidents this past December whether you are or not aware of this she had several individuals staying in her house that were suspected dealers or such or manufacturers to come out the next morning to find all four of the tires cut in the street. This is a scary thing what type of individuals are coming to this home?

Mayor White – That was the first time we met right?

Ms. Lamboy – We had our meeting and I told you the person was waiting behind the vehicle to assault somebody.

Mayor White – That was some other I can't really mention it but there was an ongoing investigation.

Audience member (male) – That individual still comes on weekends.

Mayor White – From what I understand again it's an ongoing investigation but it appears that there's more of a drug use than drug sales going on there. There may be people that do sell but they're not selling out of the house. Other people aren't coming it's not a drug den but I don't know that.

Audience member (male) – I would suspect at one point last year probably between August and up and through December there was definitely that going on in the house and were possibly manufacturing.

Mr. Tutulic – We have admission to that on tape by the person that was lying in front of the street by my house.

Audience member (male) – We have people with cars from five and six different states that would cycle in and out of there on a regular period.

Councilman Accomando – I'm going to personally tell you if you have somebody in your property they are disorderly whether they're drunk high it's your right to call the police because now they have probable cause. Don't feel if you call five six seven times a day do it it's their job to go if they don't go bring it to a higher level but you have probable cause once that person is disorderly on your property or in your area. They have to come out. I'm not pointing fingers at anybody but I talked to you I was in the same situation I got no help from the Township, from the county, from the state I had to deal with it on my own. I'm telling you be that squeaky be the oil for that squeaky wheel because if you don't help yourself nobody is going to help you. I hate to tell you that but I was in the same situation and I had to help myself.

Audience member (male) – I've talked to law enforcement and I've given every piece of information you need pictures and times everything you need faces and I have supplied over two hundred photos over the years.

Councilman Accomando – As far as transparency we'll be as transparent as we can but we're not given any information all the information I found out was talking to Al talking to Dennis talking to Damon. We're not given information because it's an ongoing investigation we're only Council people so we're not given so the whole transparency thing I don't want you to think that because I talk to a lot of you I consider my friends I don't consider you just acquaintances. We don't know a lot of stuff that's going on if it wasn't for you telling me I don't know about the other Council Members but if it wasn't for you telling me I wouldn't know what's going on.

Ms. Lamboy – In respect for that I know in other towns the police department does have to report to the City Council so you're aware of statistics of what's going on in town does that not happen here?

Councilman Accomando – We get statistics but it doesn't go deep into it but we do get something from the police department.

Ms. Lamboy – Is there a way that could change so that you do get a report every month?

Mayor White – I don't want you to think we're totally in the dark because that's not true we know when major incidents happen we do know about it and I've known when last year the tire slashing and then there was a police response that occurred at the house. I don't know if you're aware I know some people are aware. That had to be approved to do that and from my understanding it's still being looked at.

Audience member (male) – It was not very productive.

Mayor White – That's exactly right.

Audience member (male) – I also made some contact with people just to let them know what was going on, on a regular daily basis but the house went quiet about four or five days before hand. Everybody that was living there all left to the point that everybody moved out everybody was gone nobody came and went and she was the last person there. I find that kind of strange. There was another period of time also that really got me upset last year or actually maybe earlier this year when this one individual with this BMW. He was a regular daily guy would come in and I had called said the person you're looking for is there now and think of my frustration I was told we don't have anybody to send. That's terrible you don't have anybody to send.

Mayor White – That's not the right response.

Audience member (male) – It's that bad at this point.

Mr. Tutulic – I think to sum it up that like you're right you guys are not police officers you guys are hearing us out as Council like what's that first step we're going to take. I think it starts with police presence investigation. What are we investigating we know what's going on we need police presence. We have cars like cop cars here even if you park them around town. Just something I want to see a Saddle Brook police car Saddle Brook police signs something. I've been saying this back to the Sweeney days because I know we have a trailer there but the officers themselves will tell me how they have one

another guy on the road two guys on the road. The officers are telling me this and no names they're crying for help too that they want more support through the community.

Audience member (male) – I would think a lot of the officers today with the latest I think for the last couple of years since bail reform have a major level of frustration. People just turn around and they're out in a few hours to do whatever needs to be done or they want to do again. I know this is beyond most people what they can do. The level of frustration has to be incredible there.

Mayor White – Now the body worn cameras are being mandated really they should have now. They're going to be getting them shortly so.

Ms. Lamboy – We're not bashing the police department we support the police. It's not any lack of respect for the police and law enforcement we appreciate all that you guys do we're just really at a loss.

Mayor White – That's why when you mentioned about alerting the community there and the neighborhood I know for a fact your husband I know has been in contact Damon I know there's been from Hickory the state trooper Dennis. I know that they've been kept informed of most major things that are going on there. You know what more has to be done and I have that meeting tomorrow and believe me I am going to stress that and I'm going to demand it that it be done. To Councilman Accomando's point too we know but we can't there are certain things that we're not allowed to know and we really can't go and run the day to day operations. We had an officer in charge who just retired probably going to be naming a new one soon but we fall under the prosecutor's office.

Audience member (male) – Part of the problem here is if they have a tremendous presence this individual will just move it blocks away and someone else will inherit that problem that we currently have. There needs to be more of an attack on the individual and the home and everything else. It's only going to go to somebody else at this point.

Councilman Cimiluca – I did the closing on that house and I know that Jack would be rolling in his grave if he knew what was going on over there. He was the most upstanding by the book law enforcement guy in the world. The problem is I'm also I don't know anybody who knows me here but I prosecute in five towns right now and I prosecuted in thirty five towns in Bergen County municipal court stuff and this is the problem the guy parks whatever BMW he parks it three blocks away from the house you're talking about. You can do that. He walks down the street he can do that. He gives you a dirty look he gives you the side eye he can do that. He probably can say what are you looking at it's probably not a crime. He walks down the street in this case we know what street it is and even if there's a cop in a patrol car sitting there and he just can wave or say FU and then he walks into the house and shuts the door none of that is actionable he can't be stopped from doing any of that.

Audience member (male) – This is where I understand this level of frustration.

Councilman Cimiluca – That's the problem is that you can't even if there was a cop sitting there ten cops sitting there if they're going in there you kind of know what's going on can you prove it without being inside without somebody an undercover guy and that's why I say and you guys know because you had your meeting that there is an ongoing investigations. I know the person actually I prosecuted this person and the person that used to live there with her they're married. I prosecuted both of them for different things in other towns. The problem is that getting these people that are going there until you know really know what's going on inside you really are hamstrung so you can have let's put it this way it's not as if there's brawls on the street and if you got cops maybe they won't come there or they won't do all this stuff is happening inside the house. Now if it's happening outside the house and you've got video of it you give it to the authorities and that'll happen. Now you mentioned something about the tires being slashed and everyone's got cameras did anyone get a video?

Audience member (male) – It was during the hours of darkness.

Ms. Lamboy – Yes we did share the video and I did call the police and filed a report that there was an abandoned vehicle with four slashed tires on the street and then the nimrod who owned the car filed a report with the police and claimed it was a dispute over an ex-girlfriend but the video does clearly show this person slashing the tires and hiding behind the vehicle in wait to assault this person.

Councilman Cimiluca – Did the video show that can that person be identified?

Ms. Lamboy – The person whose tires were slashed said he knew who the person was.

Councilman Cimiluca – On video is the person's face where that can be provided and somebody can see and that person can be identified and then if there is an act whether that person wants to pursue it.

Mayor White – I don't think the victim wanted to pursue a complaint.

Councilman Cimiluca – The police it's just like a domestic violence case when somebody goes there and they show up and usually it's a woman I don't want to say it's

always a woman but usually it's the woman and she says no we just had a disagreement and meanwhile she's got marks on her neck. That's why the cop is the one who files the report and not that person because that person always comes to court and says something to the effect of if he goes to jail I'm not going to be able to support my two kids we love each other we're working it out and they want it dismissed. That's one of the reasons because that happened in Lyndhurst Judge Khan let the person out the person kept beating his wife she kept dismissing it and then he ended up I think it was a sledgehammer or some hammer and just beat her to death and that changed the law where the person the victim is not the one who actually signs the complaint it's the officer. This way it's really up to the officer and if the officer feels that this is an isolated incident might let it go because they kissed and made up or whatever. They might have to go to counseling that's what I try and do to people force them to go to counseling so they could acknowledge their incidents half of that stuff is due to drugs and alcohol use but they can't come in and dismiss it on their own. I don't want to placate you and say trust the system but sometimes you don't know what's going on behind the scenes and there is some activity it's very tough to get inside a house. If you've got probable cause to get them a warrant to go in if you believe that there are activities. If they're doing an investigation you may not know it some of those people that are walking down the street may be undercover police you don't know. They're supposed to look like scum that's why they're there and perhaps some of those people are going there to do something. If there is there could be a sting operation I'm not sure so it's a touchy situation because I'm not privy to what the police are doing what the prosecutor's office are doing it's not to the level of the state or anything like that I'm sure but we know that they are working on it they know who the person is. They know the history of that particular person and no one wants them to stop doing what they're doing or in essence get them to move more than us. We don't want your area and I live two blocks away it's not too far from my house so no one wants that kind of stuff going on especially when you got young kids and especially you got what you might consider less than desirable people in your neighborhood. The problem is that you can't stop someone who looks seedy from walking down the street and you kind of we all know we got our spidey senses kick in and we kind of know what's going on but is it provable I don't know. I want to say that the people in the power to do something are aware of this and to my knowledge there is an investigation and I'm sure that once that crack opens and they can get in and try and tear this whatever endeavor it is try to tear that apart that they will. In the mean time if anything happens again you can't just call up and say there is a guy in ripped jeans walking down the street and he doesn't look nice. That's not going to do anything but certainly if anything other than that if he ever approaches your kid or goes on your property you know call the police and hopefully they'll get there if you've got the cameras they'll know what it is they can review the film and possibly then get those people and at some point the cost of doing business will get too high and they will go from statistics and experience they'll go away. Why go here when they can go to someplace I don't want to mention a town but a different place and get the same thing without having concerned citizens around. They're used to operating in areas where no one gives a crap and you guys obviously give a crap and rightfully so. Eventually there's no reason why should I risk being arrested because listen if they stop somebody and they happen to have their tail light out you know and they stop them and there's stuff in there it's not worth it for them to do it so you've got you're vigilant if something is out of the ordinary you can call but certainly if there's something that's an actual offense they come onto your property that's an offense. Now listen I've gone to the wrong hotel room in the past and knocked on the door and it was like who the hell are you. I went to a client's house I knocked on the wrong door I'm not trying to do anything bad but in this case you kind of know that that person is getting there for some kind of reason but if they're on your property you contact them and if they do anything other than say I'm sorry I was looking for 212 I'm just making up a number that's not the number if they say that and they walk away I'm very sorry. If they're prowling around that's a problem that's a danger to you and your property so you've got to call and then they've got to then there could be a complaint made. After a while it gets tiresome to just be in court every day because you could be out doing other things. Not you this person or these people can be doing other things that they would consider their job it's illegal but they're not making money by going to court constantly.

Mr. Tutulic – Would you be able to over index so at least our side of town for now because the other thing is you say call the cops. If this were the first guy that came and tried to get in our house and grabbing on our door and I was home and it took ten minutes to get there the way it did a couple of weeks ago one of us would not be here today. He might of not of come up with anything because the methamphetamine but like

that's a long time to get to someone's house in a town this size but when you don't have enough guys on road so all we ask can we get over indexed for now because if we're going to call eight minutes is a lot of time between life and death and what could happen. I'm so grateful that woman that day was not being aggressive but is that was the man it would have been awful how long it took to get there.

Councilman Cimiluca – Are we able to you know how we do it with patrol now the problem Damon has been the number one speed enforcer in that area and so what we did we gave you the stripe on the side we put the stripes in the middle of the road we have the machine there we're going to be having speed humps there doing what we can also I believe that in one month we gave out forty eight speeding summonses right on that street within a three four block area. We can ask and you know through the Mayor the Mayor is the person that can ask you know increased enforcement but again the problem is if something is happening inside their house I don't know if they really care that there's a cop running around.

Mr. Tutulic – When they come out that's what I want to protect when they're coming on our property it's like in their house is in their house but I'll trade in the speed guy for this guy.

Councilman Cimiluca – Again you've got to remember and I talk to people all the time again I hear from victims all the time I mean every crime has a victim so I hear from the victims when they come to court it's not only the bad guys that come to court it's the people that are offended by them. The problem is that there's twenty four hours in a day I forget what the song is how many minutes and stuff like that but there's only when they drive around if they're not there like listen my wife is the biggest one where's the cop that guy went through a stop sign where the hell is the cop I say well he's probably two blocks away doing something else so they can go around and they can make their patrol and we can ask that they do a more enhanced patrol.

Mr. Tutulic – Close the gap.

Councilman Cimiluca – Yes the problem is it takes minute to probably go through all the tree streets and up Skillman and Weller and all that stuff. It'll probably take him a minute to go and if that person is not there during that minute there's fifty nine other minutes in that hour there's 24 hours in a day so it can't hurt there's no negative to that.

Audience member (male) – An increased presence needs to be made.

Councilman Cimiluca – We can ask that there be enhanced since it's an acknowledged problem.

Audience member (male) – One of the most dangerous things that are going on with us now is not the people suspected delivering to the house any of her cohorts that arrive at the house are always under the influence and they're driving. My concern is they're going to hit a kid they could hit one of us. We witnessed several years ago one of the suspected dealers drive across three front lawns to escape when her husband came home. You can see clearly these people have totally lost their motor control and they're driving away and to and from and her as well. I don't think she's driving any more because all of her cars have been disabled. I think basically every car she's had has been to the point where it's disabled or destroyed but all we do is see every person that arrives there that's associated with her not suspected delivery are always under the influence.

Councilman Cimiluca – Now when you say that's when they get out of the car you can tell or do you see that they're operation of the vehicle because if you see somebody on the wrong side of the road and you know where they're going at that point you know we get that all the time. Somebody is operating they're on the wrong side of the road or they were spinning out they hit the curb and stuff like that. Now if they stay inside the house for twelve hours that's not going to do but if they go in and make their quickie in and out somebody can be there.

Audience member (male) – These people that are arriving have almost no motor functions at all that's the scary part.

Councilman Cimiluca – When that happens I think you can call and there's a possibility even though it's I want to say only a motor vehicle offense it's still an offense and again if it gets them up early if it cuts into their cost of doing business they're not going to do it.

Ms. Lamboy – The police have to check for more than just alcohol intoxication and sweep for drugs. I'm saying that because she hit somebody's car on Thanksgiving and because she didn't smell of alcohol she was left to go back in her home.

Councilman Cimiluca – Generally what happens is if you don't smell like alcohol they bring in what's called a drug recognition expert and if we don't have one they call from the County or something like that and then they go through the motor skills test. They do the same thing as they would for alcohol. They take their temperature and then what's called a DRE does is he makes a determination as to whether or not in his

opinion that person is under the influence and they would get charged just as if it was a drunk driver. The problem again is everyone is attacking everything and the whole DRE program is now under attack and the Supreme Court hopefully this fall will determine whether or not we can use that and as a prosecutor who does this all the time that's a very important tool to prosecute people who aren't under the influence of alcohol but are under the influence of drugs to check and again whatever drug it is they can make a determination. Each drug has a different effect on people but right now I've got cases that are two years old that are just held in abeyance because the Supreme Court is going to decide whether or not the DRE's are considered qualified. If they're not I don't know what we're going to do for anybody who is driving anything other than having cocaine just dripping from their nose I don't know what we're going to do and that's one of the reasons that I always wanted them to develop I was hoping they would develop something for marijuana like an alco test but you know a weed test. Something like that so they could blow into it.

Audience member (male) – Everyone's aware of regarding on this Thanksgiving she backed into somebody's car dented the car in I happened to see it because we're right across the street alerted the neighbor they were going to approach her I said don't approach her she parked in front of the house passed out behind the wheel. One of the neighbors says call the police don't approach it let them handle it this is their business. They came five eight minutes it took to awaken her.

Councilman Cimiluca – Do you know that she wasn't charged do you specifically know what the charges were?

Audience member (female) – She went back in her house and then she went out an hour later.

Councilman Cimiluca – I can't explain that one.

Audience member (male) – These are the things that concern us.

Councilman Cimiluca – You should be a hundred percent.

Ms. Panafiel Tutulic – While we're not bashing the police force right like you seem to be very knowledgeable as to what to do what steps to take are you confident that our police force knows what to do in certain situations because that might be an issue too right? They're not trained properly for this specific issue you know like this has been a safe town maybe we never had to deal with situations like this but isn't a wake up call like not for you specifically but maybe like them do we need to have additional training do you guys need to what steps to take?

Mayor White – They certainly need to be talked to and it needs to be discussed to see what was their perspective on it. I don't know you know what I mean they may have different story or maybe you're right maybe they do need additional training.

Ms. Panafiel Tutulic – A year ago when this gentleman came to my house no one took our report of what I went through, how I felt, what my daughter went through like I had to go to the police and say hey can you interview me can I let you know how horrible this was for me.

Mr. Tutulic – We had to go to the police station to say hey guys a guy tried to break into our house went in our car and it's not just about us because we're all dealing with it but we had to proactively go to say what's next.

Mayor White – There's victims groups that I mean they should have at least have referred you to someone to talk to about it.

Ms. Panafiel Tutulic – I'm not confident that they're following the steps. Now I'm not a police so I can't tell you but the little bit that I see that I know what I hear from you like I don't know if they're taking the steps that need to be taken.

Audience member (male) – I think a lot of this is the frustration with this whole bail reform aspect of you're arresting people and it takes longer to do the paperwork and process them and then they're out the doors and people will never appear or this that or else they'll be arrested again and then they're out the door.

Councilman Cimiluca – There's no bench warrants anymore almost no one goes to jail.

Audience member (male) – I understand there's not much you can do about certain things but there's no teeth in the law anymore it's a shame unless it's severe.

Mayor White – A lot of times these type of people have warrants all over the place and they get picked up and they actually have to go to the county jail for a period of time until they came before the court but now no one if somebody lets say the woman we're talking about she had a warrant for a thousand dollars at some other town and we picked her up okay we find the warrant in the system we would call that town and nine out of ten times they're going to say does she have the money yes no no okay just cut her loose that's what they do because they don't want to pick her up because the jail is not going to take her it's crazy.

Audience member (male) – This woman's mother arrived at the house yesterday she wouldn't answer the door she actually came across the street with her aid. Her mother is close to ninety years old and she was trying to I guess retrieve her car that was lent to her two or three months ago and that car's disabled with flat tires it sits in the driveway it was brought home on a flatbed one day whatever the problem was. The mother did tell us this has been lifelong for this woman since she was a teenager this is never going to change. Unfortunately, most of these drug incidents I think and such I think it's close to ninety seven percent recidivism rate. It's going to happen the problem is the safety of this neighborhood. The neighborhood is definitely compromised at this point this is not something that you would ever think would happen.

Mayor White – I think moving forward what we have to do is definitely have increased patrols even if we have to look into maybe a power shift at a certain time and have more of a police presence there. I think we have to get together and make an official neighborhood watch where we have a police officer a community policing officer meet with everybody this way we can share information and give information. I know this and this has been going on and it's been effective okay. I've seen effectiveness with zero they basically have zero tolerance. I know they've been stopping people and that one individual we were talking about he hasn't been back. That was by your house whatever happened there you know what this guy got the word. You know what that's all I can say about that. He knows that they're not going to tolerate it. If he's got a tail light out he's going to get stopped he's going to get a ticket if he's speeding he's going to get a ticket if he's got drugs in the car he's getting arrested so I think that message got to him. Even the car I had the property maintenance go there today and look at the car. They looked at our ordinance and unfortunately there's nothing in our ordinance that says you know because I'd have him write her a ticket write her a property maintenance ticket. If she's not being a good neighbor to everybody so we have to strictly enforce the law unfortunately there's nothing in the ordinance but the cars sitting there for a long time there's animals living in it that's a different story we can go there and probably tow the car and write her a summons but that's the approach that needs to be done that and this whole thing with the pole camera if they'll allow us to do it.

Councilman Cimiluca – Is the car registered with plates on it?

Mayor White – Yes it is registered.

Ms. Panafiel Tutulic – It's her mother's.

Mayor White – it's registered but with flat tires. If it was out in the street it would be a different story it would be considered abandoned disabled in the road or an abandoned car then we could tow it out of there. We're looking at all those things and that's what I'm going to convey to the prosecutor's office when I speak with them tomorrow. They have been having some good luck with this latest approach but they need to do more they need to stay on top of it. They need to continue to do it that's my message to them.

Audience member (male) – I mentioned I that I probably supplied over two hundred photos of people, faces, times, cars the whole routine of all these different groups of people and I still will continue to supply this. I'd rather be involved and I don't care I still want to be involved I want to supply this I'm trying to put an end to this I'd rather do that.

Mr. Tutulic – We are sharing files because I put together time lines and events and videos and one gentleman who was kind enough to give me his number on the force his phone doesn't accept videos so I got to go downsize them. I'm like it's 2022 you're phone doesn't get videos. The technology like I'll buy the Iphone come on like now I've got to send them to an email and work with the file. I want to help but now I'm working overtime and that's what's you know we all are down the line. Now we talk every night we're all working together. I don't live right next to it I can't imagine.

Audience member (male) – It's kind of interesting all of a sudden everybody in the last few weeks have all become vocal. It's spreading to all these different blocks.

Mayor White – They park in different areas because they know they're being watched.

Mr. Tutulic – So it's exponentially the nets getting bigger. They're parking in Fair Lawn they walk the distance where it's contained. Contained is not going to solve it for them but it's not going to be contained its zombies walking around the town.

Ms. Lamboy – We're worried about the kids. The kids videotape them walking down the street high because they think it's funny meanwhile we're like please don't step away don't go near them.

Mr. Lamboy - Just a quick question as a Mayor and Council I'm sure with the city ordinances do you have a cap on the police officers the amount of hiring?

Mayor White – Yes.

Mr. Lamboy – Are you capped at that now?

Mayor White – We're short now with the retirement we're down to thirty one we should have thirty four. We're going to hire we are going to hire very soon.

Mr. Lamboy – Do you have a ratio based on the amount of population?

Mayor White – Yes in fact we're really high we have more than we probably should police officers and we're certainly top heavy too. We have too many chiefs and not enough Indians. Transparency I'm being honest with you.

Council President Mazzer – So tomorrow you will talk to the prosecutor and make them all aware.

Mayor White – Yes.

The audience thanks the Mayor and Council.

Council President Mazzer – We share your frustration.

Mayor White – I know I speak for everyone we do feel your pain you shouldn't have to put up with that kind of stuff.

Council President Mazzer – Thank you all for coming. Does anyone else want to add anything? Anyone else wishing to be heard on anything?

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

Councilman Cimiluca suggests a break.

Council President Mazzer – We'll take three minutes.

The break has ended.

Council President Mazzer – We are at comments so Mayor White.

Mayor White – We'll start with a COVID update I know no one wants to hear about COVID but I try to every month just bring everybody up to speed. New Jersey is averaging about 2500 cases per day. There was recently an outbreak in half the states nursing homes but fortunately deaths and hospitalization are significantly lower than the beginning of the year during the Omicron wave. The positivity rate is now 11.91% anything above 10% is considered high. The positivity rate is the number of tests that come back positive so basically a little more than one out of ten. The transmission rate is 1.04 a rate above 1.0 is an indication that the virus is spreading. The transmission rate is the number of people that will contract the virus from one infected person. If I'm infected I'm going to infect at least one other person. When it was really bad it was three. One infected person infected three people. Bergen County is listed in the medium risk category so masks are not required. New Jersey has a high percentage of people who are vaccinated it was actually the sixth best in the country with 91.2% that's at least one shot. Anybody interested in learning more are continuing to keep up to date go to the New Jersey website it's covid19.nj.gov everything is there. Regarding the budget the tax bills have not been sent out yet we're waiting on the county to adopt a budget which should be shortly. The 2022 Phase 1 Road Program will be awarded tonight to 4 Clean Up they're a good contractor we've been using them a lot lately they're one of the better ones I'm very happy that they will be awarded the contract. The four streets that are part of this program Schepis Avenue, Graham Terrace, Spindler Terrace and Skillman Terrace. Mayhill Street and Route 80 overpass to Market Street will be paved and that will be funded through the New Jersey DOT Grant that we received. Also speed humps will be done as well Councilman Cimiluca I will defer to you to talk about that a little bit when you give your comments you know a little more than I do being on the speed committee. Mr. Klein just a quick question when do you think we're going to start the Phase 1 Road Program?

Mr. Klein – First off the Mayhill, Kenwood Court and Garden Street that job by the one contractor is going to start a week from Monday. As far as the Phase 1 of the Road Program that you just mentioned there's no start date yet but talking to him preliminarily end of July beginning of August.

Mayor White – Before the fall then right?

Mr. Klein – Yes.

Mayor White – I just don't want to get into the cold weather again and run into problems. Bergen County Community Development Block Grant Central Region allocation we had that meeting recently and Saddle Brook will receive approximately \$277,000.00 for two

different projects, approximately \$130,000.00 for the elevator at the new Municipal Complex and \$140,000.00 for paving Congress Street which will be next year. Signage and striping Outwater Lane and Fifth Street this is something we just received notice of from the County Road Department. They're going to install a double arrow warning and a supplemental stop sign facing the south bound traffic on Fifth Street at Outwater Lane. Also a stop ahead sign approximately two hundred feet in advance of Outwater Lane and a pavement legend a white line at the stop line. We have a couple of ordinances on for second reading a final reading for the Township Code Regulating the Operation of Specific Classes of Cannabis Businesses and also a final reading for the stop sign on Beech Avenue at the intersection of Skillman Terrace.

We spoke at the work session and we are going to form a committee to restore Fifth Street Park. I want to work with the residents we've gotten some residents there that want to help in the area and come up with some kind of design to improve that park. We're going to look to obtain grant funding. Councilman Gierak is going to be the Council representative to that committee. Municipal Complex update Councilwoman D'Arminio is not here I'm going to leave that up to our Business Administrator Peter LoDico to give us an update. Events this month that occurred on Sunday June 12th Engine Company Number One had a successful wet down for the new rescue truck. Friday June 17th the Saddle Brook Police Department hosted the LEAD graduation at Veterans Field. Saturday June 18th the Town hosted the annual Fishing Derby at Saddle River County Park I want to thank Matt Benus a former police officer who helped out a great deal and made sure the lake was stocked and also measured the fish for us which was a very nice thing to do. Saturday July 2nd the Town hosted our annual picnic and fireworks on the same day. Regarding the picnic and the fireworks I want to thank all the residents who attended both or either the picnic and the fireworks. It was an excellent day for Saddle Brook as our residents were able to enjoy two very nice events in the same day. Thank you to our project and activities committee Councilwoman D'Arminio, Shannon Accomando, Christine Genuario and Peter LoDico. Thank you to all our sponsors for the generous contributions and our vendors for the participation. I want to recognize our DPW members for all their help setting up and cleaning up the picnic area and all the town employees and volunteers who helped including members of our police department, fire department and ambulance corp. Finally thanks to our town organizations including the Women's Club, Saddle Brook Library, Mayor's Youth Group and St. Philips Church. I want to thank the Council Members every one of them worked hard during the picnic also Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Dickman was there had a table and tent and handed out a lot of literature, Fire Official Mike Seitz who really led the fireworks, DPW Superintendent Bob Hicswa, Recreation Director Andy Gallo, Senior Center Director Joe Lecce also Sandy Goodwin, Thomas Van Winkle and Rafael Gonzalez who were busy all day memorializing the picnic and the fireworks with photos and videos. Also donations at the picnic I failed to mention too Acme they were there and they donate all the water and all kinds of other deserts that they donate so my apologies and also John Muscarelle gave a donation which wasn't mentioned. Upcoming events we have a summer concert on Friday July 22nd at the new Municipal Complex 7:30 to 9:00 pm. I know Councilman Cimiluca was very involved with Recreation Director Andy Gallo I want to thank him for that. We also have National Night Out on Tuesday August 2nd at the new Municipal Complex. Some other things congratulations and thank you to John Slomin for fifty plus years of service to the Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp also congratulations and thank you to all the members of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp for seventy years of service to the community. There is a banner that's across Market Street right now that thanks them for that. We are very fortunate to have what I feel is the best ambulance corps in our area and probably in the state.

Council President Mazzer – Thank you Mayor. Councilman Accomando.

Councilman Accomando - I too would like to thank everyone that showed up not just the residents the workers, the volunteers because if it wasn't for you we wouldn't be able to do what we do. It was well attended saw some faces we haven't seen in a while because of everything going on in the past two years it seems. Thank you for all that you do. Thank you to Councilwoman D'Arminio for putting it all together my wife Shannon and Christine. They worked tirelessly I listened to all the phone calls at night and the weekends and the preparations that go into it so a big hats off to them three. I would also like to mention that as far as OEM there is going to be a CERT registration this fall and it's going to be for anyone over eighteen to participate. We're trying to get a teen CERT would be around sixteen years old. If you go to the Township website it's going to be under OEM you click on that and there's going to be nine classes the tenth class will be graduation. It seems like it will be late September but we'll let people know

more OEM Coordinator Dickman would definitely answer any questions he's always there to answer questions, answer his phone and help anyone out. If anybody's interested CERT it's a great step to whether you want to be EMT, police, fireman it's a great learning ability. Anyone that's eighteen looking to get into first responders to definitely look into it and start your career young.

Council President Mazzer – Councilman Gierak.

Councilman Gierak – Good evening everyone the flood committee met on Wednesday June 29th in attendance were Amil Sudol, OEM Coordinator Tom Dickman, Mayor White, Flood Plain Manager Anthony Ambrogio and myself. Items of discussion were the status of the Township's application with FEMA to be accepted into the community rating system. The application has been completed and submitted and we're still waiting to be accepted into the program. We also discussed an online petition initiated by Lodi Mayor Scott Luna this petition when complete will be sent to Washington, D.C. in hopes of obtaining flood mitigation funding for the Army Corp of Engineers. The online petition received about nine hundred and thirty signatures so far on change.org the goal is to obtain ten thousand signatures. The committee is considering going door to door and having the petition available at town offices. We also have discussed various areas of concern for flooding throughout the Township. The next Flood Committee meeting will be on Wednesday September 28th at 6:30 at the Senior Center all residents are welcome to attend. I'd like to wish all residents a happy, healthy and restful summer thank you.

Council President Mazzer – Thank you Councilman.

Councilman Cimiluca – Hello everybody the National Night Out is going to be the first Tuesday of August and that's generally when we have our Council work sessions so those who are planning on attending we are going to do the work session before our regular meeting so that would be the Thursday after the first Tuesday. The work session will be at 5:30 on the fourth and then we'll follow that whenever we're finished with that we'll start with the regular meeting. National Night Out for those who haven't attended is a great night the people that were here before and those watching at home have seen we've got some very involved citizens concerned citizens and they're rightfully concerned but they were talking about community policing and being involved with the police. That is a great night to meet your officers because almost all of the officers are there it's a more casual contact with them some of them are uniform some of them are not but you can get to know them on National Night Out. That's always a great time and there's a lot of activities for the kids so try and come out to that. That'll be at our future Municipal Complex and there will be food and I'm not sure if there's going to be rides but there's enough activities to keep your kids occupied. The picnic was a success and I got to really give thanks to Storm Field's could take the place of any meteorologist. In the beginning of the week Saturday and Sunday were total rainouts that's our picnic day and the rain date they were supposed to be total rainouts. I know when Councilwoman D'Arminio made the decision I was calling her every day saying when are you going to make the call she held out until Friday and at that point I was expecting her to say you know what I'm not going to do it let's make it for Sunday. She went with Saturday and she proved all the meteorologists wrong because Saturday turned out to be a great day it was not two great things it wasn't raining and it really wasn't that sunny. Some of these sunny picnic days are miserable to be honest with you it's hot when you're there especially the people that are near the concessions. I know she bit her fingernails down to the nubs but she made the right call so thanks to her and the committee and all the volunteers that came out. Mr. LoDico is going to talk about the new building I've recently visited it and it's coming along quickly and I've said this many times it's something the whole community is going to be proud of. The concert July 22nd it's a Friday usually these town concerts are mid week we're fortunate to get a weekend date which is odd. It's going to be a Billy Joel cover band so come out it's going to be at the Municipal Complex 55 Mayhill next to the Acme the old Home Depot lot that we are transforming to our new Municipal Complex. There's no grass so please if you're going to come you can bring a blanket bring a chair and have a good time. This is the first I've been trying to do this for ten years I've been saying everyone else is doing it why can't we. We're doing one this year and hopefully that will be a success and we can try and do more in the future I think it's great for the community. Our Officer in Charge Captain Galbo retired and I want to wish him the best in his retirement and the next phase of his life a great friend of mine and a great police officer. We thank him for I believe it was thirty one years in service to the police force. In terms of the speed committee somebody mentioned thanks for the stop sign there's going to be a stop sign placed on the corner of Beech and Skillman Terrace. That's been an area where it's an odd shaped intersection where the people on Beech don't really know they have to stop even though

Skillman is the dominant street. In accordance with the law in order for it to be a valid stop sign you have to do it by ordinance. This is our second reading tonight and hopefully the stop sign will be erected soon and there will also be some striping with the word stop and a stop line there. The speed humps there are going to be two on Fairlawn Parkway we're hoping with the new as part of it but while they're doing the other streets they'll be two speed humps one on the wider side of Fairlawn Parkway and one on the narrow side closer to Smith School. We're also going to have one on Lanza and also one on Wilson. We've gotten some requests for speed help on a couple of different streets the most prominent being Danna Way, Strathmore and Alberta. None of them are getting speed humps this year. Strathmore we're thinking about paving next year it's high up on the list so it would be silly to put a speed hump there this year and then tear it down and repave next year. That's high on the list of priority for next year right around the entrance to Avon Park that's located on Strathmore. Danna Way and Alberta there are some complaints we actually have a petition from residents on Danna Way. We have purchased a speed box it was a very good decision on the part of the Council to purchase that and we are working with the DPW and police to put that down to measure what kind of speeding is going on in those areas. Everyone thinks people are going ninety miles an hour on their block and you might have a random person far exceeding the speed limit no one wants to see that. Like we saw on some other streets the real average speed is not as high as some people had thought so we're all about trying to quell the speeding if we can but we like to support what we do because it costs money. We'll support that with the data and we'll get the data from this box which is I believe it's a radar type box that's placed on a pole and will measure the amount of vehicles, the average speed and it calculates it so this way somebody going sixty miles an hour it's not going to skew everything off the charts. We're planning on doing that it was a recent purchase there's some software involved in that we're just getting used to how to work it the right way. We got the idea from a councilman in Fair Lawn who was talking about how well it worked so we do have a contact in Fair Lawn who's been using this successfully for the last year or so. We're going to look to them for a little bit of assistance. I believe that's all I have. Have a great July see you in August.

Council President Mazzer thanks Councilman Cimiluca and asks Mr. LoDico for an update on the Municipal Complex.

Mr. LoDico – Thank you Madame President. As Councilman Cimiluca said it's really been transformation watching a concept become a reality. The offices are pretty much completed they're working on the gym. The Council Chamber is coming together with the dais and all the parts that go into that with the electronics. We're entering the final construction phase and hopefully everything will be ready when we have our September ribbon cutting ceremony dedication. We hope to have the outdoor painting and paving done in August and tentatively planning on moving offices starting in the fall. That's the goal of the committee and the Mayor and Council to occupy the building before the end of the year. A couple of parts are coming from outside the country hopefully they'll be here by the end of August switches and different things it's out of our control but everything else is moving along the contractor's been fantastic everything's on time and moving. Thank you.

Council President Mazzer – Thank you for the update. Without having to be redundant with everything that everybody else said up here but I echo everybody's comments about the picnic it was amazing everyone did a great job. On that note you're all hired for next year. I did bring up on the work session to see if everybody was in agreement with having another garage sale two a year two town wide garage sales. We're thinking in the spring and of course the one we have in October. It was such a great success last year that we figured we'll do it two times a year.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE #1723-22 – FINAL READING

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

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

**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**

Motion: Councilman Accomando Second: Councilman Gierak

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilman Accomando

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilman Accomando

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER**

120 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIFIC CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES, AMENDED

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 the notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D’Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

**2. ORDINANCE #1724-22 – FINAL READING
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196, SECTION 43 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE X: STOP INTERSECTIONS”**

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D’Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196, SECTION 43 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE X: STOP INTERSECTIONS”

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D’Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

Lisa Coiro of 118 Skillman Terrace comes forward. Thank you for this stop sign I almost got taken out my husband almost got taken out numerous times because people fly down Beech. I have another issue in that same area Skillman and Weller by the monument are both two ways people don’t know that anymore. I was going down Skillman to make a left and I was staying on the right side of the road and people think it’s one way and they come up on the left side of you to try and make a turn either around you or go around. Can we get markings somewhere out there to show that they’re two way roads? I’m here twenty five years I’ve never had this problem until the last year.

Mayor White – It’s something we can look into it’s been like that forever.

Ms. Coiro – I’m here twenty five years it’s been like that and I’ve never had a problem but since the pandemic we had a lot of people move into that area from New York I’ve noticed just a lot of people in general and it can be downright dangerous.

Mayor White – Yeah some kind of channelization we can talk to the DPW it’s a town road so we can try to do something.

Councilman Cimiluca – We probably need to go to the engineer because of Manual of Uniform Traffic Safety and Design something like that. There’s requirements of what you can or can’t have in terms of traffic controls either signs or any writings on the ground where you would think maybe throw an arrow both ways on each street but it’s got to be according to this manual.

Mr. Klein – I’ll look into it.

Mayor White – There was talk about making it one way.

Ms. Coiro – Don’t make it one way my son will be driving down the wrong sides of the road.

Mayor White – That’s what we thought everybody is so used to it being the way it is to change it from both sides two way to one way.

Ms. Coiro – It’s two different streets and people don’t get that.

Mayor White – No they don’t if you’re not from that area it is a little most people try to stay on the right side of the road though normally regardless.

Ms. Coiro – If we can do anything at all it’s better than nothing that’s there now.

Mr. Klein – People are driving down the middle of each one way?

Ms. Coiro – It’s two streets with the island in the middle they’re both two ways what happened to me is I was driving on Skillman I was driving down to get to the stop sign by Fairlawn Parkway I’m on the right side of the road which is where I’m supposed to be and I’m going to make a left. I’ve had people come up right next to me to the left of me to make a turn so now they’re driving on the wrong side of the road.

Mr. Klein – Got you I will look into it.

Councilman Accomando – We just did it on Fifth Street so maybe we can look to do a double arrow on either side. You have parking on both sides so I can see why some people just moving to town could see it might be a one way because there’s only parking on the right side of both ways in and out.

Mr. Klein – I’ll look into it.

Ms. Coiro – Thank you.

Council President Mazzer – Anyone else wishing to be heard on this ordinance?

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierrek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D’Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

CR# 722-111

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196, SECTION 43 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE X: STOP INTERSECTIONS”**

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 the notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

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

3. ORDINANCE #1725-22 - FIRST READING

Council President: The next order of business is the introduction of
AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO ENTER INTO A SALES CONTRACT WITH THE FAR-HILLS-BEDMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SALE OF A 1997 PIERCE FIRE TRUCK
be passed and adopted on first reading.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

ROLL CALL:

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

Council President: Direct the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

CR# 722-112

Clerk: Then reads the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that
AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO ENTER INTO A SALES CONTRACT WITH THE FAR-HILLS-BEDMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SALE OF A 1997 PIERCE FIRE TRUCK

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 4th day of August 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilman Gierak - yes
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman D’Arminio – absent
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.

***MINUTES**

1. June , 2022 – Regular Public Meeting

***RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 722-113

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick, Township Engineer has submitted a proposal dated June 24, 2022 for updating the Township Zoning Map at a cost of \$5,250.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to proceed with the application process at a cost not to exceed \$5,250.00 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for bids for 2022 Road Program, Phase 1 and,

WHEREAS, 7 bids were received and opened on June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, after review with the Township Attorney, recommends awarding the contract to 4 Clean Up, Inc. PO Box 5098, North Bergen, NJ in the amount of \$733,440.25

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 4 Clean Up in the amount of \$733,440.25 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
COMM PROJECT	INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS		\$19,000.00
POLICE	WINNER FORD	2 NEW CARS	\$84,642.00
DPW-(FEMA REIMBURS)	KELLEY BUILDERS	NEDELLEC FIELD	\$6,450.00
ORD	GTBM, INC	6 LAPTOPS-POLICE	\$33,042.07
COMPUTER SERVICES	JKO CONSULTANTS	ANNUAL CONTRACT	\$15,600.00
COMPUTER SERVICES	MUNIDEX	ANNUAL CONTRACT	\$17,576.00
POLICE	CODY	ANNUAL SUPPORT	\$6,688.15
DPW	QUALITY AUTO MALL	REPAIR 2020 F350	\$4,413.83
MUNICIPAL BLDG	ALL AMERICAN FITNESS	GYM EQUIPMENT	\$39,500.00

MOTION: Councilman Cimiluca

SECOND: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

COUNCILMAN CIMILUCA - YES
COUNCILMAN GIEREK - YES
COUNCILMAN ACCOMANDO - YES
COUNCILWOMAN D'ARMINIO - ABSENT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAZZER - YES

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 722-116

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 **\$14,539.02** 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 Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 722-117

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 **\$4,883,363.86** 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 Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierrek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 722-118

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has approved an all affordable housing development with regard to the affordable housing litigation that was resolved; and

WHEREAS, the developer of the said all affordable housing development needs for the Township to execute a TWA agreement in support of the infrastructure for said site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby authorizes the Township Clerk to execute the attached TWA agreement with regard to the all affordable housing site.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO BERGEN
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE
FY 2022 – 2023 Covering Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL
REPRESENTATIVES TO BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

CR# 722-119

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has entered into a three year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said agreement requires that the Township Council appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2022-2023 term starting July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby appoints Councilman Andrew Cimiluca as its representative and Councilwoman Florence Mazzer as its alternate and that the Mayor hereby appoints Mayor Robert D. White as his representative and Peter Lo Dico as his alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2022-2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed and sent via postage to Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor; Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 | resposito@co.bergen.nj.us **as soon as possible and no later than Friday July 29, 2022.**

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 722-120

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is participating in the Omnia Co-op, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is in need of replacing the HVAC system at the police department

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Saddle Brook that a contract be awarded to Trane North Jersey, 19 Chapin Road, Building B, Suite 200, Pine Brook, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$224,281.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

I hereby certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public meeting held on July 7, 2022.

Peter Lo Dico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

***CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Stephen F. Pellino

Re: Ordinance 1723-22

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

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**BY EMAIL AND
REGULAR AMIL**

Mr. Peter LoDico, Township Clerk
Township of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Re: Proposed Ordinance No. 1723-22

Dear Mr. LoDico:

I write to you as the attorney for the Planning Board of the Township of Saddle Brook. Pursuant to your request, the Planning Board did, at a regularly scheduled meeting on June 20, 2022, review proposed Ordinance No. 1723-22.

Inasmuch as the ordinance pertains to the permitting and licensing of cannabis businesses in the Township, the Planning Board finds that it is consistent with the master plan inasmuch as it helps promote a variety of uses in appropriate zoning districts.

The Planning Board recommends the approval of the ordinance, but also recommends that the Mayor and Council consider increasing the licensing fees and the penalties for disciplinary infractions. The Planning Board has information that some neighboring towns are charging as much as \$35,000 for licenses. The Planning Board also has information that the retail dispensary in Rochelle Park grossed upwards of \$170,000 in sales on a given day, which would appear to make a fine of \$250 simply the cost of doing business.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Pellino

SFP:cas

cc: Anthony R. Suarez, Esq., Township Attorney, Via Email Only
Saddle Brook Planning Board, Attn: Jayne Kapner, Secretary, Via Email Only

**2. Richard G. Arango
Remington & Vernick**

Re: New Digital Zoning Map

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: June 24, 2022

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REMINGTON
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June 24, 2022

Peter Lo Dico, Administrator
Town of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Subj: Township of Saddle Brook
Research and Prepare New Digital Official Zoning Map Document for the
Township of Saddle Brook
M2022

Dear Mr. Lo Dico:

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS is pleased to present this proposal to research and update a new digital Zoning Map for the Township of Saddle Brook. The current Zoning Map and was created by Remington & Vernick Engineers in June 2018 in a CADD and GIS format and has not been updated to reflect any zoning changes since 2018 (see attached).

It has been four years since the last updates were performed on the Township Zoning Map, so this digital Zoning Map will need to be reviewed and researched by each year, from 2018 to 2022 in order, and then updated to reflect all of the adopted zoning ordinances, redevelopment areas and overlay documents available since 2018. This is necessary because the tax map parcels have been revised each year, over the past four years, due to tax map maintenance, major/minor subdivision, lot consolidations, street vacations, etc. that the zoning ordinances/documents reference and may now not be applicable in 2022 from 2018.

It is our understanding that we may be adding redevelopment zones, overlay zones and amending current zone designations to the GIS Zoning Map. We also understand that there should be a complete comprehensive list of the approved and adopted ordinances available, and RVE will need to obtain these outstanding ordinance documents in order to protract and update the existing 2018 DRAFT zoning Map to current conditions.

RVE will need to meet with the Township Zoning Department to determine what exactly needs to be shown on the updated map. We will update and change the GIS Zoning Map to address these zones as well as address any observations to the Zoning Map since its last adoption.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Remington & Vernick Engineers will perform the entire scope of services outlined herein to review, approve, and adopt the new updated zoning map as the "official zoning document" that supports the ordinances.

A. Inventory, Research and Review

Remington & Vernick Engineers will need to be provided all redevelopment zones, overlay zones, and amended current zone designations as well as any new zoning ordinances, since the last adopted zoning map in 2018. The Township's existing Zoning Map was digitally generated in a GIS format. All updates to these maps are completed digitally.

B. Protracting the Ordinances and New Zoning Map

Remington & Vernick Engineers will protract and close the new ordinances based on the descriptions by block, lot and address designated. These recently adopted redevelopment plans, overlay zones and zoning ordinances

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COST OF SERVICES

The cost estimate breaks down as follows:

Scope of Services/Review and Comment	\$4,500.00
Final Deliverables	\$ 750.00

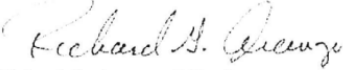
Remington & Vernick Engineers will complete the mapping services outlined herein, for a not to exceed figure of \$5,250.00. Our estimated completion time is two (2) to three (3) weeks from written authorization to proceed.

All time will be invoiced at our current Saddle Brook contract rates. A dedicated project number will be established for billing purposes.

Remington & Vernick Engineers will not proceed with any additional work that will exceed the \$5,250.00 cap without prior written authorization from the Township. The cost of services for any/all new mapping work not outlined in this scope of services will be provided as a separate proposal on an as-needed basis and upon Township request only.

If you require any additional information, or if there are budget and timeframe issues related to the scope of work of this project, please contact Kevin R. Zelinsky, GISP, CMS, Tax Map/GIS/CADD Manager and Senior Associate in our Haddonfield office at (856) 795-9595, extension 1064, or via e-mail at: Kevin.Zelinsky@rve.com. We look forward to assisting you with your mapping needs.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS



Richard G. Arango, P.E., C.M.E.
Executive Vice President

RGA/KRZ/mts

cc: Mayor Robert D. White
Anthony Suarez, Esq.

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3. Robert J. Klein Re: 2022 Road Program Phase I
Remington & Vernick

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: June 30, 2022



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June 30, 2022

Peter Lo Dico, Township Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Re: **Township of Saddle Brook**
2022 Road Program, Phase 1
Recommendation to Award
RVE File No. 0257-T-104

Dear Mr. Lo Dico,

We have tabulated the bids received on Thursday, June 30, 2022 for the above-captioned project and find the lowest bidder to be 4 Clean Up Inc, PO Box 5098, North Bergen, NJ 07047 in the amount of \$733,440.25; representing Items #1-27 on the base bid.

A copy of the tabulation is enclosed for your review.

Therefore, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq, the contract should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, which appears to be 4 Clean Up Inc.

This award recommendation is contingent upon review and approval of the bids by the Town Attorney and the availability of funds as certified by the Finance Department.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert J. Klein, P.E.
Township Engineer

cc: Mayor White
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COUNTY OF BERGEN
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Director/County Engineer

June 1, 2022

VIA EMAIL ONLY
Honorable Mayor and Council
Municipal Building
Township of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Subject: SADDLE BROOK – Traffic Issue
Outwater Lane and Fifth Street

RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK
22 JUN - 1 PM 2:09

Dear Mayor and Council:

This office received an email which was forwarded to my attention from Mr. Jay Antala who resides at 500 Outwater Lane opposite Fifth Street in the City of Garfield. Mr. Antala also contacted the City of Garfield including their Police Department, however, the referenced intersection is primarily located in Saddle Brook. The resident stated in the email there have been vehicles running off the road onto his property (even with the retaining wall adjacent to his property). Mr Antala requested that a guide rail be placed in front of his property similar to guide rails that exist adjacent to some other properties along Outwater Lane. This location does not meet the criteria for guide rail installation. However, there are certain recommendations to improve the safety at this intersection.

There was a total of four reported accidents that have occurred at this intersection from January 1, 2019, thru December 31, 2021. One of these accidents involved two cars hitting the retaining wall following a collision. It should be noted that even though only one of the motorists involved in a collision complained of a sight distance restriction a sight distance restriction exists across both the northwest and northeast corners of the intersection due hedge rows adjacent to these corner properties. To reduce the potential of right-angle collisions and improve the safety of the vehicular traffic, the Township shall enforce the sight triangles cross both corners in accordance with the attached statute (N.J.S.A.40:48 – 2.26).

In addition, there are signing and striping recommendations which can be implemented to help improve the safety of this intersection. The County will install a Double Arrow Warning and Supplemental Stop sign on Outwater Lane facing southbound traffic on Fifth Street. The Township of Saddle Brook should install a Stop Ahead sign on Fifth Street approximately 250 feet in advance of the Stop Sign and pavement legend "STOP" at the stop line. Even though street lighting was not a contributing factor of the accidents the Township should request that PSE&G perform a street lighting survey at the intersection.

If you have any questions and/or need any additional information you can contact me at (201) 336 – 6822.

Very Truly Yours,

Eugene J. Murphy, Jr.

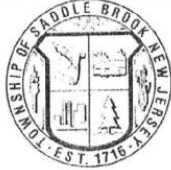
Eugene J. Murphy, Jr.
Principal Engineer Civil

Cc: Joseph Femia, P.E., Director/County Engineer (w/attach.)
Nancy Dargis, P.E., Assistant County Engineer (w/attach.)
Randy Seitz, Assistant Engineer, Signals (w/attach.)
John D'Elia, Chief Construction Inspector (w/attach.)
Jaison Alex, P.E., ADA Coordinator (w/attach.)
Peter Lo Dico, Saddle Brook Administrator (w/attach.)
Captain James Galbo, Saddle Brook Police Department (w/attach.)
Garfield Mayor & Council (w/attach.)
Erin Delaney, Garfield City Manager (w/attach.)
Chief Raymond Kovach, Garfield Police Department, (w/attach.)
Officer David Pikul, Garfield Police Department (w/attach.)

5. Det./Lt. Thomas Johnson Re: HRC Enterprise Group, LLC
Livery License

To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: June 14, 2022

Township of Saddle Brook, N.J.



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

63 MARKET STREET

201-843-7000

SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663

To: Peter LoDico-Township Business Administrator

From: Det./Lt. Thomas Johnson *TJ*

Date: June 14, 2022

Subject: Livery License Application

RE: **HRC Enterprise Group LLC.** **Huseyin Cuhadar**
Park 80 West Plaza II **8 Sundale Court**
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 **Smithtown NY 11787**

RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK
22 JUN 23 AM 11:27

The above business filed a Livery Service application and all required documents were submitted. In accordance with Township Ordinance #189, the Detective Bureau conducted an investigation of the above business and individual who filed the livery application.

The above individual has a valid New York driver's license.. The one vehicle submitted with the application is properly registered and insured. The business also meets all insurance thresholds as required in the ordinance.

Based upon the above information I recommend the application be approved at this time.

Cc: File

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6. Mayor White

Re: Peter LoDico Alternate Rep. for
Community Development

To: Mayor's Appointment

Date: July 1, 2022

Township of Saddle Brook

Office of the Mayor

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Robert D. White
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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

BERGEN COUNTY DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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:

REPRESENTATIVE MAYOR ROBERT WHITE
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE PETER LO DICO

as Bergen County Division of Community Development Representative and Alternate Representative,
for a term of one-year effective July 1, 2022 and which shall expire on June 30, 2023.

Dated: July 1, 2022

ROBERT D. WHITE
MAYOR

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7. Mayor White

Re: Appointment of Scott Habermann
Deputy Emergency Management
Coordinator

To: Mayor's Appointment

Date: July 1, 2022

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Robert D. White
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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATION

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:

SCOTT HABERMANN

as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, effective July 1, 2022 and which shall expire on
December 31, 2022.

Dated: July 1, 2022



ROBERT D. WHITE
MAYOR

8. Robert J. Klein Re: TWA Application Package
To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: June 29, 2022



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June 29, 2022

Peter Lo Dico, Administrator
Town of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Block 1401, Lot 18
TWA Application Package
RVE File No. 02571068

Dear Mr. Lo Dico,

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS has completed its review of the referenced application.
The documents provided include:

- Escrow check in the amount of \$2,500 to Saddle Brook Township
- Form TWA-1, Treatment Works Approval Application
- USGS map of the site location
- Form WQM-006, Domestic TWA Application
- Form WQM-003, Statements of Consent
- Two Drawings- Sheet 8 (Utilities Plan) and Sheet 19 (Construction Details)
- Construction Cost Estimate and Permit Fee Amount

We have reviewed the technical details for conformance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23 and for consistency with the projected flows previously discussed with the applicant. We recommend that the Township of Saddle Brook endorse this application.

Please provide signatures in the following locations:

- Form TWA-1:
- Page 3, Section 8 (Property Owner's Certification)
- Page 4, Section 10 (Proper Construction And Operation Clause)
- Page 4, Section 11 (Certification By Applicant/Owner)
- Form WQM-003
- Page 1, Section A-1 (Consent By Governing Body- Note that a resolution is required)
- Page 3, Section B (Consent By Wastewater Conveyance System Owner- note the same resolution provided for A-1)

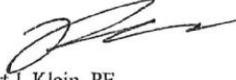
Please return the signed documents to the John Hansen at Engineering & Land Planning. The developer will then solicit endorsement from Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, as they are the receiving Sewage Authority.

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Township of Saddle Brook
Block 1401, Lot 18
TWA Application Package
RVE File No. 02571068
Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.



Robert J. Klein, PE
Project Manager

cc: Mayor White
Jim Hankins, RVE
Anthony Suarez, Esq., Werner Suarez

***APPLICATIONS**

LIVERY

HRC ENTERPRISE GROUP, LLC – PARK 80 PLAZA WEST

***REPORTS**

1. Municipal Court Monthly Report – May 2022
2. Grant Writer Report – May 2022
3. DPW Monthly Report – May 2022
4. Hotel Room Tax Revenue Report - May 2022
5. Police Department Monthly Report – May 2022
6. Tax Collector's Report – May 2022
7. Engineer's Monthly Report – June 2022
8. Construction Code Official Report – May 2022
9. Property Maintenance Report – May 2022
10. Fire Prevention Official Report - May 2022

Old Business

New Business

Councilman Gierak – I have a resolution in support of the Water Resource Development Act that was recently passed by the House of Representatives. The resolution reads Whereas the Water Rescue Development Act of 2022 passed the House of Representatives and whereas Congressman Pascrell requested the US Army Corp of Engineers be authorized to study the lower Saddle River Flood Protection Project as expeditiously as possible and whereas this flood mitigation study will provide potential solutions to protect against flooding in Saddle Brook and surrounding communities now therefore be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook and it hereby supports the lower Saddle River Flood Protection Plan and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution will be sent to all the lower Saddle River Basin communities. Senator Cory Booker and Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Charles Schumer Majority Leader and Senator Mitch McConnell Minority Leader urging their support on this important project.

Motion: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

Council President Mazzer – The meeting is now open to the public anyone wishing to be heard on the agenda items please come up.

Gerry Taylor of 318 Schepis Avenue comes forward. In reference to the cannabis do we have locations where they are going to be yet?

Mr. Suarez – There's been a zoning ordinance adopted with regard to the zones where it's permitted and designated. We have issued some resolutions in support of some

applicants that are requesting certain licenses from the state and in some of those they identify certain locations where they would put the facility.

Gerry Taylor – Are you able to tell us where in town it would be?

Mr. Suarez – It's all a public record and then they're public resolutions. I think we passed about six already. Three retail and three cultivation and then we're potentially doing some manufacturing. I can't give every specific location.

Gerry Taylor – Just general.

Mr. Suarez – I don't have a zone map in front of me. I can't tell you specifically because we passed these some time ago and I don't want to give you information that's inaccurate. There are specific zones set forth with regard to where retail will be permitted, where cultivation will be permitted and where manufacturing will be permitted and micro growing will be permitted.

Councilman Cimiluca – I can tell you too Route 46 is the corridor really for retail. You have to have a proposed location or site but it's not etched in stone. One of the retail would be on the westbound side of Route 46 prior to the mall a thousand feet before the mall. We made it so it can't be in the mall and it can't be that close to the mall and on the other side of the highway on the eastbound side on Route 46 right around Fifth Street.

Gerry Taylor – I just want to let the Council know the Saddle Brook chapter of UNICO is holding our annual street fair it's going to be October 2nd. I spoke to the Mayor at the picnic about it and we're in our seventh year I believe it is either seven or eight. It's been a great event as everybody knows and if anybody out there wants to be a vendor they would have to get in touch with JC Promotions in Kearny and they'll do all the paperwork and set it all up. Thank you.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

Mr. LoDico – Just a reminder for residents starting tomorrow Municipal Offices are closed on Fridays. We do have extended hours Monday through Thursday and we close on Fridays during July and August.

Councilman Accomando – Two things off of Councilman Cimiluca one is I would also like to congratulate Jimmy Galbo on his retirement he's a great guy he was a great officer and I wish him the best. In regards to the Billy Joel cover band if you want to Google them it's New York State of Mind. Unfortunately, I will be on vacation I followed them throughout the county and they're very good.

Mayor White – Mr. LoDico thanks for mentioning the summer hours. I want to thank Council President Mazzer for relaxing the meeting rules and letting the residents from Skillman they needed to vent and it was more like a town hall meeting but it needed to happen. What's going on is a terrible situation I think we all agree and the police department needs to make that atop priority. We need to increase patrol and conduct surveillance in the area. I just want people to realize though that we have a good police department this is unfortunately no easy fix here. It's very difficult and unfortunately people have rights and sometimes they don't deserve rights and years ago it would have been handled a lot differently. Somewhere along the line policing changed and there's a lot more constraints but it will be a top priority for them.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D’Arminio – absent
Council President Mazzer – yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Florence Mazzer
Council President

Approved: July 7, 2022