

**The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on December 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.**

Council President D'Arminio called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Council President D'Arminio asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag.

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

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

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

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer                      Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

Mr. Nick Andre of California identified himself as the chief operating officer of Megan's Organic Market and said we are a cannabis company that has submitted a proposal to the city, hoping to receive a classified retail authorization from the city. Our CEO, Megan Sououza would have loved to be here tonight, however she is 35 weeks pregnant, so I am here in her place. We are really excited at the prospect of potentially setting up a retail store here in Saddle Brook and becoming a partner with the city. That's really how we approach our business as a partnership between the community and our business. Our whole goal that's kind of outlined in our proposal is making cannabis approachable to new folks, to medical users. I got involved in this because of my father who has a genetic disorder who uses cannabis for medical purposes and was able to get off of prescription painkillers because of it, so we really take to heart the medical aspects of cannabis and try to target essentially that part of the market, and that's where we specialize. We try to build a store that's unique and approachable and a store that you can bring you mother to. Megan's Organic Market's acronym is MOM, and so we kind of embrace that as part of our slogan. We really put high emphasis on education and responsible business practices as well as green business practices.

Mr. Andre noted we also treat our employees extremely well and do a ton of community involvement. Outlined in the proposal is our community fund where we give back 1% of

our gross receipts, not our net profit, our actual gross receipts to non-profits and colleges within the communities we operate in. We also have great relationships with our local police departments, donating money when officers are hurt in the line of duty, and we have the support of the USCW, and we treat our employees very well. So we are incredibly excited potentially to work with you all. We wish that you review our proposal ask any questions of us at any time. I'm here today, but we're always reachable via Zoom meetings or phone or email. I'm actually here for quite a while, so if anyone would like to meet or go over our proposal or however you would like to reach out to us, just let us know. Thank you, it was nice to meet you all.

Councilman Cimiluca asked the address that you have here 220 North Fifth Street, where is that?

Mr. Andre said that is actually Saddle Brook Dental Associates. That's an owner occupied building. The owner has agreed to sell us the building. We actually have it in escrow right now, and presumably he will move his practice somewhere else.

Councilman Cimiluca asked are you aware of the provisions of the ordinance about the distance it's got to be from residential.

Mr. Andre said we looked through the ordinance, and according to our analysis of the ordinance, it fit within the parameters. I think there's somewhat of a description written out.

Councilman Cimiluca said it's got to be more than 500 feet.

Mr. Andre said yes. He said several of his team members went over the ordinance but he would have to go back and look at it.

Councilman Cimiluca said didn't it used to be a liquor store years ago?

Council President D'Arminio said when you cross 46 on the corner.

Mr. Hugh Giordano of Blackwood, New Jersey stated he was here as a representative of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, the UFCW. He said we're a national labor union of 1.3 million hard working families, and we're the official cannabis labor union under the guides of the AFL-CIO. As a labor union representative, I want to thank you for allowing good jobs into Saddle Brook. Thank you for being open to it and even doing it. There are a lot of townships, cities and boroughs that didn't take the initiative that you have taken to sit down and have this conversation, so thank you. On top of that New Jersey has some of the best labor laws in the country. We fought very hard over the few years both the medical and the adult use to make sure that workers would be protected. A lot of these big companies come in from Canada and other parts of the country, and they promise lots of big things, but then they don't produce. The good thing about it is today we have signed labor peace agreements with Megan Organics, and they've also signed a project labor agreement, which means that they would do their retro fit and build out using union building trades. So this will be 100% shovel to sale union jobs these good wages; that means healthcare, sick time, vacation time, and on top of that they really want to do what the state is talking about and that's social equity and economic justice. What better way to have economic justice and social justice than treating working people with decency and respect. Besides us representing the seed to sale process of cannabis workers, the trades have really done a great job of getting more women and getting more people of color on job sites. Those are the types of things that need to happen, giving young people opportunities to train in a trade, that's long-term justice. And they can take that skill anywhere. So we would like to 100% support Megan's Organics, and we would hope that you would as well. It's important to have these types of employers that, from day one, will treat citizens with respect and dignity. People can talk a lot, but when someone puts it into a labor agreement, then it's really going to actually happen. It's not talk anymore, and that's why we ask that not only with this employer but any employer that crosses your desk, if they don't have a signed labor peace agreement, if they don't have a signed project labor agreement you should question the long term advancement of those places and what they're going to do for the community. These workers are highly skilled intelligent workers. From the retail side to the cultivation side, a lot of them have degrees in horticulture, botany, right here from New Jersey, from Stockton and other places. So in

closing we 100% support Megan's Organics. We hope that you would too, and we also ask that you please make labor standards a crucial part of deciding who comes into the community. Thank you.

Chief Joe Polizzotti of the Saddle Brook Fire Department thanked the Mayor and Council for all of their support over the many years that he's been on the fire department especially the last two years as chief. He said I hope that you will continue to support the fire department as we are here for you always. He noted we're very appreciative of the rescue truck. It's really pushing the fire department forward with our capabilities. It's a marvel to look at. The committee at Engine 1 did a fantastic job putting it together, and it's going to serve us well for years. Moving on, a few years back and a few chiefs ago they started the process of replacing the trucks. The town council, I believe, is aware of the cycle, so there's already a committee forming, and I'm sure the next chief will be presenting you with a letter to justify the next purchase, so heads up on that.

Chief Polizzotti said obviously you guys keep up with the times, and our equipment is always part of that. We've gotten AEDs that we can use to revive people; we have thermal imaging cameras that we use to see things that you couldn't see otherwise. Regarding radios, we're actually looking for another frequency to operate on fire because right now we only have one frequency and God forbid there's a mayday situation, the firefighter may not be heard because the truck coming in is going to overpower him. So we have an application to get a new frequency, and along with that there's going to be some equipment that's associated with that. We invested in it, and it's on the new rescue truck what we call the man vs. machine toolkit. We have a lot of industry in town, and God forbid somebody gets caught in a conveyor belt or machinery, these tools and the training that we went through helps us to extricate them. A lot of times you think extrication is a vehicle and somebody on the highway, but there's a lot of industry in town, and there's a lot of machinery, and people can get caught up in that. Our goal is get them removed from the machine and get them to a medical facility. We also have two boats on the way with trailers and motors. As you know, we've had some flooding in town, and we're probably going to have more at some point, so we're trying to prepare for that. We've had meetings to talk about our plans and our actions and so forth. Along that line the police have the 1033 program to obtain military equipment; we're looking for a high water vehicle. It's kind of an OEM thing, but they also have pick-up trucks that are inexpensive to obtain, and that would be an asset for the fire department as well to be able to pull the boats around to get them to where they need to go. We also recently ordered and received 17 new pagers, and we're probably going to continue to get more new pagers. We also ordered three tablet computers, one specifically for the rescue truck, and they're going to have software on there that they're going to be able to use. If a car is mangled they can look up reference information for that. So those are on their way. Hopefully soon we will get those going. There's a whole list of stuff I can go through, but we're just very appreciative, and we hope the relationship continues. Thank you very much.

Council President D'Arminio said we're very appreciative of all of you and what you do for us to keep us safe, and certainly you just missed one thing on that list, the new fire house.

Chief Polizzotti said it is on the list. We're looking forward to that. I know the guys from Hook and Ladder are anxious to get in there and make it their new home.

Council President D'Arminio said I can say on behalf of all of us I think we are in full support of what you need, and I think we show that all the time.

Mr. Lo Dico also thanked the chief.

Mr. Girodano from the UFCW said I just wanted to add one more thing about MOM: it's a 100% woman-owned company, which puts it on a priority list to get the license. Our local will be working with them going forward, so another thing to consider as well in your decision.

Mr. Emil Sudol of Van Luyn Terrace commended the fire chief and the whole department. He then said, at the last meeting he'd asked the Township Engineer to look into if anything was done to rectify some of the flooding problem that we're having on Fifth Street before they pave the road. He said I don't know if they did anything, but

judging by the way that it still floods there I guess if they did anything it wasn't much. Is there an ordinance in town about graffiti on the building?

Council President D'Arminio deferred to Mr. Lo Dico.

Mr. Lo Dico said I would say under property maintenance, maybe not specifically.

Mr. Sudol said the building on Fifth Street that I always talk about, Amloid, where the grass is this high all summer long...

Council President D'Arminio said isn't it scheduled to be painted, I believe?

Mayor White said that was the last I heard. We spoke about this last week. I know they cut down the weeds.

Council President D'Arminio said I do believe it was scheduled to be painted, but it was the holiday and the weather, and it's still a holiday, so I would think it would be soon....

Mr. Sudol said I hope so because it looks terrible.

Council President D'Arminio said well, it is scheduled, so we know that.

Mr. Sudol said it's gang land stuff or that graffiti really looks bad.

Council President D'Arminio said well, I know for a fact it's scheduled. I don't know if it was the weather and then the holiday came, but it's definitely on their schedule.

Mayor White said I'll put in another call. I was told it was going to get done. It's hard to paint in the cold.

Council President D'Arminio said and it's cold, but it's on the list for property maintenance, so they're aware of it.

Mr. Sudol said I know they started a few weeks ago with de-snagging the Saddle River, and they're coming down south through Fair Lawn into Saddle Brook. I don't know how far they got or what they accomplished. Maybe Dave or the Mayor knows more about this. I really didn't check it out, but I know they had equipment there, big equipment to remove some of the fallen trees and stuff like that.

The Mayor said they're still there. I believe they're somewhere between the bridge going over to Rochelle Park and the bridge over by Railroad Avenue. I think they're in the middle somewhere.

Mr. Sudol said so it's still pretty far north.

The Mayor said it's hard because you have to walk around on that narrow path down heading south past the bridge in the park

Mr. Sudol said I hope they're there for a while.

Mayor White said they've been there quite a while. They said about six weeks, so they said they'd be there until a little bit after the first of the year.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

## COMMENTS

Mayor White noted we made some budget transfers to help out with the loss of revenue that we had this year. We’re cancelling some appropriations to allow us to negate the loss of money in the current budget and in water so we don’t have to carry that revenue deficit into next year. Pete and I are going to meet with department heads in January. We got an extension again. Under the Faulkner Act I’m supposed to submit the budget to the Council by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Now they extended it to the end of February. They’ve been doing this for the last several years.

The Mayor said the engineer and our DPW superintendent Bob Hicswa are working on a list of roads for the 2022 Road Program, so we’re going to narrow that down. Speed humps, I think we’ve been getting a lot of requests. I think the committee has got to sit down and go out there and review which areas are the most in need. Hopefully, we can accommodate that if it’s needed. On our healthcare insurance we got a 5% renewal fee, which is a lot better than last year but not too bad. The Flood Committee meets tomorrow night at 6:30 at the Senior Center.

Regarding COVID-19, Mayor White said the CDC made some changes with close contacts. If you are in close contact with someone who has COVID, the individual only has to quarantine for five days followed by a strict masking for an additional five days. For those who are unvaccinated or six months out from their second shot it was ten, now it’s five. Those who are vaccinated or who have gotten their booster shot do not need to quarantine at all but do have to wear a mask for ten days after the exposure. Last week we had 80 new cases, which is up. The average has been like 25 per week. We had 80 in one week, so that’s three times the amount. This omicron variant seems to be much more contagious, but the symptoms fortunately so far it seems like they are less severe, especially if you are vaccinated. Some people that are vaccinated are asymptomatic, some have very minor symptoms. It’s changing daily. We’re trying to keep up with everything. As of yesterday we implemented a mask mandate in all Township buildings. I’m sure we’ll hear something from the Governor after the first of the year.

Councilman Cimiluca said he had no comments. Councilwoman Mazzer and Councilman Accomando wished everyone a Happy New Year. Councilman Gierak commended Chief Polizzotti and also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Regarding cannabis businesses, Council President D’Arminio said we do have several people that are interested. In fact we have more than several. So it will be a little bit of time for us to go through. We just got your packet this week, and we also have someone else, and there are a few others, so we’re going to try to get through it as quickly as we can and definitely your information is there, so if we do need some information. But we want you to know, in fairness, we have to go through each individual. But we will be doing that.

Mayor White said through the chair the Zoning laws are in effect, but we don’t have an ordinance yet. We are working on that right now. That’s going to take a little bit of time. We are in the process.

Council President D’Arminio said exactly. We haven’t fine tuned that ordinance yet. As Councilman Cimiluca said, we’re looking at how many feet because we don’t want to do something and then you’re not going to be able to come in. So that’s still with Anthony? That’s still with our attorney. We are moving along. I just want you to know, and it certainly will be reviewed. She concluded by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

## ORDINANCES

**1. ORDINANCE #1714-21 – FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2023**

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2023**

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 Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

**CR# 1221-223**

**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 TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2023**

does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said ordinance or Title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

**2. ORDINANCE #1715-21 – FINAL READING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (BLUE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2023**

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer                      Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (BLUE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2023**

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca                      Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll call:

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

**CR# 1221-224**

**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 TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (BLUE COLLAR) FOR THE YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2023**

does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said ordinance or Title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

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

Mr. Lo Dico noted that the minutes of the December 2, 2021 regular public meeting would not be part of the consent agenda, along with application #13 [Bubbakoos Burritos] and #16 [Brothers Pizza].

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

Mr. Lo Dico noted under discussion with the current fund cancellation and the water, this is due to COVID. We do have areas that you remember last year we were short revenue, mainly court and the hotels. The same thing happened this year. Even though the state allowed us to average the three years, we still have a shortfall of revenue. Our auditor feels these are the numbers that we need to cancel those appropriations to equal the shortage of revenue so we don't carry that into next year.

## **MINUTES**

**The minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting are not part of the consent agenda.**

1. December 2, 2021 – Regular Public Meeting

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – abstain

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

## **\* RESOLUTIONS**



**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CURRENT FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
BALANCES**

**CR# 1221-225**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60 provides for the cancellation of unexpended balances,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following unexpended balances be cancelled:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>
Police Salaries & Wages	01-2010-25-2401-101	\$100,000
Employee Group Insurance	01-2010-25-2431-103	\$125,000
Crossing Guard Salary & Wages	01-2010-26-2901-101	\$75,000
		<u>\$300,000</u>

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-226**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the last two (2) months of the fiscal year and the first three months of the new year, when it has been determined that it is necessary to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determine that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deem to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to make transfers among the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget as follows:

	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Police – Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	
Police – S&W Overtime	\$ 18,000.00	
Police – New Vehicle Purchase	\$ 55,000.00	
DPW – Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	
DPW – S&W Overtime	\$ 21,000.00	
Garbage & Trash Removal	\$ 39,000.00	
Dumping Fees	\$ 6,000.00	
Police S&W		\$ 28,000.00

Employee Group Insurance		\$100,000.00
Sewers – S&W		\$ 36,000.00
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	\$164,000.00	\$164,000.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
 RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-227**

**WHEREAS**, the Saddle Brook Police Department has reviewed the towing operators' application for towing services for the year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has certified that the towers have met all requirements under the Township Ordinances,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following towers are approved for the year 2022:

All Points Auto and Towing, 37-43 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ – RENEWAL  
 Arrow Towing, 365 Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ – RENEWAL  
 Belfi's Auto and Truck Repair – 208 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ – RENEWAL  
 David's Towing, 70 Lincoln Place, Garfield, NJ – RENEWAL  
 Main Auto Body, Outwater Lane, Lodi, NJ – RENEWAL  
 Nutchie's Service, 72 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ – RENEWAL

\*Park Auto Body, 15 Stefanic Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ – RENEWAL

Rochelle Park Auto Body, 96 Essex Street, Rochelle Park, NJ – RENEWAL  
 Rochelle Park Towing, 200 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ – RENEWAL

\*2022 probationary approval per recommendation of police

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
 RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-228**

**WHEREAS**, Garden State Organically Grown Corp., is a New Jersey based limited liability company and is seeking a cannabis conditional dispensary license in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Township Council have met with representatives from Garden State Organically Grown Corp. and are impressed with the team they have assembled, their business plan and their ability to fund and operate their venture of a cannabis recreational dispensary in Saddle Brook; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township has made revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and some of those revisions specifically permit, as a 'use' a cannabis recreational dispensary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has recently decided to regulate cannabis related uses, however, nothing in the recent ordinance would prevent Garden State Organically Grown Corp. from legally operating within the Township;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township hereby supports the granting of the license sought by Garden State Organically Grown Corp., permitting the operation of a recreational marijuana dispensary within the boundaries of the Township of Saddle Brook, subject to the Township's zoning requirements relating to such a business; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CR# 1021-184 approved on October 7, 2021 authorizing support for Budz Prime, LLC is hereby rescinded.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION**

### **FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTH BERGEN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

#### **CR# 1221-229**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook is a member of the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2021 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as follows:

1. The Township of Saddle Brook agrees to renew its membership in the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to

deliver same to the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-230**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council wishes to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents with respect to Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the year 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves the renewal contract with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield and hereby authorizes Mayor Robert D. White to execute the appropriate documents on behalf of the Township of Saddle Brook.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-231**

**WHEREAS**, Employee Benefit Solutions, (Difference Card), has submitted a proposal for renewal of the Township of Saddle Brook's medical coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Health Risk Manager recommends renewal of the contract,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said contract with Employee Benefit Solutions, 245 Main Street, Suite 605, White Plains, NY 10601 for the calendar year 2022.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-232**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook is self-insured with Elixir (formerly Med-Trak) for its prescription plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Health Risk Manager recommends renewal of the contract,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with Elixir, and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign said agreement commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-233**

**WHEREAS**, Remedy Analytics, Inc., 234 W. Florida St., Suite 150, Milwaukee, WI 53204 has submitted a proposal for an analysis of the Township's prescription plan with the purpose of finding savings on prescriptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Remedy Analytics, Inc. will perform the audit with the company receiving 20% of any savings found,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby enters into an agreement with Remedy Analytics through December 31, 2022 and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-234**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby accepts the terms and conditions for renewal for the Delta Dental Contract and hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign said agreement.

The administrative fee of \$7.00 per member per month will be in effect.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-235**

**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>
POLICE	ATLANTIC TACTICAL OF NJ	BODY ARMOR POLICE	\$3,696.87
*POLICE	QUALITY AUTOMALL	REPAIR VEHICLE	\$6,112.09
WATER	CLIFFSIDE BODY CORP	REPAIR TRUCK	\$3,046.62
*WATER	FRANK SEMERARO	EMER. REPAIR 5 <sup>TH</sup> ST. & CAPITOL	\$6,600.00

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-236**

**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 \$921,217.51 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 Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION TO CANCEL WATER OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
BALANCES**

**CR# 1221-237**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-60 provides for the cancellation of unexpended balances,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following unexpended balances be cancelled:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>
Water Salaries & Wages	05-2010-55-5011-101	\$25,000.00
Water Salaries & Wages-Overtime	05-2010-55-5021-104	\$13,000.00
Water Other Expenses	05-2010-55-5022-200	\$50,000.00
Water Social Security	05-2010-55-5410-154	\$22,000.00
		<u>\$110,000.00</u>

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

**\* CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **Det. Lt. Thomas Johnson, SBPD** Re: **EZ Converters – Second Hand Jewelry License**

To: **Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk** Date: **November 29, 2021**

**E-Z Converters  
Jing Jing Cao  
910 Willow Avenue, River Edge N.J. 07661**

In accordance with Township Ordinance # 113 the Detective Bureau was assigned to conduct an investigation of the above referenced business and individual who filed an application for a Second Hand Jewelry License.

All proper documentation was received for this application. Jing Jing Cao meets all criteria as established in the Township Ordinance. E-Z Converters has also met all criteria as established in the Township Ordinance including the surrendering of records of sold items.

I therefore find no reason why this application should not be approved.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Cc: Capt. James Galbo O.I.C.  
File

2. **Det. Lt. Thomas Johnson, SBPD** Re: **Applications for Towing Licenses**

To: **Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk** Date: **December 2, 2021**

The Investigations Division has reviewed and investigated the following Township towing license renewal applications:

Recommending for Approval:

All Points Towing, 37-43 West Passaic Street Rochelle Park NJ 07662- Renewal  
Arrow Towing, 363 North Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook NJ 07663-Renewal  
Belfi's Auto and Truck Repair, 208 Palisade Avenue Garfield NJ 07026-Renewal  
David's Towing, 70 Lincoln Avenue Garfield, N.J. 07026 – Renewal  
Main Auto Body, 650 Outwater Lane Lodi NJ 07644-Renewal  
Nutchie's Service, 72 South Main Street Lodi, N.J. 07644 – Renewal  
Park Auto Body, 15 Stefanic Avenue Elmwood Park NJ 07407-Renewal  
Rochelle Park Towing, 200 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park NJ 07662- Renewal  
Rochelle Park Auto Body, 96 Essex St. Rochelle Park NJ, 07662 – Renewal

All required documents were submitted with these applications. All drivers hold valid driver's licenses and all vehicles are legally registered and insured. Each towing agent has at least one driver who possesses a commercial driver's license as required.

Physical inspections of the facilities were conducted. All have mandatory equipment set forth by the local ordinance and are in compliance with all other requirements including insurance certificates meeting standards and thresholds. Criminal background checks were conducted for all drivers and none were found to have any disqualifying criminal convictions.

The police department has had a few issues with Park AutoBody over the past year (2021), specifically with their response times to jobs. At this time we will recommend their application on a probationary type basis. We have not had any problems or major complaints regarding the past service of any of the other above towing agents or their operators. I see no reason for denial of these other applicants. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**3. Det. Lt. Thomas Johnson, SBPD Re: Massage Therapist License – Recovery Bodywork – Toni Ann Accardi**

**To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: December 7, 2021**

**RE: Recovery Bodywork  
337 Market Street  
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663**

**Toni-Ann Accardi  
164 Orchard Street  
East Rutherford NJ 07073**

The above business filed a Massage\Physical Therapist application and all required documents were submitted. In accordance with Township Ordinance #125, the Detective Bureau conducted an investigation of the above business and individual who filed the application.

A background check was conducted of the applicant and no disqualifying information or events were found. There also has not been any complaints regarding the applicant within the Township in the past year.

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

**4. Det. Lt. Thomas Johnson, SBPD Re: Livery License Application – MESH Limousine Service**

**To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: December 9, 2021**



**Mesh Limousine Service  
Daniel Fox  
132 Martha Avenue  
Elmwood Park NJ 07407**

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 livery service will operate out of 160 Market Street. The investigation did not reveal any incidents that would warrant the application to be denied

The above individual has a valid New Jersey Driver's License. The one vehicle that was 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.

**5. Det. Lt. Thomas Johnson, Re: Livery License Application – Royal  
SBPD Link**

**To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: December 9, 2021**

**Royal Link Inc.  
Bhaskar Nair  
15 Sheridan Avenue  
East Brunswick NJ 08816**

In accordance with Township Ordinance # 189 the Detective Bureau was assigned to conduct an investigation of the above referenced business and individual who filed an application for a livery license. The livery service will operate out of 250 Pehle Avenue Suite 200, Saddle Brook. The investigation did not reveal any incidents that would warrant the application to be denied.

All required documents were submitted with this application. The applicant hold's a valid driver's license and the (1) one vehicle submitted with the application is legally registered and insured. The company also meets all insurance thresholds as established by the ordinance.

I therefore find no reason why this application should not be approved.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Cc: Capt. James Galbo O.I.C.  
File

**6. Robert Klein, PE Re: FY 2020 Municipal Aid Program  
Remington & Vernick Mayhill Street Roadway  
Engineers Improvements, Phase I Pay  
Certificate No. 2**

**To: Peter Lo Dico, Twp. Clerk Date: December 10, 2021**

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 2 from 4 Clean Up for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following that payment be made to 4 Clean Up in the amount of \$5,895.50 for Certificate No. 2.

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

## **\* RAFFLES & APPLICATIONS**

### **Bingo License**

1. Saddle Brook Senior Center – 2 –year renewal - BINGO

### **Public Place**

1. Donna's Pizza – 487 Market Street – RENEWAL
2. Dunkin Donuts – 110 Market Street – RENEWAL
3. Dunkin Donuts – 255 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
4. KFC – 503 Market Street – RENEWAL
5. Subway – 487 Market Street – RENEWAL
6. Hong Kong – 491 Fairlawn Parkway – RENEWAL
7. Los Gueros VIII – 304 Ninth Street – RENEWAL
8. Dosa House Hyd – 350 Market Street – RENEWAL
9. Mario's Pizza – 439 Market Street – RENEWAL
10. Gaby's Pizza – 550 N. Midland Avenue – RENEWAL
11. Midland Brew House – 374 North Midland Avenue – RENEWAL
12. Royal Hibachi – 189 Route 46 West – RENEWAL

### **\*The following application is not part of the consent agenda: Bubbakoos Burritos**

13. Bubbakoos Burritos – 110 Market Street – RENEWAL
14. Mr. Bruno's Pizza – 472 Market Street – RENEWAL
15. Burger King – 439 Market Street – RENEWAL

### **\*The following application is not part of the consent agenda: Brothers Pizza**

16. Brothers Pizza – 489 Fairlawn Parkway – RENEWAL
17. Matsuya – 490 Market Street – RENEWAL
18. Uber Brunch – 365 N. Midland Avenue – RENEWAL
19. Dynasty Buffet – 383 Market Street – RENEWAL
20. Dairy Queen – 430 Market Street – RENEWAL
21. Tribos Peri Peri – 383 Market Street – RENEWAL
22. Saddle Brook Diner – 30 Market Street – RENEWAL
23. Yummy Yummy – 506 Saddle River Road – RENEWAL
24. McDonald's – 189 Rt. 46 West – RENEWAL
25. ACME – 75 Mayhill Street – RENEWAL
26. The Golden Pub – 335 Market Street – RENEWAL
27. Nick's Sandwich Shop – 505 Saddle River Road - RENEWAL

### **Second Hand Jewelry**

28. E-Z Converters – 189 Rt. 46 West - RENEWAL

### **Vending**

29. Pepsi Bottling Group - @SBHS and Wal\*Mart – RENEWAL
30. Wal\*Mart – 189 Rt. 46 West – RENEWAL
31. Atlantic Vending - @ Wal\*Mart – RENEWAL
32. Coinstar Asset Holding - @ACME & Wal\*Mart - RENEWAL

### **Massage/Physical Culture**

- 33. Recover Bodywork – 337 Market Street – Corporate – RENEWAL
- 34. Toni-Ann Accardi @ Recover Bodywork – Individual – RENEWAL

### **Livery**

- 35. Royal Link, Inc. – 250 Pehle, Suite 200 – RENEWAL
- 36. MESH Transport, Inc. – 160 Market St., Suite 5 – RENEWAL

### **Pump and Tank**

- 37. J.P. Patti Tecta America – 365 Jefferson Street - RENEWAL

- \*Bubbakoos Burritos – 110 Market Street – RENEWAL
- \*Brothers Pizza – 489 Fairlawn Parkway – RENEWAL

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

### **Old Business / New Business**

Councilman Cimiluca thanked Chief Polizzotti and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He asked Chief Polizzotti how many boats there are now, how many they are going to be getting and where they are going to be kept.

Chief Polizzotti said currently we have two boats that are in service, and we are getting two additional boats, and where we keep them when we get them is up in the air. Right now Marine 1 is the boat that is at Engine 1, and since the rescue truck came in and they have some additional equipment, that boat is sitting outside in the fenced in area right now, but typically it's in the fire house. I imagine one of the new boats will go to Engine 2 and one will go to Hook and Ladder. Especially with the new fire house there's that bay for the boat.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if there was an extra boat someplace.

Chief Polizzotti said the old boat that's at Engine 2 was previously at Hook and Ladder. Engine 2's boat basically came apart at the seams because it's 20 years old. The boat they have now is the same age, so I expect it's end of life is approaching. We will probably put the new boat in service in place of that one.

Councilman Cimiluca asked how many real boats will we have.

Chief Polizzotti said three.

Mayor White asked through the chair when we replace the boat is that also the motor too?

Chief Polizzotti said boat, motor, trailer. It's a 25 horsepower, which is fine for what our purposes are. We also applied for the grant for the water rescue suits and boots and gloves. Hopefully, we will get that. If not it's another budget item we will have to look at.

Mr. Lo Dico said we have a cannabis update which we've given already. Recycling bid we went and re-advertised for the recycling bid. We received one bid, same price. The recommendation upon review of the attorney is that we award a one-year contract to Galaxy and see what happens and see how it goes from here. Unfortunately, we only have the one bid, so if the Council has no objection we can put that on for tonight. The water main, we did the ordinance for Hobson Avenue and the connections on Midland

Avenue for connecting to the Saddle Brook water department. Again if the council has no objection we will do a resolution to authorize the engineer to proceed with that work.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-238**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for bids for recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 bid was received and opened on December 21, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the bid received and recommends awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby awards the bid for a one-year period to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 160 James Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306 with a bid of \$300,000 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-239**

**WHEREAS**, Remington and Vernick Engineers, Township Engineer, has submitted a proposal dated January 14, 2021 for Hobson Avenue Water Main Replacement Project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves said proposal in the amount not to exceed \$48,000.00.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio - yes

Councilman Cimiluca asked if there had been any complaints from Liberty.

Mayor White said I don't believe so.

Council President D'Arminio said not at the moment, no.

Mayor White said I think the engineer went there and smoothed it over. There were some divots are something.

Mr. Klein said nothing was done yet. I drove down the road. There's nothing really there. They're looking at one spot.

Councilman Accomando said through the chair I don't know if you responded to Emil's question with regards to Fifth Street.

Mr. Klein said all I did was look back at whether we did any kind of more significant hydraulic studies of the area back four or five years ago, and I couldn't find anything in the files. I'm assuming we didn't do anything substantial. It doesn't mean we can't do something now, but I don't think they did anything back then. I would not arbitrarily add anything without doing hydraulic analysis just to make sure what's out there just to make sure that whatever Remington would do would actually result in improvement.

Councilman Cimiluca asked if Guttusso went through the Planning Board or Zoning Board.

Mayor White said Zoning Board.

Councilman Cimiluca asked did he discuss a pumping system, retention basin, things of that nature.

Mayor White said he went before the Zoning Board and he got we've got a member of the Zoning Board here. Maybe she can speak.

Council President D'Arminio invited Ms. Nancy Murray of the Zoning Board to speak.

Ms. Murray of Pine Avenue said they came to the Zoning Board with a bifurcated application. They came for the use variance first. We did not see a plan for what they want to do. We got an idea of what they want to do, but it's not the formalized plan, it was just basically get the use variance first, and then we're going to get all the other plans.

Council President Cimiluca asked if it was on the agenda for this month.

Ms. Murray said I'm not sure that you're going to have the plans for January. We have other ones that are on. I don't think it made January's. I don't think they will because the plans that were set and all the basic layouts for the plot were just that. There were no details, and they wanted to make sure that those things could be approved first before they went through the process of completing all the architectural plans. So that's where it is right now.

Councilman Cimiluca said my understanding in talking personally to Mr. Guttusso is that he feels he can.

Ms. Murray said that was part of the explanation that they were going to do something in the back there, something with the drainage that goes from Fifth Street through the property back to the railroad tracks and down and adding the pump station in order that the town would be able to take over that pump station, and it should alleviate it.

Mayor White said adding a pump near the pump station

Ms. Murray said adding a pump station in order to alleviate some of the water.

Councilman Cimiluca we would have our engineer, Zoning Board engineer and their engineer work on that with the joint goal of trying to do whatever can be done.

Ms. Murray said they got a use variance to do the storage

Councilman Cimiluca said so there's going to be storage there, which is in my opinion a benign use, and we know from what went on on North Midland Avenue over by Quick Chek, there's never anybody there. They don't use emergency personnel, there's no impact on schools, there's really very very little impact on traffic. We can see if there's two cars there at a time it's a lot.

Ms. Murray said they came back because parking is part of the zoning thing. They came back with a traffic study as well, and they would increase it and modify it as necessary in order to come back with the finalized plan.

Councilman Cimiluca said but as we move on we have three separate distinct engineers overseeing this, and hopefully it will improve it.

Ms. Murray discussed the use variance.

Councilman Cimiluca talked about the people in the area who are effected and said we hope that it will be a help. Hopefully can make this work.

Ms. Murray commented about residents from that small street at the entrance of what used to be Amlold.

Mayor White said we are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Mr. Guttusso. We had met, a year and a half ago. He had requested to come in with Rich Arango from Remington Vernick, and we're trying to have another meeting and have Rick come if he possibly can along with Bob and probably the Zoning Board engineer just to talk and see what their idea is. Also, to answer Emil's question, I know this really had something to do with the flooding and the drainage, but we fixed the sewer at the intersection of I believe it's Fifth and Sylvan. There was a big blockage there. Bob, this might have been before you.

Mr. Klein said it was, and I know that we did at the time there were some minor improvements to the local drainage structures and pipes cleaned.

Mayor White said that was a big problem because if you remember when it rained heavy, water was coming up from there. Now that doesn't do that anymore, which you were getting water I guess going through somehow probably sump pumps pumping it and it was slow to drain, the sewerage. We were getting sewerage backing up, so that's been taking care of. That was done and we haven't had any problem since.

Council President D'Arminio asked for motion to open the meeting to public on agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President D'Arminio – yes

Ms. Murray asked if the recycling contract on the agenda is the same recycling contract as now.

Mr. Lo Dico said yes.

Ms. Murray said let me tell you something, they screwed up our street a couple weeks ago. She explained all the cans from the street had been left in one place.

Mr. Lo Dico said thanks for letting us know. We've had complaints from day one. We rejected the bid hoping that somebody else would come and bid. Unfortunately ...

Ms. Murray said I understand, and if something like that happens do we just email you, Pete?

Mr. Lo Dico said email me. Joan Ramsey is the recycling coordinator.

Ms. Murray said they just scooped them all together and carried them down the block and dumped them in a big pile. I'd never seen it before. They're a little messy. Sometimes they dump stuff and you've got glass all over the street.

Mr. Lo Dico said nobody here is happy with the service, I can tell you that but unfortunately...

Ms. Murray I don't usually have a problem with them. Yeah they don't always get everything out of the bottom of the can. This time it was like – oh my God I have to go up half the block to find whose cans.

Mr. Lo Dico said definitely call DPW.

Council President D'Arminio said unfortunately they can't get drivers. So if they can't get workers this is a problem. You're not alone.

Ms. Murray said I've heard people complain. I just thought it was to the same ones ...

Council President D'Arminio said they're the only ones that bid.

Ms. Murray said if somebody says something, normally people come to me and ask who to contact.

Mr. Lo Dico said Town Hall or DPW.

Ms. Murray said it was just one of those things. I never really complained because they did pick it up.

Council President D'Arminio said unfortunately with COVID they can't get workers and it's a nightmare. Yesterday it was late.

Ms. Murray I'm not complaining about that, that was just the one time they actually -

Mr. Lo Dico said but to scoop them all and put them all in one location the whole block.

Council President D'Arminio said we'll call Joan at DPW to let her know.

Mr. Sudol said since you brought up the sanitation stuff, I don't know what happened to the scheduled pick up we were supposed to have yesterday. They never came

Mayor White said they never came? They didn't finish, and they came back early this morning and got it.

Mr. Lo Dico said we had it.

Mr. Sudol said they never came.

Council President D'Arminio said yes they did. Did they get it today?

Mr. Sudol normal garbage is again today?

Council President D'Arminio said tomorrow.

Mr. Lo Dico said for some reason it was their idea. Normally we would skip a pickup when we have a holiday. They notified all the towns that they would pick up on the next available day. Next available day was yesterday. They went in and did whatever town they normally do on Monday and they got here at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Council President D'Arminio said tomorrow there's garbage again. So they're picking up again tomorrow, Emil.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes  
Council President D'Arminio – yes

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to go into closed session at 7:47 PM.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK  
RESOLUTION**

**CR# 1221-240**

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on December 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the result of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exist.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer                      Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President D'Arminio asked for a motion to come out of closed session at 9:31 PM.

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

Motion: Councilman Gierak                      Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Karen D'Arminio  
Council President



Approved: February 3, 2022