

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on November 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.

Council President Mazzer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward to give a Mayor's Youth Group update. He congratulates the winners of the election Mr. Accomando, Mayor White and Sarah Sanchez. The Mayor's Youth Group helped with Trunk or Treat on October 29th at the Municipal Complex. He congratulates the winners of the decorating contest. Third place was 149 Franklin Avenue, second place was 76 Oxford Avenue and first place was 48 Ackerman Avenue. He thanks the members that went out and judged the houses and the photos of the houses are on the Youth Group's Facebook page and also on the Township Facebook page. The winners received a certificate and a gift. On October 25th the Youth Group helped provide food and beverages to the seniors at the Senior Halloween Party at the VFW. We will be helping out with the Holiday Party and Tree Lighting at the new complex on Friday November 25th at 6 pm and will also be judging the Holiday Decorating Contest. I also want to raise awareness with the school referendum that there will be a virtual forum on Zoom November 17th and also an in person Q and A on the 19th from eleven to twelve at Washington School. We will be voting on the referendum on December 13th.

Omar Rodriguez of 275 Madison Avenue comes forward. First and foremost I would like to congratulate not just the winners but all the candidates that participate in this last November 8th election. Those who didn't make it thank you and to the winners the best of luck. I'm here because I received a flyer in the mail even though it's not related to the Council Meeting somehow it's related and I know my responsibilities and the reason I'm going to discuss because somehow it's related to the Clerk and to the Mayor and Council as well. There is going to be a school bond referendum December 13th they don't have a time yet they don't have polling places they don't know the hours of operation yet and today for the record is November 10th. They are asking to bond almost sixty million dollars. I believe the people have the right to vote but before voting there should be some knowledge about what you're going to vote on. I used to be a Council President and I remember the School Board when they have bonding issues they go the same day as Election Day. The election was in November they're planning to do it in December why because there are four days supposedly if you don't have the time to do it on time for November. Up to today you go to the page you scan it and they say that they're not ready with the numbers yet. How are they planning to ask for our vote on December 13th what about the people that have to travel for Thanksgiving or Christmas? You scan it and read that Washington School they're planning to renovate the classrooms to bring pre-kinder kids and here will be a charge it's going to generate revenue. Why are we going to renovate are we in the daycare business now? Those are questions that need to be answered before we ask the voters for sixty million dollars that is roughly going to cost three hundred dollars a year for this project only.

Councilman Accomando – They had a meeting last night in regards to the referendum. I don't know what was said because I wasn't there but supposedly they were going to educate everybody on what they wanted to do and what they need to do. I don't know what their wants and needs are they couldn't answer some questions I wasn't there but last night was the meeting.

Mr. Rodriguez – This might not be the proper forum but if I didn't get this I would have never. I'm sorry my apologies but I will continue reading because it's interesting. If you're going to renovate something how are we going to charge our residents for pre-k?

Mayor White – I think they already charge now.

Mr. Rodriguez – Okay why do we have to pay forty eight million dollars? If they are going to charge they say they are going to generate revenue for what for whom? Coolidge School they

are going to for five million dollars a restoration and put a professional learning lab and offices at a charge. That's what we're going into business and we're asking the residents for sixty million dollars to pony up three hundred dollars more per home just for this project. My suggestion to the Mayor and Council instead of paying this company to promote the referendum they're paying sixty thousand dollars to a company to push for this referendum. If they were not able to place that question on this past November and now it's going to be for December 13th but they're not ready and they just paid a surveyor if he hasn't been approved how come they're paying a surveyor eighteen thousand dollars? Why do we need a surveyor if he hasn't been approved yet? All of us are paying but we should be educated don't take us for a free ride. I would suggest the next available day according to the Bergen County Clerk is in March why don't we do it in March? I believe that it would be fair to all residents to digest and see what is what and why do we have to go to the high school to learn wouldn't they have to come to us and sell us the idea that it's a good plan. At the end of the day it comes from one pocket no matter how you slice it. If something is getting increased let it be for the right purpose but just to say that the three questions pass sixty million dollars and guess what the state might give us close to five million dollars. Have they thought about the people who cannot pay the taxes is that the right thing to do. If I don't see you Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and the best of luck.

Alex Luy of 624 Fairlawn Parkway comes forward. I did want to mention some stuff about the referendum. As this gentleman said very good points I think. To me as a parent Saddle Brook is about values and we're living in a very inflationary world right now. People are not going to remember us no town remembers the Council no town remembers the residents so we have to be very specific as to what we want people to remember us about. Saddle Brook has been one of the best towns to live in I would say top 20. We're up there up there with Ridgefield with Tenafly with Ridgewood with Paramus you ask any parent what are the top choices Saddle Brook is at the top of the list I would say. Every town that is at the top of the list needs investment in caring in order to remain relevant and have vitality out there in the State of New Jersey. We've seen the Saddle Brook education side suffer a bit of neglect and need to bring it back. We need to do that not by talking about CRT or talking about the health curriculum or talking about why our test scores are so low. We all know that test scores do not identify the students in this Town it's a fact. There's no better example than a community coming together as down the block if you're aware of School 28 in Paterson. School 28 is a Blue Ribbon School my wife worked there during her practicum and she saw the kids and she started from the ground up. A few years later the community came together and they spent money on that school but you wouldn't know it. I hope that all the residents here on December 13th that they come to vote and ultimately it's your choice but you're going to be voting for the legacy of the students of Saddle Brook and the future of the Town thank you.

Councilman Cimiluca – Thomas, Mr. Rodriguez may have not heard it before and perhaps even though he was here I think when you were talking about what the Board was doing to educate people could you go through those dates again just in case people want to be more educated. Mr. Rodriguez wanted more information and I believe just before that you said when and where this more education was going to come from. Could you go over that again for the public?

Mr. Van Winkle – The first event is a virtual Q and A session on Zoom it is going to be Thursday November 17th at 6:30. Everyone should have received a mailer and the mailer should have told everybody where to go. There is going to be a Zoom link on the school website. The link is going to be on the referendum website through the schools its sbpsnj.org/referendum and you'll be able to access the link from there. On Saturday the 19th is going to be an in person Q and A from 11 am to 12 pm at Washington School in the gym. After that they're going to building walk-

thrus and the walk-thrus are going to be in Washington School, the High School / Middle School and at Smith School I think they are doing Franklin as well. Those are the two big dates. People have asked why it is in December and not November they couldn't get it on the ballot in time for November. Last night at the Board of Ed meeting Toni Violetti answered a lot of questions and she went on the social media pages and pulled from that and answered a lot of the frequently asked questions. If you look at Saddle Brook School District on You Tube you can watch the live stream of the meeting from last night and get all the answers she went through.

Mayor White – They've been putting a lot on the district Facebook page their website and they've been talking about this for months and they had initial numbers but they changed because the economy and the interest rates going up.

Mr. Luy – Mr. Mayor there was a question about the November elections and you stated on Facebook there's a law that we have to follow.

Mayor White – I believe there is I don't think your allowed to do it I may be wrong but the law that I looked at said that they can't have it and it has to be a separate election that's the way I understand it.

Councilman Cimiluca – I think the reason is because there's a lot of people out there when there's the special questions they'll come out and somebody will say did you vote yes or no and they're what do you mean yeah it's on the bottom there are these things and I think these school referendums were getting lost in the shuffle and that's the reason. My belief is that they can't put it on the General Election and I think the reason is it would get lost in the shuffle and it's important you're talking sixty million dollars and that's not something that should be in two fonts on the bottom of a ballot.

Mayor White – He mentioned polling locations the polling is going to be the same as it's always been.

Councilman Cimiluca – Ms. Ruane do you have any information that it would be other than the regular locations?

Ms. Ruane – I haven't heard anything.

Mayor White – I know they put something out about early voting and vote by mail that's on the website and I always tell our website administrator to share all that so it's probably on ours as well.

Mr. Luy – It looks like there will be school; that day and we'll vote after 1 pm but I might be wrong but that's what it looks like.

Mr. Van Winkle – I could be wrong but I believe on the thirteenth I think I remember Ms. Violetti I believe said I could be wrong but I'm pretty sure it's going to be a half day for the students and then the polls will open afterwards. Just to be clear about the building tours that's going to follow the Q and A session.

Councilman Cimiluca – For the people out there for more information you can look up the school district's website and Facebook page and also the Township's website and Facebook page and

also on channel 77 the public access TV station. It will be distributed that information if it's not known now it will be as soon as it's available.

Mr. Luy – Just one last thing we are being transparent and we want to make sure that everybody gets the information to make an educated decision. This is not as the other gentleman said trying to get this by us or people aren't going to be able to attend we are being as transparent as we can. We are not trying to hide anything please ask us questions I'm on Facebook I'm answering questions on Facebook.

Council President Mazzer - Is there anyone else who would like to speak, seeing no one can I have a motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – absent

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White – My COVID-19 update I'm going to start by saying that I'm going to postpone my updates in the future because I think everybody's heard enough about it unless there's something that's changed a significant change or something important I'm not going to bring it up anymore at the meetings. I just want to say booster shots are available get tested if you have symptoms these are all things I repeat over and over again that's the key and I think we're moving past it. It's not gone and we all know people that are still contracting it but there's treatments out there now and people are getting less severely sick less deaths so that's all good.

I want to talk about the anchor program which is an offshoot of the homestead rebate. It's a rebate and people that are eligible homeowners with incomes of \$150,000 or less can receive \$1500. Homeowners with an income of \$150,000 to \$250,000 they can receive \$1000 and this is new renters can receive \$450 if their income is \$150,000 or less the deadline to apply is December 30th.

Events that occurred this October we had a Senior Halloween Party which was very nice. I want to thank everyone who participated especially my secretary Christine, projects and activities committee, Councilwoman Karen D'Arminio, Joe Lecce, Howie Rofofsky, and Sandy Goodwin they all helped with that. We had a Grand Opening that was a huge success and we had close to 1500 residents attended. They toured the building they had a nice lunch so it was a very successful event. The Trunk or Treat was last week Councilman Accomando mentioned it seems like it gets bigger and better every year. I think we were up to twenty four trunks volunteers that purchased candy at their own expense they decorated the trunks it was very well attended and a great event. Councilman Accomando his wife Shannon and Christine Genuario they ran the whole thing and did a tremendous job.

Upcoming events tomorrow is Veterans Day Town Hall is closed but the VFW is having a service at 11 am at the Mayhill Circle so please if you're available to attend that it's a very nice ceremony. We also have our Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony which is Friday November 25th at

6 pm it's going to be at the new building. That's always a favorite of the kids Santa will be there and Mrs. Claus and they're going to have hot chocolate and pretzels a little party afterwards. I want to congratulate my running mates Councilman Accomando for being reelected great job and newcomer Sarah Sanchez also on the ticket got elected. I also want to thank the republican candidates I think they did an admirable job they came closer this time around and I think they ran a clean campaign. There wasn't a lot of mud slinging which in some towns happens. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone thank you.

Councilman Accomando – Hard to follow the Mayor because he speaks on everything so I'm going to piggyback a little bit. I do want to congratulate the School Board Election Vinny Laurentino, Mariana Ianniello and of course my brother Michael Accomando. Congratulations to them because that also is a very thankless job so good luck I wish you all the best. The 25th is the tree lighting 6 pm tomorrow is the Veterans Day Ceremony eleven o'clock at the circle. I also want to commend Jerry and George on a very professional campaign. They were both gentlemen from start to finish. I received texts from me the next day congratulating me if we need help with anything or any questions or concerns to please reach out to them so I think that speaks volumes about the two guys that ran for Council. They did come close and I would tell them don't give up because if you really want it it'll happen. I want to thank the residents for their support and confidence not only in myself but Mayor White and Sarah it means a lot that you put your trust in me for another four years. As you stay up here and do the right thing and doing the right thing comes natural it's great to work with people who have the same interests as you. Like the gentleman said we live in a great town. I moved here because of the hearsay of what a great town it was and being up here applying for the day to day that the mayor decides is a good feeling to know that we're a part of it and again I want to thank everyone sincerely for your vote and confidence you put in us.

This Trunk or Treat was the most well attended Trunk or Treat we've had. We had 500 copies of sheets to go around and we ran out we made 100 more and we ran out of those so we had over 600 kids involved in Trunk or Treat. I'd also like to thank Karen, Christine and my wife for being involved and always doing the best for the Town which they don't get paid for either so thank you to them and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Cimiluca – First of all and maybe most importantly I want to thank all of our Veterans out there and as the Mayor said 11/11 at eleven it's always the ceremony it's always the same time and same place the VFW Circle and afterwards there will be refreshments at the post. I miss Commander Heffernan saying that in his unique voice. Speaking of passing it's sad to hear today that Charlie Hofsaes passed away. Charlie was a legend in sports in Town if you don't know him by name you would know him by looking at him he's always had a baseball cap on and short pants and sneakers and always in great shape and helped out most mostly with the girls softball and did a great job and is a legend and I believe that the wake is Sunday at Aloia Funeral Home in Garfield so condolences to the Hofsaes family.

Congratulations to those who won Todd, Sarah and the Mayor. The Mayor was a nail biter for you but you pulled through at the end and The Board of Ed people who won Vinny, Mike and Mariana. I've been on the losing end of elections I won four and I have my first one I lost and it's a horrible feeling but to those who ran it's tough. It's tough to get up here and do this but we appreciate the effort that you made and hopefully you will be back and not being successful this time was not enough to stop you from trying to be involved. You don't have to be up here or on the Board of Ed to be involved. We really appreciate and welcome assistance comments it's helpful. We are very amenable to taking suggestions so please be involved.

On the speed issues we did some speed studies on Schepis and Alberta and just like the other ones it appears that although we do get a lot of complaints and there are some outliers there are

people going sixty miles an hour on Alberta and Schepis but for the most part people are driving between twenty four twenty five twenty six miles an hour the vast majority. We will continue to monitor speed in areas where people have some concerns so please contact the Town if you believe that there is excessive speeding on your block and we have the equipment to do it we don't have to go to an outside source anymore we have it internally. That is run by the Police Department which segues into congratulations to two new Police Officers James Latrella and Thomas Genuario they were sworn in last week so good luck to them they are welcome additions to Saddle Brook and we are just about maybe one officer away from our full compliment under the table of organizations that the Town set up. Happy Thanksgiving everyone I will see you at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and for those who may be asking this tree outside here will also be lit up during the season and I believe maybe next week or the week after the lights on the poles will be going up as we've been doing annually for the last few years.

Council President Mazzer – Without repeating everything they said I would like to congratulate the Mayor, Todd, Sarah I look forward to working with her still have work to do but we'll get it done of course our Board of Ed candidates congratulations to everybody give everybody a lot of credit for stepping up to the plate to even to put their name in the ring it's never easy but thank you everyone and a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and we'll see you at the tree lighting and our new complex can't wait.

The Township Clerk announces the consent agenda and reads the following.

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.

Council President Mazzer asks that resolution number 2 "Authorize Payment of Bills" be removed from the consent agenda and be voted on separately.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - absent

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1122-136

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>
RECREATION	AFA TEAM SPORTS	FTBALL HLMT RECONDITN	\$3,890.00
DPW	CAPITOL SUPPLY	HYDRANTS	\$13,972.00
ADMIN	AAA EMERGENCY SUPPLY	TURNOUT GEAR & DRYER	\$17,355.00
DPW	ELAN CITY	REPAIR SPEED SIGNS	\$3,201.73

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1122-137

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 **\$6,972,942.29** 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 Gierak - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent
Council President Mazzer - abstain

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1122-138

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has formally directed all municipalities to adopt a Corrective Action Plan as part of their annual audit process; and

WHEREAS, this Corrective Action Plan shall be submitted to the Director of Local Government Services upon adoption by the Township Council and it shall be kept on file with the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Plan shall cover all audit findings and recommendations and be prepared in accordance with the Single Audit Act OMB Circular 12A and Local Finance Notice 92-15; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township hereby approves the attached Corrective Action Plan for the 2021 Annual Audit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to maintain said Plan in Township files, available to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution, including the Corrective Action Plan, be forwarded to the Director of Local Government Services.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION
GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

CR# 1122-139

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Township Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations" as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - absent

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION TO REPROGRAM FY20 & FY21
BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS
1122-140**

WHEREAS, FY20 and FY21 Bergen County Community Development Block Grants totaling \$231,644 were awarded to the Township of Saddle Brook for Phase 1 & 2 ADA Improvements at the new Town Hall in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the township wishes to re-program the sum of both awards toward roadway, drainage and ADA improvements along Washington Street and Blanche Street within the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the new proposed project limits are within an area of the township deemed eligible per Bergen County CDBG mapping; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project because is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - absent

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF
THE BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

1122-141

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice LFN 2021-17 provides guidance with respect to how the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey will implement the statutory requirement of the Best Practices Questionnaire CY 2022 and the inventory contained within the Best Practices Questionnaire is a constructive way to encourage municipalities to consider and embrace a range of best practices that will help improve financial accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, State of New Jersey acknowledges the Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire CY 2022 and has been apprised of the responses completed by the Chief Financial Officer and authorizes the Certification and prompt submission by the Municipal Clerk and the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY hereby accepts the Best Practices Questionnaire CY 2022 with the responses completed by the Chief Financial and authorizes a copy to be sent to the Division of Local Government Services within the prescribed time frame dictated by the Division of Local Government Services and the Local Finance Notice LFN 2021-17.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierek - absent

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - absent

Council President Mazzer - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1122-142

WHEREAS, 4 Clean Up was awarded a contract in the amount of \$216,288.95 for FY' 2020 Municipal Aid Program Mayhill Street Roadway Improvements, Phase I; and

WHEREAS, Richard G. Arango, Twp. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by 4 Clean Up recommended Change Order #3; -\$41,705.61 for the adjustment of as-built unit quantities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #3 Final for 4 Clean Up for a total amount of - \$41,705.61, a total contract amount of \$197,280.34 providing funds are available,

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1122-143

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for the 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 determined 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 2022 Budget as follows:

Transfer To

Transfer From

CURRENT

Police – Other Expenses	\$15,000	
Fire – Other Expenses	\$15,000	
DPW Sewers – S&W		\$30,000
	\$30,000	\$30,000

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1122-144

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick Engineers, Township Engineer, has submitted a proposal dated November 7, 2022 for 2020/2021 CDBG Washington & Blanche Streets 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 \$45,000.00.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

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|---|---|
| 1. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO / OFFICER IN CHARGE
TO: MAUREEN RUANE | RE: SBHS CHEERLEADERS
DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2022 |
| 2. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO / OFFICER IN CHARGE
TO: PETER LO DICO | RE: ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH
DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 |
| 3. MR. KLEIN, REMINGTON & VERNICK
TO: PETER LO DICO | RE: PAY CERT #3 MAYHILL ST. ROAD IMP. PHASE I
DATE: AUGUST 23, 2022 |
| 4. MR. KLEIN, REMINGTON & VERNICK
TO: PETER LO DICO | RE: CHANGE ORDER – MAYHILL ST. ROAD PHASE I
DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2022 |
| 5. MR. KLEIN, REMINGTON & VERNICK
TO: PETER LO DICO | RE: PAY CERT #1 MAP MAYHILL STREET PHASE II
DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2022 |
| 6. MR. KLEIN, REMINGTON & VERNICK
TO: MAUREEN RUANE | RE: PAY CERT #1 2021 ROAD PROGRAM PHASE III
DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 |
| 7. MR. KLEIN, REMINGTON & VERNICK
TO: MAUREEN RUANE | RE: 2020/2021 CDBG WASHINGTON & BLANCHE ST.
DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2022 |
| 8. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO / OFFICER IN CHARGE
TO: MAUREEN RUANE | RE: SADDLE BROOK UNICO
DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2022 |

*** APPLICATIONS**

Raffle Application

1. Saddle Brook High School Cheerleaders Parents Association 50/50
2. Saint Philip the Apostle Church 50/50
3. Saddle Brook UNICO 50/50

*** REPORTS**

1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
2. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL – SEPTEMBER 2022
3. BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
4. GRANT WRITER REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
5. DPW MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
6. DPW MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2022
7. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
8. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
9. ENGINEER'S MONTHLY REPORT – MID-OCTOBER 2022
10. TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
11. WATER COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022
12. BUDGET STATUS REPORT – OCTOBER 2022

Clerk – That completes the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor White – I just want to thank the residents of Saddle Brook for putting their trust and faith in myself and Councilman Accomando and Councilwoman Elect Sanchez. Our slogan was and it was two years ago when Councilman Cimiluca, Council President Mazzer and Councilman Gierak ran Saddle Brook first and we really do think about and put Saddle Brook first above everything above our own feelings and about issues and we work together. Sometimes we don't agree on exactly everything but we agree we want to do the right thing by Saddle Brook and it usually does get done the right way so thank you to all the residents. I also want to congratulate the Board of Education Candidates Vin Laurentino, Mike Accomando and Mariana Ianniello for their victories and thank you to all the Vets out there we really appreciate you and the commitment and what you've done for the people of this country especially those combat Vets it's incredible and we owe you a great debt of gratitude and people should know that and I think they do. Our VFW and American Legion do a fantastic job getting that word out and making sure that people remember thank you.

Councilman Accomando – I also want to thank the Veterans because if it wasn't for you guys we wouldn't be able to what we do up here if it wasn't for you setting the ways for us so to all the Vets thank you very much we appreciate you and stay safe out there for you active Vets.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

Council President Mazzer – Anyone else wishing to be heard? Seeing none motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – absent

Council President Mazzer – yes

Council President Mazzer – There's no other business motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ruane RMC
Interim Business Administrator / Clerk

Florence Mazzer
Council President

Approved: December 1, 2022