

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on December 1, 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 – absent
Councilman Gierak – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman D’Arminio – present
Council President Mazzer – present

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

Council President Mazzer asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost on December 7th, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor and in memory of Saddle Brook fire Department Captain and Assistant Chaplain Basil Pizzuto.

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: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward to give a Mayor’s Youth Group update. He welcomes back Mr. LoDico. We met on Zoom last Tuesday the 22nd before Thanksgiving. We helped out with the Holiday Party this past Friday I want to thank everyone involved with that. It was our first party inside the new complex it was in the gym after our tree lighting. I took the Santa photos and the portraits of all the families are on the Saddle Brook Facebook page. I also want to thank our Youth Group President Tyler for helping to take the photos with me. We are going to be judging for the Holiday Decorating Contest which started today. The deadline to sign up for the contest is December the 21st. I want to make everybody aware again that the voting for the referendum is Tuesday December 13th the polls will be open from 1 to 8 pm all the students will have a half day and everyone will go to their normal polling locations. On the school referendum website which is sbpsnj.org/referendum. It has videos on there of the buildings also I took a bunch of photos of Washington, Smith and the High School so I

hope everyone takes a look at that. There are lawn signs that are going to be going out so if you need more information on that let me know.

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I'm not going to give a whole COVID report but I just want everybody to know that it is still spreading and we had a recent up tick in Saddle Brook so exercise caution. Stay away from people that are sick, if you have symptoms get tested, avoid crowds, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, get vaccinated and boosted if you haven't already and wear a mask if you're a high risk person.

I'm working with the business administrator and we will be meeting with department heads sometime in the near future to go over their annual budget request for 2023. We have a bond ordinance on the agenda tonight for approval and its requesting nine hundred and eighty five thousand dollars to make various public improvements one being the replacement of a floor at Engine Company #2 Fire House various other improvements the municipal buildings and property also parks and recreation facilities and the acquisition of some new additional replacement equipment and machinery for our DPW to include a new bucket loader and sewer jet vacuum machine. We do have a resolution on tonight in support of Bergen County Home Investment Partnership Grant Application for the Saddle Brook for the Willows at Saddle Brook which is an affordable housing project which will help partially fulfill our Mount Laurel obligation. The Anchor Program is a property tax relief program for those who apply and are eligible they will get fifteen hundred dollars for homeowners earning a hundred and fifty thousand or less, a thousand dollars for homeowners earning a hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty thousand and four hundred and fifty dollars for renters earning a hundred and fifty thousand dollars or less. The deadline has been extended it is now January 31st 2023. The school referendum is Tuesday December 13th. The Board of Education is asking residents whether it can raise taxes and sell bonds to finance additional space and make critical upgrades across the district. The polls are open 1 to 8 pm. The mail in ballots went out this week so check your mailbox if you requested a mail in ballot and for more information you will go to the district website which is sbpsnj.org. We had our Holiday Tree Lighting and Party on Friday November 25th at the New Municipal Complex. After the tree lighting we moved into the new recreation center and hot chocolate and pretzels were served. There was holiday music, face painting, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Olaf and the Grinch were also present for the kids. I want to thank the project activities committee Karen D'Arminio our Councilwoman, Todd and Shannon Accomando and Christine Genuario. I also want to thank Mr. Ortega and the Saddle Brook High School Middle School Band for playing songs also Pastor Wolf of the First Reformed Church for doing opening and closing prayers, our DPW and Police Department who were assigned and assisted there, members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corp and Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department always gives Santa and Mrs. Claus a ride into the complex. A special thanks to Joe Schilp and Joan Ramsey as Santa and Mrs. Claus also Thomas Van Winkle and Tyler Pozzi for taking photos, Raphael Gonzalez of Enlacosa for videotaping and all the video is on our town cable TV station and YouTube. The photos are on the Town website and Facebook page.

Upcoming events and information the Holiday Home Decorating Contest this year registration began today and ends December 20th residents that want to register can email their name address and contact information to Christine Genuario my Secretary her email is cgenuario@saddlebrooknj.gov. The information will be posted on our website and social media page. The Mayor's Youth Group will have a holiday party on December

21st and then take a bus ride and judge the homes that are registered and the results will be posted on the Facebook page the Town website either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and the winners will receive gifts top three. Tree decorating at Van Saun Park for Winter Wonderland tickets can be purchased for the Winter Wonderland Family Fun Event at BergenCountyWinterWonderland.com and information will also be posted on our Town Facebook page and website. Every year we decorate a tree there and that tree is a live tree with a ball that you can plant and we planted several of them and two of them have survived and two of them haven't so I'm hoping this year we'll get another one that survives.

Our Senior AARP Party and Senior Club Christmas Party is December 12th 12:30 to 4:30 at the Venetian anybody interested in going can contact Senior Center Director Joe Lecce for tickets and his number is 201-845-4594. The Saddle Brook Santa Ride with the Saddle Brook Fire Department is Saturday December 17th and usually starts early afternoon and goes into the wee hours of the night. Toys for Tots there's drop boxes people that want to donate toys they can do so at the Police Department and the Senior Center. Hanukkah begins on December 18th and ends the evening of December 26th. Town Hall will be closed in observance of Christmas Friday December 23rd and Monday December 26th. New Years we'll be closed on Monday January 2nd.

On the Monday's we're closed DPW will be picking up yard waste in section one which is the north end of town on Friday that same week.

Finally I want to talk a little bit about Basil Pizzuto we really lost a great man in Basil I can't believe I knew he was a popular guy but I didn't realize just how popular he was and I can't say enough to pay tribute to him a special person that gave so much of himself to the community and had a positive impact on so many lives. As a member of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company he was Captain there and assistant chaplain. He was the Music Director at Saint Philips the Apostle Church and was also a teacher and Vice Principal for the Ridgewood School District. He was a successful and accomplished person who touched the lives of everyone he met and our condolences go to Basil's wife and his sons and extended family Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department, Saint Philips community and the students and staff at the school where he worked for many years God bless him and may he rest in peace. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Councilman Accomando – I too would like to extend condolences to Basil's family and friends he was a great guy he was a funny guy and well loved by so many people. Someone my wife works with his daughter was a student of Basil's and she was distraught over the news that he passed away. It goes to show you not just people in Saddle Brook but people all over knew Basil and he will be missed. I do get a lot of credit for doing some of the projects I do help out but I don't do near as much as Councilwoman D'Arminio, Christine or my wife Shannon so thank you to you three. It was a pleasure as you know Councilwoman D'Arminio this month is her last meeting it was always a pleasure working with you and running with you twice you will be missed and it was definitely fun and I wish you the best in your retirement and Merry Christmas to everybody and Happy New Year.

Councilman Gierek – Good evening everyone I too would like to offer my sincere condolences to the Pizzuto family. It's a huge loss a tremendous person felt throughout the entire community as well as in Ridgewood and being a Vice Principal and educator there.

The Flood Committee will be having a meeting on Wednesday December 28th at 6:30 at the Senior Center as always any residents interested in participating are welcome. I too would like to wish all of our volunteers, employees and residents a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a healthy Happy New Year.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – You know everybody said about Basil and I actually got to know him with the Hook and Ladder addition and you don't really know all the volunteers until you really start working with them and I agree he was a wonderful person and he will be missed and again to the Fire Department and his family my sincerest condolences.

On a lighter note I have two meetings to go yet so I'm not done quite yet but yes Todd we've had a good run and the Mayor and all of you it has been a wonderful journey for me.

As far as projects and activities you do a lot Christine does a lot Shannon does a lot in fact this year we used to have this castle that was built twenty years ago and my favorite

thing and the DPW used to go crazy every year because they had to put all these pieces together and then they had to paint it in between. This year they got a backdrop which was incredible two minutes and it's up and the pictures look beautiful so you guys are taking the ball and doing a great job. I know that going forward it's going to be great so and it really turned out nicely.

The building I want to talk briefly about the building we're almost at the CO we have two inspections to go. The epoxy floors are being painted in the bay of the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corp. Work is being finished they are working in the front of the building with the punch list. The punch list really is mostly painting a few ceiling tiles overall nothing terrible. I can say that I truly foresee that we should have the CO within the next two weeks and then everyone will start to plan the moving in process so I just wanted to bring you up to date on that. Thomas let me talk about you because you are definitely terrific you were there early before the holiday celebration to set up his equipment. He actually I was in a photo shoot I don't want to brag but I was. He had the lighting and everything you do a wonderful job and I still say I hope I'm alive because you're going to be the Mayor one day. With that being said Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holiday thank you very much.

Council President Mazzer – I too want to extend my heartfelt sympathies to the Pizzuto family. Basil was one of my oldest son's first friends when we moved here to Saddle Brook. We came from a different town and coming into second grade Basil kind of made him feel at home and they continued that friendship right through grammar school. He certainly was such a presence in our town and a lot of people are hurting and I hope he rests in peace I'm going to miss you Basil. On a more happy note we welcome back this guy (Mr. LoDico) we missed you welcome back.

Karen I'm not going to say goodbye to you yet and of course thank you community projects the girls do an amazing job it was beautiful and of course Thomas always here to help thank you.

Mr. LoDico – I just wanted to extend my sympathy to Basil's family I've known him since he was in high school and the family. It's going to be hard to think he won't be around for the Fire Department for his students and of course Saint Philips. I also would like to thank the day I went to the hospital our Police Department, our Ambulance Corp who I gave a hard time to because I didn't want to go to the hospital and my friends who did show up I guess they heard the call and especially the Mayor and Council for your calls while I was in the hospital and your encouragement and the cards I received and the phone calls was really great to hear from people and appreciate their concern and again I'm glad to be back. I especially want to thank Flo Mazzer because by a quirk she texted me that day I couldn't find my cell phone something told her check with the Mayor called the Mayor the Mayor and Flo came to my house saw that I wasn't in the greatest shape and contacted the police and the Ambulance Corp. They both gave me orders about going to the hospital and I told them I'm not obeying those orders eventually I did go and thank you for that thank you for your concern. When the Mayor says I'm giving you an order will you go and I said no and Flo said I'm Council President.

Council President Mazzer – And I said you never said no to me in twenty years and you aren't going to say no to me now.

Mr. LoDico – I did eventually go and thank God I did so thank you both.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – So basically through the Chair they saved your life and we're glad they did because you don't listen.

Mr. LoDico Thanks the Ambulance Corp for their patience with him along with Council President Mazzer and Tom Dickman.

ORDINANCES

- 1. ORDINANCE #1727-22 – FIRST READING**
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$985,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

The Council President announced that the next order of business is the introduction of **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$985,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll call:

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

CR# 1222-145

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$985,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 27th day of December, 2022 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of a time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

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.

Mr. LoDico – The minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular public meeting is not part of the consent agenda and will be voted on separately.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to approve.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

*** RESOLUTIONS**

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1222-146

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the “State Pay to Play” Law, enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature shall become effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that had made a contribution within one year of the date the contract is to be awarded that is reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c. 83 (c. 19.44A-1 et seq. to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a “fair and open process” constitute the following: (1) public advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) with ten (10) calendar days’ notice prior to the receipt of responses to the “RFQ”); (2) award of contract under a process that provides for public solicitation of qualifications; (3) award of contract under public disclosed criteria established in writing by the municipality prior to the solicitation of qualifications; and (4) the municipality shall publicly open and announce the qualifications when awarded; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Township of Saddle Brook (“the Township”) to engage legal and financial professionals and to engage the services of other individuals for extraordinary unspecifiable services by a “fair and open process” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that RFQs for professional services for the following professional services for the Township are hereby authorized:

1. Bond Counsel
2. Auditor
3. Tax Appeal Attorney
4. Health Risk Manager
5. Labor Attorney
6. Insurance Consultant
7. Township Planner
8. Township Attorney
9. Township Engineer
10. Grant Writer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services as set forth hereinafter shall be prepared and published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., and all submissions in response shall be evaluated on the basis of the most advantageous submission, all factors considered, including but not limited to:

- (1) Experience and reputation in the field;
- (2) Knowledge of the Township and subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- (3) Availability to accommodate any required meeting of the Township or Township Agency
- (4) Any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township or Township Agency

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to public notices of RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services enumerated above, in a newspaper circulated in the Township of Saddle Brook by December 9, 2022. The notice of RFQs shall include the following:

- (1) A description of the requested professional or extraordinary unspecified service for which the RFQ is made;
- (2) A statement that Qualifications must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on December 20, 2022;
- (3) A statement that the RFQs are being made by the Township
- (4) The address and phone number of the Township Clerk’s office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFQ document from the Clerk’s office;
- (5) A statement that the RFP is being made through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council has determined that the terms of this resolution constitute a fair and open process as to all positions included herein.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-147

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 53 Garden Street, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 904, Lot 19 is assessed to John Mario Roldan Alvarez and;

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2022, John Mario Roldan Alvarez was declared 100% tax exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs effective January 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, 53 Garden Street, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 904, Lot will be tax exempt as of January 24, 2022,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective January 24, 2022 and issue a refund in the amount of \$8,582.16 for year 2022 to the mortgage company. The refund check will be given to the Tax Collector for mailing. This property is 100% tax exempt for 2022.

Refund check in the amount of \$8,582.16 should be mailed to:

**CORELOGIC
P.O. BOX 9202
COPPELL, TX 75019**

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-148

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 39 Welcome Road, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 502, Lot 9 is assessed to Jay M. Cohen and;

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2022, Jay M. Cohen was declared 100% tax exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs effective February 20,2020; and

WHEREAS, 39 Welcome Road, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 502, Lot 9 will be tax exempt as of February 20,2020,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective February 20,2020 and issue a refund in the amount of \$20,063.87 to the mortgage company. The refund check will be given to the Tax Collector for mailing. This property is 100% tax exempt for 2022.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TAX YEAR</u>
\$ 5,859.90	2020
\$ 7,043.80	2021

Refund check in the amount of \$20,063.87 should be mailed to:

CORELOGIC
P.O. BOX 9202
COPPELL, TX 75019

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-149

WHEREAS, a Bergen County HOME Investment Partnerships application of \$1,470,000 has been proposed by Saddle Brook for the Willows at Saddle Brook in the municipality of Saddle Brook, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, HOME funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and Council, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people 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 HOME application,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of 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: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A FY23 BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

CR# 1222-150

WHEREAS, a FY23 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$125,000.00 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for road improvements along Orchard Lane and Sterling Place in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

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

WHEREAS, this project furthers the interest of the Township of Saddle Brook and the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and Council; 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: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-151

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:

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio Second: Councilman Accomando

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

CR# 1222-152

THESE BILLS ARE PAID THROUGH OFFLINE CHECKS.

Councilman Cimiluca - absent

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1222-153

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 **\$5,667,992.20** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1222-154

WHEREAS, the Saddle Brook Police Department has reviewed the towing operators' applications for towing services for the year 2023, 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 2023:

All Points Auto and Towing, 37-43 West Passaic St. Rochelle Park, NJ – renewal
 Arrow Towing. 365 North 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 Services, 72 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ 07644 –renewal
 Park Auto Body, 15 Stefanic Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ – renewal
 Rochelle Park Auto Body, 96 Essex St., Rochelle Park, NJ –renewal
 Rochelle Park Towing, 200 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ – renewal

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE
A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS POLICE
DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES**

CR# 1222-155

WHEREAS, the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act” N.J.S.A. 40A65.1 *et seq.*, allows any municipality or county to enter into a contract with any other municipality or county for the joint provision of any services within their joint jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, and the Borough of Paramus and the Township of Saddle Brook seek to enter into a Shared Services Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus will provide maintenance and repair to the Township of Saddle Brook Police vehicles which are directed to the Borough of Paramus by the Township of Saddle Brook effective January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has reviewed and approves of the “Agreement” between the Borough of Paramus and the Township of Saddle Brook as on file with the Office of the Township Clerk for the term of the contract and the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey agrees to authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute the “Agreement” between the Township of Saddle Brook and the Borough of Paramus as on file with the Township Clerk.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-156

WHEREAS, operators of a proposed cannabis business are required to demonstrate local support for the suitability and appropriateness of its business location from a municipality pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1(g) and/or pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 24:6I-7.2(4); and

WHEREAS, Best Budz NJ, LLC, was provided with a resolution on February 3, 2022 in support of its application for a cannabis cultivation license; and

WHEREAS, Best Budz NJ, LLC, has changed its corporate name to Kumo Cultivation LLC with regard to the above stated cannabis cultivation license; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, to the extent the Township has imposed a limit on the number of licensed cannabis cultivation businesses within the Township, the issuance of a license to Kumo Cultivation LLC by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission would not exceed that limit as of the date of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township has recently decided to regulate cannabis related issues, however, nothing in the recent ordinance would prevent Kumo Cultivation LLC from legally operating within the Township,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township hereby supports the granting of the license sought by Kumo Cultivation LLC, permitting the operation of a cannabis cultivation business within the boundaries of the Township of Saddle Brook, subject to the Township's zoning requirements relating to such a business.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1222-157

WHEREAS, the Township requested and received quotes for misc storm sewer televising, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer contacted 4 companies for this work and received the following responses: National Water Main Cleaning - \$38,700.50; Vortex Services - \$42,947.50, 11 Envoro Group and J. Fletcher Creamer – no bid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves the proposal from National Water Main Cleaning for an amount of \$38,700.50 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1222-158

WHEREAS, a need exists to execute a change order to Visions for work being performed at 55 Mayhill Street, and

WHEREAS, additional lighting is required on the outside of the building in the amount of \$3,100.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the change order be issued to Visions in the amount to \$3,100 be approved providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

MINUTES

Mr. LoDico – We have the minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular public meeting.

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Roll call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. R. KLEIN, RVE ENGINEERING

**RE: QUOTES-MISC. STORM SEWER
TELEVISIONING RECOMMENDATION-NATIONAL
WATER-\$38,700.50
DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

TO: MAUREEN RUANE, INTERIM BUS ADM



One Harmon Plaza, Suite 600
Secaucus, NJ 07094
O: (201) 624-2137
F: (201) 624-2136

November 3, 2022

Maureen Ruane, Interim Township Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Miscellaneous Storm Sewer Televisioning (Revised)
Recommendation to Award Quote
Our File# 0257-T-103

Dear Ms. Ruane,

At your direction, this office requested quotes for the above work from contractors (4) contractors. This office received quotes and the results are as follows:

• National Water Main Cleaning	\$ 38,700.50
• Vortex Services	\$ 42,947.50
• 11 Enviro Group	No Bid
• J. Fletcher Creamer & Son	No Bid

We have reviewed the submitted information from all contractors and find National Water Main Cleaning Company to be the lowest responsible contractor. We recommend that the Township of Saddle Brook prepare a Purchase Order in the amount of \$38,700.50. Copies of the quotes submitted are enclosed for your review. Therefore, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq, the contract should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, which appears to be National Water Main Cleaning Company.

The award should be contingent upon approval of your Counsel and the availability of funds. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (201) 624-2137.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert J. Klein, PE
Project Manager

cc: Mayor White ; Tim Conte;

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2. R. KLEIN, RVE ENGINEERING

TO: MAUREEN RUANE, INTERIM BUS ADM

**RE: PAY'T-1 AJM CONTRACTORS-
\$158,542.43 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM PH 2
DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2022**



One Harmon Plaza, Suite 600
Secaucus, NJ 07094
O: (201) 624-2137
F: (201) 624-2136

November 17, 2022

Maureen Ruane – Interim Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
2022 Road Improvement Program, Phase 2
Pay Certificate No. 1
RVE File No. 0257-T-104

Dear Ms. Ruane,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from AJM Contractors for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the partial payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following payment be made to **AJM Contractors** in the amount of **\$158,542.43**.

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

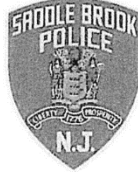
Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert J. Klein, PE
Project Manager

cc: Mayor Robert White
Tim Conte
Frank Barrale

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Saddle Brook Police Department



OFFICER IN CHARGE

JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CAPTAIN

63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663
Zotollo@saddlebrookpd.com

To: Maureen Ruane – Business Administrator
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: November 9, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Zotollo", written over the "From:" line of the header.

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**
NJ My Limo, LLC
Ahmet Cinar
41 Short Hills Circle, Apt 2B
Millburn, NJ 07041

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business who filed a Livery Application. The livery service will operate out of 200 North Sixth Street.

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individual. All required documents were provided and the company meets all insurance thresholds as required.

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

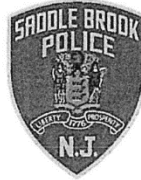
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4. CAPT ZOTOLLO
TO: MAUREEN RUANE, INTERIM BUS ADM

RE: BINGO-ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Saddle Brook Police Department



OFFICER IN CHARGE

JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CAPTAIN

63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663
Zotollo@saddlebrookpd.com

To: Maureen Ruane – Business Administrator
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: November 17, 2022

Re: **BINGO APPLICATION**
St. Philip the Apostle Church
488 Saddle River Road
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
Identification: 441-106682

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above organization who filed a Bingo Application for events to take place at 488 Saddle River Road from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

January – 6, 13, 20, 27
February – 3, 10, 17, 24
March – 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April – 14, 21, 28
May – 5, 12, 19, 26
June – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the organization.

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

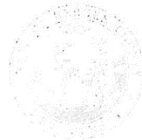
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5. COUNTY EXECUTIVE TEDESCO

RE: COMM DEVELOPMENT GRANT
AWARDS-ELEVATOR- NEW MUN.
COMPLEX-\$136,976
CONGRESS ST IMPROVE.- \$136,976

TO: MAYOR WHITE



COUNTY OF BERGEN
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James J. Tedesco III
County Executive

October 28, 2022

The Honorable Robert D. White
Township of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Dear Mayor White,

I'm delighted to inform you that your recent applications for FY 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Bergen County Division of Community Development have been approved. We look forward to working with you as a sub-grantee for the following projects:

Elevator at Borough Hall	\$136,976
Congress Street Road Improvements	\$136,976

Laura Salandra, a contract administrator with the Division of Community Development, has been assigned to work with you in executing this project through to completion. Please expect to hear from Laura to review the sub-grant implementation process. Among the first steps to be taken will be submission of the plans and specifications for your project and completion of an environmental review by BCD CD prior to contract finalization.

Should you have any questions before that time, please feel free to contact Rob Esposito, Director of the Division of Community Development, at (201) 336-7201 or resposito@co.bergen.nj.us

The Division of Community Development's partnership with the county's 70 municipalities and scores of nonprofit and government agencies over the years has resulted in a wide range of significant quality of life improvements to the benefit of Bergen residents. Thank you very much for being part of our continuing effort to make Bergen County a great place to live for everyone.

Sincerely,

James J. Tedesco, III
County Executive
www.co.bergen.nj.us

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JJT:rge



6. CAPT. ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: TOWING APPLICATIONS – 2023
DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Saddle Brook Police Department



OFFICER IN CHARGE

JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CAPTAIN

63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663
Zotollo@saddlebrookpd.com

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: November 30, 2022

Re: TOWNSHIP TOWING LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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

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

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 Saddle Brook Police Department has not had any problems or major complaints regarding the past service of these towing agents or their operators.

I see no reason for denial of these applicants. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CC: file

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RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK

*** APPLICATIONS**

Livery

1. NJ My Limo, LLC

Public Place

2. ACME Markets, Inc.

Bingo

3. St. Philip the Apostle Church - Bingo

*** REPORTS**

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor White – I just want to mention there has been a lot of paving and utility work going on in Town over the last couple of months and there's been a lot of traffic detours sometimes closures. I just want to thank the residents we always try the Police Department, the contractor, the Town Engineer we try to coordinate it so that it's the least problem and the traffic flows and we're not causing all kinds of tie ups but sometimes there's problems and work takes longer and during rush hour we usually try to make sure that the work starts after rush hour or before rush hour whatever it might take. There's a lot of complaints like why isn't the work done at night or the weekend when there's less traffic. The problem with that is and I want the residents to know that when you do that nights and weekends it's almost double the cost. Bob our Town Engineer will tell you that it's going to cost a lot more we get fewer roads done if it's a Town project. I want to thank everyone for their patience and we're almost through with it and I'm happy to say we've gotten a lot of roads paved that we did ourselves and also getting quite a few through Public Service Electric & Gas because they've done gas lines and they have to pave the road when they rip it up especially if it's been done over in the last few years they're obligated to do the whole road. We are getting a lot done and the utility work is good too but we have had a tremendous amount and we got a lot of complaints so please just bear with us a little bit longer and it benefits the whole Town. Thank you.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – On the front of the new building half of the seal blew down in the wind. That's a temporary seal that's on there it blew off we do have it so they are going to put it back up. It is not the permanent seal but for those of you that go by and see half a seal hopefully they'll put it back tomorrow but I just wanted to let everybody know that we're aware of it and we're going to fix it and we're still waiting on the permanent one.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

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

Council President Mazzer – Meeting is open to the public anyone wishing to be heard on agenda items? Seeing no one.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

NONE

Council President Mazzer – Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone.

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

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

Florence Mazzer
Council President

Approved: December 27, 2022

