

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on December 27, 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 Gierek – 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
Maureen Ruane - Interim Business Administrator - 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: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. I want to congratulate Councilwoman D'Arminio for all your years of service to the Council and the way you served our Town and you will be difficult to replace. I know Councilwoman Sanchez will do a great job but you will be difficult to replace and also thanks for everything you've been doing with the complex. It's been great working with you and everybody documenting the complex and being part of the process. I'll share again next week at the reorganization meeting we have results for the decorating contest that the Mayor's Youth Group went out and judged. Third place was 107 Wilson Street, second place was 122 Claremont Avenue and first place was 83 Strathmore Terrace. I want to thank everyone from the Youth Group who did come out and judge. For the first time in three years we actually went on the senior bus and I want to thank Jay for driving the bus and showing us all the houses. We had fifteen houses in this years contest. Everyone did such an amazing job and again I will share that next week when it's on the TV stations this way everybody in the public will know about that. We had a great year with the Mayor's Youth Group being involved with the Holiday activities, the Halloween activities, the picnic, Easter, I do want to thank everyone who's been involved throughout the year and we look forward to another great year next year. Hopefully, we can do our next Mayor's Youth Group meeting in the new complex and really grow as a group and get new members for fourth grade all the way up through senior year in high school. That's it and I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

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 Gierek

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – absent

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I don't know if we should talk about this in open or closed but as all of you know Councilman Cimiluca has a new job and is not able to make the Tuesday work sessions at all that day so I feel we should accommodate him. It's not fair to him he got a job. This is a part time job although for some of us it's full time but I think we have to discuss that I don't know if we should do it now or in closed it doesn't matter to me.

Mr. LoDico – We do have the reorganization partner meeting which Councilwoman Elect Sanchez could participate.

Mayor White – Right do we have a little bit of an idea where we want to go with it. It's really going to be up to us and Councilwoman Sanchez as well but my thing is instead of doing it all the same week breaking it up. In other words keep it Thursday but do the first Thursday of the month would be the work session and the following Thursday or even the third Thursday of the month so either first and second or first and third. I think it's a good idea because it breaks it up

a lot of times we have to have special meetings because we have two meetings at the beginning of the month and it's a whole month and a lot happens in that month so we have to have a special meeting in between. I think it gives us time to really think things over when we're having a crucial decision to make it gives us time to evaluate it a little bit more than two days later you're voting on something that's my opinion. Monday the Zoning Board meets on Monday and I guess we could the new building is big enough we could have them meet somewhere else but I don't like the idea of having too many things going on at once it gets confusing and I guess we could take Monday and make them go another day but that's not being fair to them either because I'm sure they have their schedule made out that's their day you know. It's something we need to talk about we don't have to talk about it now but I think we should nail it down before that meeting.

Mr. LoDico explains that he has the resolution ready tonight to fill in and it is on the agenda for the Reorganization meeting to vote on the dates.

Mayor White – We had a life saving event at Washington School one of our SLEO threes had a heart attack he actually coded and I think a custodian found him in the gym while he was down he was in bad shape he was blue and I think the nurse had the AED defibrillator and shocked and he came right back which was really good. He pretty much after he got jolted he sat up and he went to the hospital and he had some blockages taken care of and thank God they found him when they did. I want to figure out a way to recognize them for that. I don't know if a Council Meeting or maybe the Board of Education maybe let them do it in conjunction with them and the Police Department.

We got a lot of complaints about icy conditions Mr. Klein will get into it a little bit but most of it is because of I think we did pretty good as far as the rain and it slowed down. The roads were pretty good they weren't icy but it was the curb line because a lot of people still have sump pumps that pump out into the street which they're not supposed to do but a lot of these houses they're grandfathered in they've been like that for years and I know Mr. Klein has an idea and we've done some other streets where we could direct the water into the catch basin so we won't get as much frozen and Kern is bad Kern and Van Luyn all the water from the hill comes down and collects right there and it's thick too. Cambridge is bad there's a few areas that are pretty bad the DPW is aware of it they're doing everything they can but when it's cold it has to be above a certain temperature for the ice melt to work. The speed humps just getting bombarded with those speed humps it's very controversial I think the fact that we put them on Fairlawn Parkway which as you all know we've gotten so many complaints about that over the last two years from residents over there being a heavily traveled road I think more other residents don't live there and they get annoyed they have to slow down. It's twenty five miles an hour but they go faster than that a lot of tickets get written over there. We're trying to do the best we can. There were some issues with they put them in and the weather got bad so they couldn't put all the striping on the roadway they did that a couple of days later but even that they didn't do it the same way. The speed sign says twenty five every other speed hump is fifteen. Mr. Klein will explain that. I have some people one woman she's constantly emailing me and basically saying that we're a bunch of inept idiots and on and on and on. It wasn't a good roll out this time last time it was the weather was probably nicer it's tough. We got a lot of streets done this year so the speed humps are at the tail end and the cold weather so we put the fifteen mile an hour and we put the lines on them.

Councilman Accomando – The only thing is with the speed humps is there a certain temperature it's got to be to in order to paint those things?

Mr. Klein – I don't think so I think there may be I don't think we reached that I think it was more the rain that was more of an issue so I don't think they reached that temperature threshold.

Mayor White – They just put the V they didn't put the lines.

Mr. Klein – That was an issue between the prime and sub contractor but I took care of that and they'll come back and fix it.

Mayor White – I noticed it's kind of obvious that they're controversial the people that really don't want it are the ones complaining about it because they didn't want it in the first place. they think it was a bad idea so now they're just looking to pick because we didn't do it right so we're all screwed up and that's a damn mess. It makes them feel better I guess. I know the people on Fairlawn Parkway are happy.

Councilman Accomando – The people on Fairlawn Parkway are happy but like you said at least the lady is emailing you there was a certain gentleman that lives in Town on Facebook saying how the Council is lazy so I went back at him in a different manner then I wanted to because I just won an election so I wanted to be professional but he pretty much had nothing to say when I put him on the spot in front of all his friends behind the keyboard and I hope to see the guy in public so we can talk. I'm not being like a tough guy just so we can talk because those days of blowing up Facebook and calling us names it's over. This is my third term I've been eating garbage for eight years I'm not eating any more. Before we're Council people we're men we're women if you want to talk to me like I'm a piece of garbage lets go outside and we'll talk like a piece of garbage if you want to talk like we're professionals come here and tell us how you think we should or should not do it not behind a keyboard like a tough guy and say you're all lazy because like I said to him not one person on this Council or the Mayor or our professionals are lazy and he had nothing to say about it. This is going to be an interesting four years.

Mayor White – People behind that keyboard they're tough men they think they can say anything they want.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – They're not challenged they're cowards.

Councilman Accomando – I just want to tell you guys great job work well together things are getting done and I will have your backs. I wish he were standing there so I can say it in front of his face.

Councilman Gierek – The Flood Committee will be meeting tomorrow 6:30 at the Senior Center I mentioned that at the last meeting so we hope to have some information regarding the community rating system and some of the things that are going on. Councilwoman D'Arminio I'm sure you get tons of accolades people don't realize how many hours you put in not just with the building but all the events that we have Easter, Christmas, the Picnic big shoes to fill thank you so much.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – To each of you really it's been a quick eight years I mean it didn't seem like it and now it is working with all of you it's been a great experience and a little bitter sweet. I know it's my time but yet as I'm going I'm saying you know thank you all for your support it was really a pleasure working with you. We had a good team and you'll have a good

team because Sarah's a good girl and I wanted to mention could she sit up here now? She's going to do the reorg come on I should actually is she taking my seat?

Mr. Lo Dico – Eventually she can take Councilman Cimiluca's seat.

Councilwoman Sanchez comes up and takes a seat at the Council table.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – Thomas (Van Winkle) thank you so much and also for you Thomas who does so much for the Town too but it's been great so thank you.

Council President Mazzer – Well you know how I feel. We'll still go to the Golden Pub for lunch. We're definitely going to miss you up here really.

Mr. Lo Dico – You taught me what it would be like if I had a wife.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – So I achieved what I wanted to do. If you need me if he's cheap tell me I'll come in.

Mr. Lo Dico – It was great working with you.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – Same here all of you all of the professionals it was really a great experience a great memory.

Council President Mazzer – Mayor I had two complaints today someone in Acme one was about the light which I'm sure you are aware it's blinking still by Acme and the other he said that I guess there was an accident on forty six a couple of weeks ago where a utility pole was hit.

Councilman Gierek – I think it was Sixth Street.

Councilman Accomando – It was a chase from Lodi.

Council President Mazzer – They were saying how the wires are so low that people can't use the overpass to walk over.

Mayor White – Route 46 west by the walking bridge?

Council President Mazzer – Yes.

Mayor White – That's usually the state DOT.

Council President Mazzer – That's what I thought. Just relaying it God forbid somebody can't use it and walks across the street.

Mayor White – I wanted to mention it I should have mentioned it before I don't see it in the packet but I know we got the Grant Writer's Report we just got another grant a FEMA grant that Tommy really worked on with the grant writer is it Thirty three?

Mr. Dickman – For the Fire Department yeah it was something like that.

Mayor White – There's a couple we got.

Mr. Dickman – There's one for the Fire Department that came in it was thirty something thousand.

Council President Mazzer – Thirty three thousand.

Mayor White – I thought I got a letter we usually get a letter from the state.

Council President Mazzer – Anything else before we move on to ordinances anything to report?

Mr. Klein – Yes a couple of things, at this point all the roads have been done and paved except for Schepis which will be done in the spring because of PSE&G. We're just down to punch list items so if something comes up we'll get it on the punch list. I have Cambridge Avenue is DOT funded we're just about to go out to bid with that one so we can talk about where the ice issue is adjust that in the plan and then get that out to bid next month that will be another spring job. Another job that's going out to bid soon is the water main work on Midland Avenue. Finally I got one thing just to throw out there related to the force main DPW had called a contractor in to replace an air leak valve that's in the chamber on Westminster it was found that they couldn't do the work it's more involved and so I want to at least get it out there so we can figure it out and budget it for next year perhaps. It's well over a hundred thousand dollars to get that to work so I wanted to throw it out there for consideration.

Mayor White – What about the televising of the pipes that went out to bid right?

Mr. Klein – I'm waiting for them to receive the purchase order once they receive the purchase order then I'll call dispatch and they get out there so I'll follow up with them. My understanding I don't know if it was mailed out to them where the state's at but as soon as they get the purchase order we can schedule the work.

Mayor White – We had a Planning Board meeting UPS I don't know if everybody is familiar but there are a lot of complaints from Colonial, Rugby and Jamros about noise because they have a pallet distribution operation where they take the pallets and they put them in a trailer and then the trailer ends up going out to recycle them. It makes a lot of noise and we've been getting complaints for a while over there it's really a handful but they're very vocal. UPS is proposing putting up a sound barrier sixteen foot on one side and I think eight foot on the other side. I don't know why they should just do sixteen feet they. They have to come back because there was a lot of talk about the material they're using. It's basically like vinyl they have to have their acoustic person come in and if a tree branch falls on it, it kind of looks the same maybe a little stronger than the vinyl fence that you have in your yard but supposedly I guess the middle of the core is some kind of acoustic that prevents the noise they had quite a few residents there but they're coming back with the acoustic engineer to talk about that. We're going to try and get them to do sixteen feet all the way around and there was some talk about moving that pallet operation across the street where the trailers park. That was an idea they thought of and I think that would help a lot too because they run around the clock they have three different shifts and the one gets out at two o'clock in the morning and the nice weather they sit in the parking lot doing whatever they're doing talking loud and some of the residents over there get perturbed but it's a multi billion dollar company we were saying they have cameras but they don't have sound on them. in this day and age they should be able to figure out they can zoom in and if an employee

doesn't listen and keeps doing it they're a difficult company to work for they'll fire you. They need to get on top of that but there was about six residents that were there and they weren't too friendly towards UPS. I'm glad to see that they are this was brought up about the wall a long time ago and they balked at it at that time we were trying different things I think the sound barrier is a good idea. I'd rather it be something more like something you see along the highway but we'll see I'm sure it's a big expense either way. I just figured I'd let you know I'm sure that's coming here next.

ORDINANCES

- 1. ORDINANCE #1727-22 – FINAL 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 a motion is in order that the Township Clerk proceed to give same ordinance a second reading.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

The Township Clerk then reads the Ordinance by title on second 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 motion was in order and that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

Council President Mazzer – The meeting is now open to the public anyone wishing to be heard?
Seeing none motion to close

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

Be it resolved, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled: **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. does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said Ordinance or Title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

ROLL CALL:

Councilman Cimiluca - absent

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

Mr. Lo Dico – We do have resolution six has been corrected there was a typo on the amount and since Mr. Cimiluca isn't here we can have the minutes as part of the consent agenda but we are removing the bill list off the consent agenda.

Councilman Accomando – Can I make a comment in regards to one of the resolutions number seven. The grant application for basketball courts if you need help I'd like to be involved with that project if you need someone.

Mayor White – Sure the more the merrier.

Councilman Accomando – We were there a few times with the labor program and it needs work.

Mayor White – It really does need work over there. I think they'll be happy with something for the older kids to do. There's a playground there but the problem is you have the houses that are kind of close they just can't play after a certain hour and they have to enforce it.

Mr. Klein – I'm preparing the government application do you want the cars not parking there?

Mayor White – I think it's going to take away a lot of space there if you do a small one.

Mr. Klein – If you're only putting one court there there's space.

Mayor White – Yeah right at the beginning.

Mr. Klein – Put an entrance way in one way in and one way out five parking spaces one basketball court. I'm going to do a quick concept plan.

Mr. Lo Dico – We have resolution eight is to award a bid to the American Asphalt and Trucking for Blanche and Washington Streets upon review of the Township Attorney and providing funds are available.

Mr. Suarez says he has not had a chance to review the contract yet. He saw the summary but not the actual documents themselves.

Mr. Klein says he will get them to him.

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 – Again resolution number five is not part of the consent agenda.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to approve.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - absent

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

Mr. Lo Dico – We have the authorization of the payment of bills.

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to approve.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca - absent

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio – yes

Council President Mazzer – recused

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-158

WHEREAS, the recycling contract for the Township of Saddle Brook is due to expire on December 31, 2022 and,

WHEREAS, an extension of the current contract to April 30, 2023 has been agreed to by the contractor

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of drawing up specifications and receiving and opening of bids,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township Attorney and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to draw up specifications and review with the Recycling Coordinator before bids are advertised, and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval is given for the extension of the current contract.

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

**RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK**

CR# 1222-159

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has determined that the following vehicles are no longer needed and desires to sell the following surplus vehicles and equipment as listed and given to the Township Council,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to conduct a public sale of surplus vehicles and various equipment and advertise said sale in the legal newspaper of the Township.

2007	DODGE CHARGER	VIN# 2B3LA43H77H845292
2002	YUKON DENALI	VIN# 1GKEK63U72J253996
1998	CROWN VICTORIA	VIN# 2FAFP71W9WX177275
1993	CHEVROLET VAN	VIN# 1GCDG15H3PF340655
1997	GMC YUKON	VIN# 1GKEK13R1VJ744728
2016	FORD EXPLORER	VIN# 1FM5K8AR4GGA01676
2015	FORD EXPLORER	VIN# 1FM5K8AR0FGA16111
2011	FORD CROWN VIC	VIN# 2FABP7BV3BX107978
2007	DODGE CHARGER	VIN# 2B3LA43H97H845293
2001	HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE	VIN# 1HD1FHW181Y620842
1996	BMW MOTORCYCLE	VIN# 1WB10418A2WZC64123
2006	FORD TRUCK EXPEDITION	VIN# 1FMPU16576LA71422
2002	FORD TRUCK F450	VIN# 1FDXF47F92EC78881

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-160

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick, Township Engineer has submitted a proposal dated December 19, 2022 for engineering services to repairs at Firehouse NO. 2 a cost of \$30,145.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to proceed with their service at a cost not to exceed \$30,135.00 providing funds are available.
July 1, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-161

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:

<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
Fire Dept Other Expenses—Clothing Allowance	\$1,500	
Garbage & Trash Removal	\$40,000	
DPW Sewers Other Expenses	\$52,000	
NJEIT State Trust Loan	\$60	
Utility Charges		\$25,000
DPW Sewers S&W		\$50,000
Health Other Expenses		\$5,000
Administration S&W		\$5,000
Engineering Other Expenses		\$8,560
	\$93,560	\$93,560

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-162

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 **\$1,163,461.39** 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 Gierek - yes
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Council President Mazzer - recused

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-163

WHEREAS, the Township Council had previously appointed Maureen Ruane from New Jersey Community Solutions, LLC (NJCS) as temporary Township Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to extend the aforestated appointment until at least March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, during the term of the said agreement NJCS shall continue to provide said services to the Township at a rate of \$160.00 per hour, for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that the extension of said services is in the best interests of the Township of Saddle Brook;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township hereby appoints Maureen Ruane from NJCS as temporary Township Administrator at the rate of \$160.00 per hour, not to exceed \$70,000.00 until at least March 31, 2023.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS' FY23 LOCAL RECREATIONAL
IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

CR# 1222-164

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000.00 for resurfacing and renovations for a basketball court on 5th Street;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1) That the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
- 2) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Saddle Brook and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-165

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for bids for the Washington Street and Blanche St Road Program, and,

WHEREAS, 7 bids were received and opened on December 22, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends awarding the contract to American Asphalt & Trucking, 818 Summer Ave., 1st floor, Newark NJ in the amount of \$234,127.52

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby awards the bid to American Asphalt & Trucking, Newark, NJ in the amount of \$234,127.52 upon review by Township Attorney and providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1222-166

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook desires to continue the contract for Health Services with the Bergen County Health Department for public health and animal control, and

WHEREAS, the County has various options for municipalities in the number of years the municipality can enter,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby agrees to enter into said Public Health Services for a period of 4 years commencing January 1, 2023 and to enter into a contract for animal control for a period of two years commencing January 1, 2023 between the Township of Saddle Brook and the Bergen County Health Department and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign said agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

I certify this to be a true resolution adopted by the Township Council at its Public Meeting held on December 27, 2022.

Peter LoDico RMC CMC
Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilwoman D’Arminio

Roll call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

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| 1. CAPT. ZOTOLLO, OIC
TO: MAUREEN RUANE, INTERIM BUS ADM | RE: SURPLUS VEHICLES
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2022 |
| 2. PAUL CRAY, REMINGTON&VERNICK
TO: MAUREEN RUANE INTERIM BUS ADM | RE: PROPOSAL-ENG 2 FLOOR
DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2022 |
| 3. A. AMBROGIO, CONSTRUCTION CODE OFF.
TO: PETER LO DICO, TWP. CLERK | RE: LICENSING REVIEW
DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2022 |
| 4. CAPT. ZOTOLLO, OIC

TO: MAUREEN RUANA, INTERIM BUS ADM | RE: MESSAGE/PHYS THERAPY APPL
MESSAGE ENERGY LAB-NEW
DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2022 |

*** APPLICATIONS**

Massage Therapy

1. Massage Energy Lab - New
2. Deborah Garcia – Massage Energy Lab (owner) 49 Market Street – New
3. Shantol Rowe – Massage Energy Lab (employee) 49 Market Street – New

Auto Body

4. New Saddle Brook Auto Body

Gas Station

5. Keely's

Used Cars

6. North Jersey Truck Center

Pump and Tank

7. JP Patti Tecta America, LLC

Vending Machine

8. Atlantic Vending
9. Wal-Mart #3562

Public Place

10. AJ Foods Inc.
11. Yummy Yummy
12. Dosa House
13. New East Wok NJ, LLC
14. Dynasty Buffet
15. Dunkin Donuts 110 Market Street
16. Dunkin Donuts 255 Pehle Avenue
17. Donna Pizza
18. Uber Brunch Deli
19. Plank Pizza
20. Moe's Southwest Grill
21. Gaby's Pizza & Grill
22. Midland Brew House
23. Royal Hibachi Grill
24. Burger King #1031
25. Kentucky Fried Chicken
26. Waikiki Poke & Ramen
27. Tribo's Peri Peri
28. Dairy Queen
29. Grumpy's Shack, LLC
30. Mr. Bruno's

*** REPORTS**

1. **BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN REPORT- NOVEMBER 2022**
2. **BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**
3. **GRANT WRITER REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**
4. **HOTEL REVENUE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**
5. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL MONTHLY REPORT- NOVEMBER 2022**
6. **CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL MONTHLY REPORT-NOVEMBER 2021**
7. **TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**
8. **WATER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**
9. **BUDGET STATUS REPORT – DECEMBER 2022**

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor White – We don't have an ordinance I always thought we did for vehicles parked on lawns. We usually used to let it go for getting the vehicles off the road for the snow especially in

the south end where you have a lot of multi-family houses but there is nothing we have nothing on the books. We're starting to get it a little bit more we're noticing some of the bigger vehicles are parking because they can't park the commercial vehicles in the street they're trying to get it on their property and they're putting it across the lawn and it doesn't look good. Joe Setticone our Property Maintenance had mentioned he had gotten an ordinance from another town that he worked in and I think we should consider it maybe doing something certain size vehicles or just exempt it when there is a snow emergency. It looks bad but for the most part that commercial vehicle ordinance is a good thing I find that they're all kind of in line with it now. it might have been a little unhappy at first but it looks so much better we don't have all these big trucks on the road but that's something to consider and I'm sure we'll get some complaints from people that have a big vehicle where can I park it the same thing again but it doesn't look good.

Councilman Accomando - Will we still be able to park on grass for the snow removal?

Mayor White – That would be alright we would exempt it for the snow emergency because especially the south end with all those two families over there some of them have small driveways and if it's owner occupied they take up the driveway and they don't let their tenants park in the driveway or on the lawn. Sometimes they do let them park on the lawn but then they get a ticket and of course they don't pay it. That's something to consider.

Mayor White asks Mr. Lo Dico if he has seen the ordinance and he says he has not but will have it for the next meeting.

Council President Mazzer asks if there is anything with the shared services.

Mr. Lo Dico – We have a renewal for the Bergen County Health Shared Services Agreement it's worked well especially during the pandemic. I know the Mayor was in touch with the Director many times. They have options now for two year four year the four year is decidedly cheaper than the two year contract which is a two percent a year increase. They're also having something new for employees I don't know if it's something we need its like five dollars a person it's an option they're giving us. It's something we never had before and it's a new program that they're doing but there is a fee attached to it. Definitely a renewal for if the Council wants to consider four year we're set then four year contract. We need a motion to approve renewing for four years.

Council President Mazzer asks for a motion to approve.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - absent

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes
Council President Mazzer - yes

Mayor White – I'm not happy with this Bergen County Animal Shelter I don't know what we pay them a year.

Mr. Lo Dico – Its part of our contract.

Mayor White – How much is it because you know what they're terrible at getting the animals.

Councilman Accomando – Yeah days weeks sometimes.

Mayor White – Twice we had deer that were struck one was right in the middle of the road on Saddle River Road all the parents going to school saw that. Somebody moved it for me put it in their truck and disposed of it. It's terrible and the thing is too when they come out they charge. If it's on your property and there's an animal they charge the homeowner. If it's out in the street but then they never show up and they don't really care because by the time they come the animal is gone.

Councilman Accomando – If it's out in the street who do they charge the Town?

Mayor White – If it's out in the street if we say it's possibly a rabbit and they go and get it then they'll charge the Town there's extra for that but a lot of times they charge the residents. If you've got raccoons in your garage or something they come and they charge them a lot of money. I think we spend a lot of money it's got to be over ten right?

Mr. Lo Dico – Yes I would say. Animal control is based on population of a dollar fifty five per person in the Town so we're about fourteen thousand population and it's going up to a dollar fifty nine in 2024.

Mayor White – A lot of towns the small animals the DPW gets it a lot of towns have that.

Mr. Lo Dico – Does the Council want to consider going one year maybe with the animal I don't know if we can but I assume you could. Go four year with the health and see if we can find another one.

Councilman Accomando – Was it cheaper with that remember that officer that came in that time is it cheaper I think he was only like six or seven thousand dollars wasn't he?

Mayor White – That's that Humane Society Officer that's a little different.

Councilman Accomando – Well if we're giving him money he'll take the animal.

Mayor White – He probably will do it.

Councilman Accomando – He wasn't getting fourteen thousand I think he wanted six thousand.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – That was a while ago though.

Councilman Accomando – We'll give him ten we're still saving four.

Mayor White asks Mr. Suarez what they do in his town and he uses the county also.

Councilwoman D'Arminio – Do they pick up your dead animals?

Mr. Suarez – I think if it's not on private property.

Mr. Lo Dico – If it's the Council's pleasure do you want to go with if we can a one year with the animals I'll check it out and let everybody know tomorrow.

Mayor White – Yes if you could check on that.

Council President Mazzer asks for a motion to open.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - absent

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Council President Mazzer - yes

Council President Mazzer – The meeting is open to the public on the agenda items. Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Gierek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - absent

Councilman Gierek - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman D'Arminio - yes

Council President Mazzer – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1222-167

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook desires to meet for the purpose of a closed session to discuss litigation, and appointments

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on December 27, 2022 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 results 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 exists.

Motion: Councilwoman D'Arminio

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

The Council goes into closed session at 7:42 PM. They come out of closed session at 8:35 PM.

Council President asks for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn Sine Die: Councilman Gierek
Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

Florence Mazzer
Council President

Approved: February 16, 2023