

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on February 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 93 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ.

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

The Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Cimiluca – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – present
Council President Gieriek – present

Mayor White – present
Emma Rush sitting in for Anthony Suarez – Township Attorney - present
Ms. Ruane - Business Administrator - present
Mr. Klein - Township Engineer - present

Council President Gieriek asked everyone to please rise for the salute to the flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence for Cliffside Park former Fire Chief Richard Dickman Sr. father of Saddle Brook Fire Fighter Richard Dickman former Fire Chief Thomas Dickman and grandfather of Firefighters Emily and Tommy Dickman and Grace Trella Mother of Saddle Brook Library Trustee Joel Trella.

Council President Gieriek 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 Gieriek – Before we open to the public is Ryan here?

Mayor White – He is not here right now we are expecting him.

Council President Gieriek – So maybe we'll open to the public first.

Mayor White – We could do that.

Ryan Roy was scheduled for a presentation but has not yet arrived.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – Anyone wishing to address the Council please step up to the microphone and state your name and address.

Johnae Ferguson of 321 Eighth Street comes forward. I am coming to ask about the parking on the grass. I want everyone to take into consideration that some of the residents that moved to town during the pandemic I don't have a driveway in the home that I own. I priced a driveway when I first purchased my house and because of the pandemic prices have gone up astronomically. I do have a vehicle that my grandmother who is a senior citizen has parked on the grass. It is not in disarray but I just wanted it to be taken into consideration that the pandemic has some of us not able to afford to get a driveway and if we can't park on the street during the snow things of that nature I just want to be taken into consideration.

Vincent Laurentino of 160 Alberta Drive comes forward. I am a former police officer for 27 and a half years current Saddle Brook Board of Education Trustee so anything I say tonight is of my own opinion I don't speak for the Board I don't speak for the Superintendent or anything like that. I would first like to begin as a police officer and speak on behalf of Chief Kugler we know what's going on with the case in my opinion the criminal case was a sham it's been adjudicated correctly. I'm aware that there is a Prosecutor's Office report out there which I also think the conclusion was made report was written so I would ask our Mayor and Council to now fight for Chief Kugler who has done nothing wrong he's been more than honorable to this community and as things are moving forward it's really about time that we let the Police Department move forward and we can only until the Chief is brought back properly however, I'm here to speak to you tonight about the referendum that the School Board is having and I'm going to ask you to support and publicly support our referendum. We did go out in November that failed I think what's important and what we missed last time was we did not educate the people well enough we did not promote it well enough. What's important this time around is the referendum we're asking for the Board is asking for 14.4 million of which the state is going to pay twenty nine percent or 4.2 million. What's important with this one is the referendum is mostly for basically roofing, windows, security upgrades just infrastructure. Yes we are asking for a turf field but the majority of the 12 million is for infrastructure. Should this referendum fail these projects are going to have to be done eventually over the next five, ten, fifteen years anyway. It's actually going to cost the taxpayer more money should this fail that's why I think as a Council and Mayor we need to be responsible to show our citizens that this is what's best for them economically. I know we say that you build a new school your value of your house goes up that's not money in your pocket. Passing this referendum will save you money in your pocket because you will not have to pay for these projects in the future where it's going to cost more money so I do appreciate your time tonight I do ask you all to kindly spread the word as we're going out in the next couple of weeks to get this to pass and I do think with the Mayor and Council's support it will pass and it will be the economical right thing for our citizens.

John Posluszny of 585 Larch Avenue comes forward. I have a property at 196 Fifth Street and I think there is a concern there at the highway we need a no turn on red sign there because coming out of that driveway is very dangerous and I tried to call the state the state told me I need to come to the Town and they have to apply for this so I wanted to see if we could get that done. It's when you're going west turning onto Fifth Street there's traffic coming from the other direction and it's a tough situation coming out of the driveway you're going to get hit by somebody. My other concern is I have a grandchild in Washington School and I understand there's an issue with lead dust. They closed the school and I don't know if the Council here has anything to do with it or if I have to go to the Board of Ed meeting but talking about spending money on the Town this I mean the health of our children we already have I think there's two children who tested with high levels of lead in their blood that go to that school. I was wondering why this testing wasn't done last year or before school started why would something like that be done during the school year maybe there's a reason I don't know but I think somebody should look into it I know I am.

Councilman Cimiluca – Sir while you're up there I'm a little confused as to you want a no right turn on red sign from Forty Six onto Fifth or from Fifth onto Forty Six?

Mr. Posluszny – From Forty Six onto Fifth Street so that nobody coming down the highway and just makes a right turn on red.

Councilman Cimiluca – To go toward Market Street?

Mr. Posluszny – Yes.

Councilman Cimiluca – I think that's delegated to the state but they told you that's us?

Mr. Posluszny – Yes they said the Town has to make an application that they're not going to do it without the application from the Town.

Councilman Cimiluca – How close if your house to Forty Six?

Mr. Posluszny – It's right on the corner right in front of Topos.

Councilman Cimiluca – The second thing is I think that's a Board of Ed issue and you've got two members of the Board of Ed here so informally you might be able to chat with them I'm sure Mr. Laurentino and Ms. Zotarelli will speak to you.

Mr. Posluszny – Thank you.

Emil Sudol of 412 Van Luyn Terrace comes forward. I just noticed recently on Fifth Street they put up a speed sign and it's on the southbound side going towards President Street and I tend to think that it should have been on the other side because it's one of the digital signs that post your speed. It's going towards President Street which is going towards a stop street so people are already slowing down because of the stop street. If it was on the other side on the northbound side if you're on Fifth Street from Outwater Lane or President Street going north towards Forty Six people have the tendency to look ahead and they see the red light and if it starts to turn green what do you do people speed up so they could not catch the red light on Forty Six so that's where I think people are speeding going northbound not so much

southbound. I just feel it's common sense that it's on the wrong side of the road. I don't know how you feel about that but anyway. The other question I have is that sign right out front the marquis why isn't that working? It's been down for quite some time and I know we paid a lot of money for that the digital sign right out front here.

Mr. LoDico – It needs to be repaired or replaced.

Mr. Sudol – Why is it not working now?

Mr. LoDico – I'm not a technician I can't answer that.

Mr. Sudol – Did anybody call and get it repaired?

Council President Gierke – It's not in service.

Mr. Sudol – It's not in service?

Council President Gierke – It's not working.

Mr. Sudol – Obviously so why is it not working?

Council President Gierke – It's broken.

Mr. Sudol – Are you going to call and get it repaired or is it going to sit broken?

Councilman Cimiluca – We're going to be moving.

Mr. Sudol – I understand that but what's happening with that sign?

Councilman Cimiluca – Right now probably nothing.

Mr. Sudol – I just feel that's a whole lot of money wasted.

Councilman Cimiluca – It's not wasted because it's not working for two weeks or a month out of five years.

Mr. Sudol – Excuse me sir but I've got the floor I think. The only thing that sign did out front there is advertise what the Mayor of Saddle Brook all the Council people I mean that's all that sign ever did really and the tax payers paid for that what a total waste of money. It could have been used better. For example I understand that the Ambulance Corp and the Fire Department could really use some members how about advertising stuff like that out there.

Councilman Cimiluca – It's constantly updated that the Volunteer Ambulance Corp is looking for members.

Mr. Sudol – Every time I pass the sign the only thing I saw up there is Bob White Mayor Councilman Andrew Cimiluca that's all that sign ever said. It was rare that it said something else.

Mayor White – We had it up about the Ambulance Corp for months.

Mr. Sudol – The third thing I'm going to bring up tonight and some of you people know about it. I had a bit of a medical emergency at my house back in December and I required help and an ambulance. My wife called 911 and the cops showed up quickly they were there within five minutes and he assessed the problem I was having and saw that I was in need for an ambulance. He put in calls to headquarters to request an ambulance nine times he called no response. I waited and I actually cut myself and I was severely bleeding and I waited a total of thirty minutes for an ambulance. The cop said to me you know you're better off driving yourself to the hospital because I can't get a hold of anybody and then finally he said to me I just got hold of an ambulance out of Bergen Regional they can be here in an hour you got to be kidding me it's really serious I was starting to get light headed you know I just didn't look good finally he got a hold of Saddle Brook they said they were coming with a rig and forty five minutes later they showed up. They came and did some stuff slowed down my bleeding problem and finally the ambulance from Hackensack Hospital showed up and they were able to slow it down and they transported me to Hackensack Hospital. I finally got there in one hour and fifteen minutes from when I first placed the phone call. This is pretty damn serious I don't know what you people are going to do about this I believe the problem probably is manpower during the daytime. I know most of the surrounding towns had the same issue with manpower during the daytime and they went paid. They had to go paid during the daytime because of the lack of manpower and I don't know what we're going to do here in Saddle Brook but we really got to do something now. This is not something that could be put off or think about it or talk about this is something that really has to be taken care of now so I just hope that really something you people can get your heads together and take care of the situation that's pretty much it I thank you for your time.

Council President Gierak – Mr. Sudol just so you know we met with Joe Puzino two weeks ago and it's something that's on the radar and we're addressing. We understand that the response time needs to be improved for sure.

Mr. Sudol – I just hope like I said I hope it ain't talks I hope it's actions thank you.

Kevin Hickey of 270 Madison Avenue comes forward. I want to bring up the funeral escort matter that was unveiled around two years ago on March of 2021 generally speaking most people are aware of the allegations of improperly assigning police officers to conduct funeral escorts in possession of cars and funerals was utter nonsense. It can clearly be shown and evident it was not only wrongful but politically motivated to create a false narrative against Chief Kugler in 2021 and you know I just got to bring up obviously he's a well supported and well liked person. He got a 115,000 votes in Bergen County when he ran for sheriff while he was under the indictment it's like remarkable right and he only lost by 15,000 votes in a democratic county. It goes to show it really wasn't about republican democrat the guy is extremely well liked you know. As you know the case was dismissed in it's entirety on November 2, 2022 and the Chief was exonerated on all charges so what I'm concerned about why some three and a half months later is the Town sitting idle and waiting while the state Attorney General office and or the Prosecutor's office drags their feet on this matter and nothing against any of you guys I just want you know I'm voicing it because I admire Chief Kugler shouldn't it be time the Town starts standing up supporting Chief Kugler and the Police Department as well, as well as the community in whole you know. It is clearly fact to all that funeral escorts conducted by Saddle Brook Police were done as a matter of policy and past practice and had been done so for over forty years. When I was a kid riding bike over by Fifth Street I remember they would have police

escorts and the reason they had them if you ever tried even today you go to Outwater Lane you try to pull out it's impossible it's an absolute public safety in my opinion and you really need a police escort not just for firemen or police department. What about a guy that's been a veteran and fought in war or just a regular housewife that has a tremendous job to do. I think everybody needs a police escort I really do and at this point you know but Chief Kugler and the Town of Saddle Brook were subject to these wrongful allegations I mean it's everybody it's not just the Chief brought forth by those who clearly provided false and misleading information. As I understand at this point Chief Kugler is now being paid but is being prevented from returning to duty and like I said before isn't it time we as a government we as a community stand up and support Chief Kugler and his return to his position as Chief of Police a position he held professionally for thirty years in our Town let's not continue to be held hostage by those who do not know or want what's best for our community let's do the right thing here. The people who falsely accused the Chief are the ones that should foot the bill not the taxpayers. I mean Bobby Kugler is a great guy I could go on and on story after story about all the great things he's done for different people and the help he's done. He's the furthest thing from a bad egg and I appeal to the Council you know let's reinstate him who gives a crap what everyone else says. What's the worst that could happen if anything you'll avoid a law suit. I'm just opening the door to this because I'm sure in the next Council Meeting you could have five hundred a thousand two thousand people in here remember he got a 115,000 votes I don't know if you want this full of a thousand people but I'm sure it could be. That's all thank you for your time.

Mayor White – Through the chair. Kevin what you're saying I think I speak for most of the Council that we're not doing anything to prevent him from coming back to work and I don't know it to be true that I have no information or do I believe at this time with the limited information I do have that anybody even the County is looking to prevent him from coming back to work I don't know that maybe you know something I don't.

Mr. Hickey – No I don't and I only bring it up because I would love to see him reinstated.

Mayor White – There's a lot of things that are I mean I would think I'd be correct in saying that I think that's in the process. I think that that's probably going to happen I think there's a lot of things going on behind the scenes that we don't see and I know some I don't know all.

Mr. Hickey – This is the type of a town when I see the other towns like Elmwood park, Garfield, Lodi they have gang members and murders and stuff like that all the time that Bobby and yourself as Deputy Chief were here this town was a good town. We didn't have any of that crap people can talk bad about the Chief and about you or whoever they want to talk bad about this town was good solid very low crime I could leave my doors open and not worry about it as compared to the other local towns so I mean this town was great you were great the Council I feel was great there's all good people here. I know you don't get paid crap but you do devote your time and you try to keep this a good town, town picnics this and that. I applaud all of you but I wish we somehow could get Bobby back in the spot. I understand what you're saying I don't know who decides it you know better than me you're the Mayor.

Mayor White – I think it's on motion and going towards that direction.

Mr. Hickey – Well you know he's like my brother I have to say something you know what I mean.
Mayor White – I understand.

Council President Gierek – I appreciate your comments Mr. Hickey thank you. Anyone else wish to address the Council.

Sylvia Zottarelli of 236 Lanza Avenue comes forward. I know we've got a few months yet before summer comes but I want to try to see if we can do something to nip this in the bud. I've called numerous times about the racing behind Wal-Mart now sometimes it's addressed sometimes it's not. I'm getting conflicting stories I'm not throwing anyone under the bus I'm being told there's nothing that can be done because it's private property and there are other times I'm being told well we can do something about it. Summer is coming I don't appreciate getting woken up two three o'clock in the morning to racing behind Wal-Mart neither do my neighbors. Is it true that it's private property and that we have no jurisdiction?

Councilman Accomando – I spoke to you before last meeting I did bring it up. We did get permission from the property owner to have the police go there and issue summonses before we weren't authorized by the business owner but apparently we can go there and they can issue trespassing tickets. It was addressed I didn't get back to you I apologize but we do have permission from the property owner now to as long as we have the manpower unfortunately manpower is a big issue not just for Saddle Brook for a lot of towns surrounding. If they can we have a great Police Department if they can get there they'll get there.

Ms. Zottarelli – I'm not knocking the Police Department.

Councilman Accomando – No I'm not saying that I'm just saying because of the manpower issue but it's going to be addressed and now that we have permission to issue summonses I think it will be a totally different ball game back there. It's not fair to you guys who live on the streets there.

Mayor White – The police got together with the owner of the mall there and had a good conversation with him and got him to allow the police to sign the tickets and also there's other things that the owner could do lighting, cameras, security so there's a lot of things that we're working with. He seems to be pretty responsive and helpful.

Ms. Zottarelli – On a different note to piggyback off Mr. Laurentino we would love to have whatever public support we can get from you guys for our upcoming referendum. I'm not going to reiterate what he said but a hundred percent on board thank you.

Council President Gierek – Thank you.

Mayor White – Through the Chair I actually was at a meeting today we had a Senior Advisory Board and it came up and a lot of people are not aware and they think that there's money in the budget. I know from being on the Board of Education I mean you have line item for maintenance but you don't have that kind of money to fix a roof. You're talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars so the Board has to go out on referendum for capital items like that and the majority of it is for infrastructure and things that you're eventually going to have to pay. You can only put a patch on a roof so much before it starts leaking. These are things that need to get done.

Omar Rodriguez of 275 Madison Avenue comes forward. They've been talking about the senior housing on Caldwell Avenue for so many years we have been opposing to that because we gave too much tax breaks now I can see it. They collect rent for over half a million dollars and

Saddle Brook is just going to collect sixteen thousand dollars in a year. We gave up a piece of property we bought it we invest all this money and we're just going to get a pilot program of sixteen thousand dollars a year. That's nothing to the Mayor and Council it's just how the program works they came they tell you one thing but the results are right there. They're just going to pay sixteen thousand dollars in taxes when they asking the residents to pay fully their taxes in one year. The other thing I want to bring up is I see an application for a massage parlor please keep in mind that we have an ordinance in place that we need to put more they actually have to follow the rules and the rules said that massage parlors can not be if I remember can not be open later than 10 pm. How could it be possible that they are open until one, two, three o'clock in the morning and they open at seven eight o'clock in the morning and nobody is saying nothing. I know there's a problem the county has been involved but then let's make it difficult right here you guys give the licenses so you can stop it if they violate the law. Then next year when you come it's going to be denied it's your prerogative you don't have to give licenses you don't have to approve it. Just a quick comment on speed bumps my understanding is that's to reduce speed and I guess it's doing it but these bumps are not reducing speed they are stopping the traffic and it's damaging some of the cars. It's serving the purpose I thought it was reducing it but even if you go five miles per hour it's very hard to go by. My suggestion is they should be painted with a yellow or neon color because the way it is imagine the residents go through without knowing now imagine the non residents or the people that are visiting relatives or friends you can't ask the people to go five miles per hour that would be chaos. I was looking at Chief Kugler and going through the bills and I realize he is making and well deserved after 30 years two hundred and twenty something thousand dollars a year so we're paying a salary to a Chief who is not at his desk. The Mayor expressed there is a process but I believe the Mayor and Council should also have to do their due process because the County can not be waiting on their hands what the state is going to do or vice a versa so if they take a year why we the taxpayers have to pay for someone to do nothing so if they are okay with us paying his salary I believe we have to make him work. He needs to be sitting up there controlling and directing the Police Department so please try to put yourself together and try to go to the Attorney General's office in the County and express what are we going to do we are paying this Chief more than \$220,000 and he deserved to be at his seat otherwise tell me different. We the taxpayers can not be paying someone for not doing his job. As much as we love Chief Kugler but I believe that he should be sitting now that I know that a high ranking officer I believe is a captain is retiring on March 1st and then another high ranking officer a lieutenant is retiring on April 1st correct me if I'm wrong so why the Chief is not going to be part of the process. You're the Mayor but you have to take the advice of your Chief let it be part of the process. You're going to have to be promoting it's your duty but the Chief should be part of this who's going to come and what is going to be the organization how is going to be doing in the near future and finally just finishing with Chief Kugler regardless of what happened I believe it's in the past but let's not make it more difficult for the Town because he or someone else sue us we might be in a bad predicament. You're doing your job but not being seated after being adjudicated it is a problem for the Town so God forbid he sues the Town for not allowing him to work I believe we the taxpayers are going to end up footing the bill and I don't think that is fair. Finally in closing the referendum was just mentioned before I wasn't planning to do it but I'm going to do it quick on March 14th there is going to be a referendum once again and it shouldn't pass for the simple reasons that the Board of Education have to learn how to start looking at things from a different point of view they got to think out of the box the same way that you are being criticized when you raise taxes. You can't just go to the tax base when you need money how can someone explain it to me that this Board of Education is spending \$135,000 in December for just putting a special election how come they're going to put another \$135,000 for this new election on March 14th? We the taxpayers are

going to foot that tax bill that's \$270,000 and you know the genius that do the numbers up there you know how much they put for repairs \$200,000 a year that's how we are the way we are because there is no common sense over there. The people that do that not the Board of Ed members but the people that do the numbers are not doing it right and they don't want to think outside the box they want a field which I help different communities they want turf field they can look for private sector either for advertisement either to let them play twice a month or once a month and they will build a million dollar complex that's the easiest part but no one wants to do the job. I propose five or six or seven different ideas on how to do it they don't want to think out of the box. We have property the Washington School why not build a middle school if that's what they needed. Why not to sell one of the properties that they have why all the time it has to be taxpayers because that's the easiest way but someone have to think out of the box. If they spend that money so easy to pay a company just to promote a referendum \$135,000 I want the job. In closing I would like to say that is a lie that is being promoted a total lie that they saying that they're going to give us a break if you going please voters and residents do not believe any of those lies. If they go to a referendum is because they want to increase our taxes the way they selling this is that they're going to give us money back. They're not going to give us any money back it went almost 30 years ago to a referendum that is ready to expire and that money have to come back to the taxpayers let us decide what to do with our money don't tell me what to do once I pay my mortgage that's my money. Thank you all for allowing me and good luck to the new Township Attorney I guess and best to all of you during 2023.

Council President Gierek – Thank you for your comments. Anyone else seeing no one else motion to close to the public.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierek – yes

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor White – National Disability Employment Awareness Month was observed in October. It's a time to honor the contributions that people with disabilities and recommit to eliminating barriers in employment. Saddle Brook resident Ryan Roy was honored back in October by the County of Bergen due to scheduling conflicts we had to wait until today we almost didn't get you here but thank God we did. We are all very proud of Ryan and his achievements as an adult with a disability Ryan has proven that there is not much that can hold him back. He is a resource center filled with information inside of his brain that everyone can benefit from he shows up and speaks up. He's an advocate for all individuals and shares valuable information in particular for individuals with disabilities. He volunteers for the Community Partnership Committee and the Access For All Committee here in Saddle Brook and participates in most Township activities events. Ryan is succeeding and living a productive life with his beautiful young family we are all always here for him and thankful that he is always here for us so congratulations Ryan I have a Certificate of Recognition for you.

(Applause)

Assemblywoman Lisa Swain – Ryan and I are friends on Facebook and that's how I know all of the amazing things Ryan does and as the Mayor just said he's such an advocate for everything going on in Saddle Brook and for the disability community and I really applaud you. On behalf of Senator Joe Lagana and Assemblyman Tully we have this proclamation from the State for you and I just wanted to read one paragraph to you and to everyone so everyone knows what a fantastic person you are.

"The worthy recipient of the Bergen County Division of Disability Services 2022 Salute to Champions Award Ryan Roy enjoys a superb career as an activities assistant with My Genesis Health Care and Pier Mentoring and the breadth of his experience as an autistic person has significantly furthered the successful administration of rehabilitation therapy and nursing care to meet the needs of people with disabilities" and there's a lot more wonderful things about you I just wanted to read a little tidbit and than you for all you do for bringing awareness for erasing the stigma you know stigma free Ryan is the mascot for that. I've been here so many times for various stigma free so Ryan thank you so much congratulations.

Ryan Roy introduces Tanika Davis Director of Bergen Counties Division of Disability Services through the Department of Human Services.

Ms. Davis – Good evening and thank you for that introduction Ryan. As has been stated by the Mayor thank you for allowing me this opportunity to come out on this evening. Ryan was recognized he's one of our honorees that we recognize during our Salute to Champions recognition ceremony back in October. We just want to thank Ryan for all that he has done and he continues to do to promote inclusivity amongst those individuals with disabilities not just within the local area not just within the County but also the work that he's done Statewide so Ryan I just want to say congratulations again on this recognition on tonight. I also stand here with a certificate on behalf of the County Executive James Tedesco and this certificate of commendation simply states "Honoring Ryan Roy in Honor and Recognition of your steadfast commitment to advocating for individuals with disabilities not only throughout the County of Bergen but throughout the State of New Jersey and it is signed by our County Executive he sends his regards he was not able to make it this evening but he does wish you all the best and sends his congratulations as well so thank you all.

(Applause)

Mayor White – Ryan's going to say a few words I just want to point out also that a couple of years ago now Governor Murphy appointed Ryan to a State Board Committee. I know he periodically goes down and sits on that Board it was quite an honor to be recognized by the Governor of the State.

Ryan Roy – The moment I've been waiting for is finally here. The follow up sequel to Bergen County's Division of Disability Services Salute to Champions especially that it's taking place at the Township of Saddle Brook where I reside. I'm about to go through my speech so be prepared for what I have to say because it's a lengthy long paragraphs. This is really amazing I can't believe Mayor Robert D. White of Saddle Brook is actually honoring me as a follow up sequel from Bergen County's Division of Disability Services Salute to Champions so the ceremony observes and recognizes those who demonstrate commitment to disability, inclusion

and equity. It all started for my journey at the age of 12 when I learned to advocate and speak for myself by addressing my needs for what I want to accomplish the goals for what I set forth on which is at a dire fabric of greater importance when it comes to progress. Like the actors Jamie Foxx Javier Bourdem along with directors Alexander Payne and Clint Eastwood all of them have dedicated to their mothers especially their loving relatives whether it's a grandmother or grandfather I would like to give a shout out who raised me from birth to the current year which I do owe her a lot that I have an amount of debts to be quite honest here are my imaginary flowers I wish you could really be here today but she has to rest up because she has to work that I want to give to my mother Rose Roy. Without her tireless effort to teach me right from wrong I wouldn't be here right now. Also my second adopted Italian Mother I know that October isn't only the month of National Disability Employment it is Breast Cancer Awareness a fighter and survivor just like her two boys Angela Fava I know there is a motive that I am mentioning her name aloud. I've come to know her so much by meeting her in person let's just say these connections when being a super first base coach for a male softball team in Elmwood Park her husband big Dale Fava senior a former DPW employee in Elmwood Park takes charge of a team called Metro Hudson Roofing five time back to back champions. It is all under the sponsorship of my all time Packers fan base of a restaurant called Blue 42. Angela Fava understood my disability and made me realize I was more than that and she taught me resiliency.

Mr. Roy continued giving his speech and expressed his advocacy for eliminating discrimination and injustice. He also listed his accomplishments and thanked all of the dignitaries that were present as well as those in the audience and the members of the community.

Council President Gierak – Thank you Ryan and congratulations. We're going to move to Council comments.

COMMENTS

Mayor White – Many of you know February is heart health month so I have a proclamation I am going to read.

"Whereas heart disease has long been the leading cause of death claiming more than 700,000 lives in the United States each year. The risk factors for cardiovascular disease include high blood pressure, obesity and high cholesterol and the American Heart Association encourages one hundred and fifty minutes of moderate to intense activity each week to help reclaim your heart health. Whereas improving health habits and spreading information about heart health are ways we can help advance our fight against heart disease. So now therefore on the 16th day of February 2023, I Robert D. White the Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook wish to recognize American Heart Health Month and encourage all our residents to learn about preventative services that may help save lives."

I have some other comments. I want to again congratulate Ryan for the award he received.

I'm happy to say we received we receive this every year but it's a recycling tonnage grant for about \$24,000 we also I'm very pleased to announce that last week we received an open space grant for park improvements upgrading the tennis courts and the basketball courts on Mayhill Street across from the High School Middle School also some ADA crosswalks. That was a grant that we applied for and received. We already received approximately the grant was for about \$144,000 but last year we received a little over \$30,000 for the playground that's also in the same location. That's going to be installed within the next two weeks. The Municipal Complex recreation started moving in on Tuesday we will be moving in the rest of the departments in stages.

Ms. Ruane – Scheduled to move in the week of the 27th is the Building Department, Fire Prevention, the Tax Assessors office and the water Department then the week after that the Court will follow and then finally everybody in this building.

Mayor White – We also have a public hearing on another grant application this is a Green Acres Grant for Victor Street that Kern and Victor Street the park that's there and what we want to do the Town Engineer submitted some plans and we're looking to restore the playground that's there and also put in a dog park. We posted information about the hearing and the plans on Facebook and we did get quite a bit of negative comments so I'm imploring anyone that has anything to say whether good or bad to come to this hearing which is next Wednesday February 22nd here at 6 pm. This is just a grant application if we're not awarded the grant we're not going to do the project but the way I understand it is if we don't go forward with the grant we're not going to be able to change it in time because the grant has to be submitted by March 31st so there won't be enough time to say people don't want the dog park and they express and they convince us that it's not a good idea everybody has an opinion so if they're able to convince us we won't submit the application but we can't change it we would have to wait until the next round which is probably next year. We're finalizing the 2023 road resurfacing program the Town Engineer, DPW Superintendent and the Council and myself we've been working on that to try to figure out which roads are most needed we're just about there. We're looking to spend about a million dollars so we're going go out to bond for that money. There are several resolutions requesting that the Council approve some appointments some professional service contracts and there's one in particular that is really a no brainer authorizing the Police Department to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency Program to acquire the Department of Defense equipment. We're looking for a high water vehicle or something and most times you can get it for basically they give it to you for free you have to just go pick it up so we haven't gotten anything yet out of that we did this last year we haven't gotten anything yet but I know other Towns Garfield they got some really neat toys for their Police Department and Fire Department as well. Upcoming events March 14th is the School District bond referendum if you're not registered to vote I think the Clerk Pete there's a date to come in.

Mr. Lo Dico – We'll be open on February 21st next Tuesday until 9 pm so if anyone needs to register to vote that's the deadline.

Mayor White – Next month at our Council Meeting March 16th we're going to be in 55 Mayhill Street by then. It's women in history month we already have some nominees and people have contacted myself and my secretary that they would like to see be recognized as a woman in history and that's March 16th at our regular Council Meeting 7 pm. Lastly the Easter Celebration Saturday April 8th 12 to 2 again that will be at the new building inside the gym. Getting back to the bond referendum if anybody is looking for information the School District website you can go there they have all the information it's sbpsnj.org. Township offices are closed Monday February 20th for President's Day if you have a yard waste pickup on that Monday it will be picked up on Friday. The Mayor's Youth Group the last meeting was Saturday January 14th to discuss the upcoming Easter Celebration which again is Saturday April 8th 12 to 2 and we also discussed and I'm glad we have some Board members here we also discussed bringing back Student Government Day and I didn't come up with this actually the kids did. That was something we did years ago and I don't know for some reason we stopped doing it. Mr. Lo Dico you probably remember doing it.

Mr. Lo Dico – We used to do it we used to have a whole day planned and the interest at that time died out.

Mayor White – A student will come one will be the Mayor, one will be the Business Administrator, one will be the Clerk, one will be the Police Chief and usually they meet with their respective counterpart and then we have a lunch I think it would be a good thing. We'll have one of our liaison meetings we'll bring it up. Our next meeting is Saturday February 25th at 10:30 right here and the last thing I have is this Hometown Heroes Banner project the Town was approached by some individuals from the VFW and the American Legion and what it is you probably see it in other towns they have banners and they have a photo of a veteran it could be somebody that's serving now it could be somebody that served at one time it could be a deceased person but the only thing they have to be is a resident of Saddle Brook they could be deceased but their family could buy it so this information is going to be put out all over the place and it'll be on the website, Facebook page also VFW and American Legion any place we can put it but I think the banners are good for five years they'll be stored. Right now we have a banner program but not for this. We have winter banners which are up now and they stay up all winter and usually around April May we put up these patriotic banners it's a red, white and blue flag banner so these banners will go up in the spring when we put up the patriotic banners so we already have the hardware and all the brackets to put it up. It's really a nice program I think they're \$130.00 per banner and they'll be put up for five years. They're looking to get the submission deadline they have here is March 31st but you'll be seeing a lot of this thank you that's all I have.

Council President Gierek – Thank you Mayor.

Councilman Accomando – June 11th we're going to have our first annual car show at 55 Mayhill it's through American Cruisers it's Joe Latini and Joe Santos it's going to benefit the Saddle Brook Ambulance Corp whatever they raise is going to help the Ambulance Corp hopefully get the funds they need to either start getting members back or get marketing out there because they're very low and unfortunate for Emil you felt that so if anybody is interested in attending as far as putting a vehicle in you can notify myself or Joe Latini or Joe Santos. Two weeks ago I mentioned that you drive through Garfield and they have a sign for former athletes like Wayne Chrebet I feel that we should do something for the former athletes from Saddle Brook who made it big to something at the entrance of Town with their name on it to give back to them so hopefully they come back and give back to our kids within the Rec Program or the High School or just organized sports. I would like to congratulate Ryan Roy on his achievements the guy is working in the County he's all over the place and I don't speak much on Chief Kugler for retaliatory reasons but me personally I think what's going on with him is unfair it's not right what his family has gone through over the past two years. I think that he should have his job back he deserves his job back unfortunately I don't think it's up to any one of us to make that decision if it was up to us he'd be sitting in his office as of November. That being said I just don't speak much on it for personal reasons but I do feel he deserves his job back and he should be where he's meant to be thank you.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I too would like to congratulate Ryan and thank him for his service and also how very proud we are of him also my heartfelt sympathy and prayers for the Dickman and Trella family on their losses that's it.

Council President Gierek – Thank you.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I too would like to congratulate Ryan he is truly an inspiration and the recognition is well deserved.

Council President Gierak – Thank you.

Councilman Cimiluca – I will make up for the brief statements from my colleagues. The first thing we spoke to Andy Gallo who is our Rec Director as everyone should know and we are planning a couple of concerts we had the one concert last year and that went very well it wasn't as well attended as we thought it would be and the odd thing is I had a debate with somebody the other day and they were talking about everything is digital media and you got to get into the 21st century but the opposite happened with the concert we had people saying we didn't know about it and I said it's on Facebook, it's on our website, it's everywhere. I think it went into the digital backpack they have at school all kinds of stuff like that the billboard when it was working had it but they were saying we have to do it old school and post flyers at CVS and at the markets and drug stores so I think we're going to do that this year maybe get a banner do something we'll go digital and we'll go old school but we want to get as many people over there as possible because it was a really good time. Andy was talking about maybe doing two this year and what we're going to try and do is get some donations to defray the cost and they're working on I think are you working on the trailers Councilman Accomando is very involved working on the trailers because they need someplace to set up. Last year it worked out very well and hopefully this year we'll do the same thing. People had mentioned about the speed sign not that they have to go through me I'm the Chairman of the Speed Committee I didn't know that they put it there and you may have a very good point it seems to me that stretch may be the more appropriate place sometimes you just don't have a place to put it. I'm not sure people know telephone poles are only on one side of the street so I'm not sure what side of the street it's on but I will talk to Captain Zotollo and ask him to look at that who made that decision why and I'm sure they had a reason for putting it there but like anything else in life it's subject to adjustments. In terms of the speed bumps somebody said that it's five miles an hour it's a fifteen mile an hour speed bump if you go over fifteen miles an hour you're not going to damage your car. I see people going over them they don't slow down at all and they just fly it's like the Dukes of Hazzard they're idiots so if you're doing that Earth to you you're an idiot don't do it you're going to hurt your car you're going to hurt yourself and the whole reason to have it is to slow down. These things are placed in areas that are near parks and schools. There are kids there and pedestrians please just follow it and when they said paint it there's a sign saying there's going to be a bump in a hundred fifty feet there's another sign saying bump fifteen miles an hour the bump is painted. There's lines leading up to it that are painted if you don't see it now I agree in the beginning due to logistics and different contractors wasn't immediately painted but that was rectified in a week or two so there is no excuse. If you're going over that and say you didn't see it I don't know what you're looking at maybe you should rethink your driving privileges. Mr. Rodriguez talked about thinking outside the box and I think we have in a number of ways we've negotiated with our health care coordinator and our prescription benefits for those working in the Town did not go up I think they actually went down every other community has gone up significantly but we were able to keep it in check and actually I think was a slight decrease. Another step would be there's two things on the agenda we have the elevator inspector the elevators in town generally get inspected by the companies or by the State we are designated a company or person to do our inspections and we get back 15% of the fees. we contracted with the State for years to do our multi-family dwelling inspections with the Department of Community Affairs we are going to have an individual do that who reports to the State and the good thing

about that whatever the fee is that goes to the State we will get 20% of that back so that's money that ordinarily wouldn't come to us that we're getting so again thinking outside the box that's one of the things we're doing. Chief Kugler there's been no one more vocal than me about after this happened about my dislike for paying someone to stay home so get him back here do your job and get paid for doing your job so we are working with that but again like the Mayor said and some others it kind of is out of our hands we can't just say come back because currently our Police Department is under the control of the Bergen County Prosecutors Office so we are prohibited as far as I understand from saying yes come back there's your desk sit there. I want him to come back I want him to come back and be in charge of our Police Department but right now we can't do that and like I said paying someone to sit home it's what none of us are about here and I'm sure it's not what he wants to do. He would rather be here doing his job getting paid well for it but doing the job that he was appointed to do. In terms of the police I think the Mayor didn't mention it I don't know if you want to talk about the Junior Police Academy.

Mayor White – Yes go ahead.

Councilman Cimiluca – Junior Police Academy I know when I was prosecuting in Oakland they had it, it was a very cool program for the kids the kids enjoyed it but I believe we are going to be doing that this year it is a lot of work not the cheapest thing in the world either but it gets our kids involved it gives them an idea about law enforcement there's so much bad crap going on about negative publicity about police anytime something happens it's the police you don't hear about the ten times worse police getting killed on the streets and being shot at and being abused so it gives them just an idea and especially that Tik Tok there's this new thing with Police Auditors that just try and antagonize the police just to get views and followers so that's the new thing out there. This Junior Police Academy I've been a supporter of it forever and I'm glad that it's coming to fruition. We had a couple of members of the Board of Ed here who spoke my understanding this is a different referendum than was shot down a couple of months ago so do your homework look at it don't just say no because it's another referendum do your homework on it make your decision but make it wisely it's more for infrastructure than building a new school and things of that nature. We have a couple of members of the Zoning Board here and we are appointing a couple of new members of the Zoning Board we appreciate what the Boards do they are unpaid and it's a thankless job like the Board of Education but they needed people and we are happy that people stepped up and applied and are being appointed tonight by resolution. Ryan Roy a couple of things he's a Packer fan I'm a Packer fan so we got that bond but I remember Ryan the first time I met him my son was playing football at the high school and there was a kid standing in the first row screaming as loud as I've ever heard anyone scream in my life "go Falcons" who the hell is this kid and it's Ryan Roy and I went up to him and I said what's going on and he said I'm a Falcon fan and he was one of the greatest Falcon fans that we've ever had. He's a great role model for others who have disabilities and he has taken that to a level that honestly I didn't think it would get to so congratulations and God bless to him. Lastly it's Heart Health Month my dad died at 39 of heart disease so please I'm well aware of that so get yourself checked if you're a certain age I mean he's 39 but at any age get checked because you know you could have devastating impact on your families thank you.

Council President Gierke – I too would like to congratulate Ryan Roy I'm going to even it out here I'm not going to say so much. In regards to Mr. Sudol and his comments regarding response time that's something we take very seriously that could be life and death and we're aware of that and we're serious about making some adjustments there for sure. We do not have any ordinances this evening but we do have the minutes and some resolutions.

ORDINANCES

NONE

Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

*** MINUTES**

The following are not part of the consent agenda,

December 27, 2022 Regular Public Meeting
January 2, 2023 Sine Die Meeting

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – abstain
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

* January 2, 2023 Reorganization Meeting

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0223-28

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook hereby appoints TOP FLOOR ELEVATED SOLUTIONS, LLC as elevator inspector for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the agreement with TOP FLOOR ELEVATED SOLUTIONS, LLC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township appoints TOP FLOOR ELEVATED SOLUTIONS, LLC as elevator inspector for the year 2023 and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the agreement with TOP FLOOR ELEVATED SOLUTIONS, LLC.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Council President Gierek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-29

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act. P.I. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling Programs; and municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs, and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated Recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source

Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to Recycling and to indicate the assent of Township of Saddle Brook to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Joan Ramsey, Recycling Coordinator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS
AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE
SADDLE BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

CR# 0223-30

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county, and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program and at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through the 1033 Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Saddle Brook is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate in terminating on December 31 of the calendar year from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saddle Brook Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this Resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Township of Saddle Brook without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saddle Brook Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period for which this Resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property available through the Program, “DEMIL A through Q” is attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saddle Brook Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saddle Brook Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire (1) “DEMIL A” property and (2) “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time which this Resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31 of the calendar year from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-31

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

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADMINISTRATION	PROCOPY	COPIER-BUILD DEPT 5 YEAR LEASE	\$11,100.00
BUILDING	EASTERN SERVICES	CLEANING OF BUILDING	\$2,995.00
RECREATION	COMMUNITY PASS	MEMBERSHIP RECORDS	\$6,000.00

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierek – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-32

Professional Services Contract-Township Engineer

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for an Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Engineer; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Remington & Vernick, be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Township Engineer from 1/1/2023-12/31/2026; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick, was previously appointed Township Engineer to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2026; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Remington & Vernick as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Remington & Vernick as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Township Engineer within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Township Engineer.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township's Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer- yes

Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-33

Professional Services Contract-Planner

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Planner; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Maser Consulting, be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Township Planner from 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, was previously appointed Township Planner to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Maser Consulting as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Maser Consulting as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Township Planner within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Township Planner.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township’s Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer- yes

Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

Professional Services Contract-Tax Appeals Counsel

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for Tax Appeals Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Tax Appeals Counsel; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that The Choi Law Group, be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Tax Appeals Counsel from 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, The Choi Law Group, was previously appointed Tax Appeals Counsel to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with The Choi Law Group as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1.The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with The Choi Law Group as required by law.

2.This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Tax Appeals Counsel within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Tax Appeals Counsel.

3. Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.

4.The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6.The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township’s Financial Officer.

7.A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – abstain
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierek – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-35

Professional Services Contract-Township Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Township Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Township Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Rogut & McCarthy be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Township Bond Counsel from 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, Rogut & McCarthy was previously appointed Township Bond Counsel to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Rogut & McCarthy as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Rogut & McCarthy as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Township Bond Counsel within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Township Bond Counsel.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township’s Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer- yes

Council President Gierek – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-36

Professional Services Contract-Labor Counsel

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Labor Counsel;
and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Labor Counsel; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Joseph Garcia of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Labor Counsel from 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Garcia of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC, was previously appointed Labor Counsel to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Joseph Garcia of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Joseph Garcia of Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Labor Counsel within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Labor Counsel.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township’s Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-37

Professional Services Contract-Risk Manager

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Risk Manager;
and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Risk Manager; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Alamo Insurance, be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Risk Manager from 1/1/2022-12/31/2022; and

WHEREAS, Alamo Insurance, was previously appointed Risk Manager to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Louis Alamo as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Louis Alamo as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Risk Manager within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Risk Manager.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township’s Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierek – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-38

Professional Services Contract-Township Auditor

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Township Auditor;
and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Township Auditor; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Wielkotz & Company, LLC, be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Township Auditor from 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, Wielkotz & Company, LLC, was previously appointed Township Auditor to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Wielkotz & Company, LLC, as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Wielkotz & Company, LLC, as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Township Auditor within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Township Auditor.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a “fair and open process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township's Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer- yes

Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-39

Professional Services Contract-Health Benefits Consultant

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Health Benefits Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Health Benefits Consultant; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Health Trinity Benefits, LLC, be awarded the professional services contract to serve as Health Benefits Consultant from 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, Health Trinity Benefits, LLC, was previously appointed Health Benefits Consultant to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Health Trinity Benefits, LLC as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Helaht Trinity Benefits, LLC as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Health Benefits Consultant within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Health Benefits Consultant.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be as set forth in the Professional Services Agreement attached hereto.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a "fair and open process" pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township's Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierek – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-40

Appointment of Zoning Board Member SECOND ALTERNATE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that:

JOHN MANZO

is hereby appointed Second Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to serve until December 31, 2023.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer- yes

Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0223-41

Appointment of Zoning Board Member THIRD ALTERNATE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that:

KAREN NOBILE

is hereby appointed Second Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to serve until December 31, 2024.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer- yes

Council President Gierak – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0223-42

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is in need of a housing inspector; and

WHEREAS, Jesse D'Amore is qualified for said position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township appoints Jesse D'Amore as housing inspector for the year 2023.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0223-43

Professional Services Contract-Township Grant Consultant

WHEREAS, there is a need in the Township of Saddle Brook for a Township Grant Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously published a Request for Qualifications for the position of Township Grant Consultant; and

WHEREAS, a duly constituted evaluation committee recommended that Bruno Associates be awarded the professional services contract to serve as the Township Grant Consultant from 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Associates was previously appointed Township Grant Consultant to the Township of Saddle Brook for the term 1/1/2023-12/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to enter into a professional services agreement with Bruno Associates as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement with Bruno Associates as required by law.

2. This contract is awarded for the following reasons: There is a need for a Township Grant Consultant within the Township of Saddle Brook; the service to be rendered constitutes a professional service as defined by New Jersey law; the Township did publish a request for qualifications to which the contract recipient responded; and the contract recipient was recommended by the Evaluation Committee to be awarded the professional services agreement as Township Grant Consultant.

3. ***Compensation for this position shall be \$38,000.00 for the year.***

4. The within contract has been awarded pursuant to a "fair and open process" pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et. seq.

5. A notice of this action shall be printed in *The Record*.

6. The award of this contract is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the Township's Financial Officer.

7. A copy of this Resolution and a copy of the attached contract shall be made available for public inspection as required by law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer- yes

Council President Gierak – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0223-44

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is participating in the Sourcewell Coop (#101221-SPL), and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is in need of replacing a superjet truck for the DPW,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Saddle Brook that a contract be awarded to Hudson Machinery LLC, 59 Rockland Center, Nanuet, NY in the amount of \$335,396.10.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0223-45

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 RFPs for professional services for the following professional services for the Township are hereby authorized:

1. Township Attorney

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 March 1, 2023. 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 March 14, 2023;
- (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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

Council President Mazzer asked for a motion to approve.

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 – recused

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. LYNN BARTLETT-HABC

RE: ANNUAL PAY'T TO TOWNSHIP
29 CALDWELL AVE



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY

ONE BERGEN COUNTY PLAZA, 2ND FLOOR

HACKENSACK, N.J. 07601

PHONE: 201-336-7600

FAX: 201-336-7630

WWW.HABCNJ.ORG

December 14, 2022

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

Dear Mayor White:

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$16,678.22, as our payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for Saddle Brook Senior Housing located at 29 Caldwell Avenue. This payment covers taxes through the end of our fiscal year, March 31, 2022. As per the PILOT agreement, this payment is 3.5% of the shelter rents collected. Shelter rent is the tenants rent, plus housing assistance payment (HAP), less the expense of utilities paid by the Housing Authority of Bergen County. The calculation details are enclosed.

Please let me take this opportunity to thank you and the personnel of your many departments who serve us so well. Your assistance and cooperation throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

If you should have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at bartlett@habcnj.org or 201-336-7601.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Bartlett'.

Lynn Bartlett
Executive Director

Encl.

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Committed to Creating and Preserving Affordable Housing

RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK
23 JAN 13 AM 10:22

2. CAPT. ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: RECOVERY BODYWORK-THERAPY
DATE: JANUARY 11, 2023

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: January 11, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John A. Zotollo, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Re: **MASSAGE/PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICATION**
Recovery Bodywork
337 Market Street, Suite 2
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

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

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Massage/Physical Therapist Application.

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individuals.

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

CC: File

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23 JAN 13 PM 1:16
RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK

3. CAPT ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION-HRC ENTERPRISE
DATE: JANUARY 10, 2023

2/16/23

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: January 10, 2023

Re: LIVERY APPLICATION
HRC Enterprise Group, LLC
Park 80 West, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Huseyin Cuhadar
2012 31st Street, Apt 4E
Astoria, NY 11105

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Livery Application.

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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CC: file

RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK
23 JAN 11 AM 9:14

4. CAPT ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION-ROYAL LINK
DATE: JANUARY 6, 2023

2/16/23

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: January 6, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John A. Zotollo, Jr.", is written over the "From:" line of the letterhead.

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**
Royal Link, LLC
Bhaskar Nair
15 Sheridan Avenue
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Livery Application. The livery service will operate out of 250 Pehle Avenue, Ste 200, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

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.

CC: file

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RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK
23 JAN 11 AM 9:14

5. CAPT ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION-STATE LIMO&CAR LLC
DATE: JANUARY 6, 2023

2/16/23

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: January 6, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John A. Zotollo, Jr.", is written over the "From:" line of the letterhead.

Re: LIVERY APPLICATION
State Limo and Car, LLC
Bashar Sawalha
314 7th Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Livery Application. The livery service will operate out of 314 7th 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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CC: file

23 JAN 11 AM 9:14
RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK

6. CAPT ZOTOLLO
BODYWORK
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: T. ACCARDI-THERAPIST-RECOVERY
DATE: JANUARY 11, 2023

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: January 11, 2023

Re: **MASSAGE/PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICATION**
Recovery Bodywork
337 Market Street, Suite 2
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

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

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Massage/Physical Therapist Application.

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individuals.

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

CC: File

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RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK
23 JAN 11 AM 10:45

7. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO
TO: MAUREEN RUANE INTERIM B.A.

RE: RAFFLE SMITH SCHOOL PTO
DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023

2/16/23

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: January 4, 2023

Re: RAFFLE APPLICATION
Helen I. Smith School – PTO
30 Cambridge Avenue
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
Identification: RA1361(2)/441-5-40933

The above organization filed two (2) Raffle Applications. The raffles will be held on March 15, 2023 at the VFW 44 Market Street, Saddle Brook NJ 07663. The times of the raffles will be from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The prizes from the raffles will be used for educational needs of students.

The paperwork was filled out correctly based on Ordinance 1438, Section 120-3.1.

The Detective Bureau conducted a background check and all checks were negative.

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

Cc: file

23 JAN -6 PM 2:50
RECEIVED TOWNSHIP CLERK

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8. A. AMBROGIO, CONSTRUCTION/ZONING OFF. RE: REVIEW VARIOUS BUSINESSES
TO: PETER LO DICO DATE: JANUARY 9, 2023



Township of Saddle Brook, New Jersey

OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
T (201) 587-2909
F (201) 587-2908

MEMO

DATE: January 9, 2023
TO: Anthony Ambrogio, Construction/Zoning Official
FROM: Peter Lo Dico, Township Clerk
RE: Licensing

The following businesses have applied for licenses for 2023.

Used Car	
Headmaster	263 Route 46 AA
Auto Body	
J&R Auto Painting	123 North Fifth Street AA
Gas Station	
Conoco	230 Market Street AA
Pehle Management Inc.	16 Pehle Avenue AA
Auto Repair	
Mike's Truck Repair	9 Capitol Street AA
Headmaster	263 Route 46 AB
Roger LePage Auto Service	341/345 Tenth Street LS

Please advise.

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9. A. AMBROGIO, CONSTRUCTION/ZONING OFF. RE: REVIEW VARIOUS BUSINESSES
TO: PETER LO DICO DATE: JANUARY 23, 2023

2/16/23



Township of Saddle Brook, New Jersey

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

540 Saddle River Rd.
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
T (201) 843-7111

MEMO

DATE: January 23, 2023

TO: Peter LoDico, Township Clerk

FROM: Anthony Ambrogio, Construction / Zoning Official

RE: Licensing

The following businesses were inspected on January 23, 2023. Their use was found to be consistent with their application.

USED CARS	
Auto Trader Wholesale Inc.	60 Route 46 West
AUTO REPAIRS	
Don's Auto Service Center	126 Route 46

Handwritten notes: "OK" and "OK" with initials in blue ink next to the addresses.

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10. A. AMBROGIO, CONSTRUCTION/ZONING OFF RE: FINESSE AUTO BODY-RENEWAL
TO: PETER LO DICO DATE: JANUARY 26, 2023



Township of Saddle Brook, New Jersey

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

540 Saddle River Rd.
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
T (201) 843-7111

MEMO

DATE: January 26, 2023

TO: Peter LoDico, Township Clerk

FROM: Anthony Ambrogio, Construction / Zoning Official *AA*

RE: Licensing

The following business was inspected on January 26, 2023. Their use was found to be consistent with their application.

AUTO BODY REPAIR	
Finesse Auto Body	380 N. Midland Ave.

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11. CAPT ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION-MZ SEDANS
DATE: JANUARY 25, 2023

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: January 25, 2023

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

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**
MZ Sedans, Inc.
Javeed Chaudhry
40 Midland Avenue, Fl2
Garfield, NJ 07026

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Livery Application. The livery service will operate out of Park 80 West, Plaza 2.

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.

CC: file

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*** APPLICATIONS**

Used Car

2/16/23

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1. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 – RENEWAL
2. Auto Trader – 60 Route 46 – RENEWAL
3. Don's Amoco Service – 126 Route 46 - RENEWAL

Auto Body

4. J&R Auto Painting – 123 North Fifth Street – RENEWAL
5. Finesse Auto Body - 380 North Midland Avenue - RENEWAL

Vending

6. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue - RENEWAL

Public Place

7. Midland Bagels – 160 North Midland Avenue - RENEWAL
8. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
9. Excelsior – 190 Route 46 – RENEWAL
10. Bagel Bros – 460 Market Street – RENEWAL
11. Los Gueros VIII – 304 Ninth Street – RENEWAL
12. Subway – 487 Market Street – RENEWAL

This was not part of the consent agenda.

13. Nick's Sandwich Shop – 505 Saddle River Road – RENEWAL (New Ownership)

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – abstain
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierak – yes

Gas Station

14. Conoco – 230 Market Street – RENEWAL
15. Pehle Management Inc. – 16 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL

Auto Repair

16. Mike's Truck Repair – 9 Capitol Street – RENEWAL
17. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 – RENEWAL
18. Roger LePage Auto Service – 341/345 Tenth Street – RENEWAL
19. Don's Auto Service Center – 126 Route 46 - RENEWAL

Massage Therapy

- 20. Recovery Bodywork – 337 Market Street Suite 2 – RENEWAL
- 21. Recovery Bodywork – Toni-Ann Accardi – RENEWAL

Livery

- 22. State Limo & Car, LLC – 314 Seventh Street – NEW
- 23. Royal Link, LLC – 250 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
- 24. HRC Enterprise Group, LLC – 250 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
- 25. MZ Sedans – 250 Pehle Avenue - RENEWAL

Second Hand Jewelry

- 26. EZ Converters – 189 Route 46 – RENEWAL

Raffles

- 27. RA# 1361 – Helen I. Smith School PTO – Prize 50/50
- 28. RA# 1362 – Helen I. Smith School PTO – Prize Tricky Tray

*** REPORTS**

- 1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2022
- 2. BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN REPORT – DECEMBER 2022
- 3. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL – DECEMBER 2022
- 4. HOTEL ROOM TAX – DECEMBER 2022
- 5. GRANT WRITER REPORT – DECEMBER 2022
- 6. DPW MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2022
- 7. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL MONTHLY REPORT-DECEMBER 2022
- 8. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL MONTHLY REPORT- DECEMBER 2022
- 9. POLICE MONTHLY REPORT- DECEMBER 2022
- 10. TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2022
- 11. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE REPORT DECEMBER 2023
- 12. ENGINEER MID MONTHLY STATUS REPORT- JANUARY 2023
- 13. BUDGET STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor White – I just want to reiterate what everybody said regarding Mr. Sudol's comments about the ambulance we do acknowledge it is an issue it's a serious problem which we take seriously and we are actively working on a solution. I want to commend our Ambulance Corp because I think we're one of the last Ambulance Corps that still totally volunteer they do a fantastic job but it's gotten to a point where they are having difficulty getting members during the day and volunteerism is down unfortunately and some of the older members they're just not able to do it anymore. I applaud them and I think we're going to end up having to do a paid service just during the day that's my looking at it. We're going to have to do it quick because there was another one this week that they couldn't get a rig for luckily it was Nikon the paramedic got called out so they got there within eight minutes they were in Hackensack. It was a difficulty breathing chest pains type of thing but they did get there in time. When it's a call like that they

automatically get dispatched but we may get one time where they're not in Hackensack they could be on the other side of the County somewhere and there's nobody available so we have to do better so that's what I see I don't think we can wait much longer it's acute now.

Regarding the Chief I just want to say a couple of things that I believe I'm okay in saying but you know we do have a labor attorney and they are on top of this. They know how we feel about the Chief we want him back we want him to get back to work but there's a process and I can tell you this the Attorney General they're not going to pursue anything so they're out of the picture they did enough damage already. Now we're dealing with the County and we periodically check I just spoke to the labor attorney last week so I know from what I'm being told that it's moving in the right direction and ultimately it's going to be our decision that's the way I see it. I don't think they're going to say I don't think they County can but they're doing they're investigation and whatever they've got to do and they'll report to us and it's going to be up to us to decide that's the way I see it playing out. It's taking a little bit longer than it should but that's government as Mr. Cimiluca said it moves at a glacial pace but we're going to stay on top of that. I don't like paying people for not being at work either.

Regarding the lead I know tomorrow they are going back to school they're going back to Washington it was inspected by the state today and it passed. We have gotten some calls and I'm sure the website and if you call them they're going to have information but my secretary called the County Health Department we contract with the County to do our health services and they do have a lead safety specialist that's at the County so any question can be directed to them if you call here we'll give you the County number the website but any questions you should refer it to that individual from the County.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Accomando – To piggyback off of Mr. Cimiluca the concert they're going to have two July 20th and August 3rd. July 20th is Filet of Soul and the Elvis impersonator Tony Liquori that's going to be on the 20th the 3rd they have someone they gave the name today O forgot what it was I apologize. The thing that makes it so difficult is we have to rely on everybody else for a stage because we don't have an amphitheater or a stage so we have a shared service agreement with Lodi which we just started a couple of months ago and they purchased their own stage. They're going to give us they're stage on the 20th and we're scheduled for the 2nd unfortunately they have a concert on the 2nd so if we can't get the stage from the County which we have to pay for they'll give us they're stage on the 3rd so it's going to be the 2nd or the 3rd. My other thing was you're talking about the Police Department getting grants and stuff like that I know our department is accredited so we tend to get more money from the state and are they accredited?

Mayor White – Not right now but that's something that's on the horizon.

Councilman Accomando – So maybe we can work on that so we can get more funding for them for the stuff they do need because I tell you we're accredited and it's the best thing for a department.

Mayor White – Absolutely you get reduction in your insurance sometimes the JIF will pay for it.

Councilman Accomando – If they're not I would like to see them in the near future become accredited again. I think that's it.

Council President Gierrek – Anyone else? Motion to open the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

Council President Gierrek – Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

Council President Gierrek – Anyone final comments Mayor White?

Mayor White – I just want to say I see Mrs. Ferguson out there we are working on that basketball court for the Fifth Street Park that's being done too. The parks were in need of restoration so we haven't done anything at all in a long time we went slowly but that is something that we're going to do.

Council President Gierrek – Any other final comments? Motion to adjourn?

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer- yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierak
Council President

Approved: April 20, 2023