

The minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on May 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Saddle Brook Municipal Complex, 55 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

Council President Gierrek called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Cimiluca – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – absent
Council President Gierrek – present

Mayor White – present
Mr. Schettino – Twp. Attorney – present
Ms. Ruane – Interim Township Administrator – present
Mr. Klein – Twp. Engineer – present

Council President Gierrek asked all to rise for the salute to the flag.

Council President Gierrek announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all council members 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 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 sought legal redress through the courts.

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

Councilwoman Sanchez made a motion to open the meeting for a public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space Grant application and remain open for public comments.

Hearing comments from the public on the Bergen County Open Space Grant application
Council President Gierrek announced that the meeting will remain open to the public for all other comments.

John Manzo, 179 Market Street spoke about the proposed car show sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Virgin R.C. Church in Garfield. He mentioned that many parishioners reside in Saddle Brook and the proceeds, if any, would be donated to the Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps or the Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department.

Lisa Buono of 49 Central Avenue spoke about having the support of Mt. Virgin's parish and since this would be the first event planned she wasn't sure how many would register for the car show or if there would be a profit. She was asked about if they would provide port-a-johns and Ms. Buono mentioned that she hoped they would be able to use the building. Mr. Schettino suggested they contact the police department to see if they might need the police for traffic control.

Mr. Manzo said they plan to have one or two food trucks available for participants to grab breakfast or lunch. Ms. Buono was asked if a certificate of insurance would be provided and she assured all that the Archdiocese of Newark would be able to provide one. Councilman Accomando mentioned that he was involved in organizing a car show in June and possibly again in September. Ms. Buono said they too are looking for a September date. Discussion took place about the number of participants and how they would advertise the event. Ms. Buono said it would be in their parish bulletin and hoped it could be posted on our website. Mr. Manzo thought they would be able to get at least one hundred cars for the show.

Council President Gierек thanked Mr. Manzo and Ms. Buono for their presentation and said the proposed car show will be discussed during the work session.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierек – present

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1732-23 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 58 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “ANIMALS”

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierек – present

The Township Clerk read the ordinance by title.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 58 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “ANIMALS”

Council President Gierек asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for this ordinance only.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierек – present

Council President Gierек announced that the meeting was open to the public on this ordinance only.

Hearing no one Council President Gierrek asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – present

CR# 0523-83

The Township Clerk read the resolution concerning final passage

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 58 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “ANIMALS”** does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said ordinance or title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – present

2. ORDINANCE # 1733-23 – SECOND READING

A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALBERTA DRIVE (FROM SADDLE RIVER ROAD TO HILDA TERRACE, AND INCLUDING MARIE COURT) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$490,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – present

The Township Clerk read the ordinance by title.

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Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – present

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Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – present

CR# 0523-84

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled **A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALBERTA DRIVE (FROM SADDLE RIVER ROAD TO HILDA TERRACE, AND INCLUDING MARIE COURT) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$490,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS** does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said ordinance or title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

3. ORDINANCE # 1734-23 – SECOND READING

A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY OR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,120,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

The Township Clerk read the ordinance by title.

A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY OR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,120,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

Council President Gierrek asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for this ordinance only.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierrek announced that the meeting was open to the public on this ordinance only.

Hearing no one Council President Gierrek asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – present

CR# 0523-85

The Township Clerk read the resolution concerning final passage

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled **A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY OR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,120,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**

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Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – present

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0523-86

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO SUBMIT A
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE 2023 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST
FUND FOR MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund") provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of approximately \$138,808 from the County Trust Fund to fund improvements to Victor Field at Kern Park including new playground and surfacing, curbs and sidewalks, and benches and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 4, 2023 and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 12th, 2023, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Mayor and Council have, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Mayor and Council is committed to providing a dollar-for-dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Mayor and Council agree to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – absent
Council President Gierек – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR # 0523-87

WHEREAS, the Township Council at the annual re-organization meeting for 3 signatures be required on checks – Mayor, Treasurer and Township Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the treasurer has resigned,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes the following signatures on checks – Mayor, Township Clerk, and Interim Business Administrator until June 30, 2023.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez - yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - absent
Council President Gierек – yes

There being no further business Council President Gierек asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sanchez and seconded by Councilman Accomando to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierек
Council President

Approved: May 18, 2023