The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on October 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Saddle Brook Municipal Complex, 55 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

Council President Gierek called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

Mayor White – present
Mr. Schettino – Twp. Attorney – present
Mr. Klein – Twp. Engineer – present

Council President Gierek asked all to rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Priscilla Criss Mangano former Board of Education member and all the innocent lives lost in the Middle East.

Council President Gierek 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 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 Gierek – Before we open the meeting to the public Mayor you have a presentation.

Mayor White – Good evening everyone thank you for coming we have a very special event here tonight we're going to be recognizing some young men who accomplished a great task of winning the District Tournament 14 and under class and that's something that rarely if ever I was just talking to Coach Keith and we think it maybe two or three times in the 70 years that Little League has been in existence so it's something to be very proud of. I know your families, mom and dads, grandparents, the Town Council and I we're all very proud of you for what you have done and you should be very proud of yourselves for that. Sports I just want to quickly say to me it teaches a lot of life lessons

because when you play sports, especially a team sport you learn about teamwork which is very important in life. When you work somewhere you get a job and you grow up okay you're going to need to be able to play nice in the sandbox with other people and because that's how you get things done you become a manager or leader somewhere you need to appreciate those people that work underneath you and if you're if you're if you have a boss you need to treat them the right way and they need to treat you equally as well. It teaches you work ethic work ethic is very important in life to me I had a coach in high school he always said a football coach you work all week and then on Saturday when you play that game you're going to the bank. You take you're making deposits all week working hard and then you're going to the bank and putting that in and working you know all that hard work pays off so and again in life it's the same thing because uh you should never take things for granted you should always try your best 100% and hope for the best and you know what there's nothing to be ashamed of if you lose you're winners you're Champions but that's where good sportsmanship comes in and sometimes you know you have to learn how to win well win good and be good sports and not taunt people you don't want to do that that always comes back to haunt you when you do that but when you lose you have to accept it. There's no sin in losing it stinks no one likes to lose but the thing is the important thing is that you get back up you get knocked down you lose you get back up and you try even harder. That's all I have to say but I want to invite up the coaches John Way and Keith Vermilyea you want to say a few words. We have citations here from the State Senate and Assembly Members Joe Lagana in the Senate and Lisa Swain and Chris Tully are the Assembly people. They issued each one of the players and the coaches this citation. I'm going to read it. This is the Senate and general assembly citation commendation and praise are extended to each player by the citizenry of the 38th New Jersey Legislative District through their elected representatives in honor of being named Little League Junior division 2023 District 5 Champions your commitment to athleticism and your teammates is admirable so this is signed by Senator Lagana Assemblywoman Lisa Swain Assemblyman Chris Tully so each of you will get one of these.

Coach Keith - Thank you mayor just want to start good evening Mayor White, Council Members, Council President Gierek, Councilman Accomando, Councilwoman Sanchez Tom thank you for having us here tonight we appreciate your support as always we are here to honor and celebrate a special group of kids your 2023 Junior League District 5 Champs. Thank you to the parents and families for your unending Support over the years you have question the practice time, location of a tournament or start time of a game. A special thank you to our dads who are all coaches of these boys and this team. Thanks to Andy and Gary for always doing the book. Thanks to Joe, Tim, Mark, Pat and Sal for always picking up a glove and lending a hand at practice and helping pick up balls. Big special thanks to the moms for always helping us set up a postgame meal making reservations between tournament games keeping those uniforms clean and making sure they're always well taken care of. Thank you to the Town of Saddle Brook for always cheering the boys on and showing up at the games near and far for always supporting them. Thank you fellas for being the best kids that I will ever have the privilege of coaching. I'd like to introduce Coach John who was the head coach of and prepared you

all for this. Thanks John for your guidance your knowledge of the game and leading these kids through a time in their life they will never forget.

Coach John - These signs right here the Mayor just informed me will be at the all the entrances and exits of the signs of the town Saddle Brook District 5 Little League 14-yearold Champs 2023 thank you. I just want to say a few words before I call the boys up this was a long time coming we fell short the last two years but the boys set a goal of winning in district this year and it was great to witness and accomplished this goal. I think we outscored our opponent in the District Tournament 35 to 1 or something like that they had a great two week period there. The boys started prepping for this in January winter workouts played a lot of baseball. We finished with 30 wins and only 14 losses over the spring and summer. We also won a northern New Jersey Summer League Championship one nothing over Oakland on top of our district title. I have to thank all the coaches like Keith said every dad had an input here. This wasn't just me and Keith it was a it was a village like he mentioned everybody uh whether it was you know throwing BP hitting infield outfield coaching a base doing the book whatever it was everyone made it a priority for the boys to have the best season. I have to thank the families who really made the sacrifices giving a lot of their own time for this team spending a lot of weekends and nights at the baseball field. I know the boys probably won't say it but they are thankful for their family's dedication. You can go to any sporting event this town and most of the people here you'll see them supporting another town event another sport anything that's what the type of family atmosphere we have. Lastly I want to thank the boys as a coaching staff you make a plan an idea for what you want to happen what what's going to take place but it's the players that execute the plan and these boys did this to perfection all season. These boys are excellent baseball players but more importantly they make a great team I always tell the boys teams win championships not individuals and this was an ultimate team atmosphere. The boys made great they were great teammates whether somebody got a big head or made a big play usually their teammates were their first people that were excited not the player that made that play and that showed me a lot from their character. They're very coachable they did anything we asked going to Sunday nights for winter workouts playing a different position pitching when we need somebody to pitch that's the type of players and people and young men they are but more importantly they're great young men and it was an honor to coach them over the last many years. Now I'm going to call them up. Guys they want you to come up behind. Mayor White's going to give our proclamation and then stay up here after I call you up.

The players were called up one at a time and given their proclamation by Mayor White.

The coaches presented the Township with a baseball signed by the team in a case to display at Town Hall.

Mayor White thanks everyone and presents the coaches with their own proclamations from the State Senate.

Mayor White - Thank you very much this will be proudly displayed we have a lot of room we do have actually a glass display case okay we're looking for things even bigger things to put in there so this is great thank you very much. I also just want to thank the coaches I have proclamations from the state senate here for you and just want to say also too that I want to thank all the coaches. I don't know if I said that before but the assistant coaches all the volunteers and the parents you know you I know believe I've been there you put up with a lot it's a lot of commitment on your part too driving the kids all over the place and I'm sure these as good as they are I'm sure that they practice a lot so long hours and everything else so we appreciate that thank you.

Council President Gierek asks for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierek – Anyone wishing to address the council please step up to the mic state your name and address.

Jeannine Reyngoudt of 258 Madison Avenue comes forward to address the Council. I was here last year complaining about the situation up by Franklin School with people making U turns on the top of the hill on Lanza Avenue and parking in front of driveways. Last week the crossing guard almost got hit by a car. People are flying past there they're passing school buses nobody has done anything to stop this. A child is going to get hurt. Something needs to be done there's clear violations. I've gone through the driver's manual I have the violation numbers people parking in front of people's driveway who don't care if you tell them to move they say tough. Nothing has been done parking in front of the driveways and passing the school buses people crossing wherever they want the crossing guard tells them please don't cross in the middle of the street they ignore her. The cops ride up and down they don't stop they don't stop anybody. They stand on Caldwell Avenue in front of the school but never come over onto the Lanza Avenue side I don't want to see a child get hurt something needs to be done. Also Mr. Mayor thank you for getting back to me about the ambulance at football games. I mean at least if we could get I mean thank God there's no more home games either a trainer or an EMT Volunteer time it's an hour for each game I mean I don't think it's too much to ask for our kids thank you thank you very much.

Jessica Donow-Krhin of 36 Nedellec Drive comes forward to address the Council. I'm here tonight to talk about the current issue happening with the parking between Saddle

River Road and Scheele on Oxford. So it's an ongoing situation but I just kind of feel like it's presenting a larger problem. There's been multiple Vehicles being parked there I don't know if it's regardless to the actual people living in the houses or maybe people parking there and going to the bus stop because the bus stop is right there and they can park but you have two cars parked directly across from each other there are people trying to turn from Saddle River Road onto Oxford and you have people that drive listen it's hard to stop every vehicle from speeding in town it really is people will drive very fast down Oxford and there's going to be a very bad accident. I'm not taking away from the other streets in town from Saddle River Road that have traffic issues the reason I bring it to more of a concern is because during school times because Smith is right there it's very congested and it is it causes a great deal of backup on Saddle River Road at those times it causes a great deal of backup on Oxford. I mean I see it right from my house at all times I get stuck in it I literally had almost an accident head on several times even if you go on Google Maps I have a picture of it with me tonight you can see the aerial view shows three cars parked from the stop sign to Scheele and it's I mean first of all you can't park a car right as close to a stop sign you can but it is just getting very bad and I noticed the other morning with the school bus somebody wouldn't even let the school bus turn. It was unbelievable. The school bus was coming on to Oxford and there was two minivans parked again I don't know if it's the homeowners or people parking for whatever reason the school bus tries to turn onto Oxford somebody's coming down and it's like they're playing chicken with each other. Then your horn's beeping and it's getting a little out of hand and like I said there's the other side of the street there but my concern is we have Smith right there and the traffic is just becoming more and more every morning and afternoon. I don't know what steps can be done to prevent it. I think that there should be no parking from Saddle River Road to Scheele on both sides. I don't think there should be any parking allowed there. Some people were suggesting making that part of Oxford one way because Cambridge is one way the other way. I don't know what steps need to be taken but I'd be more than happy to help in any way to start the situation. If signatures are needed or anything like that I'm your girl for that so please let me know. Thank you.

John LaBarbera of 20 Oxford Avenue comes forward. In regards to the comments just made um I became aware this last week when a neighbor alerted me to a posting and he had made mention that the sign saying no parking from here to corner is actually missing. So I made a call to the DPW and I don't know if you noticed but the sign is back.

Ms. Donow-Krhin - Oh I actually did not notice thank you.

Mr. LaBarbera - I made that call last Wednesday and by Thursday the sign is up. So that has alleviated the problem I am familiar with you know that being an issue and really hadn't given much thought to it until I heard that there was this posting on some page and a neighbor made me aware of it and I was like wow you know the sign is missing so I don't know who removed it the sign was there I lived there since 1995 and the sign was present and somehow it was gone. I don't know how I missed that it's not there. I walked past there a million times going to the firehouse. I think that's helped but you know I think it's a matter of people being vigilant. Now that the sign is back and people parking too

close you make a call to the police. if there's you know other people that are saying there's an issue strongly consider you know all the options because you know when we talk about Scheele my house is directly adjacent to Scheele so that affects me with my parking potentially and you know that would be you know a hardship for me but I have not had an issue you know in all the years I've lived there but I do recognize that there has been a problem with way people park but I think it was a result of that sign not being there. So I would say you know monitor it and I think again it's you know people being vigilant and reporting it to the police if there is an issue.

Mayor White - John I just wanted to ask you do you think is there a problem with commuters parking there and then going taking the bus leaving the car there all day do you think that's a problem?

Mr. LaBarbera - I believe that contributes to it I don't believe that it's the neighbors so.

Mayor White - I know on some of the other streets we put no parking between certain times this way they park there they would get a ticket like between say 10:00 am and 11:00 am.

Mr. LaBarbera - Yeah I'm not totally sure but I do suspect that some of them are commuters but again not having that sign there were people parking a lot closer and sometimes you don't realize it when you're like I said walking past. Usually when I'm going to work it's very early and there's not a lot of traffic there or it's before some of the cars have actually parked there.

Mayor White - So what adds to it is there's it's basically as soon as you make the turn from Saddle River Road it's the road curves so that makes it even worse.

Mr. LaBarbera - So I think again just monitor I would say just monitor that if that sign actually is doing something.

Ms. Donow-Krhin – Is it on both sides?

Mr. LaBarbera – There is on both sides so when you make the turn off of Saddle River Road there's one heading call it west and then when you're heading towards Saddle River Road from like say Scheele that's the sign that was missing on the right side.

Ms. Donow-Krhin – There was two like an example like I was the one who made the post and when I made the post it was because there was two minivans one was actually a taxi minivan.

Mr. LaBarbera – They moved.

Ms. Donow-Krhin – Yeah I know they moved but it was two minivans directly adjacent and that was when it was causing an issue so I didn't know that's why somebody recommended coming to the meeting.

Mr. LaBarbera – Well it would be interesting because I had noticed that since the sign went up it seems there's less cars parked there for some reason so coincidentally or not I don't know.

Council President Gierek – Thank you. Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I just wanted speaking to Mrs. Reyngoudt regarding the Franklin School we have been getting a lot of complaints there and I will impress on the police that they have to be there.

Mrs. Reyngoudt – There is a cop that stands on the Caldwell Avenue side by the crossing guard. Maybe if the cop instead of just riding up and down Lanza actually got out and stood there and told people please don't cross your kids here cross by the crossing guards, do not park in somebody's driveway maybe that will help.

Mayor White – I agree with you they don't listen to the crossing guards.

Mrs. Reyngoudt – No they don't.

Mayor White – They really don't and it's a shame.

Mrs. Reyngoudt – She said to me last week she almost got hit by a car and they fly they fly past. The one guy I was standing there and he just flew past the school bus. The lights were on the stop sign was out flew by I yelled another grandfather yelled and the guy just kept going flew right down the street.

Council President Gierek – Are you going to talk to Officer Zotollo?

Mayor White - Yes.

Council President Gierek - We'll take care of it.

Mrs. Reyngoudt – Thank you.

Mayor White – Regarding my comments this month I have a proclamation that I'm going to read it's for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Whereas October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Mammography Day is always the third Friday in October for women in the United States breast cancer is the most common form of cancer except for skin cancers every woman should know the risk and what they can do to help lower them. A mammography can detect breast cancer up to two years before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining and these changes are thought to be the results of treatment advances early detection through screening and increased awareness. So now therefore be it resolved on this date I Robert D. White the Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook to hereby proclaim the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I encourage our residents to become educated and informed about programs and services that offer early detection and to also celebrate the survivors and memorialize those who have lost the battle. Regarding programs I just saw recently within the past couple of days that Newbridge Medical Center is offering no cost mammography's to uninsured and underinsured patients. It didn't say how long I imagine it would be the whole month or at least a month from when they announced it so that's something for residents who don't have insurance or are underinsured should take advantage of that. This month October is also Italian American Heritage Month. UNICO had their annual Street Fair on Sunday October 1st. They did another great job this year by UNICO it was well attended and had some nice weather. That weekend was miserable but it always seems to break for them which is good. It's a very nice event and UNICO they do a lot of donations to the Town. The scholarships and things like that so we appreciate that. The General Election is Tuesday November 7th the deadline to apply for mail in ballots is Tuesday October 31st. In person early voting begins October 28th through November 5th 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sundays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Saddle Brook voting District 6 this is important and you should receive a letter about this. District 6 polling place has been changed from the Middle School High School to the Municipal Complex. Leaf bags are now available at the Municipal Complex in the lobby of the Administrative Offices and you get 10 per family. Paving of Strathmore Terrace, Van Luyn Terrace, Kern Place, Hutter Street and Avon Lane will be done by the end of November. Alberta Drive may be delayed check with Public Service they may want to do some gas mains over there before we pave rather than have it where we pave and then they come in and dig it up. Some past events the Senior Center we had Breakfast Bingo on Saturday September 23rd. The next Chicken Bingo they usually have Chicken Bingo four times a year this time they tried to do a pancake breakfast which went very well but the next Chicken Bingo is Sunday November 5th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at the Senior Citizen Center and tickets are available. Call Director Joe Lecce 201-845-4594. We had the paper shredding event was held on Saturday October 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm right here at the Municipal Complex. Even though it rained very heavy at times still had steady customers all day. I want to thank Joan Ramsey our Recycling Coordinator and Christine Genuario for planning the event. I want to make sure I mention this. Thomas Van Winkle couldn't be here tonight. The Mayor's Youth Group met this past Saturday October 14th here at the Municipal Complex at 10:30 in the morning. The Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk was Sunday October 15th this past Sunday at 10:00 am in town at the Saddle River County Park Otto Pehle section huge event had over a thousand participants so it's another very worthy cause and we get a lot of Saddle Brook people go to that walk. Upcoming events we've got this Saturday we've got Tommy Hayes from Drums From Heaven is doing a benefit. Sacred Heart School is doing a fire recovery for the victims of Maui Hawaii so that's what he's doing the fundraiser for. It's this Saturday October 21st from 5:00 to 10:00 pm at the VFW here in Town. Boy Scout 213 is doing a flag retirement ceremony on Tuesday night October 24th next Tuesday 6:30 pm at the VFW. If you've never been to one it's really quite a moving ceremony so they do a great job. That same night Saddle Brook Senior Halloween Party is Tuesday October 24th at the VFW inside in the hall 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Saddle Brook Trunk or Treat is Saturday October 28th from noon to 2:00 pm here in the Municipal Complex. We also have this month our Halloween Decorating Contest. The deadline to get in is Thursday October 26th. The houses are judged by the members of the Mayor's Youth Group and the top three get a gift card a \$25 gift card. This is very important Kessler Rehab had an elevator entrapment a gentleman was injured actually trapped his arm and leg were stuck in the door in between the first and second floor. He was very badly injured. He did survive he lost a lot of blood and it was kind of a gruesome scene but our first responders did an awesome job. As I said the victim was seriously injured and hospitalized. The Fire Department was able to rescue the person. The Ambulance Corps administered first aid. I want to thank the surrounding towns that assisted. It's a good time to mention that Fire Prevention Week was this past October 8th through the 14th. I just encourage all of you at home please support our volunteers from the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. They send out letters asking for donations. They really they're completely volunteer and I think we have our Emergency Services fire and ambulance are second to none. Our Fire Department was out doing the calendar drive this past weekend as well. I forgot an event on Friday October 6th the New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and our District 38 Legislators came to speak at the Senior Center about the State of New Jersey Program which is a program that they're going to implement in the future it's for property tax relief as well as other programs for seniors. That was a nice program it was well attended and they bought lunch which was nice. The last thing I want to say is that this has been an ongoing for the last couple of months about CVS closing at the center stores. I personally spoke to the management of the center stores late last week and I just want everybody to know that CVS chose not to renew their lease. They chose to leave and from what I understand they closed about 900 stores nationwide. There's a lot of rumors out there that the owner is going to demolish the whole set of stores and put up residential homes or townhouses that's not true. Also various other businesses may be going in there Dollar General, Walgreens other places that residents are not in favor of but right now the space is vacant and management is trying to lease it. There's a big sign out there so they want to lease it the space just the way it is they don't want to break it up. We want something nice in there as well but I think residents have to understand that we're limited what we

can do as far as what can go in there. If they wanted to build townhouses they would have to go before the Zoning Board and redistrict the whole thing but that's not happening so I just want to alleviate some fear that that is not happening. Hopefully, they'll get another Walgreens or another drug store or something in there.

Council President Gierek – Thank you Mayor. Councilman Accomando.

Councilman Accomando – I too would like to congratulate the kids from baseball the coaches the families. I think Mayor White said it takes a village to do something that they did and kudos to those parents and coaches for getting together making sure those kids got the training that they need. Trunk or Treat is Saturday the 28th from 12:00 to 2:00 here at 55 Mayhill. UNICO again great job like always well attended. Food trucks were very good this year and like the Mayor said the weather always seems to hold up for them. I think if we're going to plan something in Town we should say it's a UNICO event and lie to the weather guys once in a while. As far as road cleanups 4 Cleanup is doing the road curb cuts and all of that and I've got to tell you my road fortunately is one of the roads and they're doing a fantastic job. They're catering to the residents as best they can. They're cleaning up after themselves. They're not leaving any garbage around and it's good to know that something we're paying for is going to not like a good use but it's being respected. They're not just coming here to make money on us and leaving. They're actually treating the residents with some respect and having dignity while they're doing that job. So to those guys a great job for doing what they're doing. I have a resolution that I'd like to read. On October 8th 2023, a terrorist attack occurred in the State of Israel and this attack claimed the lives of 1400 innocent people from infants to grandparents including Americans who were targeted in a vicious way with no regard to human life and these victims lost their lives and their families and friends are mourning their senseless death. There are 199 people being held hostage of all nationalities including 30 Americans under extreme conditions and their families and friends have no knowledge if they are even still alive or injured living minute by minute hoping for any word and the number of lives will continue to climb in the days and weeks to come. Now therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and the Township Council that any loss of lives of innocent people is condemned and abhorred by all those who value life and peace and emphasizes that no one has the right to take another's life and we join in prayer for all victims and their families as well as peace throughout the world. With that being said it's not one nationality against another this is a terrorist group terrorizing two nationalities two countries and until people realize that it's not the Palestinians it's not the Israelis it's Hamas a terrorist group that's terrorizing these two individual countries and causing the hate that's there. The problem I have with that is that over the past year here in the United States we've let people in here undocumented not knowing where they're from who they are and they're not registered. On September 11th nine terrorists shut down the east coast. There's no telling how many we have here now. I'm just saying be vigilant keep an eye out. If you see something say something. We're in rough times right now it's going to unfortunately it's going to hit home eventually so just be vigilant and like I said if you see something say something and just pray for everyone not just one individual. I just pray that we do take control of these terrorists not just Hamas, ISIS all of them. I think they all need to just be

buried in the depths of Hell because they're just useless individuals and that's all I have to say thank you.

Councilwoman Sanchez – Thank you Councilman Accomando I completely agree and my heart really goes out to their families. I, like the Mayor, also acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness. I would too just please make sure you ladies get checked you know go to your appointments make sure you take care of your health it's important. Also I know that they left but I would like to acknowledge the Little League Champions. The Mayor, Councilman Accomando, the coaches they all said it very well. You know it takes teamwork, dedication, commitment, discipline and sacrifice by both the players and the parents to get where they got to so congratulations to them that's it.

Council President Gierek – I too would like to congratulate the Saddle Brook District 5 Champions. All the players, the coaches, the parents who sacrifice hours and hours at the field taking their kids to practices and sitting there sometimes in very cold weather and very hot weather with all the elements and everything and Saddle Brook is very proud of what you've accomplished. The Flood Committee met last month Mr. Lo Dico, myself and we had a resident Neil Fadul who was here last month talking about the situation on Schepis. There's flooding there that he has been working with and dealing with I should say. We did televise the line unfortunately there's no clog there so with that being said we're doing what we can to alleviate any issues that we can help with in Saddle Brook. We do meet every couple of months the Flood Committee. We are in the process of making sure in the event we do get a situation we are prepared to handle it. Unfortunately, we talk about dredging and things that unfortunately cost a tremendous amount of money that's beyond our reach. We're talking millions of dollars so if it's not going to be a collaboration involving right up to the Federal Government to get something like that done. It would obviously involve a lot of towns not just Saddle Brook. Rochelle Park, Lodi, Garfield going up north to those towns as well. So we're doing what we can to be prepared and be vigilant in the event we do have an event here in Saddle Brook. I just want to let the residents know that. The only other thing I have I just want to wish everybody a safe and happy Halloween okay thank you.

Mayor White – Through the Chair I just want to mention about the flooding we do have the DPW going out tomorrow they probably do it today too a little bit but they're cleaning out all the catch basins the leaves falling because that contributes a lot when those catch basins get clogged up on the outside. We have them go out all the time before a heavy rain so it's supposed to rain again tomorrow and Saturday.

Council President Gierek – The issue we're having on Schepis is it's a low lying area of Schepis and it's only when we get a tremendous amount of rain in a short period of time and then usually 6 to 8 minutes after it stops raining it subsides it goes down so I'm thinking that the pipes are too small for the volume of water that's coming so it's an issue that we looked into. I was hoping that there would be a clog clear out the clog and solve the problem. Unfortunately, that wasn't the issue so thank you Mayor.

ORDINANCES

NONE

The Township Clerk reads the following:

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

Councilman Accomando – Through the Chair. I just have a comment. We have businesses that want to come to Town they come to the Planning Board they come to the Zoning Board they come to the Town we change orders we change resolutions. This is just a message to anyone who wants if you want to go to a town I don't care if it's Saddle Brook whatever town you want to go to we're not here to dot your I's and cross your T's do your homework. I'm sick and tired every time every month we have to change an ordinance or change the resolution for the same individuals and it just makes us look incompetent to the public. I just want to say it's not badmouthing anybody but if you're going to come to a town like I said it's your business it's not our business. Do your homework don't make us do your homework for you and that's all I have to say.

Council President Gierek asks for a motion to approve.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll call:

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

* MINUTES

September 7, 2023 Special Public Meeting

* RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

"A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE "SADDLE BROOK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROJECT"

CR# 1023-155

The Township of Saddle Brook ("Township") and the Saddle Brook Public School District have collaborated to develop a project that will improve routes on public roads that provide access to school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township is applying to the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program for funding to address unsafe curbs, sidewalks and crossing conditions and to increase pedestrian safety across the entire network of Saddle Brook public schools, specifically in the areas surrounding Helen I. Smith Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Long Memorial Elementary School, and Saddle Brook Middle/High School within the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for school children and residents in the areas surrounding the aforementioned schools; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the curbs, crosswalks, sidewalks and safety infrastructure, once installed or constructed, will be assumed by the Township with the exception of (1) local ordinances that places maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Township will assign its Township Administrator to serve as the responsible charge for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Saddle Brook Public School District recognize the value of interlocal cooperation as a way of reducing duplication and overlap of services as a means of efficient and economical utilization of resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Saddle Brook that it hereby supports and authorizes the submission of electronic grant application titled "SRS-I-2024-Saddle Brook Township-00051" to the Safe Routes to School Program within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

70WNSHIP 07 SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1023 - 156

WHEREAS, OCTOBER IS ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH, AND

WHEREAS, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE
THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY ITALIANAMERICANS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES,
NEW JERSEY AND IN PARTICULAR HERE IN
SADDLE BROOK, AND

WHEREAS, WE RECOGNIZE THE COMMITMENT OF THE SADDLE BROOK CHAPTER OF SADDLE BROOK UNICO TO OUR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING PROGRAMS INCLUDING SADDLE BROOK'S STREET FAIR, LOCAL FOOD BANKS, AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS ESPECIALLY AWARDING THE BRIAN PICCOLO SCHOLARSHIP TO A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EXCELLING IN SPORTS, SUPPORTING CAUSES SUCH AS JIMMY V., COOLEYS ANEMIA, ST. JUDE, MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND ANTI-BIAS PROGRAMS, AND INSTALLING BENCHES AND A NEW GAZEBO IN UNICO PARK, AND

WHEREAS, MEMBERS OF THE SADDLE BROOK CHAPTER
OF UNICO HAVE GONE ON TO SERVE AS
UNICO DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND
UNICO NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS
RECEIVING NUMEROUS HONORS AND
RECOGNITION,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK THAT THE SADDLE BROOK CHAPTER OF UNICO IS COMMENDED FOR FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING THE UNICO MOTTO "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" AND RECOGNIZED FOR ITS SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS WE CELEBRATE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR # 1023-157

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING \$5,873,807.91 PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

MOTION: Councilwoman Sanchez SECOND: Councilman Accomando

ROLL CALL:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR #1023-158

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING \$583,075.47 PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

MOTION: Councilwoman Sanchez SECOND: Councilman Accomando

ROLL CALL:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION TO LITTIE LLC

CR# 1023-159

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously adopted a resolution approving the application of Littie LLC for a conditional Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturing License at property located at 217 Route 46 in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township thereafter approved a resolution granting Little LLC a 14 day extension for the purposes of finalizing its lease at the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in receipt of a letter from the attorney for Littie LLC requesting an additional sixty (60) day extension in order to complete renovations at the leased premises; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed this request and recommends the Littie LLC be granted an additional sixty (60) day extension to December 19, 2023 for the purpose of completing renovations on the leased premises; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions of the resolution previously adopted remain in effect.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Little LLC be and is hereby granted an additional sixty (60) day extension to December 19, 2023 of their previous approval in order to complete renovations on the leased property located at 217 Route 46; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Little LLC upon its passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION RESCINDING WEEDCRAFT CANNABIS APPROVAL

CR# 1023-160

WHEREAS, Weedcraft Inc. previously made application to the Township of Saddle Brook for a cannabis cultivation facility and a resolution of support was adopted; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, Weedcraft has not received a license from the State of New Jersey for same; and

WHEREAS, after further review of the application, Weedcraft Inc. has elected to withdraw its application for a cannabis cultivation facility based upon its lack of securing a license and a place of business for same; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Committee has reviewed this matter and recommends that Weedcraft Inc.'s resolution of support be rescinded based upon the reasons set forth hereinabove.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Weedcraft Inc.'s resolution in support of a cannabis cultivation facility be and is hereby rescinded based upon its lack of securing a license from the State of New Jersey and a place of business for its cultivation facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Ronald Mondello, Esq., the attorney for Weedcraft Inc. upon its passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION APPROVING EXCUSED ABSENCE

CR# 1023-161

WHEREAS, Councilmember Mazzer has been a member of the Governing Body since January 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Mazzer has been unable to attend meetings of the Governing Body since June 15, 2023 due to circumstances beyond her control; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Mazzer is an exemplary member of the Governing Body having served on several committees with distinction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 16-3(9), an office may be deemed vacant if a member of the Governing Body fails to participate in any meetings for a period of eight (8) consecutive weeks if not excused from attending by a majority of the members of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body believes Councilmember Mazzer's absence from meetings are justified and should be excused.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Councilmember Mazzer's absence from the meetings of the Governing Body since June 15, 2023 be and are hereby excused as same were due to circumstances beyond her control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilmember Mazzer continue to serve as a member of the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1023-162

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023 a terrorist attack occurred in the State of Israel, and

WHEREAS, this attack claimed the lives of 1,400 innocent people, from infants to grandparents including Americans, who were targeted in a vicious way with no regard to human life, and

WHEREAS, these victims lost their lives and their families and friends are mourning their senseless deaths

WHEREAS, there are 199 people being held hostage of all nationalities, including 30 Americans, under extreme conditions and their families and friends have no knowledge if they are even still alive or injured, living minute by minute hoping for any word, and

WHEREAS, the number of lives lost will continue to climb in the coming days and weeks,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council that any loss of lives of innocent people is condemned and abhorred by all who value life and peace and emphasizes that no one has the right to take another's life and we join in prayers for all victims and their families as well for peace throughout the world

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

* CORRESPONDENCE

1. ROBERT KLEIN, ENG. RE: BID-HUTTER ST STORM SEWER REPAIR

TO: MAUREEN RUANE, INT. BUS AD. DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2023



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

October 12, 2023

Maureen Ruane, Township Administrator Township of Saddle Brook 55 Mayhill Street Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook

Hutter Street Storm Sewer Repairs (Re-Bid)

Recommendation to Award RVE File No. 0257-T-112

Dear Ms. Ruane,

We have tabulated the bids received on Thursday, October 12, 2023 for the above captioned project and find the lowest bidder to be Spiniello Companies, 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Livington, NJ 07039 in the amount of \$233,000.00; representing items #1-6 on the base bid.

A copy of the tabulation and original bid documents are enclosed for your review.

Therefore, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq, the contract should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, which appears to be Spiniello Companies.

This award recommendation is contingent upon review and approval of bids by the Township Attorney's office and the availability of funds as certified by the Finance Department.

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

Sincerely.

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert J. Klein, PE, CME Township Engineer

cc:

Mayor White John Schettino Pete Lo Dico Frank Barrale Vincent Buono

ZUCCARO INC. 64 Commerce Street Garfield, NJ 07026 973-472-9554 \$25,000.00 \$35,000.00 \$2,400.00 \$525.00 \$23,000.00 UNIT \$15,000.00 \$63,000.00 \$10.00 \$100,000.00 MONTANA CONSTRUCTION 80 Contant Avenue Lodi, NJ 07644 973-478-5200 \$162,500.00 \$369,010.00 TOTAL \$100,000.00 \$15,000.00 \$63,000.00 \$1.00 \$325.00 UNIT \$11,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$18,000.00 \$2,500.00 \$233,000.00 \$186,000.00 TOTAL SPINIELLO COMPANIES 354 Eisenhower Parkway Livington, NJ 07039 973-808-8383 \$11,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$1,800.00 \$2,500.00 \$372.00 UNIT CYLS E E QUANTITY HUTTER STREET STORM SEWER REPAIRS (RE-BID) PROJECT NUMBER: 200 10 1 MOBILIZATION CLEARING SITE FLOWABLE FILL CIPP LINING, MH TO MH, 36" SITE RESTORATION MANHOLE REHABILITATION REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS CLIENT: TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK DESCRIPTION **BID TABULATION** BASE BID SUBTOTAL: PROJECT NAME: DIAMETER RVE BASE BID 0257T112

\$25,000.00 \$35,000.00 \$24,000.00

TOTAL

\$23,000.00

\$262,500.00

\$423,500.00

2. CAPT ZOTOLLO, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION-MAHWAH VIP LIMO. DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2023

Saddle Brook Police Department



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:

October 5 2023

Re:

LIVERY APPLICATION

Mahwah VIP Limousine, LLC Kahraman Macit 230 68th Street, Apt. 14 Guttenberg, NJ 07093

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

* APPLICATIONS

Raffles

1. RL# 1376 St. Philip the Apostle RC Church 50/50

Livery

2. Mahwah VIP Limousine, LLC - Livery - 250 Pehle Avenue

* REPORTS

- 1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 2. BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 3. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 4. GRANT WRITER REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 5. HOTEL ROOM TAX SEPTEMBER 2023
- 6. DPW MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 7. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 8. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL'S REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 9. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 10.TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2023
- 11. WATER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT- AUGUST 2023
- 12. BUDGET STATUS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Gierek – I'd just like to bring up there was some discussion at the last meeting regarding electric scooters, electric bikes we're looking into how to regulate that. It's been going on in a lot of towns. I haven't seen it so much personally here in Saddle Brook but when I go into Garfield other towns I see people driving these motorized scooters as if they're driving a motorcycle. There's no license plate, there's no head gear, nothing and I'm sure it's happening here it's just not isolated to certain areas but it's something that we may have to look into. I don't know what other towns are doing about it before somebody gets hurt and something happens I think we need to look at it and decide what we'd like to do here in Saddle Brook.

Mr. Schettino – I think there are state statutes on the books because I've seen in some towns summonses that have been issued to individuals operating even electric scooters they were cited the same as if they were operating a motor vehicle. They have to be registered they have to be licensed and careless driving. I believe also one of the Council Members was going to get us a copy of the ordinance from Hoboken to see if that was something that was appropriate for Saddle Brook but we'll do a little more research on it.

Councilman Accomando – Just to piggyback off that I want to mention this because I saw the most horrific thing this weekend. It was a father with a child the child couldn't have been more than three years old. The child had a scooter helmet on like it was on like he was wearing roller skates or something and the father was on Paramus Road going the wrong way on an electric scooter trying to get onto the Parkway. I said if that's not somebody who definitely shouldn't have a kid I don't know what is but my other thing is ever since this has been said to us they're all over Town. Maybe we could do something significant if you can't say scooters maybe you could put any electric vehicle that travels more than 20 miles an hour or more they need to have a helmet because they're on the sidewalks the roadways they're going the wrong way the right way. I think you're right it's going to an issue now but it's going to be a bigger issue once I think the warmer months come.

Mayor White – We're still working on a facilities use ordinance. Andy Gallo the Recreation Director got some ordinances from other towns so we're looking at that and getting some good ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business.

Council President Gierek – Motion to open the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierek – Motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Accomando Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – absent Councilman Accomando – yes Councilwoman Sanchez – yes Councilwoman Mazzer – absent Council President Gierek – yes Mayor White – I just want to say I agree with Councilman Accomando about when you're talking about Hamas and I hate when that happens because you know what happens here in the United States too we have radical groups and you hate to see the whole country be labeled or represented by the sins of a few. There are evil people in this world and I think the Palestinians it's not them it's some of their people and others not only them. I'm sure you know Iran is involved and some other countries you know members of those radical members of those countries as well but you don't want to condemn a whole group of people for that and I think they have a point. You can't just be sorry for the Jewish people there's a lot of innocent people on both sides.

Councilman Accomando – I don't want to seem like a conspiracy theorist but listen the writing is on the wall we just have to make sure we're mindful and just keep an open eye.

Mayor White – I think we are much more prepared than we were before 911 you know. I do think with the Terrorist Task Force they're certainly more on top of it then they used to be. That's a little comforting but you know how it is if somebody really wants to do something and they plan they can do it and when they hate like they do you know that's their look they have people that are Kamikaze right I mean they'll end their life just to accomplish something that the whole group wants I mean that in itself is insane.

Council President Gierek – Motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez	Second: Councilman Accomando
Roll Call:	
Councilman Cimiluca – absent Councilman Accomando – yes Councilwoman Sanchez – yes Councilwoman Mazzer – absent Council President Gierek – yes Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.	
Respectfully submitted,	
Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC Township Clerk	David Gierek Council President

Approved: February 15, 2024