

The minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on October 5, 2023, at 7:00 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 – absent
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – absent
Council President Gierrek – present

Mayor White – present
Maureen Ruane – Interim Business Administrator - present
Mr. Schettino – Twp. Attorney – 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 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 Gierrek asks for a motion to go into closed session for a personnel matter.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1023-152

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on October 5, 2023 at 5:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exists.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – yes

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierrek – yes

Council President Gierrek – The meeting is now open to the public please state your name and address for the record and feel free to make your comments.

Omar Rodriguez of Saddle Brook comes forward. To satisfy my good friend Andrew Cimiluca. Omar Rodriguez eight years as Councilman four time Council President. Anyway just to make a couple of references at the last meeting at the end of the meeting. There is no TV now so there's no show I am not playing for no one right here. The Mayor mentioned that it had to be for agenda items only. You can create and approve the agenda however you want however it's the privilege of the public of any municipality to come to the podium and speak freely their mind. That's called freedom of the speech and it's in the constitution of the United States so there is no law that can prohibit me or anyone to speak whatever I want when I am at this podium. Just to clear that that's not a law it's just a resolution. The Council President can tell me three minutes ten minutes whatever but if the Council President comes there and says there is no time limit there's no time limit. Nobody can be arrested nobody can go to jail for that and again it's part of the constitution. I want to keep the decorum but I just want to make sure everybody understands that the most important thing in America that we have is our voice and no one can stop by no reason at all whatsoever. Also another thing was mentioned that it was going to be reviewed the prior ordinances in cannabis. I know it's been a very difficult process it was a learning curve for everyone even in the State of New Jersey because even the people that are having problems. This has been an ongoing process and all I was just suggesting was just to try if possible to get a little bit of the language so we can just be more prepared in case anyone tries to find a loophole because it was many times it has been changed or have been amended. The Council President just mentioned it's in the hands of the professionals. Let me just clarify and correct the professionals can say whatever they want. They're just professionals they're not employees of the municipality as far as I'm concerned. With do all respect they might be very versed at what they do but right here you guys all five that are sitting on here you are the ones who have to put a face to the boards. You are the ones that have to knock on the doors when you want to get reelected not the professionals. With do all respect you can change the language the way you want it. They can just suggest and give you advice. With that I'm just going to leave it there but then again everything the back is stuck with you not with the professionals. With that like I said I mentioned I don't know if Councilwoman Mazzer is ill or whatever the issue might be. I'm not too versed I guess even though that I've been sitting there I don't know if when you miss three meetings you guys can just proceed and fill that seat and I don't know if you're going to do anything about it because whoever is ill or not cannot present certain things. When you miss three consecutive meetings you're out. That is a regulation by the State of New Jersey but it has to be acted upon you guys that are sitting there. I would like to hear what are you planning to do. That is due diligence. Also at the last meeting I mentioned well not the last one but the prior one I mentioned something about the sweepers. The street sweepers they were by my house around six o'clock in the morning. It was not about the sound or noise no no no what I was trying to pinpoint is what benefit does it bring to the Town to have sweepers at six o'clock in the morning. Why for them to come that early just to clean the middle of the street when all the cars are parked. They haven't even gone to work yet. It's not about my street it's about the entire Town. We have to revisit that if we really want to keep the streets clean. In addition to that it is your duty you trying to establish something it might happen your block, your block and your block Councilman. Nowadays the landscapers are throwing all their dirt into the streets.

How good is to clean the streets when they just come after they do they mow the lawn and they're private landscapers and they just throw it in the street. How good is that? I believe that it should be established an ordinance with penalties like any other town that whenever you violate the cleanliness of my town then you should be fined but if it's no fine they will continue doing that. I believe that you should be looking into that. Now it's all over and it's a shame that it's now happening more over than ever especially on Market Street. They throw everything in the middle of the street and that is the pathway for anyone coming from other towns looking into Saddle Brook. I believe it should be looked into and also since I'm looking into ordinances it just brings me to something that has been spoken for the last three meetings. I'm not even going to mention names but one of the Council members seemed very agitated not agitated actually spoken with passion but it's going nowhere and if I mention that today. It's in your power it's in your hands only in your hands no professionals. You take the first step. You can regulate any type of business within the municipality. So we talking about now the cannabis ordinances a lot of you or many of you have been speaking about why this why the vaping business of selling marijuana openly why don't you just explore that avenue and actually include in the ordinance hours of operation if possible, selling to minors. Why the kids of our Town going high to the school. So as a Town I believe that we have the duty to enforce certain laws that you can write. Another thing that is bothering me, not to me but I guess all of you have seen it. Another ordinance that you should put in place now that the summer is almost done. The scooters electric mopeds or scooters how could it be possible that now the electric scooters are going in the middle of the street. Market Street, Fifth, Midland any street no helmets and on top of that they have a passenger in front of them. Do you want to wait for someone to get killed before you react? We have to be proactive not reactive and I'm sure that all of you have seen that. God forbid that one of those kids are there and then a drunk driver comes hits them then that should be it but then if we have laws in place through ordinances I believe that the police can take action onto that. Can you please at least take a look into it? That will help. Now if I've been reading BA the business administrator I'm pretty sure that I was told last time that it was in the final process. I would like to know when you present the person what is going to be the salary of course it's going to be public knowledge but it would be nice to know what is going to be the starting salary and that is the problem. The problem is that I would like to know is I know that a few meetings ago we extend the contract of the company that was doing the services business administration. Since we're going to have a new BA do we pay until the end of the year for the months that we extended or automatically the Council will fetch that is a question that I would like to be answered later on.

Mayor White tells Mr. Rodriguez that the payments for the BA have stopped.

Mr. Rodriguez – Thank you Mayor. Two more but this is very brief. I was also told and I know that this is a sensitive issue about the Police Department. I suggest Mayor you got a lot of knowledge into this. I'm not going to be redundant because we already discussed it at the work session that hopefully we will be able to reduce the number of captains when the new chief will be on the job next year someone will be replacing Chief Kugler. Hopefully, we will have more police officers on the streets which is what Saddle Brook

needs but that's not the point I want to bring. The point I want to bring someone suggested at a meeting we are paying Chief Kugler even though he's not working but we're missing something the prosecutor also is getting paid by us. Well we're saying Saddle Brook is not paying him is false we're paying them through the county taxes. We're paying two different people to serve one position. Is there any possibility to recover or recoup some of the money because at the end of the day Chief Kugler was found innocent but why we the taxpayers of Saddle Brook have to be penalized. I'm paying two salaries we do pay whoever is prosecutor or acting chief we pay the salary. Chief Kugler we're paying his salary. I think that's unfair to the residents. Nowadays is not the same Saddle Brook that was almost thirty years ago when I came to this town. What used to be middle class is not more middle class or upper middle class. A lot of people are losing their homes and I can tell you for a fact because I can check everything and I can see them. I'm an investor so please let's just be forgiven to those people that cannot afford the taxes. Let's just try to tighten our belt and then again of there is any chances of recovering the salary of Chief Kugler through the county or through the state like it's getting paid through the State to bring more police officers or to have the Chief of Police is getting paid by the State. I wonder if there's any chance for us to go and recover those things from the State. Thank you very much.

Council President Gierak – Thank you Mr. Rodriguez anyone else wish to address the Council? Mr. Duffy.

John Duffy of 259 South Lanza Court comes forward. I'll be very brief. This is my letter to the Council my intention hopefully with your willing to reappoint me to the Zoning Board. My term ends at the end of the year and I state in the letter that I've served for over six years and I'd like to continue serving the community. Thank you.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else wish to address the Council? Seeing no one else motion to close for the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – We're going to do the resolution to hire the business administrator.

RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT AND AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

CR# 1023-153

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook seeks to appoint Jimmy Homsy to the position of Township Administrator and provide a written contract in order to enhance administrative stability and continuity within the Township

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the appointment of Jimmy Homsy for the Township Administrator and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Township Administrator believe a written employment contract is necessary to describe specifically their relationship and to serve as the basis of effective communication between them as they fulfill their administrative functions; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Township Administrator have undertaken negotiations in good faith for the purpose of agreeing on the terms and conditions of employment and grievance procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has approved the terms and conditions of the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the form and legality of this agreement has been approved by the Township's legal counsel.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the appointment of Jimmy Homsy as Township Administrator be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference between the Township and the Township Administrator be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute the attached contract setting forth the terms and conditions of employment of the Township Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution as well as the signed Contract shall be kept in the personnel file of the Township Administrator.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierak – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I have a few things regarding one of our favorite subjects the speed humps. I just want to announce the results of the survey that was sent out to the residents on Jamros Terrace. There's fifty households on Jamros Terrace and we got back thirty four. Twenty six were in favor of the speed humps and eight were not. That's pretty overwhelming in favor and I recommend that we due to the fact that we have the school crossing guard there and the pathway that leads into the back of Smith School I think we should go forward with that as soon as possible. We have the contractors in Town now. We have a contractor to do a certain amount of speed humps. Also my secretary Christine should have emailed everybody a petition that we received from a resident on Oak Avenue. I believe every single resident signed it. They want a speed hump. That's going to put us in kind of a quandary because I don't know maybe we'll do a speed study there.

Councilman Cimiluca – Correct me if I'm wrong that's one block long.

Mayor White – It's one block long it goes between Schepis and Wilson. Now we did have the problem on Wilson and Oak because Oak turns into on the other side turns into Plaza Road but that was before I was here it was when I was a police officer when we put the four way stop and that's very effective it's working well there. As far as this petition I mean Strathmore they did a petition and it was overwhelming most of the residents wanted it. At least with Strathmore we have Avon Park there so that gives you some reason. I don't know we can try to do a traffic study but I can't imagine I gave Mr. Cimiluca the distance a short street and it goes between two busier streets. I can't imagine that anybody can build up that much speed on Oak Avenue. Now we've got every resident that signed it and I think it's a dangerous precedent if we do it but we're going to have to explain to all these people why we're not doing it. I think we do a good job trying to you know we have a process so.

Mr. Schettino – You may want to, in conjunction with the police department, try to formulate some type of criteria.

Mayor White – We do have a criteria. We have a committee and that's why we've been doing the surveys. The first couple of humps that we put in we didn't do a survey and then we kind of got bit. We ended up removing one which was a mistake but we did but ever

since then and one of the reasons why the resident was up in arms complaining of all kinds of vibrations damage to his home and noise. His biggest complaint and he was right about was we didn't do a survey. We didn't ask the residents if they were in favor of it. Ever since then we've been doing the surveys which have worked out.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair we have the speed box you got somebody asking for something on that street I don't think it hurts anybody to contact the Police Department to put the speed box and run the numbers out. If we just either say yeah we'll put it up again like you said Mayor a dangerous precedent if we say no also a dangerous precedent because we're just doing it because the eye test is when you have a block that's maybe ten houses long why give a speed hump because we've been doing it the criteria is streets that are near schools, or public facilities, parks things of that nature or long cut through blocks but when you've got intersecting blocks it is one block long I think that would be a dangerous precedent also. I think what makes the most sense seems to be since we have the box we bought it for a reason may as well utilize it and then come back with the numbers and see what they are. Then at least if we decide to go with it or go against it we'll have some data to back up whatever decision we decide to make.

Mayor White – I agree.

Councilman Cimiluca – Everyone coming off 208 gets on Plaza Road but there is a stop sign on the other side in the Fair Lawn side. That might even be Saddle Brook is the other side Saddle Brook?

Mayor White – Two houses.

Councilman Cimiluca – Okay so it's Saddle Brook so they have to stop. In their zeal to get to Schepis I guess they could gun it but again it's only one block it's five hundred feet. You all live on the streets that are there the only difference is to get to your street you have to go on Wilson and turn. The only difference is the width of Wilson that would give them a running start as opposed to your blocks but I mean everybody on those tree streets could say the same thing. We want a speed hump. Our job is not to ensure that every single person is below the speed limit. Our job is to make sure that if there are streets that are continually and commonly being used for excessive speeding to figure out a way to stop that. I think the numbers show what they are.

Council President Gierak – Exactly yes.

Mayor White – I agree.

Council President Gierak – Justify our decision whatever that may be.

Mayor White – I would like to go forward with Jamros we already said Schepis we're going to do. I know we're looking into South Broadway. We haven't gotten back enough

information. There was a traffic study done a speed counter went on there I'm not sure what happened.

Councilman Cimiluca – Those speeds were higher than almost every one that we've done before. The average speed was over the speed limit.

Mayor White – We should send a survey out for that though.

Councilman Cimiluca – Sure. The question on the surveys Nancy Murray came here one time and said we should do side streets where I don't think we'd be doing that but is it the entire length of South Broadway that the survey would go to or where Bob feels in conjunction with the Police Department where they feel the best area is and do ten houses east of it on both sides of the street. Go down ten houses and go up ten houses.

Mayor White – Some of them on the north side that's Fair Lawn there.

Councilman Cimiluca – We have to decide where we think the best area is. Then the question is do you do the entire length or do you do house that would be mostly affected by it in terms of noise, vibrations and such.

Mayor White – I've got good news about the residents from most of them are from Dewey Avenue but Sampson and Dewey the problem with the stop sign and the dangerous intersection. I had spoken to Bob Klein about it and the Police Department and pretty much listening to the residents that were complaining. The biggest issue was there was a tree a maple tree more like a big bush but it was maybe twenty five feet tall kind of wide. What we ended up doing was Bobby Hicswa went to the resident on the corner of Sampson and Dewey so it would be the southwest corner and that's what they were complaining about because when you were going north on Sampson and you stop at Dewey you really couldn't see the traffic that was coming because of this big tree. Long story short Bobby Hicswa talked to the resident will you let us take it down no problem. They took it down it was an easy tree to take down the DPW did it they did a good job but now I believe there's no problem anymore. I think they'll be happy with that and it is much safer although when we checked with the Police Department I think there was two accidents in the last three years there. There is the ball field there and it was very difficult to see you had to really pull out. We'll talk about this with comments the facilities use policy I think we really have to try to nail that down. I'm getting a lot of requests and it's a little confusing. I don't want to start doing something that we're going to regret later so I think we have to nail that down. I received a letter form the County we are receiving \$143,000 in open space grant funds for Kern Street Park. That's one of the parks we wanted to do some work on along with Fifth Street Park. Also Mr. Fadul who came here about the flooding I believe he went to the Flood Mitigation Meeting last week.

Council President Gierak – Yes he did I'll have some comments on that.

Mayor White – Just some comments about Mr. Rodriguez talking about the sweeper. We've been doing the same thing with the sweeper for years. I know it would be nice if the streets where no cars parked and they could just do and be unimpeded and do both side of the street and the middle of the street but we never have done it and we really don't receive many complaints. Six o'clock is kind of early but he is referring to that the cars are all parked while they do it. It does make a little bit of sense.

Councilman Accomando – Just through the Chair if you wait for everybody to move now you're dealing with school traffic work traffic so you're really not going to be able to get from one side to the other so you can't have your cake and eat it too.

Mayor White – It's not an ideal situation.

Councilman Cimiluca – Can they start at nine I mean logistically can they? I don't know what DPW does in terms of assignment. Let's say the guy who's usually the street sweeper if that's his job to sweep the streets and he's on the job at seven o'clock I don't even think they get there at six o'clock in the morning.

Mayor White – In the summer they start at six.

Council President Gierak – He's usually passing my house and probably comes around the corner by you Mayor when I'm leaving for work around seven forty five seven thirty something like that. That's when he's coming down Ash Avenue typically.

Councilman Cimiluca – If we have like in Hoboken every single street has one hour per week other than Washington which I'm at every day but one hour per week where you can't park and I know because I've got twenty people a day objecting to their tickets because they were only there for two minutes and their grandmother was sick and they wanted to check on them. There's all kinds of excuses. Do we have any regulations in place I should know this but I don't for no parking due to street sweeping? I know that we don't want to do that for all these side streets and everything like that but if it's like on some of the bigger streets maybe we can do that and this way he's doing those streets before nine o'clock and then can be more effective. I understand I park in front of my house and if I don't leave like tomorrow I'm working from home if my wife's in the driveway I'm not moving my car from the street to the driveway.

Mayor White – My neighbors are the same way they don't move their cars. You've got to go to alternate side of the street where one week it'll be on one side and the next week on the other so the sweeper can do one side.

Councilman Cimiluca – Just like one hour a week or something like that.

Mayor White – Yeah and certain hours.

Councilman Cimiluca – Just a thought.

Mayor White – The other thing that he brought up which I kind of agree with him I think it's going to become more of a problem in the near future is these electric scooters. Our friend on Fairlawn Parkway he's been complaining about it. I have seen a lot more of those electric scooters and they go fast. I think what we can do is pass an ordinance to restrict it somewhat. I don't believe you can totally restrict ban them but you can put certain regulations on them. You can't be on the sidewalk.

Council President Gierak – Helmet.

Councilman Cimiluca – That's a big thing that's a big initiative in Hoboken and I know they take a zero tolerance policy on that. What I can do is I can send that to John I can get our ordinance which requires that you're not on the sidewalk and that you're required if there is a bike lane that you're not in the bike lane. The bike lane is just for bicycles. That you move along with the safe flow of traffic so if traffic is northbound you can't go southbound in northbound lanes and also that you have to follow all of the other traffic regulations that applies to you. It's considered a motor vehicle so you're subject to the stop sign regulations and red light regulations and yields and all that stuff.

Mayor White – They don't need to be registered or licensed or anything right?

Councilman Cimiluca – Over a certain cc's.

Councilman Accomando – Electric doesn't have cc's.

Councilman Cimiluca – Oh the electric motors that's right.

Council President Gierak – You're talking scooters you're talking bikes that have the capability.

Councilman Cimiluca – E bikes are big too.

Council President Gierak – There's a lot that goes on.

Councilman Cimiluca – John I'm going to get you the ordinance.

Council President Gierak – Then they have the bigger wheels you stand on them those are scooters.

Councilman Accomando – Just like I was asking the attorney I've been getting asked questions regarding electric golf carts. They want to start using golf carts to go from their homes to Veterans Field to Nedellec Field it's like why. They say well It's cheaper on gas. I can move down the shore and use why can't I use it we're still in the State of New Jersey.

Councilman Cimiluca – The answer is that they're in holiday city which is a self-contained community and they're not driving on Fisher Boulevard in a golf cart. They're not driving down the main streets.

Councilman Accomando – No they're driving on streets that maximum twenty five miles an hour. So if it's twenty five miles or less can they drive on the street?

Councilman Cimiluca – What I'm saying is that almost all those people that have golf carts are in the retirement communities which they're driving just out of their house on Fisher Boulevard just going on the main streets.

Councilman Accomando – You go to Wildwood and Seaside they're driving down Ocean Avenue Ocean Boulevard Pacific driving all over the place. The reason I'm wondering is because I don't have the answer that's why I'm asking. If they can drive on every street with a speed limit of twenty five miles an hour down the shore and the state speed limit is twenty five miles an hour why can't they do it in Saddle Brook?

Council President Gierak – I'm assuming there's no ordinance pertaining to golf carts in Saddle Brook.

Mr. Lo Dico – No.

Councilman Accomando – EV's electric vehicles electric carts.

Councilman Cimiluca – They could be gas some are gas some are electric. Just from going golfing some courses have electric some have gas.

Councilman Accomando – I kind of agree with the landscaping aspect. On both sides of my house they have a landscaper and the landscaper comes blows everything into the street and blows it into my driveway. When I come home it's annoying onto my cars. I understand the problem with that because we do away with the putting the grass in the street but the landscapers and homeowners would put it in bags then so it gets picked up. If you have to put it in the bag I think the landscaper should have to pick it up and put it in the truck or pick it up put it in a bag and put it at the curb.

Councilman Cimiluca – That's what my guy does.

Mayor White – They're supposed to.

Mr. Lo Dico – We have an ordinance it's got to be enforced.

Mayor White – They're supposed to clean up.

Mr. Lo Dico – Can't blow anything into the street.

Councilman Cimiluca – Would that be part of our littering ordinance too?

Mr. Lo Dico – We have an ordinance on that.

Mayor White – I know that the police get called on that sometimes and we go and they don't clean up and they make a report on it and they're gone at least it's documented.

Councilman Accomando – Other than that I just want to congratulate Mr. Homsy and wish him the best.

Councilwoman Sanchez – Same thing congratulations.

Councilman Cimiluca – I was going to ask Mr. Rodriguez if he had any specific questions. He's talking about the E-scooters and I wanted to know if he was talking about banning them altogether or whether we require helmets things and like that. Again I will provide Mr. Schettino with the Hoboken ordinance which is pretty thorough. Did we ever get a sponsor for the concert that never took place do we apply that to the next concert?

Council President Gierak – The concert Tuned Up is there a sponsor for that?

Mayor White – No.

Councilman Cimiluca – I had talked to the lady at Visions and she said she was going to do something I never heard anything so I'm assuming they didn't.

Councilman Accomando – How much is it?

Councilman Cimiluca – I think all together with the stage was two thousand dollars. That goes into my next thing. Councilman Accomando was good enough, vocal enough and forceful enough to get Lodi to donate their stage but this time had we gone through with this concert we would have hit about eight hundred dollars to get Clifton to give us their stage. The question is I think we should price out an extension of we have a stage but it's small it's the ones we stand on for the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony things like that the VFW parade to see if that's expandable since the Lodi one seems like a whole bunch of tables that were zip tied or clipped together to see if we can do that and have it here. We have a bunch of storage here it wouldn't be a problem to store it. In talking to Mr. Gallo He's also putting in for I told him to put in for a sound system for the Town in the Town hall. Every time they have an event like the 911 Ceremony things of that nature he brings it from the Fire Department so we should have our own. The days of borrowing from people should be done. This is a brand new facility we spent a gazillion dollars on it I think we should have our own sound system that we should have here to use when necessary instead of bringing in other actually begging people to give us their sound system. Hopefully, Mr. Gallo is going to do that and in talking to him also he did purchase some no cell phone use in the fitness room. I went there a couple of times and we had people on the treadmill talking having this full blown conversation with somebody else

while you're trying to work out. It's just annoying as hell so we did purchase and put up some no cell phone use signs.

Mayor White – Through the Chair the stage the band show I know the County we checked with the County and they were being repaired or something like that. I just saw something on Facebook. I think one of them they name it after Loretta Weinberg or something so I don't know if they're fixing it.

Councilman Cimiluca – I know that they've had it but everyone's there's 72 towns in Bergen County maybe ten of them have their own stuff so everyone's looking to those ten towns and the County to get them so we'd have to price it out. Obviously if it's a ridiculous amount of money then it's a no go but if it's doable and our stage according to what I was told the DPW told somebody that the stage that we have is expandable and can be like Legos put together and have a full blown stage for activities. It could be if we have a bunch of kids that wanted to do a dance show or talent show or a dance. I think it was successful this year we expect it's going to be more successful next year so we intend to do three concerts next summer hopefully so it might be worth our while to consider doing something like that. I don't who was talking about the sound system for here that we have our own sound system a PA and speakers so this way we don't have to bring it in from another organization in order to announce things.

Councilman Accomando – I have great idea to save the Town a lot of money. If we build a platform in the corner three sides open front with pressure treated lumber. We pay for the materials we'll have the County do the inmate labor free to offset the costs. The stage will be there all year long.

Councilman Cimiluca – Where would you do it?

Councilman Accomando – Somewhere in the corner there.

Councilman Cimiluca – The corner by the Ambulance Corp Monument?

Councilman Accomando – No the other side. So now when you have a concert that least the sound would be coming this way and not out to the houses. Not that they would complain but at least they'll have the sound contained to the parking lot and the parking lot only.

Councilman Cimiluca – You're talking about the corner when we drive out to the right and west. The biggest downside would be running the electricity to it because we have the electricity here you'd have to run it.

Councilman Accomando – I'll have them dig a trench.

Councilman Cimiluca – You're a tough boss.

Councilman Accomando – If you want something I'll measure it out get a material list price it out, give it to the County and see what they say.

Councilman Cimiluca – You're saying build a permanent stage.

Councilman Accomando – A permanent structure with three side an open front and the sides and the back would have a railing so that we couldn't fall off.

Mr. Schettino - We'd have to have that designed by a professional I don't know if it would be an engineer or an architect because we're taking ownership of it so you have to make sure that it meets codes.

Councilman Accomando – I can guarantee if I'm building it and I built plenty for the Town.

Mayor White – You to also be careful if it floods.

Councilman Accomando – I've done a lot of work for the County for decks, ramps, platforms.

Mr. Schettino – What if somebody gets hurt on it and they say that the steps weren't the right way.

Councilman Accomando – Everything's by code.

Mayor White – What they do in Garfield is they get a flatbed pickup truck and the band plays on top of it. They must have something so they don't fall off.

Councilman Cimiluca – If the band sucks they just drive away.

Mayor White – I wanted to mention I don't if you noticed the veteran signs are up. One by the ambulance monument the other on the other side by the gym.

Councilman Accomando – Cool.

Council President Gierak – I just have a couple of things. The Flood Committee met last week. It was myself, Mr. Lo Dico and the resident that spoke at the last meeting, Mr. Fadul. We all know his issue as far as the flooding on Schepis. We are hoping that we can kind of scope out to Fairlawn Parkway if there's any clog there that's holding that water back from backing up on Schepis. It seems like it's gotten worse the last couple of years. I don't know if that's these extreme storms where you get six, eight, ten inches of rain in a short period of time is the situation but we were hoping that could be scoped out. I think at one point we may have done Schepis.

Mr. Klein – I'll look back and see if we didn't already do it semi recently.

Mayor White – I think Schepis we did.

Council President Gierak – Does that go out to Fairlawn Parkway?

Mr. Klein – Without mapping I'm not really sure where exactly it goes.

Council President Gierak – There's been some water issues on Fairlawn Parkway too that we haven't seen so much in the past.

Mr. Klein – One of the days that Schepis flooded I was out there myself Fairlawn Parkway was also flooded.

Council President Gierak – Okay.

Mr. Klein – It's something we can look at.

Councilman Cimiluca – We had that five days of constant rain but nothing was on Schepis I think it's just like you said we got six inches of rain in two hours I think that certain areas are just going to get it. When you look on channel four news and you see cars floating down the street there might be a problem. I think the barricade is the best idea but rather than spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on something that affects two houses twice a year potentially when the issue is the cars running down the street and the waves going into the homes. We block it we'll have the DPW do it and they do that they do it on President Street near Midland Avenue they do it all the time. They do it on Midland Avenue by Zuckerberg's all the time. It's areas that they know when we're going to get those flash flood type things that they put out the barriers and they can do the same thing on that block.

Mr. Klein – That said Lodi has a camera if we can get them out there it won't cost anything.

Council President Gierak – I don't think anybody and I explained that to Mr. Fadul we're not going to be digging up backyards and putting in huge pipes here.

Mayor White – The pipe runs all along the back I believe it's right at that location at Schepis and Spruce. I think most of the water the pipe runs say from Midland in the street but then it makes a right and goes behind all of those houses.

Mr. Klein – There's a double inlet there right by Spruce that the first big place it goes is cutting through.

Mayor White – Then it goes behind all those houses it's got to be maybe fifteen twenty houses from there to Fairlawn Parkway and then it goes from Fairlawn Parkway I think if I was guessing then up Graham to the park.

Mr. Klein – There could be what I think is an undersized pipe somewhere down the line.

Council President Gierak – If we can get it looked at go to Lodi get the camera get it scoped out. He says once you have that extreme storm and the water rises and it stops raining in six to eight minutes it goes right down.

Mr. Klein – That's what I witnessed. It wasn't in minutes you could see it was in the pipe as it lowered.

Council President Gierak – We could see if there is a partial obstruction of some sort and we could address that. Other than that I think Mr. Fadul knows if it's an obstruction and we can help him by clearing that obstruction by all means but we're not looking to do a huge project here for one or two residents unfortunately.

Councilman Cimiluca – I was in the side to Mr. Klein I was talking about painting you talk about speed bumps and I think that we had decided that we're going to paint them the yellow right.

Councilman Accomando – It was either white reflective or yellow.

Councilman Cimiluca – Yellow reflective on the humps because we did have complaints that people didn't see them even though there's two signs and there's the white diagonal lines pointing to it people still I guess maybe talking on the phone maybe just ignoring it listening to the radio whatever don't see it so in our zeal to try and satisfy people That's what we could do. I thought we had decided we were going to do that Mr. Klein was not aware of that so maybe I was wrong or most likely I am but we're looking for approval to get the contractor out there to paint all the humps with reflective paint.

Council President Gierak – I'm fine with that suggestion.

Mr. Klein – When we do the new ones we'll have those painted yellow.

Mayor White – Just the hump itself.

Mr. Klein – Yeah.

Councilman Cimiluca – The only question I have is I think that those white diagonal lines that point to it do they go to on top of those speed humps.

Mr. Klein – There's arrows that are painted on top of the speed humps.

Councilman Cimiluca – So the question is when they're painted yellow does the arrow disappear or do we paint the yellow and the arrows continue on?

Mr. Klein – I would just do the whole thing yellow.

Councilman Cimiluca – So the arrow is going to the speed hump then it's yellow.

Mr. Klein – Yeah.

Mayor White – Some of them are wearing down the first ones we did like Hillside they need to be repainted anyway.

Council President Gierak – One other thing I had Mayor you said we are getting \$135,000 grant for that park. I was talking to a resident that lived on Victor basically from the little league field over the left field fence he lives right there he was mentioning to me about the space between the ball field and the park that there's kids that walk or run back and forth. So at some point whether we can put something there as far as a crosswalk or something. Some of the residents when we discussed about the park there.

Mayor White – You're talking about from Kern Park.

Council President Gierak – Right because some of the residents that came at that one meeting we had at the old building they were saying during the games we should close off that street Kern Street and all that I get it but there should be like a crosswalk there if there's kids that are going to be going from the ballfield to the park.

Mayor White – There's a curb there now because that was one of the streets that was done. There was never a curb there by the park.

Council President Gierak – Right.

Mayor White – Is there an indent in that curb Mr. Klein?

Mr. Klein – Are you talking about the pathway from the playground or are you talking about the park?

Council President Gierak – Where the kids are running to the field and running across the street to the playground and this resident says they have young children and it's dangerous for them. Not only his kids but all the other kids that are there.

Mayor White – I don't think we should let them park in front of the park especially now that there's a curb there because what happens is everybody wants to park there and go watch the game it's close it's right across the street but that's dangerous because even a big kid or an adult if they're coming out between two parked cars you can't see them. We're better off painting that curb yellow no parking there. That's one of the things we should do when we improve the park and add a crosswalk.

Council President Gierak – If there's a crosswalk there then they can't park.

Mayor White – They can't park within twenty five feet or something.

Council President Gierak – That might solve the problem and then if we can paint the curbs yellow too. The only other thing I have to say Mr. Rodriguez brought up Councilwoman Mazzer I haven't received any definitive information regarding Councilwoman Mazzer. I personally am willing to give her as much time as she needs to feel better and get better. I mean she's a close friend she's been on the Council twenty two years. She's done many wonderful things in this Town. She's known by everybody and I just feel like for myself giving her the time that she needs to get better within reason nothing between now and the end of the calendar year minimum for me personally.

Mr. Schettino – Can I just comment, there is a statute that states that if a member of the Governing Body misses three regularly scheduled meetings the Council has the prerogative to remove them however you also have the prerogative to have it as excused absences. For example illness or something maybe they had to visit somebody in another country whatever so in line if the Township is in agreement with what you just stated you could take a vote and say that Councilperson Mazzer has an excused absence. You don't have to state the reason because that's personal to her and the public doesn't have a right to know what if any personal issues she may have and then therefore it becomes an excused absence and she can't be removed because she missed three regular meetings.

Councilman Cimiluca – So it would be the Council has the prerogative to do that or not do that.

Mr. Schettino – Correct.

Councilman Cimiluca – One way to maybe tidy it up a bit is to actually have I guess it would be a resolution just stating that the Council is viewing the absences from whenever it started to currently as excused absences.

Mr. Schettino – Yes.

Councilman Cimiluca – This way that three months when the three month period wouldn't start until after that and we could always revisit that.

Mr. Schettino – Correct.

Council President Gierak – That sounds like a great idea I'm on board with that.

Councilman Accomando – So am I.

Mr. Schettino – Mr. Lo Dico can you just email me when Councilperson Mazzer started missing the meeting?

Mr. Lo Dico – Sure.

Council President Gierak – Thank you. Mr. Klein engineer's report.

Mr. Klein – I'll start with the water main project we are doing which is Hobson and Midland. The contractor is going to start the construction on Hobson Avenue on Tuesday. The contractor is going to start the project on Hobson on Tuesday. The utility work itself should take about a month and then I would expect final resurfacing in those after that. Congress Street will be done Alberta Drive is having the concrete work done. The 2023 Road Program is Strathmore Terrace, Van Luyn, Kern, Hutter and Avon that concrete work is ongoing. The contractor is currently on Avon and Strathmore working. The contractor has basically completed Van Luyn and Kern. Hutter should follow Avon and Strathmore we should get a schedule from the contractor when he's going to pave all of those. They do have as part of their contract to install four speed humps. I'm thinking two on Schepis one on Strathmore one on Jamros. If we want to do the one on South Broadway instead maybe we save that one for the next round just because the contractor will probably do this work early in November if possible.

Councilman Cimiluca – We don't have a spot for that yet.

Mr. Klein – Yeah.

Councilman Cimiluca – We haven't sent out the surveys.

Mr. Klein – I'll do two on Schepis one on Strathmore and one on Jamros.

Councilman Cimiluca – Speed humps don't go curb to curb so it wouldn't affect the running complaint if you're going to put it near Spruce.

Mr. Klein – No. Finally we have the Hutter Street storm sewer repair work it went out to bid prices came in high we got an extension from FEMA for April 30th so we extended it. We are now hoping to get it done October 12th and that's it.

Councilman Accomando – When are they going to start paving Strathmore and Avon?

Mr. Klein – There's no scheduled date yet it's getting close. There's not too much more concrete work and I'll see if I can get a date.

Councilman Cimiluca – The other day as I was driving to the Municipal Complex and I saw a couple of trucks outside the pump station so I called up Bobby Hicswa and said that there were issues. I think at some point we're going to have to address the elephant in the room which is that pump station. I think at some point we have to get a full evaluation of what we have, what we need and if we had two of the three pumps working something like that but it seems like we're always trying to fix things sort of like the police air conditioning system. We keep trying to fix it and it just needs a new one.

Mr. Klein – We did actually do an evaluation of that pump station and recommended improvements. That was used to get the funding from the congressional funding the 1.3

million so that's something that again we need to move along but that's time consuming so we're trying to keep things going and keep it operating as best we can.

Councilman Cimiluca – We have the money for improvements by a grant or something?

Mr. Klein – Yes we do. It's a time consuming process before we actually go out to bid. We did submit a proposal to begin that process.

Councilman Cimiluca – Are we going to be behind the eight ball because we're just kind of band aiding it and how long before we don't want a disaster because we're trying to bid piece meal. Do you have an idea of timing at all?

Mr. Klein – It could be a couple of years.

Councilman Cimiluca – Will this pump station last a couple of years. I just don't want a disaster.

Mr. Klein – It's always hard to say especially with the issues they have now. Two of the three pumps are working the third one is being repaired right now. I think it's coming back in less than a month.

Councilman Cimiluca – My understanding is that some of the supplies and parts are so old that they don't even make them. They have to fabricate them there's no replacement parts anymore.

Mr. Klein – That's typical with an older pump station. A lot of times vendors will sell retrofit kits and stuff to take its place.

Mayor White – Through the chair. Mr. Cimiluca I know the pumps are from Germany and very difficult to get parts they're old. My understanding if they change the pumps they're going to have to change that whole all the electrical everything down there and I don't think even with the money that's earmarked we're going to have to put I know Ms. Ruane looked into it a little bit but it's going to be more than the grant.

Mr. Klein – The grant we put in for was for pump station upgrades and for line enforcement.

Mayor White – The last time we did was probably sometime between 2000 and 2010.

Mr. Klein – Yes I'm going to imagine that for this to come to fruition the Town will probably have to kick in some money.

Mayor White – We have to think about that for next year for capital improvements.

Mr. Klein – Absolutely.

Council President Gierak – So what's the difference we're getting 1.3 hypothetically and what would it be?

Mr. Klein – We had estimated I think over 2 million.

Mayor White – That was a while ago too so it's probably more.

Mr. Klein – We had updated it not too long ago.

Councilman Cimiluca – It just seems like we got a hundred thousand here a hundred thousand next year and stuff like that.

Mayor White – It's a lot of money to repair it.

Council President Gierak – Anyone have any additional questions for the engineer? Let's move on to the items for discussion. Number one safe routes to school application for grant.

Mr. Klein – There was a meeting the other day on the grant.

Mr. Lo Dico – We met with the DOT via Zoom. He was very helpful in giving some information and some guidance. Our suggestion was go ahead with the grant application with Claire making some changes.

Mr. Klein – With these grants you can get you have not only construction costs you have engineering costs involved which you can get the engineering costs can be reimbursable but in order to do that you have to go through a procurement process.

Councilman Cimiluca – Do we have a proposed project?

Mr. Lo Dico – We have one from 2021 with some of the sidewalks at each of the elementary schools and the high school curb cuts and what happened was our person we spoke to at the State said because our projects in the past were under three hundred thousand it wasn't a viable proposal to get a grant. He's saying now that the costs have gone up so much we're probably over the three hundred thousand dollar threshold which will help us in getting the grant.

Councilman Cimiluca – So they didn't consider our grant application because we're asking for too little money?

Mr. Lo Dico – Evidently which we didn't know we would have certainly included more sidewalk and curb.

Council President Gierak – The second item for discussion the policy regarding the use of the Municipal Complex. I believe we had mentioned last meeting that Andy Gallo was

going to take a look at some of the other policies that exist in some of the other places. Do we have any information on that?

Mayor White – No unfortunately.

Council President Gierak – I know you were saying Mayor that time was of the essence at this point and we don't want to make a mistake here. I don't know what other places are charging for similar type of spaces and so forth.

Mayor White – I don't really have any idea. I'm most concerned with I think we have to narrow it down. I like having public entities like right now we have the Board of Elections in here we worked out a fee.

Mr. Lo Dico – A hundred and seventy five a day.

Mayor White – That's for them to me I think it would have to be a resident or a non-profit that's from Saddle Brook. That's the way I look at it. I don't think any businesses should be able to rent it I think that's a problem. I think we stick with the residents, non-profits from Saddle Brook and public entities from outside of Saddle Brook, County State.

Council President Gierak – In regards to the money it would be a certain amount if they want to use the gym versus using some of the rooms that we have available so we have to come up with numbers for that. Mr. Lo Dico had mentioned a hundred and seventy five.

Mr. Lo Dico – We worked it out with the Board of Elections.

Mayor White – That was per day but to me that's kind of low for use of the gym. We've been approached by the CYO that they may want to rent it. They're a non-profit but we don't have a CYO in Saddle Brook. I still think we're better off to remain just people from Saddle Brook.

Council President Gierak – I agree. We're just keeping it for Saddle Brook residents obviously they pay taxes. The non-profits our community benefits from them holding an event so I wouldn't want to beat them up but we've got to make sure we cover our costs and a little bit more. We can take a look maybe sit down and come up with some numbers and then we can get it on the agenda here. Obviously, the gym should be more than just using the other room that we have there.

Councilman Cimiluca – Mr. Homsy did you have any policies in Tenafly did they have a building that was a facility sort of like this a municipal complex where they would sometimes allow organizations to use it?

Mr. Homsy – They had small meeting rooms they weren't very large about a thousand square feet. They were used for meetings or young age school programs but they did charge a nominal fee and also some of the other meeting rooms we had small gatherings

or small weddings, occasions and special events and we would charge a nominal fee to cover the costs. We did not have anything like this complex available for public use.

Councilman Cimiluca – Would you want to see what they had in their town?

Council President Gierak – Yeah.

Mayor White – The other thing is the process there should be an application, insurance should have to be reviewed by the Police Department if it's anyone outside using the parking lot who might need traffic. The DPW should look at it to see if they're using the facility using the bathrooms. They should look at that before. Do they need a custodian that should be the beginning. They come in they fill out the application and also too you have food vendors you want the Health Department to look at it.

Council President Gierak – There's a lot that goes into it.

Mayor White – We had this last one where we allowed Mount Virgin to come in and do a car show. We ended up charging because we and that was one that was an issue because they came in before we had any idea and started a facility use policy and they were under the understanding that there wasn't going to be any fees. They had spoken to the Police Department directly and we came up with something that we agreed upon. I know that they were going to one of the things they said when they were here we really shouldn't have is everybody got caught off guard. Three residents that are affiliated with Mount Virgin an out of town catholic church and they hit us up and we weren't prepared and what are we going to say. We said yes and they also did say they were going to donate some of the proceeds to the Ambulance Corps. Last I heard they were checking their finances and it was three weeks ago and it was well attended we don't have any checks for the Ambulance Corps that I know of. With our new policy I don't think they would qualify and I had to hear it from our church too saying that they're from out of town but that's another long story. The one we had before that they donated a lot of money to the Ambulance Corps. Next year I don't think they qualify because they're not from Town. All they really have to do in their case I think is get together with the Ambulance Corps and make it an Ambulance Corps function. It's just like when they have the Fish and Chips. The Ambulance Corps is housed in our building here. I know a lot of the Ambulance Corps members think it's their building but it's the Town's building. What should happen next year is they should get together with the Ambulance Corps and just collaborate. They kind of sold it like that it was on their fliers.

Councilman Cimiluca – I saw the person that came here to ask for it I saw him at the fitness center when I was here and I asked how that went and he said they had to turn away about seventy five cars. They should have made some money.

Mayor White – There was a lot involved in that too. First of all you had the police you had the DPW. One police special two DPW workers Sunday double time. The banner that

they purchased our DPW had to install it and put it up. That all costs money. They asked for a photographer. Those are all expenses the Town shouldn't have to incur expenses.

Council President Gierak – Absolutely that's why we have to come up with a policy that works and we have to take care of our residents first.

Councilman Cimiluca – I think we had a policy that was like a template.

Mayor White – The big thing is the months. I'll talk to Andy Gallo and see what he came up with.

Council President Gierak – Do we have any other entities looking to use it Mayor as far as you said you want to get this done and I agree we should get this done.

Mayor White – Well for instance Andy said and this is one it's a gray area and I don't think we should allow it because it's one of the High School Booster Clubs and they want to do a fund raiser. I don't know why they just don't do it at the school but probably because their facility you said they don't want them to do it. I don't know are we going to get hit with all kinds of requests and it's not the school it's the boosters whatever I don't know which one it is let's just say it's football. I don't know you know what I mean do we want to even go there.

Councilman Cimiluca – They're kids from Saddle Brook that are trying to raise money.

Mayor White – They're not the kids it's the parents.

Council President Gierak – They're all residents.

Mayor White – I don't know why they don't just use the school.

Council President Gierak – That's not considered a school event then right Mayor.

Mayor White – I believe it's not.

Councilman Cimiluca – It's for the benefit of Saddle Brook students.

Council President Gierak – Then we also have to consider the insurance liability there as well.

Mayor White – I know the school they look at it from being on the Board of Ed it's like a separate thing it's not part of the school.

Council President Gierak – Right I remember cheerleaders and football and all that yep.

Mayor White – Could somebody come and ask to do a fundraiser for a function.

Council President Gierak – It all depends on the policy right.

Mayor White – You know Nick Boragine he had a fundraiser when his house burned.

Council President Gierak – It depends on what the policy is. If the policy says it's a Saddle Brook resident and they say I'm a Saddle Brook resident and I want to do this fundraiser for this person and that policy permits that then we have a hard time saying no that's where I'm getting with the policy so.

Mayor White – Maybe that's something we've got to think about.

Council President Gierak – There's gray areas.

Mayor White – Once you allow it once that's going to happen and then everybody's going to jump on it and say oh. Maybe we should allow it but that's where the money comes in. Okay you can use it but it's going to cost you X amount of dollars because for this function you need A, B, C, D, E and it's going to cost you a thousand dollars they might not want to use it.

Council President Gierak – Just like the County Park they want to know how many people are coming we all know how that goes.

Mayor White – Right.

Council President Gierak – Based on how many people come they can run a band night here where they have a battle of the bands and they have ten thousand people show up or eight hundred people show up that could be a logistical nightmare just saying.

Mayor White – That's why it has to be looked at by the police fire prevention even everybody needs to look at it and say what are the problems with it and what do we need to make sure everybody's safe.

Council President Gierak – Right. Let Andy take a look at it this week or next week. The next item on the agenda is the proposed ordinance for electric vehicles.

Mr. Lo Dico – Tony Ambrogio asked that that be distributed.

Councilman Cimiluca – I showed that to John Duffy who is the pooh-bah of the Zoning Board I'm not sure because I know that what this does is it bypasses any board approval or necessity for board approval for a charging station. I think the spot itself is not the issue it's how much what you have to do in order to get the charger there in terms of I'm assuming that they could still be required of inspections by the Town because it is bringing electric to a site and then that electric is then going to be converted into however they do it to get the charger into the vehicle. This could bypass the board and according to John if you have an electric charging station spot that counts for two. If you needed eight spots

let's say and you only had seven and one of those seven was an electric charging spot then you're now at eight.

Council President Gierak – Any questions?

No one has reviewed it so the Council decides they need more information to make a decision.

Councilman Accomando – I don't know anything about those cars is there a fee or they can just come and plug in to charge?

Councilman Cimiluca – I welcome that because people have said why don't we have it here.

Councilman Accomando – My theory is that if you want the electric car you buy it you put the service at your own house. Why is the Town or any town responsible for charging your vehicle.

Councilman Cimiluca – This is not a Town thing if somebody let's say the Shell station wants to put an electric charging station at their facility.

Councilman Accomando – I thought it was for the Town.

Councilman Cimiluca – It just allows them to not have to go before the board to do that but I'm assuming it's with the proper permits and inspections.

Council President Gierak – Do the hotels here in Town Marriott do they have it?

Mayor White – The Garden Plaza has one I don't know how they got it it's been there a long time.

Council President Gierak – We're going to need some more information before we decide on an ordinance for this.

Mr. Schettino – I'm sure there's going to be a lot of State regulations too.

Council President Gierak – The fourth item for discussion PFAS litigation.

Mr. Lo Dico – That's more for information and for Mr. Schettino we just got that from the JIF.

Councilman Cimiluca – Should that be in closed session?

Mr. Lo Dico – There's nothing to do right now it's just a notification.

Council President Gierak – Old business.

Mayor White – I just have one thing for new business I just want to remind everybody if your available tomorrow State House Speaker Coughlin, Senator Joe Lagana and Assemblywoman Swain are going to be at the Senior Center at twelve o'clock and talk about new senior programs available. It's a free lunch pizza you had to pre-register we have about forty people. Supposedly there's going to be some good information about some new programs out there. They're going to do something for property tax relief in addition to the senior freeze.

Council President Gierak – Okay. Any other old or new business?

Mr. Lo Dico – New business just to let everybody know I know they contacted the Mayor's office Little League is coming to the next Council meeting for a presentation.

Councilman Cimiluca – For what?

Council President Gierak – The championship.

Mayor White – It's for the fourteen year old district Champs.

Councilman Cimiluca – Are they seeking jackets and stuff?

Council President Gierak – They bought their own so we didn't have to buy them. They want some signs so we're going to pick up four signs.

Councilman Cimiluca – Do we take down signs ever?

Mayor White – Yes. There's a really old one there we're going to take down and add this one.

Council President Gierak – Any additional items or comments? Motion to go into closed session for litigation update.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - absent

Council President Gierak - yes

The Council goes into closed session for litigation.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1023-154

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on October 5, 2023 at 5:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exists.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

They come out of closed session at 7:45 pm.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierak
Council President

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