

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on December 21, 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 – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – present
Council President Gierrek – present

Mayor White – present
Mr. Schettino – Twp. Attorney – present
Mr. Klein – Twp. Engineer – present
Mr. Homsy – Twp. Administrator - present

Council President Gierrek - Please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing in solemn remembrance of December 7, 1941 attack on pearl harbor, former first lady Rosalynn Carter, retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and for Robert Webber, retired school crossing guard.

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 – Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

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

Stuart Granitz retired Saddle Brook Police Officer comes forward. I'd like to make a donation to the Council, the Mayor and to the Police Department. I have an embroidered needlepoint I think they call it. My wife made it it's a Policeman's Prayer. The flag was made by Scott Kossler he's a former resident of Saddle Brook.

Mayor White – Stewie and I worked together for many years I was his supervisor.

Mr. Granitz – For all of them.

Mayor White – I don't know who supervised who. We had a lot of good times and Stu was a great detective one of the best we ever had that retired from Saddle Brook Police. I appreciate this Stu thank you very much. These will be proudly displayed either in Police Headquarters. I'm sure there's a place there but if not we've got plenty of room here where we can put it. Let me read this beautiful it's called a Policeman's Prayer.

Dear Lord, be with me on my beat this day and every day. Grant that each weary block I drive may ease a brother's way. Let me be kindly to the old and to the young be strong but let me triumph over those whose acts are cruel or wrong and when my own last summons comes and I stand in your court Lord may my rest with you be long, my punishment be short amen. Very nice, beautiful thank you Stu.

Council President Gierrek – Thank you Mr. Granitz.

Debbie Cannariato from 265 Alberta Drive comes forward. First off good luck on your new Council Chambers and Happy Holidays to all. About five days ago a situation occurred on our block. I was inside it was approximately 7:00 at night and I have a porch and one man came to my picture front window and was looking in the window while another man was ringing the doorbell. It turned out to be Verizon people or alleged Verizon people. I went to the door and me being me a little bit of a tough cookie that I am I walked out and said, "and what can I do for you?" I then immediately pointed to your No Knock program "you see this you're not supposed to knock on these doors" so I always educate them and whoever comes to the door. You're not really supposed to maybe the police didn't tell you etcetera. Then I said I'm not interested in Verizon I'm not interested in anything have a good evening. They approached me and said can we have water. You know when your gut you just have that horrible feeling I said they want me to give them water I'm

going to go back in the house and they're going to push me inside the house that's what's going to happen. That was my feeling I said no, no water here turned around ran in the house and padlocked the door. I won't be answering my door any longer but what it prompted me to do well I'm not a Facebook crazy person but I am on that Saddle Brook Mom's so I wrote there's two guys they're walking with flashlights they're asking me for water. I had 25 comments in three minutes. They asked another woman for snacks. What peddler or solicitor approaches your house and then asks you for snacks. Call the police do this do that so instead what I've decided to do is I did look up our ordinance number 149 which addresses peddlers and solicitors. Forgive me I've been off the Council a very long time. One of the paragraphs says four one 1991 which I don't know if perhaps that's the last time this was addressed, the last time this was added or if this is just reference to that paragraph.

Mr. Lo Dico – We do have an ordinance about solicitation so it might be under a different chapter.

Ms. Cannariato – It was quite long.

Mr. Lo Dico – We did one a few years ago it wasn't 1991.

Ms. Cannariato – Good but this specific paragraph says peddling, canvassing, vending and solicitation cannot take place prior to 10:00 am which is cool that's good or after 9:00 pm. What I'm asking in this day and age with everything that's going on in the world today perhaps we can just look at that 10:00 am is fine. I would love for no solicitors coming to my door but I realize it's their right and if they have a permit that's fine too but perhaps we can change the 9:00 pm to sundown period. I really don't think in this day and age anyone should be coming up to anyone's house in the middle of the night with flashlights and canvassing for doing anything because you really can't trust anyone today unfortunately. If you would take a look at that I would appreciate it. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Nancy Murray of Pine Avenue comes forward. Could it be this comfy on the first Monday of every month when the Zoning Board meets because it was freezing for our meeting but it's very toasty for yours. I have two things I want to bring up. First of all the speed humps. You painted the one on Schepis I hate it anyway I hate them all. I have a little car and always have to stop and go over but you painted the lines to the side and on Wilson and on Schepis and any of the small streets if they park you can't see the lines that lead up to the hump. On Schepis you painted the entire hump yellow can you do that to the rest of them so people can see. If we're going to live with them make them noticeable.

Council President Gierak – That is the plan.

Nancy Murray – Okay great that's one. Number two and I'm here because as a Zoning Board member we approved a place called Ready Spaces on North Midland Avenue for storage. We put in conditions for them to comply with. I understand they don't have their

CO yet because they haven't complied with all the conditions and yet it is busy and people are working there. They are working there seven days a week at any hours. The parking lot is packed there were supposed to be certain set hours for them to go in and out. There were supposed to be no tractor trailers on the site. They have tractor trailer storage on the site and they're repairing tractor trailers on the site. I wrote and John Duffy wrote to the Construction Code Official right away at the beginning. They're not living up to it. I understand they're being cited they don't have a CO they've got four dumpsters right out in front. They're not shielding their garbage there's cardboard over there all the time. Just wait three days it's overridden with garbage. If the Construction Code Official sees that they're deficient and they have no CO why can't he just padlock the doors until he complies? We gave him specific conditions to live with in order for him to get the variance he needed. He hasn't striped the parking lot so there's his extra parking. I went there one day it was so packed in the parking lot they were parked along side of the in the drive line next to the landscaping company straight down because there was no parking spaces all over the place. He's supposed to have that whole back lot striped and no tractor trailers in there. He's got tractor trailers backing into the doors. We're just little places there's not going to be tractor trailers in here. He hasn't done anything he's supposed to do and we've notified the Construction Code Official. What I'm saying is can't they shut him down? Can they padlock the door? They're working in there on Sundays they're working all over the place. Something needs to be done there we've done our job.

Mr. Schettino – Well as you point out the enforcement is now in the hands of the Building Department with respect to making sure all the conditions were complied with. In fact if it's construction conditions you're talking about because sometimes there's preconditions before you can even get a permit but it sounds like you're talking about conditions that were required as the construction was taking place and the CO to your point should not have been issued and the building should not be occupied. You can't go and self-help and just padlock unfortunately you're limited to pretty much writing up violations and imposing significant penalties and but you can't prevent the owners from going in but you can if they don't have a Certificate of Occupancy prevent customers from going in but you can't padlock someone's door.

Ms. Murray – These are renters of these cages they're supposed to be storage cages. These are renters and they're all in there and they're all doing this and if they're being fined significantly are we collecting the fines?

Mr. Schettino – Well no I'm saying that's what should be happening they should be getting significant fines for violations of their CO or their conditions of approval but I'm sure that Mr. Lo Dico will forward this to the Building Department and we'll get a report back to see what is going on there and what if any violations have been issued.

Ms. Murray – There's garbage all over the place and I'm sorry that we ever approved them because the neighbors across the street are looking at trash all the time.

Mayor White – When did it start?

Ms. Murray – A few months already I've noticed it.

Joe Schilp of Heimstrand Court comes forward. I've got several issues tonight. One I agree with Nancy I'm on the Board. If you went into the lot on the left hand side there must have been a quick count I counted 25 tractor trailers stored there the other day. When UPS asked to go into the one that's on Midland Avenue to store all the trucks he had to come before the Zoning Board to get permission to park there. This guy swore Nancy will tell you he swore at the meeting he will not have any tractor trailers there and the guy it's all the way in the back he's doing maintenance on the tractor trailers back there on the tractors. He's changing oil the place is a disgrace back there and that has not stopped and it's gotten worse. I agree with Nancy on the speed humps out there they're very dangerous. One a police car is going to a serious accident going to somebody with a code somebody has fallen down they drive up wait a minute got to stop slam the brakes on go over the hump probably the fastest speed damaging the suspension in the car takes off again. How about the person that's in a rig an ambulance bad back neck whatever. The ambulance has to stop go over it. What if somebody is in the back doing cardiac compressions they're a danger to this Town an absolute danger. The fire trucks 51 years I'm on the Fire Department and never seen a spring broken on a fire truck yet. Twice two trucks went down for the PM's this year cost the Town \$6,000 to get fixed. You hit that bump there's about 11,000 pounds of stuff in the back of that truck. You go over there any more than about 2 miles an hour this thing still bounces it comes down on the springs dangerous very dangerous they think it's the worst thing this Town ever could have done. The next thing I got Midland Avenue from Pehle Avenue to Erie is an absolute positive 100% disgrace. The northbound side of the Route 80 there is no more road there the entire road is patches from the potholes that are in there. The railroad tracks the first set that go into the brick place that's a disgrace you can't even drive over that more than a couple miles an hour they're dangerous absolutely dangerous. The other thing somebody made a comment one night there was a Council person there and I said Carucci's somethings got to be done with Carucci's it's a disgrace to this Town. Where is the officials that are supposed to go around and watch the Town and make sure building maintenance building code people whatever I mean there's no electricity in the place there's no water the place is falling apart the parking lot's a disgrace and nobody does anything about it. It's just there and it's a disgrace. When I tell people to come to my house I make them go half a mile around so they don't have to pass to look at this disgrace that's over there. I'm sure everybody that's sitting up here in the dais I'm sure passes that place at least once a day. The other thing I have this Town a number of years ago purchased two pieces of property with I think it was Green Acres or Blue Acres or whatever the name of the program was one on Saddle River Road and one on Riverview. They were supposed to be knocked down and grass put in. The two buildings are still standing. The one on Saddle River Road you pass it all the time it's a disgrace. The Fire Department used it for a while for training can't use it anymore because we're knocking it down. If I was a neighbor that lived up there I'd be at this Board meeting and every meeting that I could possibly now beating on you people to get that place knocked down. The state gave you money to do this why are they still standing? I don't understand it I really don't. They should have been knocked down shortly after they got it but they're still up. That's about

it sorry to complain so much but the next thing is Merry Christmas everyone. Everyone have a good safe New Year.

Councilman Cimiluca – Were you Santa or the Grinch I forget?

Mr. Schilp – Grinch but anyway I really would like the Town to look into this Midland Avenue It's beyond beyond now I don't know how this guy's getting away with it and I know for a fact it's been brought to the attention of the Building Department the Building Official he should be up there beating on these guys. You need money for this Town start fining them for all the infractions that he's got up there. Thank you.

Council President Gierak – Thank you for your comments and concerns. Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White – Thank you Council President. I want to start off by talking about a couple of Grant Resolutions that we have on tonight's agenda. The first one is a \$750,000 Grant it's actually the funds were already appropriated by the State it's just we have to fill out a Grant Writer is completing the paperwork so that one pretty much is going to go ahead and we should get those funds. The funds are for a splash park which we don't know where that's going to be yet but we have some ideas. Fifth Street Park, Mayhill Street Park which is across from the High School Middle School and the Senior Citizen Center generator. We also have a grant this one is we're submitting and hopefully we'll get it from Community Development Block Grant \$160,000 again for Fifth Street Park we're doing a lot of work at Fifth Street Park to improve that. It's been a long time and it needs it. The third one is for Firefighters Grant New Jersey Division of Community Affairs American Rescue Plan \$43,000 for 40 sets of PPE helmets, gloves and boots so hopefully the last two again those are being submitted and hopefully we'll get them. We've been doing very well with Community Development every year so we should get those funds. The Town Engineer and DPW Superintendent are working on a selection of roads for the 2024 Road Resurfacing Program. They've developed a list and we're going to go through them and we've been doing a lot of roads here and we want to continue to do so. Air B&B ordinance we talked about this at the work session in early December. December 18th we're supposed to have a Planning Board Meeting which was cancelled due to the weather so

at that meeting we were supposed to look at that ordinance. The Planning Board was supposed to review it and come up with any recommendations. I did speak to Anthony Cialone who is the Planning Board Attorney and he did have an opportunity to review it. He recommended one thing was an exemption for real estate transactions which he felt should include that exemption. The way he explained it to me was if I sold Mr. Cimiluca my house and I needed to stay in the house and he rented it to me for two weeks or a month that we'd be in violation of that ordinance so that's something we have to consider.

Councilman Cimiluca – It's called a use and occupancy agreement that we could carve out.

Mayor White – Right so what we have to do since we're going to have to reintroduce this ordinance at the first meeting in January because we can't continue on with an ordinance. We're not going to be able to have a second reading on it. We did a first reading title only so we're not going to have enough time so we're better off just waiting until January. Up here at the Council we know that we have been having an increase of Air B&B's and complaints about them. We're also working on an ordinance to regulate these Ebikes and scooters I don't believe we've been getting several complaints about that I myself have seen a lot more of those type of vehicles on the road. I don't believe we can completely prohibit them. I think we can require helmets that they wear helmets not ride on sidewalks anywhere where it's heavily congested with pedestrians and they must follow the motor vehicle laws. I think we really have to take a look at that and if it was up to me I would just ban them completely but I don't know if we can do that. The Turnpike Authority is continuing their work on the Parkway overpass on Saddle River Road. They're going to replace that whole section. Right now they're going to be they're working there now but within the next couple of weeks they're going to block the sidewalk on one side at a time so that pedestrians can go by and kids walking to school. What they're doing is they're paying for a crosswalk at Saddle River Court. You'll be able to cross from either side of Coolidge School to Saddle River Court depending on which side you have to cross on because one side is going to be blocked. Whichever side is blocked you're going to have to go on the other side. They're going to pay for the crosswalk and the additional guard that's going to be put there. The DPW and Municipal Offices are going to be closed Monday December 25th and Tuesday the 26th. Yard waste grass and leaves and such will be picked up in those sections will be on Friday December the 29th. On Monday January 1st yard waste pickup will be on Friday January 5th. Christmas Trees will be picked up by sections along with yard waste. The Saddle Brook Library will be closed until mid-January for renovations. They've been having some programs here at the Rec Center and they've been renting books and giving out books and all that as they normally do. They're doing a lot of work in there rugs and new bookshelves so it's long overdue so hopefully it will be on time getting done. The AARP holiday luncheon was postponed this past Monday due to bad weather and the flooding. It's been rescheduled for Wednesday January 3rd that's at the Venetian. I just want to say that the Police Department and our Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Dickman and all our emergency services did an excellent job. We're lucky we didn't get it worse and they really did a good job detouring the traffic and we had a lot of things going on. Midland Avenue the Fire Department was out at five

in the morning with a power line with the wind came down it was arcing in the road and that was repaired quickly. They didn't cancel school Long School was without power but they got the power back up so they could get to school that morning. Later on there was a gas leak. There was flooding and there was a gas leak around the area of 420 Midland Avenue so they were busy up there and then towards the end of the day towards three four o'clock everything started flooding along Saddle River by St. Philip's by Ackerman Avenue and by Rochelle Parkway. It was impassable in those areas so they had to detour traffic and they did a great job. The Holiday Tree Lighting and party was Friday November 24th. I want to thank Shannon Accomando and Christine Genuario of our Project and Activities Committee. I want to thank the Fire Department, Recreation Department, DPW I want to thank Santa and Mrs. Claus they did a great job as usual Thomas Van Winkle for taking photos and Raphael Gonzalez for videotaping. It's been a tradition to have the event the day after Thanksgiving and I think this coming year we said it last year but we really didn't get around to it we had a lot of more pressing matters but we are going to look into maybe having it instead of the day after Thanksgiving maybe a week or two later closer to Christmas. Coffee With a Cop was Saturday December 9th it's the first time the Police Department has done that initiative. I want to thank them I want to thank Shirley the manager of Starbuck's she organized it along with Captain Zotollo. It was a great way for the public to meet our police officers an excellent way to strengthen the bond between the community and the police. It's really a valuable community outreach program. I want to thank the residents because I worked with the Police Department for many years and I have to say it's nice to have the community with the police and on their side so to speak. Today especially with police reform there's a lot of areas where the police get a hard time and I don't know maybe sometimes people think they deserve it and look police are human they make mistakes but I have to say it's nice to know the community has the back pf the Police Department. I want to thank my secretary Christine Genuario Recreation Director Andy Gallo and Assistant Director Diane Bonner for organizing the Letters to Santa Program also Fire Chief Jason Sibani for preparing the letters the letters to Santa's mailbox. He did a tremendous job painting it with an old mailbox and painting it red and put some festive things on the box. It's the first year we've done that and it's been a big success. The Recreation Department writes back when they get a letter to the child and so far it's a really nice thing. I want to thank the Fire Department Engine 1, Engine 2 and Hook and Ladder all three companies are doing their annual Santa ride. It's another annual event and I want to tell you the residents really enjoy it they look forward to it every year. I get so many compliments as I know the Fire Department does and it's one of those things that really does seem to bring the community together. On that same note I want to thank resident Sarah Lefebvre and the Girl Scouts. This year they organized the night of Christmas caroling that was Saturday December 9th. They did this all on their own Thomas Van Winkle went along with them and some Youth Group members and he took photos and did a video so it was a really nice event and it makes me proud to be part of this community that we have residents that would spearhead something like that. I want to thank the Community Partnership Committee for collecting toys for the needy Saddle Brook families. We have a lot of this going on in Town and really it's heartwarming because the Community Partnership Committee does it also resident big shout out to Vince Montagna who collects for the Toys for Tots program. He collects them and brings

them to some location. It's not right around the corner he's got to travel a distance but every year he does this. St. Philip's and First Reformed Church they both have similar programs where they collect toys gift cards and I appreciate the generosity of our residents that donate. Many do donate toys and other presents to these programs. There's a lot of good going on during the Holiday Season like former Councilwoman Cannariato said you have to be vigilante this time of the year you have a lot of scammers out there. There's been a big uptick in auto thefts recently also thefts of packages from resident's doorsteps. That's been going on all over Bergen County so we have to be mindful and careful. I also want to congratulate Councilman Accomando for getting promoted to Sheriff's Officer. He went to the Academy and beat out all those young bucks over there. I hope our Jewish friends had a Happy Chanukah and I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Thank you.

Councilman Accomando – Thank you Mayor for mentioning that. For the last 22 weeks I was in the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy class 131. I do want to wish all those kids the best of luck. Being my age watching these kids go through what they went through it's kind of hard because we're like weathered. I've got 20 years in and these kids are just starting out and it's like what are they getting themselves into. It's not easy right now being not only a cop but first responder. You're liked and you're disliked you're loved you're hated it depends on the situation but like I always told those kids you're always going to be someone's guardian angel so make sure you always do the right thing even when no one's looking and keep your head on a swivel and be mindful. I just want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas Happy New Year a prosperous New Year a healthy New Year and I think that's it thank you.

Councilwoman Mazzer – Hello everyone first and foremost I want to thank everyone up here for their well wishes and their patience during my leave. It's very much appreciated I'm very happy to be back. The Mayor is always a hard one to follow but I'd like to thank everyone that was involved with our community party it was a success. Every year it gets bigger and better and was happy to be part of that also. Congratulations Councilman Accomando and Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to everyone.

Councilwoman Sanchez – Councilman Accomando congratulations on your promotion.

Councilman Accomando – It was a transfer not a promotion.

Councilwoman Sanchez – Oh a transfer I hope you're happy there and just Merry Christmas and please everybody have a safe and Happy New Year.

Councilman Cimiluca – To start off with the family I think we are family up here we you know we don't always agree on things but I think we have a good group up here and I think that we get a lot done for the Town. I think we're here because we love the Town so congratulations to Councilman Accomando and welcome back to Councilwoman Mazzer it's great to see you back here again. In terms of the grants that are on the agenda tonight it's about a million dollars in various grants that we're applying for and hopefully we'll get

all three but at least some of them. Usually the firefighter grants the members of the Fire Department who write up the grant application do a great job they get it almost every year because they're so meticulous. They spend hours and hours doing that so thanks to them for getting that because it benefits them but it benefits us. They're only here because they want to serve the community and that all benefits the community. The other ones the community development grant if we can get Fifth Street Park which has been I've always questioned why it's just it's kind of a waste. It's Town owned property and it's been a waste for years so let's do it. The people and we've had some people come from the southside of Route 46 says hey where's our park and that's their park but it's underutilized and underdeveloped so hopefully we'll be able to fix that issue and give them something that they deserve and we could use the additional money for other things. A couple of things that some people have said up here I'm the speed hump guy here so I know that we've got two members of the Zoning Board who spoke tonight who are not in favor of the speed humps and speed humps are one of those things where you either love them or you hate them there's almost no middle ground. There are people that came to meetings saying please put the speed humps up. We do send out basically a flyer or questionnaire saying do you want them do you not want them. First we do speed studies we had somebody I'm not going to mention names but we all know who he is who lives on a dead end street and said how come I didn't get one on my block. You live on a dead end street you're not going to get one. I mean I love the guy but that's just not going to happen. In terms of the speed humps it's there for a reason it's there to slow down vehicles and not everyone is going to love them and you know whatever happens happens but you got to slow down. I do see people go it says 15 miles an hour you're supposed to go 15 miles an hour or less. There are people I mean I'm stopped at the corner of Floral and Hayes where I live and I'm looking I'm at the stop sign and somebody is driving I see they're doing 30 and I'm like you're going to slow down right and no they go flying over it. So you know what if their vehicle is damaged good you know you're not supposed to do that. For the people that have the low cars and do go over at 15 or 10 miles an hour I mean maybe find a different way to go or go even slower. I don't know the answer to that question but I do know that we didn't just do this on a whim. We do the research and ask the community whether or not they're in favor of it. In terms of the striping on the speed humps I'm going to turn to our engineer because I know the striping guy said at our meeting on the 7th that he was going to do it the next day or the week after and now it's the week after the week after so what's going on with that?

Mr. Klein – I thought he was out there doing it so I will double check and maybe he missed one or two.

Councilman Cimiluca – I think he just did the three new ones as far as painting them yellow.

Mr. Klein – That's strange because I was on the phone with them so I'll check myself. The plan is to get them all painted one way or another they will all get painted.

Councilman Cimiluca – They're definitely more visible being that canary yellow you can't miss them. Also we had talked about and I don't know if we made a definite plan but I know that we had some residents here that were on the corner of Sampson and Dewey and they were talking about a potential issue with accidents. There was a tree blocking the vision and the property owner agreed to take down the tree so that helped but I thought we were considering putting a stop sign there is a stop sign but writing the word stop there. It's right near Veterans Field it is especially during football season it's very heavily traveled so anything that we can do to try and avoid accidents or potential accidents because not only are there vehicles but there's a lot of pedestrians because a lot of people park at Nourison. God bless that man who allows us to use that. We've got a parking lot but he allows us to utilize that during football season and there are pedestrians walking in that direction so I think that would help. I have to tell you the Verizon was on my list of things I wanted to talk about. They came to my house and actually I was considering getting Verizon but I told them you guys came here twice I don't know if they were real Verizon people but you came here twice on other times and I said listen I want to sign up for Verizon and they never came back so I kind of questioned it. So these guys come over and I told them I tried a couple of times I'm not interested right now. They came back the next night or two nights later and I was at work my wife answered the door and they asked her for a snack. She was eating pretzels at the time and she had a handful of pretzels and said no I have no snacks. It was odd and I did read on Saddle Brook Moms which can be used for a good purpose and not just complaining but advising the community. I advise people that utilize that website if there is an issue don't just complain about it bring it up this way we know about it but I was advised it was on there so these guys come back to the house and I answer the door and I was like what are you guys doing tell me you're all over the internet. You can't be asking people for food you can't be asking people for I didn't know about the water but you can't be asking people for food because there was a number of people that they're asking for snacks. When I answered the door it was 7:30 it's wintertime it was dark out so I agree with Ms. Cannariato that maybe we can consider doing something about that but my question is under our ordinance I believe anytime you're going to solicit you need to get a permit and who do we ask whether or not these people have permits because they were out there an entire week the same two guys. They introduced themselves they were pleasant but I don't know if we go to the police is that where they get the permit.

Mayor White – They're supposed to go to the police and get photo ID's and they have their own ID's along with their photo ID's. I don't know whether they did or they didn't.

Councilman Cimiluca – So Mr. Lo Dico or Mr. Homsy or somebody if you could let me know.

Mayor White – They could have been written up for that they're supposed to obtain a permit. Usually a big company like Verizon they do that.

Councilman Cimiluca – Verizon hires out I know they do that. Solar companies that they hire third parties and when they come and they get the tickets and I know they've gotten tickets before because I prosecuted them and they said well I don't know I just started the job that day and it's a hundred dollar fine I made fifty dollars that day and I have to pay a hundred dollar fine. I said dude before you take on a job you've got to know what you're doing and these kind of jobs you need permits so if somebody can check and find out whether or not these people actually have the permits because if they're still out there wandering around some section of Town somebody's got to summons them. That was not right what they were doing and I told them get out of here you can't be doing this. Councilwoman Mazzer a number of years ago introduced a No Knock ordinance and the sticker but there is a sticker you can put it on your door and they are supposed to abide by that. If they knock on your door ring your bell that is a violation. If they're permitted and we know who their guys are that are knocking on the doors they can be cited. Mr. Lo Dico do they contact you to get that?

Mr. Lo Dico – Yes.

Councilman Cimiluca – Contact the Clerk's office if you'd like that because that could help. They shouldn't be doing what they're doing but that at least will hopefully stop them from bothering people that don't want to be bothered about things like that. In terms of what Mr. Schilp said and Ms. Murray said about that business I don't know Mr. Schettino is there a possibility if we find out that there's no CO but they're operating as usual without getting the proper CO besides being cited is there a potential for an order to show cause to shut them down? I know there's no you know self-help where we just can't go there just like an eviction we have to go through the court process but there might be something that we can do to stop them from doing what they're doing and continue to violate I mean they're not doing what they said they were prohibited of doing by way of a resolution from the Zoning Board but in terms of operating a business without a Certificate of Occupancy that's a massive failure. I don't know if that's something we have to think about.

Mr. Schettino – That's always a possibility but as you know that can be a long process and not the filing but there's going to be a return date. The judges aren't going to be to act to close it on a temporary basis so you know it may take two months before you have a judge make a decision on whether the business is operating in accordance with its approval but if they haven't met the conditions of whatever variance approval they have then the variances could also be rescinded.

Councilman Cimiluca – Well I'm talking about the CO more than that but that's obviously something that we have to look at but that's a health issue too because a CO is there for a reason. You have to go and inspect and make sure everything is right.

Mr. Schettino – There's two different remedies if the one of the officers not police officers but one of the Zoning Officials believes that it's an imminent hazard for this business to operate without having fulfilled all its requirements that can be closed immediately but that's very rare. It's almost as if you're saying that if a person enters the premises they're

endangered of getting injured. It doesn't sound like that's the situation here it just sounds like more of just they're not fulfilling their requirements but you know there is a process I mean if the Building Department needs some guidance they can certainly call our office this is not unique to Saddle Brook. It seems to be happening more and more often with certain businesses.

Councilman Cimiluca – I guess you're going to or the Town is going to get some report from our Code Official about that. It seems like the complaints or the issues are twofold. One is code enforcement the other one is property maintenance so certainly we will contact the proper authorities and the people that do those jobs to go in and look at it and if they did know about it and if they do know about it to look at it a little deeper. In terms of Carucci's that's probably the number one item that people talk about is Carucci's. The Town should do something about Carucci's well we can't knock it down. We can't just do what we want with it. What we can do is make sure that it's maintained exterior wise. What happens inside is what happens inside so I know that we've spoken a number of times and they have been cited a number of times. My biggest issue and I've mentioned this to the proper authorities I think that the parking lot kids are walking home from school there's a parking lot there's all these deep potholes in there so I don't want to say too much but we need to consider doing something with the parking lot. We sometimes when people grow their grass too high and they don't do it we do it and charge them and put it as a lien on their taxes so that's something that can be done. That's a safety issue aesthetic wise yeah it's ugly I'm not sure how much we can do to change ugly. Somebody paints their house a garish purple or something like that we don't have an HOA where we can say look you have this palette of colors so that's a little bit different. Things that could potentially cause harm to pedestrians residents passersby we can do something and that's another thing that I'll reach out myself because that's an issue that I've had for a while. I haven't had an opportunity to be on Market Street around rush hour recently but I was there today going toward Hackensack and the traffic was horrific. I know a few years ago and I've spoken about this a couple of times. A few years ago they had this master meeting you know six meetings with engineers and things like that and all people from Rochelle Park, Maywood, Saddle Brook and Lodi basically the four corners of that intersection of Market and Main. I don't think anything has gone on since then. I know government moves at a glacier like pace but it's been a long time now. I'm supposed to be at a luncheon tomorrow with some of the County Executive and some of the other muckity mucks and I will definitely bring that up because I don't get caught in that traffic but the people that do my apologies and I feel your pain now. It's not a good situation and what they were supposed to do and they asked if there were any ideas and I said you have to make a left turn lane on every leg of that intersection and everyone agreed that's what we should do but agreeing to do it and doing it are two different things. Lastly I wanted to congratulate and thank the moms, dads, relatives and friends of the wrestling team the recreation wrestling. They took it upon themselves obviously with our permission consent and support to transform the garage at Veterans Field into a wrestling room. They put in the air conditioning they put in the heat they painted everything they changed a bunch of things around they have the mats on the floor. Our recreation wrestling team now has a home and they actually have a name for it it's called the Falcon's Nest which

is pretty cool and the High School wrestlers are allowed to use it too. They come in earlier they come in right after school and they do their wrestling practice and then afterwards sixish or whatever the recreation people come in. It's well utilized it's another part of our whole recreation program and I want to thank all the parents that did it on their own. They painted they put up the walls they did a lot of stuff there and it looks great and it's great for the kids so I thank everybody for doing that.

Mayor White – Through the Chair I think I should bring this up now rather than wait because they're relevant to what Councilman Cimiluca was talking about and I just want to fill in the public on some of the things. Thank you Councilman Cimiluca for bringing up wrestling because that's something I forgot and that's very important that you mentioned that because they really did a spectacular job all volunteer working. It's great for the Town and that program. The No Knock ordinance they are required to get a Township permit and a Township photo ID. I know Verizon and they're usually pretty good. It's a big corporation and they usually follow the rules. It sounds to me like they have some young kids there that are inexperienced. There are some individuals that are exempt from the ordinance non-profits, religious you have the Jehovah Witnesses they're allowed to political you're allowed to go door to door without getting a permit. It certainly was inappropriate for them to ask for water and snacks and that's like I said they have to do a better job as far as picking the people that go out and I agree with you about the time. I think we can definitely make it 8:00 or once it turns dark. This way all winter long nobody's going to be out. Usually they don't come out in the winter because of the cold weather. To me that's important and you know what I just one thing call the police I tell this to everybody. I don't know for some reason since I've been out of police work it seems like so many people are I don't want to say the word afraid because that's not what it is. I guess they don't want to bother them but I just people don't want to call the police. It's like as a last resort they're out there and they're not too busy that they can't answer a call. Most of the time they can do it and it's good to have them there because to me if they were scammers they could have scammed somebody else too so at least the police would have gone out there and verified and confirmed whether they had a permit or maybe they didn't have a permit maybe they just didn't get one and they could have been written up but they also could have found out who they were and what they were doing. Maybe they just didn't have a permit and they really did work for Verizon and in that case it would be Verizon that should have got the permit. The speed humps look I'm not going to lie I'm not a big fan of speed humps I'm really not and believe me I get all the complaints whether pro or con but we did it because and Councilman Cimiluca is right we did it because we were receiving so many complaints that they're speeding they're using my block for a cut through and on and on. It wasn't like we didn't try. The Police Department was doing enforcement radar writing tickets and you can't be everywhere at once but it didn't satisfy those people that were complaining and then when we do have a criteria we have a policy the Police Department does a traffic study we purchased a speed counter that we put down and it registers how fast the person is going and how many cars and we comply with all the state regulations the New Jersey DOT. We started doing which we don't have to we send out questionnaires to make sure the residents want them and sometimes they say they want them then you put it out there and they don't want them and sometimes it's the whole block doesn't want them. They realize these things they're loud they make

vibration they damage my car and all the things that you're talking about sometimes we get that but Councilman Cimiluca is right they either love them or they hate them. Somebody said something to me and they said you're going to regret it putting them not because they don't they're effective they work but it's the domino effect because you put them on one block and then why don't I have one and it's the people that love them that really are concerned about safety or whatever and in their mind that's the only way you're going to prevent speeding. It's believe me it's become the bane of my existence so I hear what you're saying. As far as this Ready Spaces go I'm disappointed because and I don't know about anybody else up here but this is the first I'm hearing about it and it's been four months. I don't know if somewhere in the Zoning Officials report that he issues every month somewhere in here it might be buried but I don't know about it. Maybe I'm wrong because I should read the fine print. Am I wrong does anybody did anybody hear about this?

Council President Gierrek – First I'm hearing it.

Mayor White – That's a problem and you're right to complain about it you have every right to complain about it but we'll get to the bottom of it and I'm hoping that there were some violations there were some summonses issued. I don't know you mentioned about them not having a CO do they have a temporary CO are you sure they don't have a CO?

Mr. Schilp – I spoke to Mike Seitz he's the Fire Official and as far as he knows they got some kind of permit to do some minor work but they're not allowed to park the big tractor trailers in there. They were supposed to get rid of the repair place that was back there and there was a lot of other things on the zoning when they came before us we had stipulations that they had to do and when I passed there the other day it is out of control. It's not even a little bit I mean it is totally out of control and it's been brought up to the Zoning Official a couple of times and I know Mike has brought it up to him and I really think that he should be fining these guys a couple of thousand dollars a day because it's not bad it's ridiculous.

Council President Gierrek – It will be looked into.

Mr. Schilp – Just ride up to Midland Avenue right now.

Mayor White – As far as Midland Avenue goes it's a County road as you probably know because you live in Town to the north of it all the way to the border and to the south of it all the way to the border has been done already it's that one section but you're right there's some big potholes that they filled but they got to do it. I will definitely look into it they should be doing it shortly. I did ask a while ago and they said they should do it either this year or next year. They did come through I don't know if you remember the north side the north side was terrible before they paved it.

Mr. Schilp - I didn't understand why they didn't keep going for another quarter of a mile.

Mayor White – I don't know why and the railroad there too that's they're responsible for the railroad but and sometimes you get a big pothole develops there and they're pretty good about coming out and doing it but we'll definitely check into that. The last thing is Carucci's the majority of the complaints I get from people is about Carucci's and it doesn't look nice I pass by it I think every time but I just want the public to know it's not on my end I tried and I was going to speak to the Council about this beginning of the year at a work session I was going to talk because I tried personally to email the owner. I called his office to set up a meeting. I tried everything the nice way to say look let's sit down and talk about this property. The person that owns it is a company they have several buildings all over the place. I don't know why he doesn't I think part of it is because he has been cited before and we have done work there. We were landscaping because the weeds are high and we send the DPW there and we bill them. He pays the taxes but he doesn't want to communicate so I think we have to take the next step and maybe we've been citing him but maybe we have to cite him more and more frequently. There is something we can try to do we can try to condemn the property but that would be a legal nightmare I think but we have tried to be nice. I personally like I said because it bothers me it really does bother me that it's like that and I don't see why we can't sit down and talk about it and come up with something that's good for maybe he wants to sell the property to us. There's got to be something that could be done. It's been a long time and it's another thing that bothers me but that's it thank you.

Council President Gierak – Thank you Mayor. I just have a couple of things. We will be having the Flood Committee meeting at the end of January. We don't have dates set yet but it will go out soon. I'm going to reach out to Tom Dickman OEM reach out to the Mayor check their schedules. We're going to have a meeting at the end of January and we'll notify the public. I'd just like to thank the Mayor, the Council, our employees, our first responders, and volunteers for their hard work in 2023. I think we had a very successful year. I'd also like to thank our residents for their support. It takes a village it takes everybody working together in the community to make it a great community like Saddle Brook is. Finally I'd just like to wish everyone a happy healthy New Year, a Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday and a very prosperous 2024 thank you. We're going to move into ordinances now.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1742-23 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 106, HANDICAPPED PARKING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO PROVIDE FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 55 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

The Township Clerk then reads the ordinance by title on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 106, HANDICAPPED PARKING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO PROVIDE FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 55 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE

Council President Gierrek asks for a motion in order that the public hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierrek – Does anyone wish to comment on this ordinance? Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

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

CR# 1223-181

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 106, HANDICAPPED PARKING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO PROVIDE FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 55 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said ordinance or title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak - yes

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.

Mr. Lo Dico – The minutes are not part of the consent agenda.

Councilman Cimiluca asks for resolution number 4 regarding the towing operators be voted on separately.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak – yes

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A FY24 BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

CR# 1223-182

WHEREAS, a FY24 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$160,000.00 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for Site Improvements at 5th Street Park in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project limits are within an area of the township deemed eligible per Bergen County CDBG mapping; and

WHEREAS, this project furthers the interest of the Township of Saddle Brook and the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Division of Community Development (Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601) so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierek - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1223-183

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$775,000 to carry out a project for various public facilities improvements to include improvements to 5th Street Park and Mayhill Street Park, the installation of a spray park, the installation of an emergency generator system at the Saddle Brook Senior Center, as well as pedestrian safety improvements in school zones.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

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

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

(signature)

(signature)

(type or print name)

(type or print name)

(title)

(title)

CERTIFICATION: I, Peter Lo Dico, the Township Clerk of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors / Governing Body held December 21, 2023 the above RESOLUTION was duly adopted.

AFFIX GOV'T SEAL

(Signature of Secretary of the Board of Directors or
Government Body)

12/21/23

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierek - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE FY24 NJDCA AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM**

CR# 1223-184

Whereas, the Township of Saddle Brook desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$ \$43,323.00 to carry out a project for the Saddle Brook Fire Department to purchase forty (40) sets of PPE including firefighting boots, rescue helmets, and gloves.

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

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

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

(signature)

(type or print
name)

(title)

(signature)

(type or print
name)

(title)

CERTIFICATION:

12/21/23

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I, Peter Lo Dico, the Township Clerk of The Township of Saddle Brook hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors / Governing Body held on December 21, 2023

the above *RESOLUTION* was duly adopted.

AFFIX GOV'T,
CORPORATE OR

NOTARY SEAL
Clerk)

(Signature of Secretary of the Board of Directors or Government

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR # 1223-186

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 **\$5,233,862.18** 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: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR #1223-187

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$1,195,000.50** 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: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1223-188

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the "State Pay to Play" Law, enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature shall become effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that had made a contribution within one year of the date the contract is to be awarded that is reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c. 83 (c. 19.44A-1 et seq. to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded unless the contract is awarded under a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a "fair and open process" constitute the following: (1) public advertisement of a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") with ten (10) calendar days' notice prior to the receipt of responses to the "RFQ"; (2) award of contract under a process that provides

for public solicitation of qualifications; (3) award of contract under public disclosed criteria established in writing by the municipality prior to the solicitation of qualifications; and (4) the municipality shall publicly open and announce the qualifications when awarded; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Township of Saddle Brook (“the Township”) to engage legal and financial professionals and to engage the services of other individuals for extraordinary unspecifiable services by a “fair and open process” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that RFQs for professional services for the following professional services for the Township are hereby authorized:

1. PUBLIC DEFENDER

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services as set forth hereinafter shall be prepared and published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., and all submissions in response shall be evaluated on the basis of the most advantageous submission, all factors considered, including but not limited to:

- (1) Experience and reputation in the field;
- (2) Knowledge of the Township and subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- (3) Availability to accommodate any required meeting of the Township or Township Agency
- (4) Any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Township or Township Agency

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to public notices of RFQs for the professional services and extraordinary unspecifiable services enumerated above, in a newspaper circulated in the Township of Saddle Brook by December 29, 2023. The notice of RFQs shall include the following:

- (1) A description of the requested professional or extraordinary unspecified service for which the RFQ is made;
- (2) A statement that Qualifications must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on January 11, 2024;
- (3) A statement that the RFQs are being made by the Township
- (4) The address and phone number of the Township Clerk’s office and a statement that applicants may obtain the RFQ document from the Clerk’s office;
- (5) A statement that the RFP is being made through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council has determined that the terms of this resolution constitute a fair and open process as to all positions included herein.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES

Minutes of September 21, 2023 Regular Public Meeting.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1223-185

WHEREAS, the Saddle Brook Police Department has reviewed the towing operators' applications for towing services for the year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has certified that the towers have met all requirements under the Township Ordinances,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following towers are approved for the year 2024:

All Points Auto and Towing, 37-43 West Passaic St. Rochelle Park, NJ – renewal
Arrow Towing. 365 North Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ - renewal
Belfi's Auto and Truck Repair, 208 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ - renewal
David's Towing, 70 Lincoln Place, Garfield, NJ - renewal
Main Auto Body, Outwater Lane, Lodi, NJ – renewal
Nutchie's Services, 72 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ 07644 –renewal
Park Auto Body, 15 Stefanic Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ – renewal
Rochelle Park Auto Body, 96 Essex St., Rochelle Park, NJ –renewal
Rochelle Park Towing, 200 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ – renewal

Five Star Towing, 296 Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 - **NEW**

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - abstain

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierke - yes

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. JOHN MANZO, ZONING BOARD ALT
TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**RE: INTEREST IN REAPPOINTMENT
DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

November 8, 2023

John Manzo
179 Market Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Attn: Mayor Robert White
Saddle Brook Township Council

Dear Mayor White and Council Members,

My term as an Alternate on the Saddle Brook Zoning Board expires as of January 1, 2024.

I would like to remain as an Alternate on the Zoning Board and be reinstated for a new term for 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


John Manzo

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2. LAWANDA GILBERT-DIRECTOR-BD OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES
TO: MARILYN DAVIS-DIRECTOR-ALTICE USA

RE: RENEWAL OF CONTRACT
DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

12/21/23

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November 2, 2023

Ms. Marilyn Davis
Sr. Director, Government Affairs
Altice USA
275 Centennial Avenue
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Re: Cablevision of Oakland, LLC
System-wide Cable Television Franchise Renewal
Expiration Date: 03/20/2023

Dear Ms. Davis:

This letter serves to inform Cablevision of Oakland, LLC that, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 546 and N.J.A.C. 14:18-14.16(b), the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") and its Office of Cable Television & Telecommunications ("OCTV&T") will begin its formal review for renewal of Cablevision of Oakland, LLC's system-wide franchise in New Jersey.¹

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-14.17(a), the Board and the OCTV&T will conduct proceedings to review, consistent with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 *et seq.*, Cablevision of Oakland, LLC's past performance under its system-wide franchise; and assess the future cable-related needs and interests of the municipalities covered by Cablevision of Oakland, LLC's system-wide franchise, consistent with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28. These proceedings will provide affected municipalities, the public and Cablevision of Oakland, LLC notice and opportunity for participation.

If the OCTV&T deems it necessary that a public hearing or comment period be held, in conjunction with other fact-finding, to conduct the needs assessment as described above, such hearing will be held upon at least 15 days' written notice to the public and Cablevision of Oakland, LLC. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-14.17(a)(3), notice of such hearings and/or comment periods shall be provided by Cablevision of Oakland, LLC to all affected municipalities, informing them of the right of all participants to present relevant comments; and any hearings shall be transcribed, at the expense of Cablevision of Oakland, LLC.

In the Board/OCTV&T's review of Cablevision of Oakland, LLC's performance in accordance with the commitments required of cable television companies operating under a system-wide franchise pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 *et seq.*, consideration will be limited to the following:

¹ Although the franchise expired on March 20, 2023, because the renewal process was initiated prior to the expiration date, the regulations allow for continuity of service, pending formal review by the Board to protect the interest of all of the parties affected based on statutory review, and the delay is not expected to have any negative impact on the company.

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- 1) Any Statewide needs and requirements as may be established by the State Act;
- 2) The extent to which Cablevision of Oakland, LLC has met its commitments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-28 and the rules and regulations of the OCTV&T, in accordance with the State Cable Act;
- 3) Performance and substantial compliance with material terms and condition of Cablevision of Oakland, LLC's existing system-wide franchise based on the notice and opportunity to cure under applicable Federal Law as placed on the record.

To expedite the review process, the OCTV&T requests that Cablevision of Oakland, LLC submit initial comments on or before **December 2, 2023**, documenting its past performance under the franchise, as well as how it will meet the future needs of the municipalities served under its system-wide franchise.

At the conclusion of the review process, the OCTV&T will issue an Ascertainment report to the Board with copies to Cablevision of Oakland, LLC and the Division of Rate Counsel, and it will be available for public inspection. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:18-14.18, following its receipt of the Ascertainment Report, Cablevision of Oakland, LLC will have 90 days to file its application for Renewal of the System-wide Cable Franchise covering the Municipalities listed in Appendix I.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (609) 633-9647, lawanda.gilbert@bpu.nj.gov or Nancy J. Wolf, Administrative Analyst 4 at (609) 341-9170, nancy.wolf@bpu.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



Lawanda R. Gilbert
Director

Lg/nw/ab

C: Brian Lipman, Director, Division of Rate Counsel
Nancy J. Wolf, Administrative Analyst 4
Ashley Bliss, Administrative Analyst 1
Sohrab Shahandeh, Altice USA
Chrissy Buteas, Altice USA
Municipal Clerks, Appendix I

**APPENDIX "I" CABLEVISION OF OAKLAND, LLC'S
SYSTEM-WIDE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE MUNICIPALITIES**

#	Municipality	County
1	Allendale Borough	Bergen
2	Alpine Borough	Bergen
3	Bogota Borough	Bergen
4	Cedar Grove Township	Essex
5	Clifton City	Passaic
6	Elmwood Park Borough	Bergen
7	Franklin Lakes Borough	Bergen
8	Garfield City	Bergen
9	Glen Rock Borough	Bergen
10	Hackensack City	Bergen
11	Haledon Borough	Passaic
12	Hasbrouck Heights Borough	Bergen
13	Hawthorne Borough	Passaic
14	Ho-Ho-Kus Borough	Bergen
15	Little Falls Township	Passaic
16	Lodi Borough	Bergen
17	Maywood Borough	Bergen
18	Midland Park Borough	Bergen
19	North Caldwell Borough	Essex
20	North Haledon Borough	Passaic
21	Nutley Township	Essex
22	Oakland Borough	Bergen
23	Park Ridge Borough	Bergen
24	Passaic City	Passaic
25	Prospect Park Borough	Passaic
26	Ramsey Borough	Bergen
27	Ridgewood Village	Bergen
28	River Edge Borough	Bergen
29	Rochelle Park Township	Bergen
30	Saddle Brook Township	Bergen
31	South Hackensack Township	Bergen
32	Teaneck Township	Bergen
33	Totowa Borough	Passaic
34	Upper Saddle River Borough	Bergen
35	Waldwick Borough	Bergen
36	Washington Township	Bergen
37	Westwood Borough	Bergen
38	Wood-Ridge Borough	Bergen
39	Wyckoff Township	Bergen

3. JOHN DUFFY, ZONING BOARD MEMBER
TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

RE: INTEREST IN REAPPOINTMENT
DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2023

John Duffy
259 South Lanza Court
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

October 5, 2023

David Gierek, President
Township Council of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

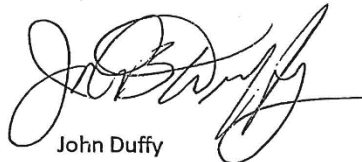
Dear Mr. Gierek,

My appointment as a full member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Township of Saddle Brook ends on 12/31/23. I have served proudly and professionally for over six years and have enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the community through this service. Please acceptance this letter as my intention, the council willing, to be reappointed and continue as a full member of the Zoning Board.

If you or any other councilperson has any questions for me, you can reach me on my cell at 201-410-3163 or email me at jduffy56@msn.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,


John Duffy

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4. CAPTAIN JOHN ZOTOLLO O.I.C.
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: RECOMMENDATION-TOWING 2024
DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2023

Saddle Brook Police Department



OFFICER IN CHARGE

JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CAPTAIN

63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663
Zotollo@saddlebrookpd.com

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: December 5, 2023

Re: TOWNSHIP TOWING LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Investigations Division has reviewed and investigated the following Township towing license renewal applications and one (1) new application:

All Points Towing	37-43 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
Arrow Towing	363 North Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
Belfi's Auto & Truck Repair	208 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
David's Towing	70 Lincoln Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026
Main Auto Body	650 Outwater Lane, Lodi, NJ 07644
Nutchie's Service	72 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ 07644
Park Auto Body	15 Stefanic Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407
Rochelle Park Towing	200 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
Rochelle Park Auto Body	96 Essex Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
Five Star Towing	296 Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 - NEW

All required documents were submitted with these applications. All drivers hold valid driver's licenses and all vehicles are legally registered and insured. Each towing agent has at least one driver who possesses a commercial driver's license as required.

Physical inspections of the facilities were conducted. All have mandatory equipment set forth by the local ordinance and are in compliance with all other requirements including insurance certificates meeting standards and thresholds. Criminal background checks were conducted for all drivers and none were found to have any disqualifying criminal convictions.

The Saddle Brook Police Department had a few complaints regarding David's Towing reference to delays in arrival time when dispatched. The owner was contacted and advised he would correct any response time issues. The SBPD has not received any other issues or major complaints regarding the past service of the remaining towing agents or their operators.

I see no reason for denial of these applicants. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CC: file

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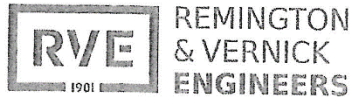
5. R. KLEIN, TWP. ENGINEER

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: PAY'T #2 MONTANA CONSTRUCTION

HOBSON & MIDLAND

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2023



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

December 7, 2023

James Homsí – Business Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Hobson & Midland Avenue Water Main Project
Pay Certificate No. 2
RVE File No. 0257-T-102

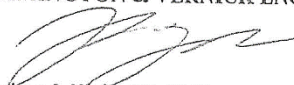
Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 2 – Montana Construction Corporation for work performed on the above-referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agrees with the partial payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following payment be made to Montana Construction Corporation in the amount of \$364,504.15.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Robert J. Klein, PE, CME
Project Manager

cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete Lo Dico
Frank Barrale
Vincent Buono

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*** APPLICATIONS**

NONE

*** REPORTS**

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Accomando – I have one thing I forgot to mention. I just want to congratulate Shayna Kugler she got promoted to the rank of Lieutenant so I just want to wish her the best on her new role and the best of luck.

Council President Gieriek – I just want to congratulate Councilman Accomando I don't think I mentioned that. Motion to open the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez - yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Gieriek - yes

Mr. Schilp comes forward – I just want to thank Councilman Cimiluca for taking an interest in the items I brought up and they really need to be looked into. The other little comment is the white stripes that are by the speed humps it really needs to move more to the middle

of the street. Some of them are really close to the curb somebody parks by it you're blocking out half the stripes thank you.

Ms. Cannariato comes forward – One last thing on do not knock and I'd be more than happy to design this for the Police Department. When we issue a permit I don't know how that's done for the Police Department but do we give them a copy of a picture of the Do Not Knock sticker that clearly states you need to avoid these homes.

Mayor White – I know they have a list.

Mr. Lo Dico – And they do get a copy of the ordinance.

Ms. Cannariato – Maybe a copy of the sticker might be because these alleged Verizon people weren't the owners. Everyone who comes to my door I'm very nice to them but I try to educate them on this and they claim they don't know it now we all know how that goes but I'd be happy to design one for our Police Department that's it thanks.

Council President Gieriek – Thank you. I'd just like to say that we take your comments very seriously and have them all written down. They didn't fall on deaf ears we're not going to just say they left thank God nothing's going to be addressed we're not going to do anything. Trust me you came here you took the time we appreciate that we're going to take your comments and concerns seriously. Thank you.

Mr. Schilp – The alleged Verizon people came to my house twice and both times I asked them if they were working for Verizon and both times they said no they work on their own and they get commission for signing you up.

Council President Gieriek – That makes sense.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair. I agree most of the time Verizon doesn't have employees that go door to door they hire a third party and those people then hire people who take commission for signing up people. Ms. Cannariato brought up an excellent point and I do agree that perhaps if the police in their permitting process have the sticker and make the sticker part of the application it's given to them so this way they are on a hundred percent total notice that if you see this that property is off limits there's a force field around it. You can't go there and it also helps us in enforcement that it's part of the application process for the permit. You see what it looks like. If you see that on the door and it's on the door then you're double violating.

Mayor White – I know they give a list of all the houses that have the No Knock and they give a copy of the ordinance but it's a good point they can see what it looks like. They may do it I don't know but I know for sure they give them a list when they go for a permit but a lot of them don't go for permits that's the problem. They have to be written up if there's no repercussions they're going to keep doing it. That's why it's important to call the police so we can confront them and find out whether they do have a permit.

Council President Gieriek – Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

There were no comments.

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierrek
Council President

Approved: April 18, 2024