

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on February 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Saddle Brook Municipal Complex, 55 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

The Council President called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Council President Accomando – Please rise for the flag salute and remain standing in memory of Saddle Brook Firefighter Roy DeJulia, retired Police Detective Glenn Verost and retired Police Officer George Schmalz.

The Council President 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor White reads 2 proclamations they are for Heart Health Month and recognition of Black History Month.

***Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
In Recognition of
February Heart Health Month***

WHEREAS, February is designated as Heart Health Month. The nation unites beginning the first Friday, by wearing red and with the common goal to eradicate heart disease; and

WHEREAS, it is important not to ignore early warning signs like chest pain, palpitations, shortness of breath, and sudden dizziness. Heart attack symptoms can be different for men and women. Everyone should consult with their primary physicians for life saving information; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness I encourage everyone to check their cholesterol, blood pressure, and make healthy food choices, as well as stay active, and know your risk.

Now therefore, on this 15th day of February 2024, I do hereby proclaim February as Heart health month and encourage all residents to make the commitment to help fight cardiovascular disease.

**Signed and sealed before me on
this 15th day of February, two
thousand and twenty-four.**



Robert D. White, Mayor

***Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
In Recognition of
Black History Month***

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration which recognizes the significant contributions of African Americans throughout our nation's history, through their contributions in arts, entertainment, law, politics, sciences, sports and so much more; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about Black heritage, and to honor the many Black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our nation; and

WHEREAS, such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty.

Now therefore, on this 15th day of February, 2024, we urge our residents to join in making this a period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

**Signed and sealed before me on this
15th day of February, two thousand
and twenty-Four.**



Robert D. White, Mayor

Council President Accomando asks for a motion to open to the public.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. I'm here tonight to give my usual Mayor's Youth Group updates. We met this past Saturday in the Multi-Purpose Room on the Rec side of the Municipal Complex. We installed our new secretary, Eleanor so I do want to congratulate her on being named and voted secretary. We're going to be getting involved in the Easter Celebration coming up in March. We're also going to have our next meeting on March the 16th which is Saturday at 10:30 in the complex in the Multi-Purpose Room to discuss and prepare for Easter and also to prepare for advertising our group and getting the word out and recruiting more members. We really have a great group of people. We have great officers who are committed to really being successful with our youth group and rallying everybody to help out at all the events and volunteer and make our Town a better place as always we do. Anybody who's in grades four through twelve lives in Saddle Brook is welcome to join the Mayor's Youth Group at any time and I do want to thank the Youth Group for all they do. I believe that's it for now. We're also going to be involved in Earth Day more information to follow on that in the future.

Council President Accomando – Anyone else wishing to speak?

Nobody else comes forward.

Council President Accomando – Motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Accomando – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White – Let's start out with the Bergen County Saddle River Park Otto Pehle section the all-inclusive playground that they are proposing. I think the Council knows about it but the residents some may not know. This is a Green Acres grant that the County is applying for. They're proposing moving the front entrance of the park where it is now just to the left which will be to the north and have it go straight in rather than bend. Part of that area where the driveway was is going to be used for this completely inclusive playground. It's going to start there and work its way down to the path that goes around the lake. They're altering the driveway it's going to be moved further north. They're also moving the playground. The playground now is down by the bathroom at the end of the parking lot and to the east of the lake behind the bathrooms. It's right smack in the flood zone. Every time it floods that area gets pretty flooded and the playground has to be disinfected it can't be used so this is some of the reasons why they're doing this. They want to move it up to that area which for all the years I've been around I think maybe one time it came up a little bit higher. I don't think it came up all the way to the street because the street's a lot higher there. That's the reasoning they want to get it out of that flood area. Anytime that river crests there's a problem back there. It's so close to the river where it is now. The proposal you can go on the Town website also the Town Facebook page or the County website and they have the whole proposal. They're talking about spending 3.7 million dollars. It's a huge playground it looks very nice from what I can see. This is the first step. They haven't been approved for the funds yet. I think that they probably will because it's a good project and the fact that its handicap accessible they believe they're going to get the funding for it. This is just step one they did have a hearing for this whole month they're getting input. They've asked residents on their website, the park section of the Bergen County website. They're asking people to mail in or email any kind of concerns. I know there were some residents in Saddle Brook that did this. They saw what we posted on Facebook and they did go to the commissioners meeting and they expressed some concerns. Some of the concerns that I've been hearing are the park is too close to the street. I happen to like that idea only because there's a couple of reasons but to me I like the fact it being closer to the street its more of a community park. I think our residents may use it more also too from a security standpoint its good because the police officers could drive by and shine the light. It's right there rather than being way inside the park. Usually the playground doesn't get damaged but there's been a lot of damage to the bathrooms which are right next door there and it's more difficult because it's not well lit so I think for those two reasons it's good. Some of the residents feel I think you know a runaway car but to me it's going to be protected. There's going to be bollards they'll be buffers trees something there to protect it plus the fence they think it should be a higher fence. It's going to be surrounded by a four foot fence I guess they think the kids can jump over the fence but you know most of the time these are young children there's going to be parents there supervising them. I don't know but that's their concern. One of the things they did mention that there's going to be more public use so there's going to be more cars they need additional parking. These are things that I think those are valid concerns but they do have time to at least say what they have to say and give their input but it is only step one. Once they're approved there's going to be more meetings more hearings and public comments and they know about it now so people in that area and we will when it gets closer I think it's important for us to notify the residents in that general area. The ones on Graham Court and close to the entrance to Saddle River Road. I think

it's important that we let them know that this is happening and that they can go to the Bergen County Commissioners' meeting or email or send letters to them. Also we were approved this was verbally we received a commitment for \$750,000 grant funding from the State that verbal but now we got written notice that we did. Our grant writer had to file paperwork and an application and we did receive notice from the Governor's office that we were approved to that. There's three parks Mayhill Street Park, Kern Street Park, Fifth Street Park and also Senior Center generator and the biggest allotment of money is for a splash park which is a location to be determined at a later date and we have some ideas we're going to discuss that at our work session. I want to remind the residents of the new Notify Me to remind them that it's a new Township notification system. You can register on the Township website saddlebrooknj.us. There's a registration form on there it's simple to do. It's a lot like Nixle as far as how to sign up. We already have about 750 and we just started it so hopefully we'll get more as we go along. I also want to extend my best wishes and prayers for Father Bruce Janiga of Saint Philip's the pastor there. At the end of January he had back surgery. He's rehabbing now at Kessler Institute. Our prayers go out to him and his family and the whole parish. He's doing much better from what I understand. Also I want to thank our DPW and the Police Department. The DPW did a fabulous job plowing our streets on Tuesday with the storm. Also the Police Department I guess I'm happy to say I'm not happy if you got a ticket but if you got a ticket you probably deserved it but they wrote 222 tickets so they were out there and I can't say enough when it snows you have to move the cars off the street. If you live somewhere and you're a tenant and the landlord doesn't let you park you have to find some other place. There's many other places if you look around that you could park I'm sure or get permission from somebody else to park. It doesn't happen that frequently but it's important that you move your vehicles. Municipal offices are closed Monday February 19th for President's Day. Section one the north part of the Town yard waste is going to be picked up on Friday. It's usually picked up on Monday but Friday the 23rd. We've got some events coming up next month is Women in History Month and women will be recognized in different categories such as business leader, community service, government service, outstanding citizen etcetera. That will be at next month's regular meeting. Chicken Bingo is Saturday March 10th from eleven to three at the Senior Center see or call Joe Lecce our Senior Director. Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Fish and Chips is Friday March 29th from five to nine here at the Corp building. For tickets you have to email it's secretary@saddlebrookvac.com or call Tracy at 201-790-3750. Our Spring Celebration is Saturday March 30th from twelve to two right here at the Rec Center. There's an egg garden, games for kids, face painter, DJ, etc. That's always a fun time. Also the Town will be printing 300 copies of Saddle Brook Portrait of Our Past written by Jack Wasdyke. We received Pete Lo Dico our Clerk received about 200. It started on Facebook there's a page there's actually two pages Memories Growing up in Saddle Brook and the other one is Saddle Brook High School Alumni Association. Those two pages a lot of people from Saddle Brook expressed interest and they wanted the book and we ran out of copies so we will be having them printed and selling them. Mr. Lo Dico do you know how much they will be?

Mr. Lo Dico – Not yet but they can email me petelodico@saddlebrooknj.gov and we'll let you know when the books are available.

Mayor White – We'll make sure we put it on social media and blast it out so everybody knows. Lastly my sincere condolences to the DeJulia family the Verost and Schmalz families. We gave a moment of silence for the three of them and also the flags were at half-staff. Also their friends and brother officers and brother and sister police officers and firefighters. I personally worked with the two police officers Verost and Schmalz on the Saddle Brook Police Department and both were excellent men. They were dedicated public servants and they were devoted to the Saddle Brook community. They'll be sorely missed and God bless them thank you.

Councilwoman Mazzer – At this time I would just like to extend my prayers and sympathies also to the DeJulia, Verost and Schmalz families. My heartfelt prayers to you guys to everyone. A shout out to our DPW and our Police Department. They did an amazing job and thank you for your service.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I would also like to extend my condolences to the Schmalz, DeJulia and Verost family. I'm very sorry for their loss. Like the Mayor and Councilwoman Mazzer said the DPW did a wonderful job and I just want to make a correction quick on the Fish and Chips. The Fish and Chips is from 4:30 to 7:00 pm on March 29th. I think you said five to nine but it's 4:30 to seven that's all.

Councilman Cimiluca – I just had a question for the Mayor. I'm trying to figure out was the new driveway into the park is that going to affect the current parking is it that far north or is it in between the current parking and where people are parking now? I'm sorry between the current entrance and where people park now?

Mayor White – I think it's just a little left about I'm not that good with distance but now when you go in you kind of go in straight and curve the left so it's going to be straight ahead so maybe 30 feet.

Councilman Cimiluca – So it's not going to affect the current part.

Mayor White – There are some trees there they're probably going to have to take down and that's another complaint that we see.

Councilman Cimiluca – I think you mentioned it after I wrote some notes about so it's going to be one big playground area it's not the existing playground area is going to be gone.

Mayor White – Yeah they're going to do something else with it they're going to take that down. I think that they're going to reuse it somewhere. The playground equipment is still pretty good.

Councilman Cimiluca – Again like everyone we lost a few good people in this month and also obviously the Schmalz family, the DeJulia family and the Verost family and the gentleman who passed his son is currently an officer and is a sergeant with our police force now. Also the father of Marilyn Nasello who was a former president of our Board of Education passed away a few years after his wife did so condolences to the Nasello Sinisi family. As the Mayor said I totally agree with him in terms of I'm happy but not happy about the tickets. I'm happy that people were cited for doing something they shouldn't

have done. I'm not happy that people continue to do that so 200 tickets probably they could have issued 400 if they got everybody. It's just amazing that year after year people continue to do the same thing. You know you can't do it but you continue to do it. Sometimes it's an emergent situation they're out of Town I understand that but I just drove from my house to Midland Avenue and there are three or four cars that are just totally plowed in and why didn't you just move it I don't understand it. Some of them five days later were still plowed in so I don't know maybe they were just gone I have no idea but if that's the case you know of an impending snowstorm do something about it. In terms of the resolution especially Heart Health Month I say this every year I've been up here for 15 years. My dad died when he was 39 year old of what I thought was a heart attack later on I found out it was heart disease. Unfortunately, I was telling my doctors that it was just a sudden heart attack nothing to worry about and then finally I found out it was long term heart disease that killed him at the age of 39. We just did some research here 30% of all deaths in America are due to heart disease and one in five women die of heart disease. It's often thought of as a man disease but one in five women that's a frightening statistic so please do what you can to take care of yourself. That's all I have.

Council President Accomando – I too would like to thank the DPW for the quick response they had to clean up that snow it came down pretty quick. I would also like to wish condolences to the DeJulia family, Verost family, Schmalz family and thank you for service to the Township. You will definitely not be forgotten. As far as the Spring Celebration the Mayor talked about I believe it was March 30th that's a great event every year and it just gets better and better so if you do have the time or you don't have the time try and make time because it's great for kids great for the family and try and get out meet some of your neighbors hopefully by that time the weather will break and it'll be another good time. Please support the local Ambulance Corp with Fish and Chips on the 29th and I think that's it for now.

Mr. Lo Dico – We have no ordinances this evening so we'll go right to the agenda.

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 – Not part of the consent agenda would be the October 19th Council Meeting Minutes and resolution number 7.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – We have the minutes of the October 19, 2023 Council meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman President Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – We have resolution number seven which Councilman Cimiluca will be recusing himself and leaving the dais. Councilman Cimiluca has left the meeting it's approving payment of the bill for the Choi Law Group.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

*** RESOLUTIONS**

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

CR# 0224-24

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2023 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to Recycling and to indicate the assent of Township of Saddle Brook to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

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

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - absent

Councilwoman Sanchez - yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando - yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK GRANTEE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

CR# 0224-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$138,808 matching grant award from the 2023 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled Kern Park: Playground Replacement, Resurfacing, Curb, Sidewalk and Benches, located in Kern Park tax block 406 lots 4 and 5, on the tax maps of the Township of Saddle Brook;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Robert White to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 13, 2025; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible construction costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements. Professional Services Costs may be reimbursed from grant award's unexpended balance, should there be a balance.

This resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of at a meeting on February 15, 2024.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0224-26

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has requested that the MEL provide a loan as a result of the settlement of a claim by the former Chief of Police for the Municipality against the Municipality for malicious prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund ("MEL") and the Municipality hereby agree as follows:

1. The MEL will issue a loan to the Township in the sum of \$147,500 in exchange for the execution of this Repayment Agreement which contains repayment in annual installments of \$14,750 initiating on February 1, 2025 with the final payment occurring on February 1, 2035, together with interest equal to the rate of interest the MEL receives on its investments, which fluctuates, but which, at the moment is

2.39%. Therefore, the annual payment of \$14,750 shall be accompanied by an interest payment on the unpaid principal and shall be made on February 1 each year. All payments shall be made payable to the MEL and mailed to:

Municipal Excess Liability JIF
P.O. Box 11492
Newark, NJ 07101-4492

2. In the event the Township fails to make timely repayment, the MEL reserves the right to call for payment in full for the balance of the remaining payments as well as charge interest pursuant to the New Jersey Rules of Court and offset or withhold any dividends paid to the Municipality by way of the MEL and/or its related entities that which the Municipality is an insured.
3. In the event that payment is not made by the Township, the MEL reserves the right to pursue payment and all costs and attorney fees associated with any action or effort made to secure repayment of such funds.
4. If the Township's membership terminates with the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund then any outstanding balance accelerates and payment is due to the MEL immediately which shall be defined as due within 30 days of the notification of such termination.
5. The MEL is providing this funding and loan in connection with the Township's membership and the extreme hardship that which the Township has encountered as a result of a settlement of a Notice of Tort Claim filed against the Municipality on or about January 30, 2023.
6. The parties, by entering into this Agreement, make no representation, nor can this be utilized to acknowledge any obligation on behalf of the MEL or responsibility on behalf of the Township as to the incidents that have occurred. This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of providing financial support to the Township, a member of the MEL, in a time when it is faced with a significant financial incident.
7. The failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement shall be grounds for the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and/or the MEL to have cause for the termination of the Municipality's membership in the said respective funds providing appropriate notice to the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby enters into said agreement with the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign said agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 0224-27

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook desires to become a member of the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, NJWCPS, effective February 15, 2024 and, that such membership shall be for the period ending December 31, 2024, and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless the Township of Saddle Brook elects to formally withdraw from the system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Saddle Brook that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement for such membership.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR # 0224-28

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 **\$1,099,711.76** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR # 0224-29

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 **\$4,015,772.09** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR # 0224-30

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 **\$2,612.50** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Choi Law Group

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - recuse
Councilman Gierak - absent
Councilwoman Sanchez - yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Accomando - yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION TO LITTIE LLC**

CR# 0224-31

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township thereafter approved a second request for an extension of sixty (60) days to December 19, 2023 for the purpose of completing renovations at the leased premises; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney is in receipt of a letter from the attorney for Little LLC advising the construction and renovations are almost completed, however, the State Cannabis Commission is requesting additional paperwork be submitted which includes the Township approving resolution which expired December 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed this matter and recommends that an additional sixty day extension to April 15, 2024 be granted to Little LLC in order to submit the appropriate paperwork to the State and complete renovations at the leased premises; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Little LLC be and is hereby granted an additional sixty (60) day extension to April 15, 2024 of their previous approval in order to complete renovations on the leased property located at 217 Route 46 and submit the necessary paperwork to the State Cannabis Commission; and

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

*CORRESPONDENCE

1. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION – ARZUMAN, LLC
DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

Saddle Brook Police Department



OFFICER IN CHARGE

JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CAPTAIN

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

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: January 10, 2024

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**
Arzuman, LLC
Herman Arzuman
16-01 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individual. All required documents were provided and the company meets all insurance thresholds as required.

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

CC: file

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2. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION – MESH LIMOUSINE
DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

Saddle Brook Police Department



OFFICER IN CHARGE

JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CAPTAIN

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

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: January 10, 2024

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**
Mesh Limousine Service
Daniel Fox
132 Martha Avenue
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individual.
All required documents were provided and the company meets all insurance thresholds as required.

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

CC: file

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JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.

3. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: SECOND HAND JEWELRY-EZ CONVERTERS
DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

Saddle Brook Police Department



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To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: January 10, 2024

Re: **EZ Converters**
189 Route 46 West
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Jing Jing Cao
910 Willow Avenue
River Edge, NJ 07661

In accordance with Township Ordinance, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed an application for a second-hand jewelry license.

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

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

cc: file

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SADDLE BROOK POLICE DEPT.

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4. CAPTAIN ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY APPLICATION – NJ MY LIMO
DATE: JANUARY 10, 2024

Saddle Brook Police Department



OFFICER IN CHARGE

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CAPTAIN

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To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - Officer in Charge
Date: January 10, 2024

Re: LIVERY APPLICATION

NJ My Limo LLC
Ahmet Cinar
41 Short Hills Circle, Apt 2B
Millburn, NJ 07041

In accordance with Township Ordinance #189, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Livery Application. The business will operate out of 200 North Sixth Street.

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individual. All required documents were provided and the company meets all insurance thresholds.

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

CC: file

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JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.

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***APPLICATIONS**

Auto Body

1. Finesse Auto Body – 374 North Midland Avenue - RENEWAL

Auto Repair

2. Saddle Brook Auto Center – 458 Fairlawn Parkway – RENEWAL
3. Mike’s Truck Repair – 9 Capitol Street - RENEWAL

Secondhand Jewelry

4. EZ Converter – 189 Route 46 - RENEWAL

Public Place

5. Excelsior – 190 Route 46 – RENEWAL
6. Pizza Hut – 536 Market Street – RENEWAL
7. Tribos Peri Peri – 383 Market Street – RENEWAL
8. Mr. Bruno’s Pizzeria – 472 Market Street – RENEWAL
- 9. Grumpy’s Pizza – 522 Saddle River Road – RENEWAL ***
- 10. Midland Bagels – 160 North Midland Avenue – RENEWAL ***
- 11. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue - RENEWAL ***

Livery

12. Royal Link Inc. & or Bhaskar Nair – 250 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
13. NJ My Limo, LLC – 250 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
14. MESH Transport, Inc. – 250 Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL
15. Arzuman, LLC – 250 Pehle Avenue - **NEW**

Vending Machine

16. Pepsi Beverage Company – Kearny, NJ – RENEWAL
- 17. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL ***

Scrap Metal Dealer

18. Curcio Scrap Metal – 416 Lanza Avenue – RENEWAL

Hotel/Motel

- 19. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue – RENEWAL ***

Raffle

- 20. RA# 1384 - Saddle Brook Educational Foundation – Tricky Tray ***

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Cimiluca – One of the things the Mayor had gone over a whole bunch of things that are going on. I don't believe he mentioned something that came over. It's the Cornhole Tournament I believe It's this Friday here at the Rec center. I think the younger kids are in the afternoon 3 to 5 or something like that and I think its 18 or older so I think it's from 7 to 9. I'm not a hundred percent sure of the time so you can check with our Rec Director but that's a first for us the first time we've had a Rec Center so that should be fun. It's tomorrow so hopefully you can get here and enjoy what's going on.

Council President Accomando – Thank you I didn't know about that. I just wanted to mention at our work session unfortunately I think it was a day or two before our work session someone's car got stolen out of the driveway right in Town. It's not just our Town it's just about every town in Bergen, Passaic, Hudson County there's just a big ring going around and stealing cars. With that being said I just think that it was mentioned years ago from former Councilman Joe Setticase and I'd just like to mention that I feel like we should consider strategically placing cameras throughout the Township for that purpose. One purpose is that but the other reason is God forbid they do steal a car and there's a child in the car that would be just horrific but to know where they're coming from where they're going through cameras I think would help the Township. Of course there's a cost but someone's life there's no price for that. That's all I have.

Mayor White – Through the Chair the cornhole tomorrow night is grade 7 and 8 is 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm and 18 and older 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Rec Center. Council President Accomando to your point we're seeing that more and more in Bergen County. Bergen County was one of the last ones to start going with townwide cameras. They are very expensive I mean perhaps with some of the cannabis money we'll hopefully get in we can use that but they're expensive but they work. They're a deterrent and a lot of crimes are solved because of it and stopped. Some of the especially in Hudson County, they actually have and in North Bergen they have people monitoring the cameras. That's their job they sit there and they just look at all the cameras. They have 20 different cameras throughout the town maybe more but they just watch and if they see something that looks suspicious they'll call a police car there. They work they're expensive that's the only downside. Like you said you know what today you can never be too safe and Joe was ahead of his time when he brought that up. I know everybody laughed at him you know really I remember that people laughed at him. That was probably 20 years ago we've come a long way in 20 years. The majority of towns do have them and now Bergen about half the towns have them. I know Garfield does I know they also have license plate readers. The cameras are so sophisticated they can zoom in on a quarter that's on the curb they're that good. They read the license plates and they'll come up you know the car stolen wanted for something. It's here and it's something we're really going to have to think about.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair I just had one comment. A lot of these thefts could be avoided please do not leave your key fob in your car. It might make it easier for you but it also makes it easier for a thief for the same reason. Make sure it sounds silly

but please lock your doors because most of us those who have garages have a garage door opener and most of those garage door openers are easily accessible if your door is open so you know maybe your car gets stolen it is what it is but they press that button now they're in your house and that's a lot scarier than having four wheels taken from your driveway so just be careful.

Council President Accomando – To piggyback off that because what they're doing is they're using readers. Your keys can be in your kitchen 20 feet from the front of your house and they have these readers outside your house they get the frequency and they get the frequency not just for one car but for every car in your driveway or your neighbor's driveway and all they're doing is pressing a button and they're starting. They do sell these satchel or boxes that you can put your keys in that blocks the frequency but that's what they're doing they're going around and using this reader to get the frequency of your car press the button and your car can be in the garage it's going to start. The problem is these individuals get caught I've seen it now being in the courts they get caught they see the judge they get released with no bail PTI no slap on the wrist no nothing, no fines unless they do it again and get caught then they go to jail. If your car gets stolen let them take your car. If your kids in there then absolutely do what you have to do but if your car gets stolen let them take it it's just a car. Don't get yourself injured for an object but just be mindful and if you need to go on Amazon I believe sells those boxes you can put your keys in to block the frequency from being read that's it. Open the meeting to the public on agenda items.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

After seeing no one.

Council President Accomando – Motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

Council President Accomando – Council Mayor any comments?

There are no comments.

Council President Accomando – Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

Todd J. Accomando
Council President

Approved: May 16, 2024