The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on June 20, 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 Gierek – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – present
Council President Accomando – absent

Mayor White – present
Ms. Bicocchi – Twp. Attorney – present
Mr. Klein – Twp. Engineer – present
Mr. Homsi – Twp. Administrator – present

Mr. Lo Dico – Council President Accomando is unable to be here due to a family graduation at this point a motion will be in order to appoint an acting council president.

Councilwoman Mazzer makes a motion seconded by Councilwoman Sanchez to appoint Councilman Gierek as Acting Council President.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek – Please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of John Galvin, former Township Clerk and father of John Galvin member of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Arturo (Babe) Liberty, father of former Councilwoman Deb Cannariato and DPW employee Vincent Liberty.

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.

Acting Council President Gierek – Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek – We're going to introduce the budget first.

Mr. Wielkotz – Tonight the 2024 Municipal Budget for the Township for introduction and introduction only. The process is the Council votes to introduce the budget it gets sent to the State for review four weeks from today I believe is the public hearing July 18th the public hearing on the budget at which time the public is allowed to ask their questions relative to the budget that will be on the table. It has not been an easy budget year, not here really not anywhere. With rising costs with inflation with interest rates with the federal funding that came during COVID now gone it's been an adventure in all towns, in all counties throughout the State and I would suspect throughout the country. The bottom line here is that the average residential assessment which was 434 last year which is 462.5 this year the municipal tax increase is $250 and that is driven solely by appropriations that you have no control over. Some examples are solid waste and recycling which is contractual the increase is $400,000. Our pension bills from the State are over $76,000 more. The statutory contribution to the library is $23,000 more. Our salaries are up over $300,000 contractually across the board for all the employees. Passaic Valley Sewer $68,000, debt service $335,000, and that piece of it is directly

related to the short term interest rates that just a year and a half ago we were paying for tax free notes a half a percent or three quarters of a percent. We're now paying four and a half percent on the same money so that's $335,000. When you put it all together the things that are controllable the daily day to day operating expenses of the Town are increasing about $75,000 for the whole year. Like in previous years everything that you can control you have controlled. You watch every dollar I know that but if you look around at the surrounding towns it's been a challenging budget year for everybody. There's things like again and we're lucky we didn't have a huge increase in healthcare this year. We had that problem last year other towns are having that problem this year. With inflation, with escalating costs, contractual obligations, bills that we just get because this is your pension bill this is what you have to pay those are the drivers in terms of the 2024 budget and I think we took an extra couple of weeks this year in order to introduce it to really go back and go through and make sure everybody looked at everything and that we're only putting forth in this budget what were the actual real needs of the Township for 2024. Again tonight's for introduction only it gets advertised it goes to the State the public gets a chance to ask their questions in four weeks.

Councilman Cimiluca – Surplus is that part of this?

Mr. Wielkotz – That's part of it we're using the same 3.2 million as revenue that we did in 2023 and that's a little bit more aggressive than we'd like to because surplus went from 6.6 million to 5.4 million. A lot of what's happened is a lot of the free federal money that was abundant during the pandemic is now gone so things are tightening up a little bit but we used the same 3.2 so as to keep that the same for this year.

Mayor White – Through the Chair, can you explain to the public admittedly myself before I became an elected official I didn't really understand surplus. I think a lot of people out there and there's been some comments made up here that we have a lot of surplus but I think people think that you have five million that that's five million extra dollars that you can just go spend tomorrow and it's not going to affect the budget in the future.

Mr. Wielkotz – Since you brought the subject up I'll give a little historical perspective. Over the past five or six or seven years we made a conscious effort to build up the surplus with the thought process being we wanted to buy and build and create a new Township Municipal Center and we wanted to make sure when that debt came on the books and in the budget that we had sufficient surplus in order to fund the majority of that so that the impact to the taxpayers was not going to be the total cost of the building all at once and we did that. We built up the surplus over the years then over the last couple of years we've been utilizing it to offset the debt service specifically for this building in the budget and increasing every year what we're using to supplement the budget so as to kind of level the best we could the amount to be raised by taxes. It's not by evidence it was 6.6 now it's 5.4 we always have to be careful with surplus what we have and what we use

because if we don't regenerate what we use this year for next year then there's an automatic hole in the budget and we've not done that we don't intend on doing that and we've done a very nice job in dealing with the increased costs, the pandemic, opening this building and we've had what I would call incremental tax increases over the last few years. This is certainly a little more than we're used to but again we're no different than the surrounding towns and the County and everybody because everything costs more papers, pencils and it didn't go up one percent or two percent it went up five percent or seven percent. You went out and bid your garbage recycling contract those guys are all getting even for COVID. They had contractual obligations to their clients at a certain level and all if a sudden everybody was staying home and there was a byproduct of people being home is more garbage so they not that there's a conspiracy theory or anything but what I've seen is that anybody that goes out to bid over the last twelve or eighteen months they've seen tremendous increases in those costs. I hope that explains.

Acting Council President Gierek – Overall the financial picture here in Saddle Brook I know you cover a lot of the towns and you do a lot of work in a lot of the other municipalities what would you say as far as the overall?

Mr. Wielkotz – Saddle Brook's healthy and you're healthy because the way you've approached and attacked the budget over the last again I forget how long I've been here. Mayor how long have you been the mayor?

Mayor White – Ten years.

Mr. Wielkotz – I've been here ten years and I think when we started the surplus was $300,000 Saddle Brook had nothing. Over that period we not only built up the surplus you've done a lot of infrastructure and a lot of equipment and a lot of roads and a lot of parks and we've been able to come up with a program that while taxes go up every year you're not seeing a five hundred dollar spike like other places might see. We've worked very hard at creating fiscal stability here and I would say to you that we're a very fiscally stable municipality.

Acting Council President Gierek – Thank you. We're open to the public.

Nicholas Wille of 518 Lyster Avenue comes forward. As you all know we had the problem on our block with the parking. We asked for the signs to be put back up with the ordinance that's already there. You put the signs back up I got to tell you it's like you put the signs back up to stick it in the homeowner's eye. We have 14 houses on our block you put 17 signs up. You actually have a sign I brought pictures for you so you can look at them Councilman Cimiluca' s been down the block he's seen it. There's actually a sign on the telephone pole leaving the block right on the corner. What was the purpose of that just to stick it in our eye for asking for the signs?

Mayor White – I can tell you absolutely it was not to do anything. Why would we want to do that Nick you know do I look like a vindictive person I know what it looks like you don't have to show it to me I went down there.

Mr. Wille hands the photos to Mayor White and says that maybe the rest of the Council wants to see the pictures. That's what I wanted to bring up on that. The second thing I'd like to bring up is Saddle Brook Park the park is a travesty it's terrible it's all overgrown and everything now I know it's County okay but you're our leader. Now I'm not picking on you but you're our leader in Town. I was down by the fishing contest I was talking to somebody there another neighbor was standing there and I said this park is crazy it's a mess and I was told that it's the County that you called and tried to get something done and that the Saddle Brook people should stop bothering you about that.

Mayor White – I don't know who told you that.
Mr. Wille – I'll tell you in a minute who told me that.

Mayor White – I would never say that.

Mr. Wille – I know you wouldn't say that. The Town people should stop bothering you and go to the County and leave you alone because you've done all you can to get that park cleaned up.

Mayor White – Whoever said that was wrong.

Mr. Wille – I'll tell you who said it in private I don't want to embarrass the person. The park you can see it it's overgrown you can't see the lake unless you're at one end or the other. Last week for four days somebody must have went in their pants. I don't know how they got back to their car without their pants and underwear you know their shorts but they were laying there for like four days bottles, cans, overgrown, sometimes you can't sit on the benches along the one side because the weeds just grow over it. I ride through the other towns with the parks why is Otto C. Pehle the forgotten park? My question to you is so you can ask them that. Why it's forgotten why it's not taken care of. Last year the bathroom didn't work for almost a year they had Port-a- johns there which yeah people got to go. It's just a mess somebody's got to do something about that park.

Mayor White – I agree with you. We call them once a week at least.

Mr. Wille – If it's possible why don't you get a hold of Tedesco he's our County Executive and see if he can meet you and I at the park one day and we can just take a walk around the lake. I don't even have to show him the rest of the park he can just walk around the lake and look at it and say this is crazy but the excuse I was given by the same person

that said you don't want to be bothered anymore is that there's sinkholes everywhere and that's why they can't cut the weeds down.

Mr. Wille also commented about the 3 minute rule being too short and that you can't brush your teeth and comb your hair in 3 minutes never mind get your point across.

Omar Rodriguez of Saddle Brook comes forward. I'm running for Council on November 5th along with Chief of Police Kugler and the reason I'm starting like that is I believe that it's time for change. A lot of things are going on and people have to wake up it's time for a change. How could it be that this month at the end of June you're just introducing a budget. That is not right, not right at all I'm going to tell you that there's a lot of waste that needs to be cut. Once we get elected we're going to freeze those rates and there's going to be no layoffs and I got a case on point how could it be a small town like ours 14,000 people we spend thirty two million dollars. How can we pay one employee $300,000 in a year. I just heard something about the country yes maybe one of the highest in the country not just in the State of New Jersey one of the highest in the country and we're a small town. It's time to do some checks and balances it's not just a yes man on everything but everything is going to change after November 5th hopefully the voters will vote the people out and also people got to be aware that if Councilman Cimiluca gets reelected hopefully not in November we will have to pay for life his medical benefits which could be close to a million dollars. Last year that I checked the medical benefits cost $30,000 a year for a spouse $40,000 for a family and every year it goes up. Then again do we think that he's worth it well it's going to be up to the voters in November because those are the ones that have to go and make sure they exercise their opinion and say if it's basically worth it or not like the last speaker said three minutes what is wrong with you if you are elected for the people and by the people you should interact. The reason why I have to leave is because you just want to speak attack me but why don't you interact with me one on one. We have attorneys right here and we can go one on one and I can like seven or eight of you have minds people need to debate that issues. That's the reason I'm leaving because you just want to attack me attack me when I'm here so I can defend myself. Actually how could it be that we pay $300,000 to one particular employee $300,000 then he comes to the Fire Department to ask for more than $160,000 that you allocate for them. They are a volunteer department they spent between a hundred and a hundred and twenty thousand dollars and they've been denied to increase on their budget $160,000 for a volunteer department but then you can pay $300,000 to one person something is wrong with this picture. So then again I'm just going to let it go for now but thank you for listening. All of you at home please have a safe summer and God bless you.

Steve Mariconda of 24 Harrison Avenue comes forward. I just see the resolutions here you're going to authorize the engineering firm of the planner to prepare a light pollution ordinance. I just want to thank you guys for being open about this. I really do think it'll make our Town better in many ways so thank you.

Brian O'Connor of 357 Poplar Street comes forward. I'm here about the concern of the football field. I would like to know what the status is right now. Is it approved is it ready for the turf field is that what's going on does anyone know?

Acting Council President Gierek – That's a Board of Education question.

Mr. O'Connor – Well I went to the Board of Education the other night and they don't answer any questions that's why I'm here at the Town Council.

Mayor White – It's been approved I know that.

Mr. O'Connor – Okay so it's approved so it's a go so what I'm here to tell you is I'm very concerned I've been in the landscaping business for 40 years I know towns that have put in fake fields they've been flooded, they've been lifted, they had to redo them again. Garfield is an example, Lodi is an example, Ridgewood is an example if you don't think that that field is going to flood again you're sorely mistaken. I've been there for 40 years roughly and I've seen it flood over and over again. It's come to my house the fire hydrant next door has been under water a dozen times that means the field in front of my house is flooded so what do you think is going to happen to that field it's going to get ruined. What if it gets flooded you know that water is not clean that's all filled with dirt. What if that field gets silted over and you have an inch of dirt on the field what are you going to do sweep it up, power wash it it's ridiculous. You're going to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to put in an artificial field and you're trying to teach your kids to go green. Going green would mean putting solar panels on the roof of the High School when you're fixing it now. I tried to talk to the Board of Education I don't know the lady who's the president just told me that I'm not allowed to ask any questions but I also feel that it's highly suspect that she's the Board of Education President and her husband is the Athletic Director and they're pushing this through. It just smells funny to me. I'm not accusing anyone of anything but it just smells funny. There's no reason for that I would put up my own money to fix the field. Have you looked at the field lately they're purposely trying to kill it. The water is not on. I live right across the street I live behind the scoreboard I know what's going on there they're trying to kill the field and I'm here tonight to tell you let me take control of that field. Give me the keys for two months I'll put in $5,000 of my own money but only on one condition that you have a revote. I want a revote on this it was two months after the first vote and then two months later they rammed it through again. I had to work all day that day it snowed it was a snow day I worked fifteen hours no way I could vote. What I'm saying is give me a chance it won't cost you a dime not a dime and if you don't want to do it then I'll take that five grand and I'll get some legal counsel to represent me to fight this because I think it's a terrible decision. I know how to take care of fields I used to have a three D turf license in the State of New Jersey. Like I said I work for a company we have 50 employees 25 trucks I take care of townhouse complexes of 5 to 500 units

could be 42 acres or more was the job that I was doing today so I'm the guy why don't you give me a chance and stop the stupid thing of the field and let me show you what a green asset you have. Give me a chance Mr. White don't just shut the water off and kill it because it got approved. You know that's just wrong you're throwing away a perfectly good asset when you should be really using that money to create an asset for the school. They're doing the roof now so let them fix the roof and put the panels on it's the right thing to do thank you.

Mitchell Rubenstein of 133 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. My question also relates to the Board of Education I raised this question to everybody on the Board via email no reply. I'm wondering why our school system is ranked worse than like 18 towns in the County that are poorer than ours judging by US News and World Report. For example Lodi significantly poorer than us their district seems to perform better. Wallington, Rutherford, Hasbrouck Heights large number of towns. I could only find two towns that are wealthier than us that performed worse and both seem to have decent reasons. Englewood Cliffs was one and that's because they're locked into Englewood School District so they're brought down like an anchor. Then there's Woodridge which pay significantly less than us per pupil so I'm just wondering why our Town school system seems so much worse than it should be?

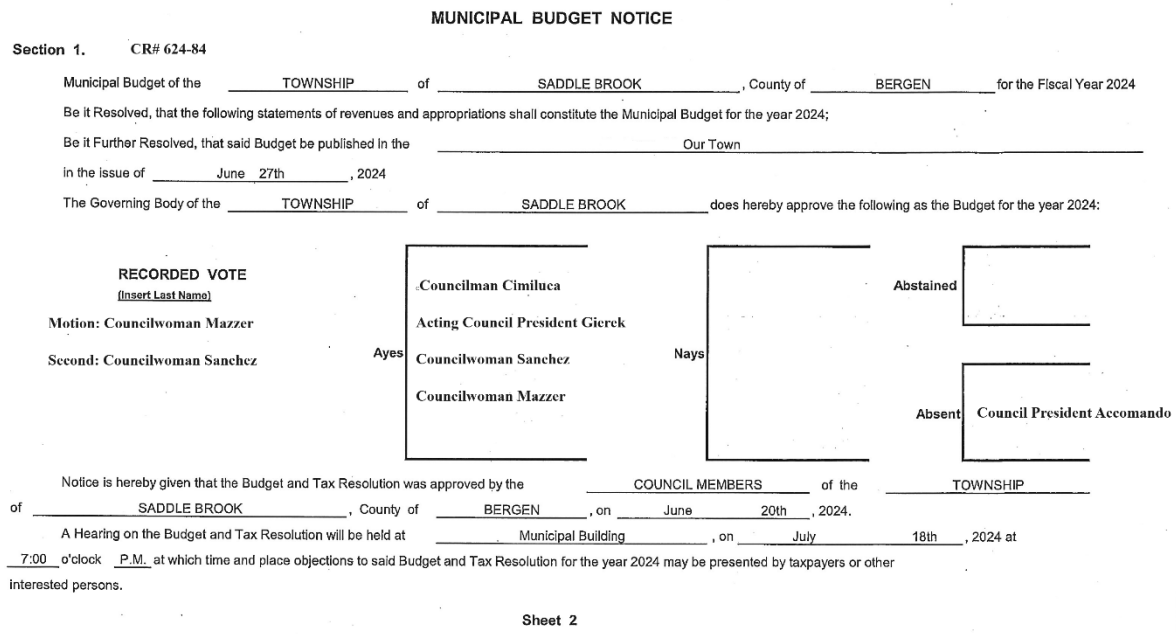
Acting Council President Gierek – Anyone else wishing to address the Council? Seeing no one else motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico reads the resolution for the introduction of the budget.



MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1. CR# 624-84

Municipal Budget of the TOWNSHIP of SADDLE BROOK, County of BERGEN for the Fiscal Year 2024

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2024;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Our Town

in the issue of June 27th, 2024

The Governing Body of the TOWNSHIP of SADDLE BROOK does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2024:

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert Last Name)

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Ayes: Councilman Cimiluca; Acting Council President Gierek; Councilwoman Sanchez; Councilwoman Mazzer

Nays:

Abstained:

Absent: Council President Accomando

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the TOWNSHIP of SADDLE BROOK, County of BERGEN, on June 20th, 2024.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Municipal Building, on July 18th, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I don't know if Mr. O'Connor left if he's going to come back I just want to address what he had said. It's a Board of Education matter I know he said he went to the Board and they didn't want to address the issue I don't know why but I will look into it as far as contacting the superintendent and see what I can find out. That field I've been in Town my whole life and I know I played football on that field but they did do a lot of work

in the last 15 years and they improved the drainage when they did the track. I don't know when it floods or when we have heavy rain and it floods throughout the Town whether or not it probably does flood but I don't think it floods during flash flooding incidents where it's a lot of rain all at once. The drainage is good and it really is a pretty nice field but I believe the reason why they're turfing it is because that's the new fad and they're also putting stadium lights. I think that most towns most school districts have turf fields so it's really they're going with the fad and we did well with our field and we had a lot of opposition that was prior to my administration it was built but it was approved prior to me coming in but I know with Veteran's Field we have a retention basin under the field and that takes a lot of the water. When it rains even heavy the field it's dry in fifteen minutes and it doesn't flood there and it's not flooding the surrounding areas either so it worked at Veteran's I don't know Mr. O'Connor he's obviously a landscaper he's been in that business so he probably knows a heck of a lot more than I do. I realize he's got legitimate concerns and I will bring them up to the superintendent and see if I can find anything out. As far as Mr. Rubenstein I agree with you I'm not happy with the scores either. I see them I'm surprised that there's not more talk about them. I'm very disappointed in this year especially so a lot depends on the school district in the test scores a lot of new people moving into Town they look at that. New families they want to come to a town with a good school district. I'm not saying we have a bad school district but we do have bad test scores so it's concerning and I will also address Mrs. Violetti about that. You do have to I think you said you went to a meeting I don't know what answers you got but really the Board of Ed is where you have to go to make those complaints but I will make sure that I let them know that you're coming here because what I'm hearing from you is that your complaint fell on deaf ears yours and Mr. O'Connor's so I will let the authorities know there that it's important and they need to address it. As far as Mr. Wille I don't mean to make faces believe me I did I'm sorry I was a little taken back because as far as the signs go look everybody up here we didn't have any problem putting the signs up we agree with you.

Mr. Wille – I know but seventeen there's three in front of two houses.

Mayor White – The DPW did it and as far as I know they installed them according to the DOT specs and all that other stuff so maybe they went overboard I don't know.

Mr. Wille – They were told to put in every third house and they got a call and said we want them in front of every house.

Mayor White – I'm going to tell you I'm being 100% transparent here I never told them what to do.

Mr. Wille – I didn't say you did you did it.

Mayor White – I don't think anybody on the Council told them what to do. I think they probably got direction maybe Bob the Town Engineer I think they just did it because they thought that was the right thing to do maybe they looked in the book I honestly don't know.

Mr. Wille – Let everybody look at the pictures and look at the sign when you're leaving the block on the telephone pole.

Mayor White – I'm sure there's a way that we can put less signs up and say no parking here to corner or no parking the whole stretch or something. It seems a little excessive it does but it wasn't done.

Mr. Wille – I know that but in a lot of towns like I got a ticket for that in Edgewater and I said to the officer where's the sign he goes when you pull into Edgewater the signs are in the beginning of the town so if you miss that sign you're screwed.

Mayor White – It may have been the police directing them to do that and again it wasn't to retaliate it wasn't to say to try to get even or anything like that.

Mr. Wille – It looked that way.

Mayor White – I can see how you feel but as far as the park goes and I agree with you a hundred percent I'm frustrated. I see it Councilman Cimiluca mentions it all the time in fact Councilman Cimiluca actually said something at the reorg last year he mentioned it to the County Executive himself and we have there are people in the Parks Department that I know personally I have their cell phone I call them I don't know.

Mr. Wille – I would fire everybody that works there. They don't do their job.

Mayor White – I think they do what they're told but I think maybe we got to go a little higher that's the problem. I'm going to tell you as far as the foliage around I've gotten so many different answers why they don't want to. It has to be like that, the DEP tells them, they're worried about runoff I mean none of it makes sense to me but this is what they tell me when I tell them look clear it up it looks bad we want to see the lake.

Mr. Wille – I've been walking that park every morning seven days a week for the last fourteen years it wasn't like that when I started. It's getting worse every year they're letting the growth go more and more. Most of the trees are dead and all the weeds just grow around the tree so it looks like it's a tree.

Mayor White – Part of it is because I know it's been a while now but they used to have a ranger they had somebody assigned there remember they had that little building in the front that little office or whatever and that garage there. They had somebody that was there all the time. They cut back and now there's no one there so they just stop by once in a while so we're not getting the attention.

Mr. Wille – You know what they did down there I'm going to tell you what they down there the County. About ten years ago maybe nine years ago, at the one corner, the far end you came in through by Engine 1 and you walked down right there that little corner. They came in with some company from New York State and they put about five or six boulders and planted three bushes. The bushes now are probably about 20 feet high you don't even see the boulders anymore. I'd love to know what it cost the taxpayers for that.

Mayor White – I'm going to go higher I may even call the County Executive himself.

Mr. Wille – That's what I'm saying I'm going to find his email and send an email.

Acting Council President Gierek – We need to stick to our agenda here.

Mayor White – Alright let me talk a little bit about the budget obviously Mr. Wielkotz was here we introduced the budget tonight. I want to personally that Mr. Homsi the Business Administrator, Vince Buono our CFO and Steve Wielkotz our Auditor who was here all our department heads. It was a very challenging budget I'm not happy really with the increase. It's like the auditor said these are all fixed costs there's really not much else we either need to cut services or we have to increase it and that's unfortunately what we're going to have to do. The estimated tax bills are going to be mailed out at the end of the month that's for the August payment. Road construction and paving I just wanted to say the Garden State Parkway bridge the construction the work was cancelled for this weekend apparently there's going to be thunderstorms so they cancelled it. They're supposed to do the following week Friday June 28th at 6 pm until Monday July 1st at 6 am and they need to do at least three other weekends like this to finish the project. Paving I'm going to let our Town Engineer go over which roads are getting paved and we have an ordinance on tonight to approve our paving projects.

Mr. Klein – So we have Sampson Street which is our NJDOT funded road for this year that'll be one bid package. The other roads which will be a separate bid package include Orchard Lane and Sterling place which are CDBG funded roads. The rest of the roads are Lincoln Avenue, Van Orden Street, Elm Avenue, Ash Avenue, Dyer Place and Nightengale Road. We still have a holdover from last year which is Alberta Drive again we're waiting for PSE&G to hopefully replace the gas main on that road before we mill and overlay it and that's it.

Mayor White – Also Public Service Gas and Electric they're going to be doing gas mains throughout the Town they're starting next Monday. They're going to be working Miller Street, South Boulevard, Adriana and North Boulevard. They're starting the 24th until July the 5th but they're going to do other work out there as well. Some other information tonight we have ordinances a few for second reading one is on tree removal and replacement which is a State mandate. Also a second reading on storm water management and there's two handicap spaces in front of people's homes and there's also a second reading on the bond ordinance for DOT paving project on Sampson Street. This month Flag Day was on Friday June the 14th. This month's Pride Month so we do have a Pride Flag hanging it'll be there until the end of the month. The military banners we have 48 new banners that were put up. I think I talked about this last month so now we have close to 150 banners. I want to thank the VFW Commander Lou Verile Mike Nahay from the American Legion who were very instrumental in getting that program started and seeing it through. Our old building an update we had a meeting tonight the planner issued a report which is going to be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation. That area is

going to be we're looking to list it as an area in need of rehabilitation, not redevelopment it's different but we'll have control over what gets developed there. So we're going to take that next step and it's going to go before the Planning Board. Events this month we had the Memorial Day Parade had a beautiful day. I want to thank the American Legion, the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, VFW Post 3484, the Korean War Vets, the Parade Committee, Joe Scrafani the Grand Marshall, Lou D'Arminio our MC. Also we had walking in the parade with us Assemblyperson Lisa Swain and Chris Tully thanks to them for coming out. We had a concert for the life of me I can't remember the date was it May the 28th it was a Thursday right the first concert Tuned Up.

Acting Council President – The 30th it may have been.

Mayor White – The 30th it was Thursday May the 30th that was our first one of the year we have another one coming up. We also had the Fishing Derby which was last Saturday at the Bergen County Park Otto Pehle Lake. We had a great day the kids had a fun day of fishing. Special thanks to my secretary Christine Genuario for planning everything also Rec Director Andy Gallo. The Volunteer Ambulance Corps assisted there. Our DPW, Police Department and Boy Scout Troop 213 helped us out measuring the fish. Also Dunkin Donuts they donated the drinks coffee, donuts and such. Photographer Thomas Van Winkle who is not here tonight because he is photographing the High School Graduation always does a good job. We had three winners they all received gifts. We also had the Howard Weinberg Memorial Bench dedication which is right here at the Municipal Complex out in the front. That was on Tuesday June the 18th. We did this to honor the memory of Howard Weinberg who was a dedicated teacher for the Saddle Brook School District. He was also our coordinator for Saddle Brook Community Partnership Committee. I want to acknowledge his wife Gina who has established the Howard Weinberg High School Scholarship Fund. They give out two $1500 scholarships every year. I also want to thank the students from the High School Middle School and through their efforts they raised most of the money to purchase the bench. That was a nice testament to Howard. Upcoming events we have another concert right here in the parking lot of the Municipal Complex that's going to be Wednesday June 26th 7:30 pm it's an Elton John tribute band. We have the fireworks coming up Thursday July 3rd at the County Park it usually starts at 9:00 pm or whenever it gets dark enough. National Night Out again I'll talk more about that next meeting but that's Tuesday August the 6th. We're also having the second annual Junior Police Academy information will be communicated through the school district, our website, our Facebook, social media, Notify Me. I believe it's seventh and eighth graders I'm not sure I should know but I don't but there will be more information on that. I want to congratulate everybody that's graduating kids at preschool all the way to college. I also want to mention the passing of Babe Liberty we had a moment of silence for him. We are going to I had conversations with the Little League President and we're going to name Nedellec Field which is on Saddle River Road by Engine Company Number One we're going to rename that Babe Liberty Field and we're going to do that in the next couple of months before the end of the summer. He was

Mr. Baseball and he's been out of it a long time but he did a tremendous amount he was a coach he was probably instrumental in starting the Little League. He was an umpire he was a very involved person and he deserves that recognition. The DPW summer hours starts I think next week they work 6:00 am to 2:30 pm. The Municipal Offices will be closed Thursday July 4th so section four gets picked up on Friday July the 5th the yard waste. A little bit about cooling centers it's very hot out there so our Emergency Management our Police Department we have three locations that are cooling centers. The Saddle Brook Library, Saddle Brook Civic Center which is here in this building and Saddle Brook Senior Center. Bergen County also has cooling centers and they also have residents that need a ride to one of these cooling centers can call there's a number. All this information has been put on our website and our Facebook and Notify Me so in case anybody needs a cooling center we have them available. I urge people to come to the local one unless they need long term care or whatever maybe the County would be better but I hate to see somebody have to wait and get driven somewhere when we have them right here in Town. The last thing I have is I just wanted to mention we're going to be looking into our videographer is here tonight and we're going to look into live streaming our meetings. That's something that I think is very important we talked about this for a while. The school district does do live streaming and it's something that we have the capability of doing so that's something that should be in the very near future. That's all I have thank you.

Councilwoman Mazzer – First and foremost I would like to send my condolences to the Galvin, Cannariato and Liberty families for the loss of their family member. Babe certainly was a staple of the Township he could be seen as at the Saddle Brook Diner almost every morning. He was a great guy my hearts and prayers go out to the family. I'd also like to thank Mr. Wielkotz and the Mayor of course our department heads our business administrator Mr. Lo Dico for presenting a fiscally responsible budget very proud to be a part of that thank you. I'd also like to congratulate preschool to grad school class of 2024 especially my preschool TLC class a shout out to them. Lots of good luck in your future endeavors thank you.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I'm not going to touch too much on the turf field because I know the Mayor is going to approach the Board of Ed and I know that's more of a Board of Ed thing. When the referendum came out I was much in favor of certain things that need to be updated in the school but the turf field you know I live on Rochelle Parkway we flood so I was very concerned about that. I happened to run into the company who was going to be installing the turf field at one of the conferences and I may have interrogated him a little too much but he was trying to assure me that the turf field was going to help the flooding not too long after that I did hear about what happened with Ridgewood's field and flooding so I hope the Mayor could get some answer on that. I just wanted to say that I did have concerns about the turf field myself and I know a lot of voters were in favor of it so I guess we'll see what happens. Congratulations to all the graduates high school, middle school, kindergarten, pre k, sixth graders moving up all of them and have a great summer.

Councilman Cimiluca – I don't want to repeat everything that's said obviously condolences and congratulations where appropriate and everyone's gone into detail about that so I just don't want to go on the same issue. With regard to Mr. Wille's concerns about Lyster Avenue I mean Nick is a personal friend of mine so if he has an issue with anything I get a call, I get a text, I get a video and I don't mind it at all and he had valid concerns and when the signs went up I said hey did the signs go up and he says yeah like a gazillion of them went up. I was like wow but I thought what happens is this because I said I prosecute in Hoboken and Hoboken has horrible horrific parking and we get people coming in and I've got probably 100 people a week that come in to complain about their parking tickets and the main complaint is there was no sign and some of them show pictures and they show a picture of their car and five feet in front of it and five feet in back of it. If a block is 500 feet long there's probably not going to be a sign directly where you park so my suggestion for potential issues I think that they did that so people don't do that and say well yeah it was on that side of the driveway but I parked on the other side of the driveway and there's no sign there. I think the easy solution would be to change the sign to say no parking this block as the Mayor said the entire length but you add those two words this block and you can pull down more than half of those signs I'm sure. Like you said there's seven houses on each side so maybe two or three signs on each side but this was directed at that block for a certain reason. Certainly, there's no ill motive to do that he asked for signs we gave him signs. I don't think we want to punish them if we wanted to punish them we wouldn't have put them up but we did so I think that there can be an easy solution to that issue because it is aesthetically and it's not good optics when you look out and every 15 feet there's a sign. The fishing contest I attended with my grandson we had a great time and it was at the County Park and I've said this over and over again. I had a very good friend who was pretty much in charge of the park I thought I could get something done because of my personal relationship that didn't work. At the reorg meeting I said something probably out of turn maybe I shouldn't have been politically correct but I wasn't and I said listen you guys got to do something on this park. I mean it was a feel good time and maybe I dragged it down a bit by saying something. Everybody came up to me and said oh my God you're in trouble I can't believe you said that but it's true. We're the redheaded stepchild. I apologize to all the redheaded stepchilds that are out there of the Bergen County system in terms of the parks. They had a plan that they were going to put a fishing pier on the south end that never came to be. There's supposed to be I brought it up a number of times to aerate that there's supposed to be a fountain that comes up in the middle the aerating system for some reason they keep saying that they can't do it. I walked the entire part of the park between the path and the river itself to see where the water is supposed to flow and they talked about doing something and they didn't do it. We walked in the other section where there's trees that are snagging everything and they're supposed to come out. What I learned is that there are more layers of government than I never knew existed within the County because when you to well do something you figure it's easy just take the trees out. Well that's this department and do this well that's a different department. There's like ten different

departments and I don't know if any of them speak to each other. I've spoken to freeholders, I've spoken to assembly people, I spoke to the County Executive and we're going to keep on pushing because that's our park I mean it's a county park but it's our park and it should be made better. It should be something that we should be proud of and right now we're not. We did the budget today and I've got to commend everyone for working very hard on that. The Police Academy which I think is I was pushing that for a long time I'm just going to ask the Mayor if you can try and arrange I know last year we both were in agreement that their graduation ceremony I think was at 9:00 in the morning so it just so happened that I was off and I was able to attend but it would give more parents the ability to attend and more of us the Council people who have regular day jobs we can attend and I tell you it was great. I saw it in Oakland when I was working in Oakland and the kids enjoyed it and just seeing them doing something the parents were amazingly proud of their children. I think a lot of the parents look at them and say that's my kid is that my kid marching and saying yes sir and no sir and no ma'am and yes ma'am so it was very good glad that that's here. The people that talked about the High School field and the Board of Education unfortunately we have talked about the county level layers of government there's basically in the Town there's two governing bodies. One is the municipality with the five council people and the mayor the administrator and people that work in the Town. Then there's the Board of Education the only thing that I can suggest is that look hard at who you vote for because who you vote for on the Board of Education those people are in charge of your children and they have more of a budget than we do. Their budget is more when you get your tax bill somebody who was here before used to bring out pie charts saying it's not us it's them. I'm not pointing fingers it's just the way it goes. Most of your tax dollars some of it goes to the County, some of it goes to the Library, some of it goes to us to give you the services that the Town requires. More than our part of it if you had a pie chart goes to the Board of Education so it's very important and a lot of times I think there have been contested elections but many times over the years and I've lived here for forty years I guess a lot of times the Board of Ed elections are there's no contest. So it's up to people to get interested get involved and maybe run if you've got good ideas and you're not getting heard or you don't think you're getting heard you don't think that they're hearing you but not doing anything about it run for office. I'm not saying anything disparaging about anybody on the Board of Education but if there's an issue state it and if you don't get the results consider running. Public service is a great thing it's not easy and you'll probably lose a lot of friends by doing that because once you're elected everyone and their mother thinks that you can do everything for them and it's just not true you're just one person out of five and there I think it's nine people so just get involved and consider making a run for it if you really feel that you can do a better job. Just like somebody said vote Cimiluca out it's every four years it's a campaign against me and my it's against Flo against Dave. You know time for a change which is an absolute joke because are you going to change back to someone who got voted out of office and then lost again and then lost again so there was a reason that somebody was voted out of office. During that person's terms it was the most divisive council that we've ever had.

People used to watch more probably the ratings were up on SBTV because it was almost a fist fight and it wasn't between these guys in the audience sometimes it kind of was but it was between the people on the council yelling and screaming. It was a nightmare so if you want to go back to that God bless you. In terms of the $300,000 again misinformation there was an illness and a resignation and we had to have emergency help at the position. The person individually did not make that much money but we had to pay for a service to get somebody to basically help run the Town until we got and then we hired Mr. Homsi he's doing a great job. We were in a pickle and we did what we had to do and it's easy to say we should have done something else when that person has nothing else. That something else there's no solution there's just we should have done something else well what I don't know but you should have done something else which is a garbage answer. In terms of me and my health benefits first of all I have a spouse but she's not on my policy so I do get health benefits it's a single plan it doesn't cost $30,000 a year and even if it did his estimate of a million dollars I guess he's saying that I'm 64 now so I would live to 97. You know I don't want to live to 97 I'll tell everyone right now. I've seen 97 year old people I don't want to be one so maybe you get 10 more years out of me. I'm not an optimist on my physical health. The last thing is the flooding which is related to the Board of Ed the flooding on the field we've had as the Mayor said we've had great success with Veteran's Field. Veteran's Field was put up I was initially against Veteran's Field I thought it would have been better off at a different place I was wrong I admit I was wrong that place would have been much worse. The place was good but it was a mud pit to the point where when my son was playing there I see somebody in the audience who's son also was on the team they were offered you want to do Friday Night Lights we can do something at the High School field or no we can do Friday Night Lights over there ad they didn't want this was the High School they said we can go to Veteran's and play and to a person every boy said we don't want to go back there it's disgusting it's a mud pit. The naysayers when we went and we did the field there were people that came to meeting after meeting the field is going to cause cancer, it's in a flood zone, it's going to flood every week, kids are going to get hurt all that stuff is just people being negative. We've had a great success you can have a tremendous rainstorm and a half hour later they're playing so games are not cancelled anymore which means that you can go along with your regular schedule. I'm hoping that the High School has the same success that the Town has as we did with Veteran's Field thank you.

Acting Council President – The Flood Committee will be meeting on Thursday June 27th at 6:30 here at the Municipal Complex all are welcome. Fishing Derby was a huge success last Saturday I just want to thank the Mayor, Christine Genuario, the DPW and the Saddle Brook Police Department. I planned on going there for maybe a half an hour I ended up spending two and a half hours it really was a great event enjoyed by many people. I also attended the Memorial Day Parade I want to thank the VFW and everybody involved in that successful event. It was a somber event but it's a beautiful event to remember everyone that made the ultimate sacrifice. Congratulations to all the graduates

pre-K to grad school here in the Township. Going with the Board of Education I know we had some. Mitch mentioned the test scores and I looked at them very closely I have a daughter that's in kindergarten she's going int first grade and they are disappointing. I know my daughter's teacher she went to many workshops they're doing a new reading program an ELA program for students so she went to many workshops and I think they're trying I mean but if you go to a meeting those are the things you would expect to be discussed student achievement and even the field in regard to the flooding of the field. That's what everybody's there for student achievement and helping students do the best they can so I think that's something that the superintendent if you reached out to her she should be more than happy to discuss with you what they're doing as far as reading, ELA, reading and writing and math. The Mayor said he'll talk to Toni Violetti who's the superintendent in regards to those issues that were brought to our attention but like Councilman Cimiluca said those are things that the Board of Ed are responsible for. Not to pass the buck but that's who handles those things. In regards to the budget I just want to thank Mr. Homsi, the Mayor, all our department heads and I think it's a very responsible budget. Nobody wants to pay anything extra any more than they need to pay and I think with Mr. Lo Dico, and Mr. Homsi and Mayor White we're in very good hands. We watch every penny. Mr. Wielkotz explained to everybody what and why everything increased and it's pretty much things out of our control. Garbage the pensions those bills that we get that we don't have control over. The things that we have control over the belt is tight. We're doing the best we can and I appreciate the people that worked on it to make that as successful as it is. Finally Happy Fourth of July everyone hope to see everyone at the fireworks on July third that's another great event enjoyed by many so thank you very much. We're going to move on to ordinances at this time.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1747-24 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 499 LYSTER AVENUE AND 321 EIGHTH STREET

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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 499 LYSTER AVENUE AND 321 EIGHTH STREET

Acting Council President Gierek – A motion is in order that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek: Announces that the public hearing on this ordinance is open and that all persons interested may now have the opportunity to be heard.

Acting Council President Gierek – Seeing No one.

Council President (after all persons have had an opportunity to be heard) states motion is in order that the hearing on this ordinance be closed.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Acting Council President Gierek - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Accomando - absent
Council President then directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding final passage.

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

CR# 624-85

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 499 LYSTER AVENUE AND 321 EIGHTH STREET

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 Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

2. ORDINANCE # 1748-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 173 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT" (SALT SHED)

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Acting Council President Gierek - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Accomando - absent
The Township Clerk then reads the ordinance by title on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 173 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT" (SALT SHED)

Acting Council President Gierek – A motion is in order that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek: Announces that the public hearing on this ordinance is open and that all persons interested may now have the opportunity to be heard.

Acting Council President Gierek – Seeing No one.

Council President (after all persons have had an opportunity to be heard) states motion is in order that the hearing on this ordinance be closed.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President then directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding final passage.

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

CR# 624-86

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 173 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT" (SALT SHED)

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
Acting Council President Gierek - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Accomando - absent

3. ORDINANCE # 1749-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 192 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "TREES", AS AMENDED

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

Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 192 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "TREES", AS AMENDED

Acting Council President Gierek – A motion is in order that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek: Announces that the public hearing on this ordinance is open and that all persons interested may now have the opportunity to be heard.

Acting Council President Gierek – Seeing No one.

Acting Council President (after all persons have had an opportunity to be heard) states motion is in order that the hearing on this ordinance be closed.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

The Acting Council President then directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding final passage.

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled:

CR# 624-87

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 192 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "TREES", AS AMENDED
does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said Ordinance or Title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

4. ORDINANCE # 1750-24 SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAMPSON STREET (FROM MARKET STREET TO THE DEAD END BY VETERAN'S FIELD) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $265,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAMPSON STREET (FROM MARKET STREET TO THE DEAD END BY VETERAN'S FIELD) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $265,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Acting Council President Gierek – A motion is in order that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek: Announces that the public hearing on this ordinance is open and that all persons interested may now have the opportunity to be heard.

Acting Council President Gierek – Seeing No one.

Council President (after all persons have had an opportunity to be heard) states motion is in order that the hearing on this ordinance be closed.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President then directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding final passage.

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the ordinance entitled:

CR# 624-88

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAMPSON STREET (FROM MARKET STREET TO THE DEAD END BY VETERAN'S FIELD) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $265,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

does now pass on second and final reading and that the Township Clerk be directed to advertise said Ordinance or Title thereof, in the press, together with a notice of the date of passage of said ordinance according to law.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Acting Council President Gierek

Roll Call:

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

5. ORDINANCE # 1751-24 SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $940,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.
Acting Council President Gierek asked that a motion is in order that the Township Clerk proceed to give same ordinance a second reading.

Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $940,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Acting Council President Gierek – A motion is in order that the Public Hearing on this ordinance be opened.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez
Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Acting Council President Gierek - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Accomando - absent
Acting Council President Gierek: Announces that the public hearing on this ordinance is open and that all persons interested may now have the opportunity to be heard.

Acting Council President Gierek – Seeing No one.

Council President (after all persons have had an opportunity to be heard) states motion is in order that the hearing on this ordinance be closed.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

The Acting Council President then directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding final passage.

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

CR# 624-89

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2024 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $940,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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 Sanchez
Roll Call:

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

6. ORDINANCE # 1752-24 – FIRST READING

Acting Council President: The next order of business is the introduction of

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK AMENDING CHAPTER 173 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

be passed and adopted on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

The Acting Council President directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Clerk: Then reads the resolution as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

CR# 624-90
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK AMENDING CHAPTER 173 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the July 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Complex, 55 Mayhill Street and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of a time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

7. ORDINANCE # 1753-24 – FIRST READING

Acting Council President: The next order of business is the introduction of

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

be passed and adopted on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

The Acting Council President directs the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Clerk: Then reads the resolution as follows:
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

CR# 624-91

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the July 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Complex, 55 Mayhill Street and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of a time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

* MINUTES

March 21, 2024 public meeting
April 18, 2024 public meeting

* RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

CR# 624-92

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 13 Alberta Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 1514, Lot 19 is assessed to Ryan Jacoby and Lyndsay Walker and;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2024, Ryan Jacoby was declared 100% tax exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs effective August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, 13 Alberta Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 1514, Lot 19 will be tax exempt as of May 7, 2024,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective May 7, 2024 and issue a refund in the amount of $1,226.98 to the mortgage company for the second quarter of 2024. The refund check should be made payable to Corelogic, 3001 Hackberry Road, Irving, TX 75063-0156 to the attn of Corelogic Refunds Dept. The refund check will be given to the Tax Collector for mailing. This property is 100% tax exempt for 2024.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-93

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has approved an all affordable housing development with regard to the affordable housing litigation that was resolved; and

WHEREAS, the site is located at 435 North Midland Avenue, Block 1401, Lot 18; and

WHEREAS, the developer of the said all affordable housing development needs for the Township to execute a BWSE Application to the NJDEP in support of the water infrastructure for said site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby authorizes the Township Clerk to execute the attached BWSE Application with regard to the all affordable housing site.
Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-94

Prepared by Peter Lo Dico
June 10, 2024

WHEREAS, there is an open seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustment which had once been occupied by Kevin Marz, and
WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby wishes to fill the said open seat,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that Karen Nobile, Saddle Brook be and hereby is appointed to fill the vacant seat of KEVIN MARZ on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the remainder of the unexpired term (December 31, 2025).
Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 0624-95

Appointment of Zoning Board Member THIRD ALTERNATE

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

MICHAEL RIZZO

is hereby appointed Third Alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to serve until December 31, 2024.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY25 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM

CR# 624-96

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Floral Lane Roadway Improvements Phase I project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2025-Floral Lane Roadway Improvements Pha-00376 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Saddle Brook.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Township of Saddle Brook and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION APPOINTING QUALIFIED PURCHASHING AGENT

CR# 624-97

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent shall be duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing of the Township and who has such duties as defined by the Township appropriate to the form and structure of the Township and shall have the power to recommend the award of contracts permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Homsi has successfully completed the certification course for Qualified Purchasing Agent ("QPA"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the appointment of Jimmy Homsi as the Qualified Purchasing Agent of the Township of Saddle Brook effective June 20, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Jimmy Homsi be and is hereby appointed as Qualified Purchasing Agent of the Township of Saddle Brook effective June 20, 2024 as part of his duties and responsibilities as Township Administrator; and

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-98

Prepared by Peter Lo Dico
June 14, 2024

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering and Design, Township Planner, has submitted a proposal dated May 7, 2024 for planning services to prepare an ordinance on light pollution at a cost not to exceed $5,000.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes Colliers Engineering & Design to proceed with their service at a cost not to exceed $5,000.00 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994 C. 72

CR# 624-99

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook cannot ascertain whether the Bergen County Board of Taxation will be able to certify Saddle Brook's tax rate a timely manner; and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Saddle Brook's Tax Collector may be unable to mail the Township's tax bills in a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook's Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer will compute an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and will have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

WHEREAS, by sending estimated tax bills 72, P.L. 1994, the Township of Saddle Brook be enabled to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest on borrowing,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey on this 20th day of June, as follows:

1. The Township of Saddle Brook's Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment taxes should in the judgement of the Chief Financial Officer it is necessary to maintain the efficient finances of the Township.

2. In accordance with the law, the third installment of 2024 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
THE COUNTY OF BERGEN and THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

CR# 624-100

WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF BERGEN (hereinafter "County") currently operates an ambulance service throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to temporarily park ambulance vehicles at a location within the TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK (hereinafter "Saddle Brook"); and

WHEREAS, Saddle Brook has agreed to permit the parking of County ambulance vehicles at a the designated location hereinbelow,

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and Saddle Brook hereby agree as follows:

1. The County shall be permitted to park ambulance vehicles at 55 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook, NJ premises currently owned by Saddle Brook on a temporary basis. The County shall also be permitted to utilize the interior of the building for eating meals, bathroom facilities and rest and for the parking of County ambulances.

2. The parties agree that this understanding shall be temporary, subject to termination by either party by way of written notice issued ten (10) days prior to the termination of this understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed

and attested to by their officers the day and year as indicated.

Dated: COUNTY OF BERGEN

_____ _____

By: James J. Tedesco, III
County Executive

Dated: TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

_____ _____

By:

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-101

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 **$12,377,489.14** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET. SEQAND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-102

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 **$685,253.36** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET. SEQAND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-103

WHEREAS licensee has received a special ruling from the Director of the ABC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-1239 for license term 2020-2021

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following license be renewed for the year 2020-2021 and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control be so notified.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

STATE LICENSE NO. **AMOUNT**	**NAME**
0257-33-009-010 **$1400.00** **(inactive)**	**North Star Saddle Brook Management, LLC,** **459 Route 38 West,** **Maple Shade Township, NJ 08052**

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-104

WHEREAS licensee has received a special ruling from the Director of the ABC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-1239 for license term 2021-2022

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following license be renewed for the year 2021-2022 and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control be so notified.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

STATE LICENSE NO. **AMOUNT**	**NAME**
0257-33-009-010 **$1400.00** **(inactive)**	**North Star Saddle Brook Management, LLC,** **459 Route 38 West,** **Maple Shade Township, NJ 08052**

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-105

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following licenses be renewed for the year 2024-2025 and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control be so notified.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

STATE LICENSE NO. AMOUNT	**NAME**
0257-33-004-011 $1400.00	Vidhi Vidhan, LLC T/A Discount Liquors 606 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-007-008 $1400.00	Attiki, Inc. T/A New Saddle Brook Diner 30 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-011-005 $1400.00	Matsuya, Inc. 490 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-012-009 $1400.00	Victory Worldwide, LLC T/A Saddle Brook Marriott 138 Pehle Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

0257-33-017-006 $1400.00	NJSB1, LLC T/A Saddle Brook Liquor & Bar 383 Market Street # 2B Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-005-012 $1400.00	Saddle Brook Holdings, LLC Plank Pizza 383 Market Street, Bldg. D Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-013-007 $1400.00	Shree Radhey, LLC Krauszer's Liquors & Bar 215 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-001-008 $1400.00	Excelsior Catering, LLC T/A The Excelsior 190 Route 46 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-003-010 $1400.00	405 North Midland Avenue, LLC 1122 Clifton Avenue Clifton, NJ 07013
0257-33-006-009 $1400.00	Trajanoski, Inc. T/A The Golden Pub 335 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-015-012 $1400.00	Que Pasta, LLC 326 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION

0257-44-008-010 $900.00	All American Beverage Wine & Liquor, Inc. D/B/A USA Wine Traders Club 66 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-44-014-010 $900.00	Shree Labh Liquor, LLC DBA Wine County 195 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

CLUB LICENSE

0257-31-018-002 $100.00	Romaine Sinniger VFW Post 3484 44 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-31-019-001 $100.00	Jamros Baker Schneider Post 415 American Legion 302 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION
APPROVING ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH RSC ARCHITECTS FOR ENGINE CO. 1

CR# 624-106

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously entered into an Agreement with RSC Architects for professional architectural and engineering services for the additions and alterations to Engine Co. 1 Firehouse located at 16 Cambridge Avenue in the Township;

WHEREAS, RSC Architects has submitted Proposal ASR 1 for Additional Services in the amount of $40,125.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has reviewed the proposal for additional services in the amount of $40,125.00 submitted by RSC Architects and recommends the approval of same; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available in the amount of $40,125.00 for the additional services, said certification being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed this matter and has prepared an addendum to the contract agreement approving the additional services in the amount of $40,125.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, that the additional services in the amount of $40,125.00 submitted by RSC Architects for the additions and alterations to Engine Co. 1 Firehouse, be and are hereby approved and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the addendum to the contract agreement reflecting the additional services in the amount of $40,125.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached addendum on behalf of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with the addendum to contract agreement to RSC Architects upon the passage of same.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION TO LITTIE LLC

CR# 624-107

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

WHEREAS, the Township thereafter approved a resolution granting Littie 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, a third request for an extension to April 15, 2024 was thereafter approved as the State Cannabis Commission requested additional paperwork; and

WHEREAS, Littie LLC is requesting an additional six (6) month extension to December 15, 2024 in order to complete its constructions and renovations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed this matter and recommends that an additional six (6) month extension to December 15, 2024 be granted to Littie LLC in order to complete the 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 Littie LLC be and is hereby granted an additional six (6) month extension to December 15, 2024 of their previous approval in order to complete renovations on the leased property located at 217 Route 46; and

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

* CORRESPONDENCE

1. ROBERT KLEIN, TWP. ENG. **RE: PAY CERT #3-ENG 2 STRUCTURAL REPAIRS**
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM. **DATE: MAY 24, 2024**

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS

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

May 24, 2024

James Homsi, Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Saddle Brook Firehouse No. 2 Structural Repairs
Pay Certificate No. 3 Final
RVE File No. 0257-T-110

Dear Mr. Homsi,

Enclosed please find Pay Certificate No. 3 Final and two (2) year **Maintenance Bond No. B 1299904** from **Pax Mundus Enterprise, LLC** for work performed on the above-referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agrees with the final payment noted.

Also, for your reference, Item 9 Allowance includes the following items:

9a	Door Installation	$12,000.00
9b	Door Saddle Installed	$4,161.99
9c	Drainpipes and Plumbing	$1,200.00

Therefore, we recommend the final payment be made to **Pax Mundus Enterprise, LLC** in the amount of **$52,674.49.**

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

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

2. N. DICKERSON/D. BLOCH-COLLIERS ENG. **RE: PROPOSAL LIGHTING ORDINANCE**
TO: PETER LO DICO **DATE: MAY 7, 2024**

101 Crawfords Corner Road
Suite 3400
Holmdel, NJ 07733
Main: 877 627 3772

Colliers
Engineering
& Design

VIA email
May 7, 2024

Pete Lo Dico, Township Clerk
Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street,
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Proposal for Professional Services
Lighting Ordinance Updates
Colliers Engineering & Design Proposal No.: SDP0012P

Dear Mr. Lo Dico,

Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. (DBA Maser Consulting) is pleased to submit this proposal to provide professional services to prepare a lighting ordinance amendment for the Township of Saddle Brook. It is our understanding that the Township is interested in modernizing its land development ordinances to include clear and consistent regulations governing lighting to help mitigate light pollution, and become more dark-skies friendly.

This proposal is divided into four sections as follows:

Section I – Scope of Services
Section II – Business Terms and Conditions
Section III – Technical Staff Hourly Rate Schedule and Reimbursable Expenses
Section IV – Client Contract Authorization

The order in which the following scope of services are presented generally follows the sequence in which the project will be accomplished; however, depending on the project, the various authorized services contained in this proposal may be performed in a sequence as deemed appropriate by Colliers Engineering & Design (CED) to meet project schedules.

Section I – Scope of Services

In our experience with these types of ordinances, we have found it helpful to work with a designated committee, chosen by the Township, which would include members from the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Township Council, and other interested parties chosen by the Council.

Based on our conversations and information noted above, we propose to complete the following:

1. CED will prepare a list of DRAFT recommendations to be distributed to the Committee.
2. CED staff will attend a meeting with the committee to review the draft recommendations and gain local insight and concerns.
3. Using the input received from the committee meeting, CED will prepare a draft lighting ordinance.

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4. CED will circulate the draft lighting ordinance with the committee for review and comment.
5. CED staff will host a remote meeting with the committee to discuss the draft ordinance.
6. CED will take the input received from the committee to finalize the draft ordinance. This includes a maximum of 4 hours of revisions.
7. CED will submit the finalized draft ordinance to the Township. CED staff will attend one (1) Council meeting to present the lighting ordinance.

Township Responsibilities

The Township shall provide notice of any public hearings that are required.

Schedule of Fees

For your convenience, we have broken down the total estimated cost of the project into the categories identified within the scope of services.

Task Name	Fee
Lighting Ordinance Preparation (Cost Plus to Max)	$5,000

This Contract and Fee Schedule are based upon the acceptance of Colliers Engineering & Design's Business Terms and Conditions contained in Section II of this Contract. Delivery, mileage, printing and reproduction, overnight mail service and postage costs are not included in the lump sum fees and will be added to each monthly invoice. **Payment terms are NET30 of receipt of invoice.**

Exclusions and Understandings

Services relating to the following items are not anticipated for the project or cannot be quantified at this time. Therefore, any service associated with the following items is specifically excluded from the scope of professional services within this agreement.

- Services not specifically outlined in Section I;

If an item listed herein, or otherwise not specifically mentioned within this agreement, is deemed necessary, Colliers Engineering & Design may prepare an addendum to this agreement for your review, outlining the scope of additional services and associated professional fees regarding the extra services.

Section II – Business Terms and Conditions

Business Terms and Conditions are in accordance with the existing contract with the Township of Saddle Brook.

Section III – Rate Schedule

Rates are in accordance with the existing contract with the Township of Saddle Brook.

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Engineering
& Design

Section IV – Client Contract Authorization

I hereby declare that I am duly authorized to sign binding contractual documents. I also declare that I have read, understand, and accept this contract.

Signature	Date
Printed Name	Title

If you find this proposal acceptable, please sign where indicated above in Section IV, and return one signed copy to this office. This proposal is valid until July 8, 2024.

We very much appreciate the opportunity of submitting this proposal and look forward to performing these services for you.

Sincerely,

Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.
(DBA Maser Consulting)

Daniel Bloch, PP, AICP, EADA
Regional Discipline Leader, Planning Services

Nicholas Dickerson, PP, AICP, CFM
Project Manager/Township Planner

cc: Leonardo E. Ponzio, PLS, Colliers Engineering & Design (via email)
Gerald DeFelicis, LLA, RLA, PP, Colliers Engineering & Design (via email)

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3. ROBERT KLEIN, TWP. ENG. **RE: FINAL PAYMENT, SPINIELLO COMPANIES**
HUTTER ST. STORM SEWER REPAIR RE-BID

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM. **DATE: JUNE 13, 2024**

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS

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

June 13, 2024

James Homsi, Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Hutter Street Storm Sewer Repairs (Re-Bid)
Pay Certificate No. 1 - FINAL
RVE File No. 0257-T-112

Dear Mr. Homsi,

Enclosed please find Pay Certificate No. 1, final for **Spiniello Companies** for work performed on the above-referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agrees with the final payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following payment be made to **Spiniello Companies** in the amount of **$233,000.00.**

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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4. CAPT J. ZOTOLLO, O.I.C. **RE: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**
TO: PETER LO DICO **DATE: JUNE 19, 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: June 19, 2024

Re: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS 2024-2025

All active liquor license establishments were reviewed for their qualifications to be renewed for the 2024-2025 year. In addition, all calls for service at each establishment for the prior licensing year were reviewed. The findings are as follows:

The Excelsior (Excelsior Catering) (0257-33-001-008) 190 Route 46
There were four (4) calls for service at this location. There was one (1) fire alarm call, two (2) noise complaint calls and one (1) ambulance call. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Discount Liquors (Vidhi Vidhan) (0257-33-004-011) 606 Midland Avenue
There was one (1) call for service at this location. The one (1) call was for a theft. This call did not relate to the liquor license.

Plank Pizza (Saddle Brook Holdings) (0257-33-005-012) 383 Market Street, #D
There were no calls of service at this location.

The Golder Pub (Trajonoski, Inc) (0257-33-006-009) 335 Market Street
There were no calls of service at this location.

New Saddle Brook Diner (Attiki, Inc) (0257-33-007-007) 30 Market Street
There was one (1) call for service at this location. The one (1) call was for a customer dispute. This call did not relate to the liquor license.

USA Wine Traders (All American) (0257-44-008-010) 66 Market Street
There were two (2) calls for service at this location. One (1) burglar alarm, and one (1) suspicious person call. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Matsuya (Matsuya, Inc.) (0257-33-011-005) 490 Market Street
There were no calls for service at this location.

Saddle Brook Marriott (Victory Worldwide) (0257-33-012-009) GS Parkway and I 80
There were eight (8) calls for service at this location. There were two (2) customer dispute calls, two (2) civil dispute calls, One (1) ambulance call, one (1) 911 call, one (1) welfare check call, and one (1) motor vehicle crash. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

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Krauzer's (Shree Radhey, LLC) **(0257-33-013-007)** **215 Midland Avenue**
There were no calls for service at this location.

Wine Country (Shree Labh, Inc) **(0257-44-014-010)** **195 Market Street**
There were no calls for service at this location.

Que Pasta (Que Pasta, LLC) **(0257-33-015-012)** **326 Market Street**
There were no calls of service at this location.

Midland Brew House (MJC Ent Hold) **(0257-33-016-010)** **374 N. Midland Avenue**
There were two (2) calls for service at this location. There was one (1) alarm call, and one (1) intoxicated person call. None of the other calls were related to the liquor license.

Saddle Brook Liquor & Bar (NJSB1, LLC) **(0257-33-017-006)** **383 Market Street**
There were no calls for service at this location.

VFW (Romaine Sinniger) **(0257-31-018-002)** **44 Market Street**
There were no calls for service at this location.

American Legion (Jamros Baker Schneider) **(0257-31-019-001)** **302 Midland Avenue**
There were no calls for service at this location.

Crowne Plaza (Saddle Brook Operations, LLC) **(0257-36-021-001)** **50 Kenny Place**
There were twenty (20) calls for service at this location. There were five (5) Fire Department calls, four (4) ambulance calls, three (3) breach of peace calls, two (2) customer disputes, one (1) civil matter, one (1) Domestic Violence call, one (1) complaint miscellaneous call, one (1) sex offense call, one (1) suspicious person call, and one (1) welfare check call. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

All incidents were reviewed. The Saddle Brook Police Department recommends that all of the above active licenses be renewed with no new restrictions.

Respectfully,

Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr. - OIC

Captain John A. Zotollo, Jr.
Officer in Charge

CC: file

* APPLICATIONS

1. RA #1395 – Saddle Brook Jr. Wrestling Casino Night

* REPORTS

1. **MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**
2. **BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**
3. **BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL – APRIL 2024**
4. **HOTEL ROOM TAX MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2024**
5. **GRANT WRITER REPORT – APRIL 2024**
6. **DPW MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**
7. **POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**
8. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**
9. **CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**
10. **FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIAL MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**
11. **TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT- APRIL 2024**
12. **WATER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2024**

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor White – I just wanted to bring up that Mr. Rodriguez had mentioned that the budget is $32,000,000 now I don't know I have the numbers in front of me and Mr. Homsi correct me if I'm wrong I see that the total, budget is $30,517,000 plus a little bit more and that's up the increase is $1,565,000. He said $32,000,000 and 1.5 million that's a big mistake so he's usually pretty accurate with his numbers but he wasn't tonight on that and I think it's important to bring that out. I just want to offer my condolences to the Galvin family and the Cannariato and Liberty families for their loss thank you.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Mazzer – I was able to attend the AARP meeting on June 3rd. The Ride Connect Program is a Bergen County friendly initiative. The Ride Connect Program is designed to simplify the process by which seniors request transportation when calling Bergen County Transportation. Ride Connect provides Bergen County residents aged sixty and over one stop travel information and trip planning service provided by Mobility Manager to help seniors find information on available transportation options to senior centers, medical appointments, shopping, etcetera. The process is simple the community transportation operator works with the mobility manager to help seniors connect with the most accessible, reliable and affordable option for their transportation needs. Options

include county shuttles, local town buses, Easy Ride New Jersey Transit, Access Link if eligible and more. If anyone would like more information on this or to request a service call the Bergen County Division of Community Transportation Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (201) 368-5955. What they explained to us is that our Township does offer bus service to food shopping and medical appointments but sometimes the times are not convenient for everybody so if you find that you can call that number and they're available 8 to 8 Monday through Friday and 8 to 5 on Saturday. If they can't find you a ride they'll even send an Uber or Lyft to pick you up and take you to even dinner, shopping whatever sixty and over all sixty and older but if you have a disability they will accommodate someone sixty and younger if you have a disability. It's available throughout Bergen County but they will go five miles outside of Bergen County if you do have a medical issue. I think it's a great program and I'd like to pass it on and make copies of this they will keep this at Townhall.

Acting Council President Gierek asks for a motion to open the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek – Anyone wish to address the Council on agenda items? Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

Councilman Cimiluca – There were a couple of things that I forgot just very briefly. In terms of the Board of Ed one thing I think that they should consider and I've spoken to a couple of people on it is to bring back the shops. Not everyone goes to college it's not for everyone. I have two children that went to college and one didn't and all three of them are doing equally well. I remember going to school and we had metal shop and we had wood shop we had the car repairs and things like that and it's tough to find a plumber out there it's tough to find an electrician. Those jobs are in high demand, not everyone is cut out for college, not everyone wants to go to college. I think that's one thing that should be considered and in terms of I am optimistic for the Saddle Brook School System because we do have a superintendent who is in there and I believe she is doing a good job and I believe that she's very dedicated and she has the best interest of our children in mind. The problem is it's almost like a football team you'll notice that the best football teams usually have the best management. They have the same general manager for years they have the same owner for years it's a good team. Saddle Brook had what three, four, five superintendents in the last couple of decades. That is not good for the continuity needs to be there and it hasn't been but I have a good feeling that that's going to be for the better. Lastly I just can't let this go about the insurance and the payments for insurance. Years ago I think it was eight years ago they were hammering me on this and they were hammering Ms. Mazzer on this also and I calculated it and I said listen I calculated for every household out there it cost you a nickel for my benefits. I said if you don't think I'm worth a nickel for coming here and for my years work up here come here and I'll give you a nickel. Anyone wants to line up and I'll just have a bag of nickels here. Counting for inflation maybe it's a dime so anyone who doesn't think I'm doing a good job and wants to come here and wants to get reimbursed for their portion of my health benefits come in I'll have a bag of dimes. By the way I was elected that year and then I was elected the following year so it is an important thing to some people namely the people that are running against me thank you.

Mr. Lo Dico reads the closed session resolution.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 624-108

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

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act does make an exception and allows a public body to hold a closed session to discuss these items,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on June 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exists.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – We have a resolution for a settlement agreement with A.O. Associates, 49 Finnigan Avenue.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK CLOSED SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION

CR# 624-109

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, and the Borough Appraiser to seek formal approval of this property tax appeal matter as follows:

- **Block 512, Lot 3 and Lot 4 49 Finnigan Avenue**
- The property is owned by Plaintiff, AO Associates (Saddle Brook Apartments).

  The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matters entitled AO Associates v. Township of Saddle Brook filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos. 007261-2017, 005513-2018, 004943-2019, 007671-2020, 004028-2021, 005092-2022, 003673-2023
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter reflect the following assessments:

  2017 to 2020 WITHDRAWN
  2021 to 2023 $53,750,000 assessment
  2024 Tax Year $50,000,000 assessment

  Thereby a resulting refund of two separate $300,000 payments. The first on November 30, 2024 and the second on November 30, 2025.
- Statutory Interest is waived as long as refund payments are timely made.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Township Special Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Township Clerk, Township Attorney, Township Tax Collector and Township Tax Assessor.

CERTIFICATION

I, Peter LoDico, RMC, CMC, CMR, Clerk of the Township of Saddle Brook in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting of June 20, 2024.

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Peter LoDico, Township Clerk

Acting Council President Gierek – Motion to approve the settlement.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierek – Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierek
Acting Council President

Approved: August 15, 2024