

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

The Council President called the meeting to order.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Council President Accomando – Please rise for the salute to the flag.

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.

Council President Accomando – Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Council President Accomando –The meeting is now open to the public anyone wishing to speak.

Sylvia Zottarelli of 236 Lanza Avenue comes forward. I was here last month and we talked about Walmart and I have not heard anything as far as that letter but I just want to bring to your attention this is what we get woken up to (she plays a video on her phone). I don't know if you can hear it but this is at four o'clock in the morning and it happens almost two or three times a week. We do call the police they do come I don't know if there is any tickets issued or whatever but I can tell you within a half an hour they're back again. So calling the police again is pointless in my book. I just want to know is there anything that can be done about this. Walmart is looking to expand they want to put a loading dock back there they can't control this how are we supposed to sleep. Ms. Zottarelli played a recording at this time.

Councilman Cimiluca – The sounds, I can't make it out is that Walmart tractor trailers dumping stuff?

Ms. Zottarelli – No those are cars racing they go back and forth and then they do their little crazy eights or whatever. Somebody's going to hit a wall and when they do maybe that's when something will be done.

Councilman Cimiluca – I don't think Walmart actually controls I mean it's owned by.

Ms. Zottarelli – Okay the property owner I should rephrase that.

Councilman Cimiluca – I know that the Walmart application would have to go to the DEP and then it would have to come here to our Zoning Board so you certainly should attend that meeting whenever it's scheduled for but again it's enforcement and it's like anything you might see somebody go through as stop sign a hundred times a day if they post a cop there for two hours and he just sits there and he might give out a couple of tickets but he's got to go do something else.

Ms. Zottarelli – I'm not faulting the Police Department I'm just saying something whether this man receives summonses to his corporation whatever something's got to be done. I mean we get woken up out of sound sleeps with this.

Councilman Cimiluca – Do you know if they have their own private security there?

Ms. Zottarelli – They don't I can tell you that now.

Mayor White – Not overnight.

Council President Accomando – They used till eleven I believe right.

Councilman Cimiluca – That might be something somebody could do.

Ms. Zottarelli – That might be a suggestion I just don't know what else to do.

Council President Accomando – Do they have deliveries at night or no.

Ms. Zottarelli – You know honestly we don't hear those.

Council President Accomando – If they don't have deliveries at night why can't we see if they can put some type of barrier up when they close for the night.

Ms. Zottarelli – There are trucks that park back there they just don't idle so I don't know if that would I don't know I don't care just come up with something.

Mayor White – I notified the Police Department the Officer in Charge he's aware of it. I believe he was going to get in contact with the owner I have not heard anything since the last meeting. I will check into it and I'll have him reach out to you.

Ms. Zottarelli – Thanks.

Mayor White – I know you don't blame the Police Department but and I don't blame I don't know exactly what's going on there but it's their job to enforce it.

Ms. Zottarelli – They do go out what they do I don't know.

Mayor White – They may have written something I don't know.

Ms. Zottarelli – Well they're back a half hour later I can tell you that. Thank you.

Mayor White – I'll get a report from the Captain.

Ms. Zottarelli – Thanks.

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. I just want to as usual bring the Mayor's Youth Group updates to you tonight. We have a couple of events coming up in Town that we will be involved with. The Township Picnic and the Mayor's Walk both of those events taking place on Saturday August the twenty fourth at the park or the twenty fifth if it rains. The picnic which goes twelve to four we're asking the Mayor's Youth Group to help bring food and beverages to the seniors in attendance and we're also for the Mayor's Walk which is at 9:00 in the morning we're inviting the Mayor's Youth Group to join Mayor White and everyone in participating in that walk and as usual we invite new members who are entering fourth through twelfth grade and reside in Saddle Brook to go on the Mayor's Youth Group website at sbmyg.weebly.com to sign up. We're looking forward to all the events coming up the two events on the twenty fourth and the many events that we'll be participating in the fall and the winter months thank you.

Omar Rodriguez of Saddle Brook comes forward. Council President I'm going to need some extra time. I would like to touch some topics related to the Police Department and public safety also as well a string of robberies that are going on in certain areas of Town and I have some things that I would like to bring up to the table. Thank you for your consideration. First I would like to touch just one more subject one more time and I will not touch this again and it's nothing against Councilman Cimiluca who is doing a job it will be up to the voters in November to decide what to do but I believe that nickel that he wants to give back is wrong because he can have his position but the real matter is that it might cost a million dollars for him and his family because he can remarry whatever and he can cost a million dollars. For all viewers at home if they multiply 0.05 which is.

Council President Accomando – You said it was an important issue.

Omar Rodriguez – This is my introduction and I will stop.

Council President Accomando – You said it was nothing to do with politics.

Omar Rodriguez – This is not politics because this is 0.05 multiplied by 4300 equals two hundred and fifteen dollars that's it so it's a math error somehow. That is not about it's just correcting the number that's it. So now coming to all of you might be aware of a first we for the last three years I've been coming here and saying that we have too many captains that the TO should be revised and actually the language and instead of saying up to three captains it should say not to exceed two captains. Case on point all the neighboring towns Elmwood Park, Lodi, Garfield, Fair Lawn all of them have a bigger police force than Saddle Brook. Elmwood Park has more than 72 police officers, Garfield is on 67 more or less and they have two captains. Our table of organization has 37 I don't think we are in the max I'm talking just from the top of my head. I believe that right now with all the retirements we should be around 34 but even if we reach 37 why do we need three captains what we need is rank and file. A patrolman on his first year and please

forgive me if I make a mistake of a penny or a dollar because I'm talking from the top of my head. A patrolman on his first year makes \$39,000 a captain makes \$177,000 but the captains and I got nothing against it but they do overtime and their hour of overtime compared to one patrolman is very expensive but what we need is to have more patrolman hired. First I propose to reduce that list the table of captains to 2 to increase the number of police officers either by federal grants, state grants or any type of grant and trying to increase it. Why because more businesses are going to come out and all of us now that has been passed they're ready to open on Route 46 more businesses will come all type of business from all walks of life we're gonna need more patrolmen. I already stated that during office hours there is almost no patrol cars outside the Police Headquarters but on the weekends most of the cars are stationed there these thieves have to know that there are not enough patrolmen on weekends. However I would like to even elaborate more Chief Kugler is ready to go on October 1st this is nothing new it's just now a solution. Is there any way that we can sue either the State or any entity for the salary that we paying him without work. He was clear of the charges maybe we get some money back. We can buy equipment or something that we don't have it other towns have it. I check with a couple of police officers how come Saddle Brook don't have high resolution cameras why. Nowadays anything can happen look at what happened on Victor Street it's over and over that's happening in that vicinity. How come we don't provide equipment to our Police Department to identify who these people are that maybe who knows where they're coming from but every single town well not every most of them have high resolution cameras. Nowadays when biometrics is picking up in the day to day we walk into the airports we go to New York they know by our face the recognition who we are. How come in Saddle Brook we can't tell who robbed the house who entered the house God forbid if when they enter into the house to look for the key and they got into the house. Who tells me what would happen if a child just happened to be there or the mother how will the police follow or track those people if we don't even have cameras.

Mayor White – Just a point of clarification what do you mean by cameras are you talking about police car cameras?

Omar Rodriguez – Pole cameras high resolution and all the neighboring towns have high resolution cameras in the entrance to the town and exit of the town. It's very easy and we don't have and Saddle Brook doesn't have too many entrances or exits and if we don't even have the money and I know that the Mayor is listening to my points of topics we can start tomorrow if the Mayor and Council decided tomorrow we can start with zero investment we can put a camera right in front of Police Headquarters so everybody that goes by will be recognized no matter the speed you're driving those cameras pick exactly all the faces that are inside the car. That's just safety security I believe again that Saddle Brook should concentrate more on hiring many more police officers. Nowadays with these 'kind of people that are coming from all walks of life into Saddle Brook I don't want them to find out or to find it that is very easy to come and do whatever they want. I believe that

we should prevent it and be proactive instead of being reactive. Finally I would just like to say this you have been seeing me coming to the meetings proposing some items and some other items and some of them you guys were very helpful on trying to pass like the helmet ordinance scooters but now once again police and I got nothing I have spoken actually to the candidates to become captain it's nothing personal. Instead of having too many chiefs because the moment that you make somebody else captain then you need more lieutenants then you need more sergeants but we don't have enough rank and file we don't have enough patrolmen what we need is to go back into the days when the Police Department used to ride a bicycle used to walk the beat we don't have none of that. What happened I thought that we were a neighborhood town in which the cops know every single resident we're losing that touch and finally I got nothing against the Police Department other than just to be very thankful. I was one of the proponents when we built the current Police Department that my name is on a plaque over there and always pro police but if we don't give them the right equipment and the right amount of personnel it's not much that they can do and again I asked the last time and I'm going to ask again instead of them being stationed on Route 46 or hiding by the cemetery I don't know if it's a speeding ticket or whatever but all day long you can see them there. Why not to patrol the small streets these people are coming in daytime. Thank you all for listening and have a blessed summer thank you. Are you going to open later for that area of rehabilitation the selling of the piece of property or should I touch it now because it's a big difference between area of redevelopment or area of rehabilitation.

Council President Accomando – We're going to open up again.

Mr. Rodriguez – Thank you very much.

Council President Accomando – Anyone else wishing to speak? Seeing none.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Mayor White – I want to start out talking about the rodent issue that we're having in Town I felt at the last meeting we had some residents here that were talking about it and quite frankly I was a little disappointed in myself that I didn't explain what the Town was doing and I think somehow it just got lost and there was a lot of back and forth chatter and it

didn't go the way I wanted to so I have some notes here and I want to go through it because we have had a couple of other sightings. I'm just going to go through this. We've received calls from residents that have seen rats on their property or a nearby property. In two cases residents sent videotape confirming the rats the activity. Most of the complaints have come from the north side of town on or near the following streets Fairlawn Parkway, Floral Lane, Harley Place, Burgess Drive, Graham Terrace, Alberta Drive, Nedellec Drive, Oxford Avenue, Cambridge Avenue and Colonial Avenue. I'm not saying this is the only place that the rats live but they do seem to be most prevalent in these areas. At least two incidents we've gotten reports in which the rats have entered someone's house. Total disclosure here I want to be totally honest what we got. There is however a rumor that's going around that a resident was bitten by a rat but there's no evidence to support that claim. No official report's been filed if a resident was bitten you would think they would go to the hospital or go get medical treatment. If they had done that it would have been reported to the Health Department that's a State requirement. I want to reassure residents and the property owners that the Town is fully committed to resolving this issue. I'm not trying to downplay anything no one up here is trying to downplay anything. I think I got in a little hot water last month I mentioned the word isolated and the people that were here thought like again maybe I should have said it used a different word. I wasn't trying to say that it was isolated to their house or their block I was trying to say that it appears that that it is contained maybe is a better word to those streets that I just mentioned. I also want to update you on the proactive steps the Town is taking to address the issue. Every time we get a complaint we notify the Bergen County Health Department and the inspector that's assigned to Saddle Brook goes out along with our Property Maintenance Officer and they check. The Health Officer conducts an inspection to confirm the complaint and identify the location of the nest or the burrow. The Property Maintenance Officer checks the area to determine if any conditions are contributing to the problem or attracting rodents. This includes neighboring properties and the location where the rats were initially noticed. If property maintenance violations are found the property owners will be issued a warning notice and provided a grace period of I think it's ten days don't quote me on that to rectify the issue. In response to the rat issue the Town will strictly enforce property maintenance regulations. The Town website has a notice with tips for rodent control. I'm not going to bore you with all of it but basically it's keep garbage cans covered, don't feed wildlife, remove piles of wood off the ground etcetera. We are planning to organize a seminar in which a pest control expert will discuss rats and how to eliminate them or reduce them. That's probably going to happen sometime next week. We will notify everyone of that. I was thinking this is a question for the Town attorney could we have it at the work session because we have a work session in two weeks do we need to do anything?

Mr. Schettino – If you had it at the work session that would be fine. If you had it outside the work session and more than three members of the Governing Body are present you have to notice it as a meeting.

Mayor White – Okay so maybe they're better off just waiting a couple of weeks and having it at the work session I want all the Council to be here as well. We have received some backlash from residents who feel that the Town has not done a good job of notifying them about the problem. We have sent out notices to some residents in the affected area but we will likely send a mailing to alert all Town property owners. I'm thinking to save money maybe we'll do it with the tax bill but I think it's a good idea. We are getting people that say they don't know and they're hearing about it and they're obviously disgusted to hear that we have rats in Town so that's it for the rats I hope that clears up some things. Next I want to talk about the budget we still are working on a capital improvements budget. The 2024 Road Program we had a meeting Bob our engineer had a preconstruction meeting so we'll be getting started with that hopefully in the fall. We definitely want in this capital improvement we want to renovate at least one park we have grant funds I think we're going to do Mayhill Street and finish that off. We're also going to have to spend some money on sewer upgrades we had a sewer main break over the weekend that was repaired but we do have a 1.3 million dollar grant that we have to use but we're going to need more than that to upgrade the sewer system. Ordinances tonight we have the second reading on Congress Street the no parking between 9:00 and 10:00 am Monday through Friday. We also have a first reading on the handicap parking space on Bella Vista. This summer this year we had our summer camp this was the first year we extended it went for a month it was a great success the kids really had a blast and we had a lot of positive feedback from all the parents so kudos to the Recreation Department. We are hoping to expand the program next year. We had 50 we're hoping to do maybe 75 to 100 next year. The kids are going back to school so please drive safely. I urge everyone be careful watch your speed in the school zones and parents please cross your children at the crosswalk. We had a concert Here's Elton an Elton John tribute band on Monday August the 12th it was a real nice time it's perfect weather. We had a couple of cancellations. Upcoming events we have our Junior Police Academy which starts next Monday August 19th it goes to Friday August 23rd. The graduation is going to be held in the evening at 5:00 here in the gym. Saint Philip's Festival starts Wednesday August 21st and goes through Sunday August the 25th. The Town Picnic is Saturday August 24th the rain date is Sunday August 25th. It's from 12 noon to 4:00 pm tickets are available you can pick them up at the Senior Center, Library and the Rec Center. You can get them there at the door if you like you have to give ID to make sure that you are a resident everything's free at the picnic. The Mayor's Walk is that morning of the picnic from 9:00 am to 10:30 we have T-shirts while supplies last. Come out and take a walk around the pond at the Saddle River Park. Another summer concert is going to be Tuesday August 27th The 80's Revolution that's the one that was cancelled I believe that was July. We have a summer concert the next day Wednesday August 28th that's our last one Altered State that's a local Town band that will be playing. Labor Day is Monday September 2nd the Town offices and the DPW are closed section one the north end of Town yard waste will be picked up on Friday September 6th because of the DPW being off that Monday.

The Bergen County Senior Picnic is Thursday September 12th at Van Saun Park from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We're having a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony which is Wednesday September 11th in the evening probably around 5:00 at the Municipal Complex in the parking lot. Finally our Lady of Mount Virgin Car Show is going to be Sunday September 15th 10:00 am to 4:00 somewhere in that range late morning early afternoon. Thank you.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I have a question through the Chair. Mayor do we have any update on the proposed playground at the County Park?

Mayor White – It's in the hands right now of the County but they sent their application to Green Acres. I don't know if they got notification back whether they're going to get the funds. If they don't get the funds they're not going to do it.

Councilwoman Mazzer – It's very concerning because so many people are concerned about being there it's such a dangerous location.

Mayor White – I did speak to Tom Duch the business administrator they don't have to do it they won't do it if they don't want them to but I don't know I feel it's location is not the best but I hate to lose out on that. It's something that we should really talk about with the Council members. They're spending a lot of money there and it's going to look nice and it is a benefit to the Town. We have to make a decision they won't do it if we tell them not to. I just don't know if that's the right move or not.

Councilwoman Mazzer – Are there going to be anymore meetings on that at the County level?

Mayor White – Not really they had a bunch of meetings back a bunch of our residents Councilman Gierak went to one of the meetings and there was some talk about moving it to a different location but they didn't want to move it

Councilwoman Mazzer – They didn't want to move it.

Mayor White – They did not want to move it they didn't like the location where they were proposing so it's either there or nowhere.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I'd like to be on record that I'm not for it that's for sure. I've been at the park a couple of times and I've been watching what's going on there I'd rather not see it to be honest with you that's my opinion anyway. Congratulations on your grandson.

Mayor White – thank you

Council President Accomando – While we're on the parks any update with the Fifth Street park?

Mayor White – Mr. Klein why don't you or Mr. Homsy talk about that.

Mr. Klein – We have some grant money now and we're waiting for word on another grant so we find out if we get that grant. I see this as more of a next year project. We stopped work because we ran out of money.

Councilman Cimiluca – In regard to Fifth Street Park I know that Fair Lawn transformed a couple of their tennis courts to pickleball courts and pickleball seems to be all the rage. I was unable to be here I had a wedding to attend congratulations to Ashley Vitello and R.J. Lazzaro on their marriage it was a great wedding. I had asked that that be brought up and I'm not sure it was but I wasn't here to do it but I'm thinking that possibly we should consider as part of the Fifth Street Park revamp putting in a couple of pickleball courts. I don't believe it's cost prohibitive. They are relatively small compared to tennis courts. We can get an idea of the cost from Fair Lawn but I think they have eight courts now. I'm not sure if they're Green Acres funds they are saying that it's limited to Fair Lawn residents however I happen to know about 10 people from Saddle Brook that go there regularly so that's something I think would be a nice addition to that park and for our citizens because it's the up and coming thing and if we've got to go out of Town when we have a place that possibly can house that I think that's a decent idea. Briefly on the rat situation some people watching this have no idea what we're talking about in terms of the rats and that is because I know the Mayor said he got some flack for saying isolated but I'll say it's limited isolated however you want to term it hung up on words here to a particular section of Town. Now remember rats like any other wild animals go where they can. We have a river going through our Town rivers have banks and rats generally burrow into the riverbanks so it's not unforeseen that we would have rats. Like the Mayor said go on our website and it'll give you the ability to look at control measures to try and limit it because listen if your neighbors if you're living next to a pig sty and it's open food, open containers that's where they're going to go. Mosquitoes tend to be near standing water you gotta get rid of it to get rid of the mosquitoes. You've got to get rid of the open garbage to get rid of the rats or to make them move someplace else. They're always going to be there it's just a matter of keeping them out of the neighborhoods and keep where we would hope in their burrows as long as possible but for those who don't know about this it's because you're not being affected by it and some people are and we feel for them and I had one in my garage that was probably a little bit longer than this thing. It was big but it had to be the dumbest rat in the world because it got stuck in my garage door I don't know how but. If you have a neighbor that's got a pig sty call like the Mayor said call property maintenance. If you notice that you've got your own cans that are open and you're kind of attracting that stop it just do the right thing. That's probably the answer to most of our problems is just do the right thing. I have a couple of friends that keep talking about the lack of things to do in Saddle Brook. I just want to point out that just in the month of August

we've had three outdoor concerts here. We've got the Town Picnic with a live band and they're great Summer Breeze is awesome. We had the National Night Out but unfortunately it got cancelled we're hoping that it gets rescheduled. We got this Police Academy going on for the kids something for them to do besides the camps that we held. St. Philips is hosting a five day carnival so there's a heck of a lot to do in Saddle Brook and we try and give the most to the Township and for the residents as much as we can and obviously try and keep the cost down by getting donations and having benefactors. Some people laugh at me because although I wasn't born here I wasn't raised here in Saddle Brook I love this Town and I just want to keep seeing it prosper. Thank you.

Council President Accomando – I just want to congratulate Mayor White and his family on the newest member. Even though it's a couple of years down the road I'm actually looking forward to it but I'll wait hopefully like five ten years.

Mayor White – It's the best.

Councilwoman Mazzer – It's a great club to be in.

Mayor White – I said I wasn't going to be one of those guys but I'm one of those guys.

Councilman Cimiluca – We all say that and we all become one of those guys.

Council President Accomando – I just want to wish everybody a wonderful rest of the summer it's going by so quick just enjoy it enjoy your time with your kids your loved ones. I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic it seems to be getting better and better every year more and more people want to get involved not just residents but vendors so I always look forward to that. I look forward the carnival at St. Philips as well enjoy it we're only here for a little while that being said that's all I got.

Mr. Klein – Just to update on the Road Program for this year we did have a brief construction meeting on it I expect work to start after Labor Day sometime don't have an exact date yet but we'll keep up with the contractor and that's about when he indicated he would start and that's it.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1755-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, CHAPTER 196 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (CONGRESS STREET)

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, CHAPTER 196 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (CONGRESS STREET)

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

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

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# 824-127

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, CHAPTER 196 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (CONGRESS 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: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

2. ORDINANCE # 1756-24 – FIRST READING

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

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 24 BELLA VISTA AVENUE

be passed and adopted on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

Council President: Direct 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# 824-128

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 24 BELLA VISTA AVENUE

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the September 19, 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

The Township Clerk reads the following:

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

JUNE 20, 2024 REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

* RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELINEATING AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION

CR# 824-129

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.* (the “**Redevelopment Law**”) provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments to promote the advancement of community interests through programs of redevelopment for the expansion and improvement of commercial, industrial, residential and civic facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Law empowers the Township of Saddle Brook (the “**Township**”), by and through its Mayor and Council (the “**Governing Body**”), to delineate an

area within the Township as an area in need of rehabilitation if the area qualifies under one of the criteria enumerated under *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14*; and

WHEREAS, Township Planner, Nicholas Dickerson, PP/AICP had been directed to investigate whether the Block 611, Lot 1.01 located at 93-95 Market Street (the “**Study Area**”) qualified as an area in need of rehabilitation pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickerson prepared a report entitled “*Area in Need of Rehabilitation Study: Block 611, Lot 1.01*” dated July 1, 2024 which is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “**Study Report**”); and

WHEREAS, the Study Report concludes that because (a) a significant portion of structures therein are in a deteriorated or substandard condition and (b) there is a pattern of vacancy, abandonment or underutilization of properties in the area, the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of rehabilitation under the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2024 the Governing Body referred the Study Report and this Resolution in draft form to the Planning Board for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2024 the Planning Board returned this resolution and Study Report with a recommendation that the Study Area be delineated as an area in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds it to be in the best interest of the property owners within the Study Area to delineate the Study Area as an area in need of rehabilitation, and that based upon the Study Report and the Planning Board’s recommendation, finds that the Study Area meets the criteria of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14* of an area in need of rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Based upon the facts reported in the Study Report and the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Mayor and Council find that the Study Area, consisting of Block 611, Lot 1.01 located at 93-95 Market Street, meets the eligibility criteria of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14* for designation as an area in need of rehabilitation in that (a) a significant portion of structures therein are in a deteriorated or substandard condition and (b) there is a pattern of vacancy, abandonment or underutilization of properties in the area. The Mayor and Council further find that the designation of the Study Area as an area in need of rehabilitation is expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the Township of Saddle Brook in accordance with the requirements of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14*.

2. The Mayor and Council hereby delineates the Study Area and all of the properties therein as an area in need of rehabilitation (hereinafter, the Study Area shall be the “**Rehabilitation Area**”), which delineation allows the Mayor and Council to, among other things, adopt redevelopment plans for all or part of the Rehabilitation Area, enter into redevelopment agreements with redevelopers within the Rehabilitation Area, and adopt an ordinance pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-21, et seq.*, authorizing short-term tax exemptions and/or abatements to properties located within the Rehabilitation Area.

3. The Mayor and Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs in accordance with the Redevelopment Law.

4. All Township officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 824-130

WHEREAS, the solid waste collection contract for the Township of Saddle Brook is due to expire; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is desirous of receiving bids,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare specifications for bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

CR# 824-131

WHEREAS, the attached checks issued from the Township of Saddle Brook have been outstanding for more than one year and are now stale-dated; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel outstanding checks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the attached outstanding checks issued from the Township of Saddle Brook bank accounts be cancelled:

Capital

Vendor	Check #	Check Amt
THE CULINARY GROUP	7368	4550
VALLEY TENT RENTAL	7370	5592
ACINAPURA CATERING & EVENTS	7372	4750
Total Capital		14,892.00

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 824-132

WHEREAS 4-CLEAN UP, INC. was awarded a contract in the amount of \$588,938.20 for 2023 SADDLE BROOK ROAD PROGRAM; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by 4-CLEAN UP, INC. recommended Change Order #1 Final; -\$21,252.99 for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for 4-CLEAN-UP, INC. for a total amount of \$21,252.99 a total contract amount of \$610,191.19 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 824-133

WHEREAS, a property recently sold located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 222 Alberta Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 1504, Lot 1 is assessed to Jeffrey De Maria and;

WHEREAS, a payment of \$145.00 was made in error on July 12, 2024 by the former owner of the property; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a refund should be issued in the amount of \$145.00 payable to Mr. Jeffrey De Maria, 45 Garden Road, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF RECYCLING CONTRACT**

CR# 824-134

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is currently under contract with Joseph Smentkowski Inc. (“JSI”) for curbside collection of Solid Waste and or recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, a Verified Petition has been filed with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Sustainable Waste Management, seeking approval in which Affordable Cartage LLC will acquire the municipal customer contracts and certain containers of Joseph Smentkowski Inc. t/a Galaxy Carting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney is in receipt of a letter dated July 25, 2024 from John F. Chiaia, Esq., the attorney for Joseph Smentkowski Inc., requesting the consent of the Township Council to assign the contract to Affordable Cartage LLC; and

WHEREAS, the letter dated July 25, 2024 reflects there will be no changes to the contract and the Township shall receive the same service, equipment, prices, surety bond, level of insurance, employees, route manager and same general manager; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Township Attorney have reviewed the letter from the attorney for Joseph Smentkowski Inc. and recommend the Township consent to the assignment of the contract to Affordable Cartage LLC as referenced herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, that the assignment of the contract from Joseph Smentkowski Inc. t/a Galaxy Carting to Affordable Cartage LLC for curbside collection of Solid Waste and or recyclable materials be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to take any action as necessary to effectuate the assignment of the contract 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 to John F. Chiaia, Esq., the attorney for Joseph Smentkowski Inc. t/a Galaxy Carting, upon the passage of same.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer
Roll Call:

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LODI
PURSUANT TO NJSA 40:A:65-1**

CR# 824-135

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A5-1 et seq the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act authorizes contracts among municipalities for the sharing of services within their respective jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Township of Saddle Brook and the Borough of Lodi deem it in their best interests to enter into a shared services agreement for the shared use of various Department of Public Works equipment and services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has adopted CR# 824-135 authorizing the entering into a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Lodi for the sharing of the use of various Department of Public Works equipment and services on an as needed basis which resolution is attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40:55-1 et seq. that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Lodi for the sharing of the use of various Department of Public Works equipment and Services on an as-needed basis in a form attached hereto.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid agreement upon the terms and conditions stated herein.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 824-136

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following requisition(s) submitted to the Township Council for purchases over \$6,600.00 be approved providing funds are available:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CLERK	GENERAL CODE	RECODIFICATION ORD	\$10,410.00

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 824-137

WHEREAS Frank A. Macchione Construction Inc. was awarded a contract in the amount of \$573,810.41 for FY' 2021 MAP Mayhill Street Roadway Improvements, Phase 2; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Frank A. Macchione Construction Inc. recommended Change Order #1 Final; 22,209.78 1for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for Frank A. Macchione Construction Inc. for a total amount of \$22,209.78 a total contract amount of \$596,020.19 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO BERGEN
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE
FY 2024 – 2025 Covering Period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL
REPRESENTATIVES TO BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

CR# 824-138

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has entered into a three year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said agreement requires that the Township Council appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2024-2025 term starting July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby appoints Councilwoman Florence Mazzer as its representative and Councilman Andrew Cimiluca as its alternate and that the Mayor hereby appoints Mayor Robert D. White as his representative and Peter Lo Dico as his alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2024-2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed and sent via postage to Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor; Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR # 824-139

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 **\$10,735,261.31** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR # 824-140

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 **\$555,611.13** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 824-141

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.

HOTEL LICENSE

<u>STATE LICENSE NO.</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
0257-36-021-001 \$2200.00	Saddle Brook Operations, LLC Crowne Plaza 50 Kenny Place Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 824-142

WHEREAS, The Township Clerk advertised for the receipt of sealed bids for surplus equipment, and,

WHEREAS, bid was received and opened on July 10, 2024 at 10 AM at the Municipal Complex, and,

WHEREAS, the opened bid was as follows:

CANON AP 9417 MODEL TYPEWRITER	Nita Havlicek	\$35.00
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BOLD INDICATES HIGH BIDDER

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the bid for surplus equipment is awarded as follows:

Nita Havlicek

CANON AP 9417 MODEL TYPEWRITER	\$35.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to return the 10% bid deposit to the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A. CIALONE PLAN BD. ATTY.

**RE: AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION
BLOCK 611, LOT 1.01 – 93-95 MARKET ST.
DATE: JULY 17, 2024**

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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Counselors At Law

865 BROAD AVENUE
RIDGEFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07657

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TEL. (201) 945-

FAX.(201) 945-

E-MAIL:

July 17, 2024

**BY EMAIL AND
REGULAR MAIL**

Mayor and Council
Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

2024 JUL 17 PM 9:52

Re: Area in Need of Rehabilitation – Block 611, Lot 1.01

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook:

We write to you in our capacity as the attorneys to the Saddle Brook Planning Board. You have referred to the Planning Board for review and comment a report entitled Area in Need of Rehabilitation Study for the above-referenced property and a proposed resolution to be adopted by you. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14*, the report and proposed resolution were considered at the Planning Board’s regular meeting of July 15, 2024. In addition, the Planning Board heard testimony from the Township’s Engineer, Nicholas A. Dickerson, PP, AICP, and the Township’s Administrator. The Planning Board has authorized us to write this letter report to the Mayor and Council.

The Planning Board recommends that the above-referenced study area should be delineated as an area in need of rehabilitation. In addition, the Planning Board has no recommendations or comments pertaining to the proposed resolution.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony P. Cialone

Anthony P. Cialone

APC:cas

cc: James Homs, Township Administrator, By Email
Nicholas A. Dickerson, PP, AICP, Township Engineer, By Email

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Mayor and Council
Township of Saddle Brook
April 17, 2024
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Saddle Brook Planning Board, c/o Jayne Kapner, Board Secretary, By Email

2. ROBERT KLEIN, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: 2023 ROAD PROGRAM PAYMENT 3

FINAL 4-CLEAN UP - \$27,640.00

DATE: JULY 15, 2024



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

July 15, 2024

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
2023 Saddle Brook Road Program
Pay Certificate No. 3 - FINAL
RVE File No. 0257-T-111


Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 3, final for 4-Clean Up, Inc. for work performed on the above-referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agrees with the payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend the following payment be made to 4-Clean Up, Inc. in the amount of \$27,640.69.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Robert J. Klein, P.E., C.M.E.
Project Manager

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

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3. ROBERT KLEIN, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: CHANGE ORDER #1-FINAL-2023 ROAD PROGRAM \$21,252.99-4-CLEAN UP

DATE: JULY 18, 2024



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

July 15, 2024

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
2023 Saddle Brook Road Program
Change Order No. 1 - FINAL
Our File# 0257-T-111


Dear Mr. Homsí,

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of attached Change Order No. 1 - Final. This change order is for adjustment of as-built unit quantities.

• Original Contract	\$ 588,938.20
• <u>Change Order No. 1</u>	\$ 21,252.99
• Amended Contract Total	\$ 610,191.19

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

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4. ROBERT KLEIN, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: PAYMENT #3 FINAL-FRANK MACCHIONE
MAYHILL ST - PHASE 1 \$30,975.13

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2024



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

August 8, 2024

James Homsí –Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
93 Market Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
FY' 2021 MAP Mayhill Street Roadway Improvements, Phase 2
Pay Certificate No. 3 Final
RYE File No. 0257-T-093


Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 3 Final and two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. 800097584MB from Frank Macchione Construction for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington & Vernick Engineers has reviewed the certificate with the contractor and agree with the final payment noted.

Therefore, we recommend that final payment be made to Frank Macchione Construction in the amount of \$30,975.13 for Certificate No. 3 Final.

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 LoDico
Frank Barrale

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5. ROBERT KLEIN, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: CHANGE ORDER #1 - \$22,209.78

MAYHILL ST - PHASE 2-FRANK MACCHIONE

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2024



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

August 8, 2024

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
FY' 2021 MAP Mayhill Street Roadway Improvements, Phase 2
Change Order No. 1 - FINAL
Our File# 0257-T-093


Dear Mr. Homsi,

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of attached Change Order No. 1 - Final. This change order is for adjustment of as-built unit quantities.

• Original Contract	\$ 573,810.41
• <u>Change Order No. 1</u>	<u>\$ 22,209.78</u>
• Amended Contract Total	\$ 596,020.19

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

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* APPLICATIONS

1. RA# 1396 – Saddle Brook UNICO – 50/50

* REPORTS

1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2024
2. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL – JUNE 2024
3. HOTEL ROOM TAX MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2024
4. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2024
5. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2024

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor White – I just wanted to mention about the Table of Organization of the Police Department it's 34 I believe one time we did go up to 36 or maybe 37 but it's written as 34. Right now when the chief retires we'll be down to 31 but we're hoping to hire three more. We just had three come out of the academy I'm hoping to hire three more in January so that'll be the 34. As far as the Table of Organization we're going to sit down and I mentioned this before to Mr. Rodriguez and the Council we're going to sit down and look at it especially the captain's position. We have thought about possibly lowering it to two but that's something I have to sit down with the retiring chief and the new chief and see what the best idea is. I can tell you this much we definitely need two that's for sure I looked at it a bunch of different ways. We definitely can't have just one captain we would definitely need two and right now when the chief retires and the new chief is made we'll be down to one captain so pretty much we're going to have to make a captain right away. Then we're going to look at once we get a lot of people don't realize you need to have the people on the bottom Mr. Rodriguez kind of alluded to you need to have those people there so that there's enough police officers on the street. You can't promote because once you promote especially to a captain's position they're taken off the street and they're put as administrative personnel. I'm not saying they can't be promoted and stay on the street but that doesn't usually go over very well with the person promoted. The other thing Mr. Rodriguez mentioned about the video cameras that's something we discussed here at length and it is a great idea. They're expensive I know for sure Garfield has them I don't know about Elmwood Park but I know for sure Garfield they have them all over town.

They're very expensive but they're great at reducing crime and solving crimes so it's something that we do want to consider in the future and just as a kind of looking back in history I can remember probably 20 because I was on the Police department at the time it had to be 20 or 25 years ago Joe Setticase brought that up and everybody looked at him like he was crazy. You know this is some new fangled idea but here we are in 2024 and really for the last I would say five or six years it's become a fad and it's a good thing to have so we're going to be working towards that. Hopefully we can get some grant money and we'll at least start out maybe with a couple and then branch out. Thank you.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair to the Mayor since you were a Deputy Chief for a long time and you would know this and I don't think a lot of people from the maybe people in the audience but people of the public do not know the makeup of the Police Department in terms of right now we have three captains and it's not just they all do the same job they each have their own division and my understanding is one is basically administrative, one is detective and the other one is traffic patrol. So they all do different things currently so and the second thing is I think that right now we have three captains so if we keep it at three captains we're not losing anybody but what happens with the promotions is that everyone pretty much jumps so lieutenant becomes a captain a sergeant becomes a lieutenant and so on and a patrolman will become a sergeant but the sergeants also are on patrol. They're not sitting in an office all the time they're actually doing active patrol work but they're in charge of the shifts that they have men under them or women under them. In terms of the cameras it sounds like a good idea I know Joe Setticase I was in the audience when he proposed that and I said Joe you're crazy I remember that because he was concerned about finding people that were leaving the Town. I think that's what it's for you're not going to solve a robbery on Victor Street by having a camera because the camera is not going to be on Victor Street. There are not going to be a billion cameras going all over Town that sounds like a science fiction movie so the cameras are not going to be there and we got to worry when we walk out of our house you know underdressed that somebody in the Police Department going to say look at Cimiluca he's only got his T-shirt on. It's for following up on if you have a vehicle that's got a description they can follow that and the cameras would be on main roads I would assume be on basically Market, Saddle River and Pehle maybe and Midland Avenue but I wouldn't expect that they would be in the middle of neighborhoods looking around.

Mayor White – They have these mobile ones and their license plate readers I mean it's so sophisticated what they have today but yeah there's mobile ones that certain towns that you can buy them. As a matter of fact we were looking into that with forfeiture funds we can purchase at least one.

Councilman Cimiluca – Plate reader.

Mayor White – Well it's a camera and plate reader and you can put them like you said if you're at the entrance or exit to the Town if you know that we're getting a lot of stolen cars in an area we can put it in that particular area parks if you're having issues going on there you can move it around. The problem with that is when you're moving if you move from one location Murphy's Law you know they go to another location. They know the thieves know. A lot of times too they'll especially these rings that are these car theft rings they're in a stolen car or they change the plate. They know enough that the cameras are so good they can really identify even the car if the windows aren't tinted but they'll wear a hat they'll wear a hoodie or something so they can't be seen. It's a constant battle but they do work.

Councilman Cimiluca – We've been talking about this for a number of months potential of that we're looking for grant money to help us out in that. In terms of I don't know if it's old or new it's new now but we've talked about it in the past in terms of our towers. I've been approached by a couple of towing companies that our rates are much lower than everyone else almost all the other towns are using State Police rates and we have our own rates which are significantly lower than everybody else.

Mayor White - Maybe we didn't update it because we usually use the State rates too but we may not have updated it maybe we did it four or five years ago so now it changed in between.

Councilman Cimiluca – I'm just asking that because we don't want to overcharge but we want to be on par with everyone else.

Mayor White – I mentioned that to the captain he's going to look into it a change in the ordinance.

Councilman Cimiluca – That's all I have.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Omar Rodriguez of Saddle Brook comes forward. Mayor I'm glad to hear that you're going to be working on it because for the last few years I've been coming here especially the workshops I do not remember anything being talked about cameras lately. This is not about who is going to take the credit or not as long as all the residents in Saddle Brook benefit from this. Just a comment from Councilman Cimiluca he just mentioned that it will not help as much. If someone is stealing on Victor Street it's not going to help us I believe that you're totally wrong because you could have it on any street as long as we have it in the entrances and exits of the Town that we don't have that many and if the person the victim mentioned what kind of car is driven by the thief or the police just see them what kind of car we can just locate them to the Police Department who it was in the vehicle when they enter Saddle Brook and who is leaving in the vehicle when they leaving. These cameras right now nowadays like the Mayor just mentioned even if it's tinted windows you can see it too very sophisticated cameras and it's going to help resolve a lot of cases and a lot of people once they know they're going to say be careful with it because if I see someone driving a car getting down the car with mask and everything I'm going to have to be alert because they're doing something wrong because they're going to know there's cameras in Town. Now the reason I'm bringing that up that is attached to the police and especially to the viewers at home by no stretch of the imagination of the Mayor and Council and seeing right here just by having more cops and reviewing that with all these new stores coming into 46 because it's going to attract people from other towns coming to buy cannabis on Route 46 which is approved nothing bad with that but we going to need more patrol at least ten fifteen but by trade I'm a financial controller and I don't want to see the taxes go up that's one of the things I've been fighting for so long. So there's a lot of grants a lot of the towns got grants for three years to hire new cops of thirty nine thousand dollars. How many can we hire because by the time that some of the police officers that going to be retiring we have to think ahead of the game give them equipment give them personal and no cost to the taxpayers so just to clear that. In addition to that I see that you guys are approving resolution number one which is to name an area of rehabilitation the old Police Department that has been sitting there for ten years I would say now is also sitting there the old Town Hall. You are moving tonight on trying to call that rehab I was expecting that was going to be named the area in need of redevelopment for a simple reason I believe a municipality should not go and again I might be wrong but a municipality should not go into the business of real estate. I believe we should just go into the business of zoning the area whether we want stores in the front or all commercial or maybe with some units like the new Dunkin Donuts maybe but with a maximum limit but an area in need of rehabilitation not necessarily that they have to turn it down they're going to maybe keep some of that in place they don't have to knock it all down. We have to give them tax abatements to the new construction in need of rehabilitation I believe Councilman Cimiluca is very well versed into this because he is an attorney in this type of expertise I do not pretend to be an expert on this but my question is have we thought about what is going to happen with these revenues that indeed is going to be millions of dollars that it can be also helpful to hire more police officers or to buy camera equipment

for the public safety of all residents. It can be given to some of the Fire Department and some to the Ambulance I don't know maybe you guys got other plans what to do with the money because it's going to be millions of dollars and finally I would like to say is the process going to be for bidders or it's going to be that the Town will choose a developer. How is going to be the process if you can just elaborate Mr. Council President. Thank you.

Mr. Schettino – First you're correct in saying there's a difference between designating an area of rehabilitation and designating an area of need of redevelopment and one of the major differences is that and in fact this was discussed by the Council and one of the reasons why they didn't want it designated in an area in need of redevelopment is because they do not want to give a pilot. When you designate an area in need of rehabilitation you cannot it's not eligible for a pilot program. If you designate it as an area in need of redevelopment it is eligible for a pilot program so there will not be a pilot program. In terms of the Governing Body being a developer they are not the developer. What they will do as the next step is they will formulate a plan as to the type of development they want to see constructed there and then whatever developer and it could be through a process of an open advertisement in the Town the Governing Body could hear presentations from different developers as to what they would want to put there but the cost of the project is all on the developer. They have to purchase the property and of course they have to assume all the costs associated with the construction of the site and then quite the opposite of it costing the Town money you'll now right now as you know it's public property it's tax exempt so now you'll have a very good ratable on the property and it will be generating taxes. So at the end of the day by going through this process one they'll be no additional burden on the Town in terms of the taxpayers paying any of the costs associated with this two it will add a new ratable to the community and three the development will be consistent with what the Governing Body and ultimately the Planning Board believe is appropriate for that site. It's had a lot of success in other communities and I'm sure we'll have success in this community as well.

Mr. Rodriguez – Let me ask this and just mention something is the developer going to pay money for the property?

Mr. Schettino – Yes that's what I just said I said the developer has to pay for the property the Town doesn't donate the property. The Town as you correctly point out is not the real estate developer. This is not a project that the Town is saying we're going to build something there and then we're going to sell what we're going to build. That's not the purpose of declaring this as an area in need of rehabilitation. The purpose was to put all that cost on the developer and then in fact secure money for the site and just one I know you didn't mention it although you mentioned the time this is taking but unfortunately there was a title issue to the property in that apparently a portion of the property for whatever reason was still in the name of the original owner from I don't know 50 or 60 years ago

and that had to be cleared up which took a great deal of time to go through the records and try to locate the property owner first and then go through a court proceeding to have that portion of the property the title clear to the municipality because otherwise the developer is not going to buy a property where there's a question as to well who owns this portion. So that's all been cleared up it took a lot longer than what we would like but this process is moving along and this was the first significant step taken and hopefully by next year you'll have something approved and being constructed.

Mr. Rodriguez – Thank you. In closing I would like just to say that why not to put a price just to be more transparent and open to everyone not just to a developer that it might be political connect put the zone just make the zoning because you don't have to be actually shown because they have to go to the Planning or Zoning or anywhere. We have to zone what area we need to see there and put a price we can have a lot more money if we go for bidding because we are just limited to just dedicated to one developer when actually we can have ten bidders. If somebody's going to come with two million dollars what about if someone else is more interested and will put three or four million dollars to let any other Town that is doing it just in the name of more transparency. Thank you and have a good night.

Council President Accomando – Motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

Councilman Cimiluca – I just want to clarify I agree that the cameras may be beneficial to see people leaving if you get a description of the vehicle. It can tell a fleeing vehicle if you get cameras at the basically the entrance and exit points of Town. Again I said it Midland, Market, Saddle River Road places like that Pehle possibly but the intention is not to place cameras in the middle of residential districts monitoring everyone's day to day activity that's not the intention.

Council President Accomando – Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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