

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on February 20, 2025 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 Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – present
Council President Gierak – present

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

Council President Gierak – Please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of our Senior Center Director Joseph Lecce, former Township Engineer Joseph Mercadante, former Planning and Zoning Board member Joseph Ribarro and past Commander of VFW Post 3484 Charles Scrafani, Father of Police Officer Joseph Scrafani also Firefighter Kevin Kooistra's brother Henry a former Firefighter.

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 Gierak – Before we open the meeting to the public Mayor you have some presentations.

Mayor White – Yes we have three presentations that I'd like to make tonight. Three individuals from Town who have done a lot of service for the Town and we want to recognize them for that. They've been a tremendous asset to this Township over the many years that they've worked here and they've been involved in Saddle Brook. I want to first Dr. Michael Weiner I don't see him. We'll do him shortly. Okay we're going to start

with Letter Carrier Reny Easaw. Reny you want to come up. Reny pretty much did a heroic event. Back on September 28, 2024 Reny was delivering mail on Market Street in the area of Saddle River Road when he observed a male driver experiencing some kind of medical episode. The driver was kind of slumped over his head was down but the vehicle was kind of moving slowly and then it would come to a stop and then it would go again and the person was having trouble controlling the vehicle. Like I said the car would stop and then it would lurch forward so Reny approached the vehicle and tried to open the driver's door but it was locked. The window on that door was open just enough so he's got long skinny arms and he was able to reach in and this is all while the vehicle was moving not moving but he was able to reach in grab the lever and open the door. Once he was inside he was able to get it into park and some bystanders had already called the police and EMS and they arrived but if it wasn't for Reny's courageous and decisive action that incident could have turned out a lot worse and could have turned into a tragedy. So Reny congratulations thank you. I have this plaque for you it says presented to Reny Easaw in recognition of your selfless act of courage with appreciation Mayor Robert White and the Township Council dated February 20, 2025.

Mr. Easaw – Good evening everyone I'm not good at this but nevertheless here we are. First of all I want to give all glory to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that nobody was hurt there was no property damages and everybody walked away so praise God. Secondly I would like to thank our Honorable Mayor Robert White and the prestigious Council members the President each one of you thank you so much for this kind gesture. It has truly touched me. I want to thank my family my wife Annie, my son Rueben and my daughter Isabella for being my support system. I want to thank my other family members who are here, my best friends, my extended Saddle Brook family and also I got to give a shout out to Saddle Brook's Moms there's a Facebook so I want to give a shout out to them too. Thank you so much it's truly an honor. I've been working with the Saddle Brook Post Office for 26 years and this August will be the 27th year and this is definitely one of the highlights of my career and what makes it great is about this Town is it's people. They are kind, loving and caring and I'm blessed so on behalf of my family and I just want to thank each and every one of you who are out there and I really appreciate this. Thank you God bless you and have a good night.

Mayor White – Next we have someone that I think everybody in this room probably knows Howard Mulder. Howard you've done a lot for this Town. Most recently you were the president of the Saddle Brook Library Board for a few years right. I know you're there ten and the last four or five you were the president. You also had sixty years of service with the Saddle Brook Fire Department, fifteen years you were on the Saddle Brook Zoning Board of Adjustment that must have been fun, fourteen years driving the school bus for the Saddle Brook Board of Education and you were also three years as a trustee for the Board of Education.

Mr. Mulder – That didn't work out.

Mayor White – You probably told them things they didn't want to hear but you always told the truth I bet right.

Mr. Mulder – I believe I knew more about the schools because I was there for fourteen years than they did.

Mayor White – You also I didn't know this you drove the Senior Bus when the regular driver I guess.

Mr. Mulder – My friend Peter Lo Dico called me up and said he needed help he got it.

Mayor White – Well you've done a lot for the Town and we appreciate you. I do have a plaque for you. It says presented to Howie J. Mulder in recognition of dedicating over sixty years of service to the Township of Saddle Brook with great appreciation Mayor Robert White and the Township Council.

Mayor White – I think the Fire Chief wants to come up and also make a presentation.

Chief Mielnicki – Howie we just wanted to give you a small Certificate of Recognition for your sixty plus years of service to the Fire Department.

Mr. Mulder – Thank you. I like my family that came, I like the people from the library that came and I thank the Fire Department for showing up. You don't know how much I appreciate you people coming out for me thank you very much.

Mayor White – Last but not least we have Dr. Michael Weiner. Doc come on up. He's why a lot of people are here today. He's done a great job Mike's my doctor too. So in fact that's where I met him. Mike's been practicing in Town for 44 years. So 42 years ago I was hired by the Police Department and back then you didn't have to go through all that you know now we got to send them they got to get a stress test all kinds of things but I was young I was 21 I was in pretty good shape. He looked the same me not so much little gray hair but you look good. Keep your weight down he's always yelling at me but Mike he's a great doctor and I'm sure a lot of you in here used Mike and used him over the years. He's a great guy along with a great doctor and I know that you care about people and I know even myself there's times you know you gave me your cell number and I probably annoyed the hell out of you calling you on a weekend or something but you were always there you always picked up and I was always able to get a hold of you. When I was nervous about something or I needed to talk to you, you were always there for me and I'm sure you were there for most of your patients. I hope you treated me a little bit special. Since I've been Mayor I noticed a little difference. Mike when you speak I want you to tell the public because we have it on it camera that Mike recently moved out of Saddle Brook which he'll explain but he's got a new office in Ridgewood is it on Ridgewood Avenue. He's still available to us but the way it happened he wasn't able to really get the information out.

Dr. Weiner – I had to call the Mayor to set this up.

Mayor White – So anyway presented to Dr. Michael Weiner Township physician. I didn't mention that too he's been on and off over his 44 years the Township physician as well so he is now and he will remain. You're only five miles away you're a Saddle Brook guy. So in appreciation of your service as the Township physician and for providing exemplary

medical care to residents in our community for 44 years Mayor Robert White and the Township Council thank you Mike.

Dr. Weiner – I want to thank Mayor White and the Council I've been in Saddle Brook like he was saying for 44 years I have a special place in my heart for all the people of Saddle Brook. I really dedicated myself to the Township over the years and because of circumstances of my contract when it was over I had to move at least three miles away so that's how I wound up at 1124 east Ridgewood Avenue in Ridgewood and I'm very fortunate to be with a nice medical group and the office is more the style that I always aspired to have in Saddle Brook just like an old fashioned low key medical office and what happened over in 299 where I was it became very corporate and the whole atmosphere changed. So I'm very blessed to now be able to go back and practice the way I always enjoyed practicing and very fortunate to have a Kelly Saba nurse practitioner who I'm sure a lot of you know well and she came along with me. My heart like I said is still always in Saddle Brook it's only five miles away and I really appreciate this honor.

Mayor White – Let's give a big round of applause for all three.

Council President Gierak – Thank you Mayor congratulations to all the honorees. We're going to take a short recess if anybody wants to take a photo with anybody or say hello and then we're going to resume the meeting in a minute or two.

There is a short recess.

Council President Gierak calls the meeting back to order.

The Township Clerk Mr. Lo Dico calls the roll.

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

Council President Gierak – Just for the record I'd like to remind the public that we have a three minute time limit for public comment. Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierak – Anyone wishing to address the Council please step up to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. Just as usual I'm here to speak about the Mayor's Youth Group. We had our first meeting of 2025 on January 22nd it was well attended we had the meeting in here in Council chambers. We went over the upcoming events coming up this year. We also brainstormed ideas about really getting the word out about the Mayor's Youth Group and getting more members to join our Mayor's Youth Group. We're always looking for new members in grades 4 through 12. I do want to shout out our Youth Group secretary Eleanor who is working on creating a flyer for the Mayor's Youth Group to spread the word. It's going to have a QR Code on it that will go straight to our registration form. It'll be easy access you could just sign up for the Mayor's Youth Group. Again fourth through twelfth grade Saddle Brook residents as long as you live in Saddle Brook you could join the Youth Group. We're going to have our next meeting on Saturday March the first it'll be at 10:30 in this room new members are welcome to come at 10:30. We'll discuss more about our spring activities including our Earth Day activities and the Easter Celebration. Thank you everyone and have a good night.

Council President Gierak – Seeing no one else motion to close to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I have two proclamations I'm going to read.

Black History Month

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

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

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

Now therefore, on this 20th day of February 2025, we urge our residents to join in making this a period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

Heart Health Month

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

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

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

Now therefore, on this 20th day of February 2025, I do hereby proclaim February as Heart Health Month and encourage all residents to make the commitment to help fight cardiovascular disease.

Mayor White – I have a few other things first we’re moving the Senior Center to this new Municipal Complex. We’re moving it from where it is now 8 Caldwell to the Rec Center side of the building here. We’re going to start moving next week so there’ll be no daily activities at the Senior Center next week while we move. We will begin at the Municipal Complex hopefully the first week of March. We should be on course to do that. We’re still grieving the loss of our Senior Center Director Joe Lecce. He dedicated himself he passed away about a week ago so he dedicated himself to our seniors. He was a very caring compassionate person very welcoming and he did a great job with the seniors making sure that they’re all taken care of and if they needed anything he would always refer them to the right service so we’re going to miss Joe. I want to thank Rose Paschek who’s a part time employee for the Senior Center for filling in for Joe during his he had a long illness he was out for seven months before he passed so Rose did a great job really stepping up and making sure that the center ran effectively. We do believe this move will benefit our seniors in the Township as a whole. You know any time there’s change especially you know I’m getting older myself I don’t like change either but we’re not doing this to hurt anyone we’re doing it because we do believe that it’s going to be a good move. Coming here we’re upgrading newer facility with more space than what’s there. Many seniors already use the facility during the day especially when it’s cold out they come they walk around the gym to get their laps in. We got about thirty, thirty five people a day seniors

that come here as it is now and there's a cost savings involved because there's less spent on the old building utilities doing maintenance and repairs and such. Eventually down the line we're going to look to reuse or sell that property at 8 Caldwell but we're not even close to that yet so the building's going to be there for a while. We're going to get the same level of service here with plans to expand programs and that's really what we want. We want more programs we want to try to get more residents seniors 55 and older to come actually 50 AARP is 50 but 55 and older can come to this new building and hopefully you know socialize and find some activities that they can do here and enjoy the place. The Saddle Brook Library changed their hours so now they're Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Monday through Thursday they used to be open until 9:00 pm but they took those hours and now it's Saturday they used to close at 3:00 pm now they're closing at 5:00 pm. They've done a great job there expanding programs under the leadership of Katherine Hybertsen and they're really progressing and doing a lot of great things. Please go to their website and their Facebook page and you'll see you'll be pleased at all they have to offer and they've been recently coordinating with the Rec Center and hopefully soon the Senior Center to provide new programs and activities to share services and do things together. The library this is important the library has teamed up with AARP Foundation Tax Aide. There's a flyer I'm not going to show it to you but if you go to their website or to the library Facebook page or the Town Facebook page so it's AARP Foundation Tax Aide get your taxes done for free at the Saddle Brook Library 340 Mayhill Street the phone number here Thursdays and Fridays beginning February 6th until April 11th. Appointments can be made by scanning this QR Code on the form. It's too small to zoom in on I'll have you take a picture of it later. This is a good program get your taxes done for free. Tonight we have ordinances for second reading. There's five what I would call outdated ordinances that need to be revised. One pertains to emergency no parking during snowstorms. The ordinance will now read no parking in the roadway whenever the roads are snow covered. Years ago there was actually I think it's written differently in two different places. One says two inches the other one says three inches. I think it's misleading you know really it's when the streets need to be plowed and I know there has to be a certain amount of snow down but you know it varies depending on the storm. I think snow covered covers it all not going to issue tickets if it snows and they don't plow. We have a couple of events I want to talk about. Saturday February 22nd 5:00 pm here at the Municipal Complex we have Ramadan lighting. You can come and learn about Ramadan experience their culture and there's going to be some light refreshments. It will be from 5 to 7:00 pm. Also the Senior Center has Chicken Bingo at the old building the last hoorah I guess Sunday February 23rd twelve noon. That's the last event that's going to be held at the old building at 8 Caldwell. Next month is Women in History Month we're going to be honoring five women for their service to the community and lastly just my condolences to all the families who lost loved ones. There was quite a few this past month and again Joe Lecce he was a fabulous guy he's going to be sorely missed thank you.

Councilman Accomando – I would just like to congratulate the three individuals that got awarded tonight here with heroism just being involved and it's good to see somebody actually help someone in distress instead of standing behind the camera and videoing it until somebody else comes. To see somebody do that is a breath of fresh air so kudos to Mr. Easaw. I'd like to Joe Lecce was a really nice guy I met him probably 12 years ago just a real sweetheart of a person I would just like to wish his family my deepest

condolences and for Black History Month I always say we should say something but we have in the Police Department we have our first and only African American sergeant Robert Littlejohn and I always tell them I'm going to mention it and I always forget so it's my fault so in honor of Black History Month I'd just like to mention his name and the good things he does for the department and the Town and that's it.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I'd like to take this opportunity also to extend my condolences to Joe Lecce's family, Joe Mercadante's family also Joe Ribarro and Charles Scrafani. Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy go out to all the families. I'd like to congratulate the three honorees Reny was actually my mailman for many many years when I lived on Miller then when I went Claremont he was there too. I really miss him as my mailman because he was always so personal and it doesn't surprise me for his act of courage that he did and how he helped that gentleman. Mr. Mulder also served on the Library Board with him a very dedicate individual as well and of course last but not least Dr. Weiner he was my first doctor when I moved into Town in the early seventies and great guy had him for many years. I wish him all the luck and in his new office. I think that's it.

Councilwoman Sanchez – My heart goes out to all the families who lost a loved one as the Mayor stated there was quite a few of them. Congratulations as Councilwoman Mazzer stated to the Honorees. As for Reny every second counts during a medical emergency so he definitely helped in saving a life and that's awesome. Howie thank you for all your years of service to the Town and everything that you've done and Dr. Weiner as well thank you for all the service that you provided to the Town.

Councilman Cimiluca – First I want to congratulate Thomas Van Winkle on winning the 50-50 of many dollars and the more most important thing is that you won it with the Mayor's ticket. The Mayor had to leave early said Thomas take my losing tickets and he won one of the bigger 50-50's I've ever seen so good for him and he wore a wonderful tie that night. Mr. Easaw want to congratulate obviously all three recipients tonight. Mr. Easaw said something which I wholeheartedly agree about the people of Saddle Brook and that's why we live here because the people are so good. A lot of people say I'm a cheerleader and blind when it comes to Saddle Brook. I love the Town wasn't born here but pretty much I raised my family here and there are good people. It's full of good people that's why people want to come here and that's why you see multi-generations staying in Town. You see people they're living in their grandad's house or grandmother's house. It's a great place to live and anyone from out of Town who wants to move here call my wife she's a realtor and buy a house in Saddle Brook. Dr. Weiner I know what he's talking about the smalltime practice and it becomes like a corporation and I don't like that but I got to tell you I was going on a trip overseas to a country that required vaccines and I didn't have them and they were able to accommodate me and I was able to go on an anniversary celebration so thanks. That's my involvement with him. Mr. Mulder I guess the Town has him to blame for my being here because I was running for Board of Education to fill an unfulfilled slot. Somebody had left and he voted against me and I lost and then I ran for Council and won so thank you Howie. I don't know if the people like that or not but you're the reason I'm here to tell you the truth. Condolences to all the families obviously Kevin Kooistra who is a vital part of our community he lost his brother. Mr. Scrafani Charlie was a fixture with the VFW and through his efforts and the other members of the VFW donated so much money and gave so much to this Town so he will

be missed he was a great guy and he remains in our hearts. Joe Lecce always had a smile on his face it was a pleasure every time we went to the senior Center and did anything over there he was a pleasure to see. Heart Healthy Month we're talking about that I probably tell the story every year but my dad died when he was 39 from heart disease so please if you have any kind of symptoms go get them checked because especially those with kids. My father left a six year old me and two three year olds my twin brothers so it's very important to keep that and I believe that heart disease is the number one killer women in this country not cancer or anything like that it's heart disease. I got to give a shout out to Mr. Easaw who's very brave to do what he did but there's a lady in Town who got shot in the face with a crossbow and she went after the guy and disarmed him. I just find that amazing that's something that should be on Ripley's Believe It or Not. I'm going to suggest that we bring her in here because I want to see her I got to meet this person because that's just amazing. What she did that's bravery and I don't if you ever get shot in the face with a crossbow I don't advise to go after the person but she did and he was caught so I'm just amazed by her actions. We have a petition in our packet here for the residents of Catherine Avenue that would like a speed hump so I'm going to ask the Mayor to contact Chief Zotollo or if you want me to I will to run our speed box up on Catherine Avenue to see what kind of speeds we're generating there.

Mayor White – We have Captain Habermann here he can relay that message. He's our traffic guy too.

Councilman Cimiluca – He's now officially a member of the Speed Control Committee whether you want it or not. We mentioned Sergeant Littlejohn now I believe it was yesterday at the St. Elizabeth University Police Studies Institute that Sergeant Littlejohn was provided with Black History Month Law Enforcement Award so congratulations to him and thank you for all of your service to the Town to the community and to everyone here. Lastly I want to congratulate my daughter Nicole and her husband Joel on her new grandson who was named Andrew so he automatically becomes my favorite grandchild.

Council President Gierak – I just have a couple of short things. Congratulations to all the honorees tonight. Mayor thank you for doing the presentations that was great. Condolences to all the families and loved ones who lost somebody special in their lives. We had a few over the last couple of months so our thoughts and prayers are with you. I just want to piggyback on something that the Mayor was talking about earlier and that's the library. A lot of great things are happening at the library. The upstairs area was just renovated for teens to use. There's also museum passes that are available to be borrowed you can go to different museums in the area. They're doing line dancing there, there's book clubs and story time, there's chair yoga, there's a Lego Club, they're bringing in a therapy dog so there's something for everyone there. Also there's a seed library for the springtime if you want to plant herbs and vegetables they have over two thousand different seed packets. They're starting a chess club, there's going to be a sensory story time for children ages two to five. There's a bilingual story time as well that'll be in April. Then like the Mayor said free tax help from AARP and you can make your appointments now to get help with your taxes. That's very important that people realize that the library is moving aggressively in a great direction. There's a lot of programs being offered there and I would like our residents to take advantage of those programs. Please get to the library get on the website and there's something for everyone there. We had a Flood

Committee meeting on Wednesday January 29th at 6:30. We had Gail Sikorsky, Chief Herman Wenzel, Mayor White was there, Pete Lo Dico and myself. Some of the areas we discussed were the community rating system, we also discussed the insurance companies and rate increases. We've been very fortunate here with the storms but if you're watching the news certain areas like Kentucky and other areas are really getting hit pretty hard and some insurance companies are dropping people so it's a difficult time with the weather and what's going on in different parts of the country. Also we discussed the Rutger's Program for Sustainable New Jersey and if you get involved with that there's certain points if you do certain things and there's grants that you could be awarded to improve the Township so we're looking into that. We're also looking into creating a green team here in Saddle Brook and we spoke about that with the Mayor. That's something that the Mayor's been pushing. We need volunteers we need people from the community that want to get involved because we can't do it on our own. There's so many different things going on we do need people to get involved and spearhead different initiatives and to get involved. Then we also spoke about Passaic Valley doing a desnagging along the Saddle River which is important that we keep up with that and get them here as soon as we can. That's all I have thank you.

Mr. Lo Dico – We'll begin with ordinances. We do have a number of ordinances for second reading Councilman Cimiluca has asked that ordinance 1771-25 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" and 1772-25 "Establishing a New Chapter of the Township Code for Property Tax Refunds" be voted on separately at the end but we will be able to do the public hearing and the first part for all the ordinances.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1768-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

2. ORDINANCE # 1769-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL POLICIES" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

3. ORDINANCE # 1770-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 108 ENTITLED "HUNTING AND FIREARMS" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

4. ORDINANCE # 1771-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 196 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

5. ORDINANCE # 1772-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS FOR DISABLED VETERANS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. Lo Dico – All presented for a second reading.

Council President Gierak asks for a motion:

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierak – Motion to open the meeting to the public on these items.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierak – Anyone wishing to ask any questions or comments on these ordinances. Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – Other than the 2 ordinances previously mentioned we will now adopt the following ordinances.

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

1. ORDINANCE # 1768-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 0225-30

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

2. ORDINANCE # 1769-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 0225-31

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29 ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

3. ORDINANCE # 1770-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 0225-32

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 108 ENTITLED “HUNTING AND FIREARMS” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

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

4. ORDINANCE # 1771-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 0225-33

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 196 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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 Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – no
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierak - yes

5. ORDINANCE # 1772-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 0225-34

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS FOR DISABLED VETERANS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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 Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – no
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierak - yes

Mr. Lo Dico – We have for first reading the following ordinances:

6. ORDINANCE # 1773-25 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 196 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”.

7. ORDINANCE # 1774-25 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “TOWING”

be passed and adopted on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

6. ORDINANCE # 1773-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 0225-35

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 196 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”.

7. ORDINANCE # 1774-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 0225-36

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “TOWING”

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on March 20, 2025 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
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierak - yes

The Township Clerk reads the following:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – The following minutes of December 5, 2024 and December 19, 2024 are not part of the consent agenda.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

MINUTES

1. December 5, 2024 Special Public Meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

2. December 19, 2024 Regular Public Meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

*** 3. December 30, 2024 Regular Public Meeting.**

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**Prepared by Peter Lo Dico
January 10, 2025**

CR# 0225-37

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has advertised for RFQ's for the operation of the concession stand at Veterans Field, and

WHEREAS, 1 bid was received and opened on December 18, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Township Business Administrator has reviewed the 1 bid received and recommends awarding the bid to Vullo Food Services for a 3 year period,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby awards the bid to Vullo Food Services LLC, 174 Nedellec Drive, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 with a monthly. remittal to the Township of \$700.00 per month the first year, \$725.00 per month the second year and \$750.00 per month in the third year.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION

CR# 0225-38

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 201 Schepis Avenue, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 1706, Lot 13 is assessed to Kevin J. Otero and;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, Mr. Otero was declared 100% tax exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs effective April 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, Mr. Otero purchased 201 Schepis Avenue, Saddle Brook; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective December 10, 2024 and issue a refund in the amount of \$2,839.00 for the first quarter of 2025. The refund check should be forwarded to Land Quest Title, LLC, 214 Highway 18, 3rd Floor, Suite B, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. This property is 100% tax exempt for 2025.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
PROPOSAL TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FY4 LOCAL RECREATIONAL
IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
SADDLE BROOK FOR 5th STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE
II**

CR# 0225-39

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$100,000.00 to continue park improvements at North 5th Street Park, including stormwater upgrades, lighting installation and other site improvements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0225-40

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$80,000 matching grant award from the 2024 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled 5th Street Park, Construction of Concrete Walkways, Parking Lot, Site Fencing, Lighting, located in Saddle Brook, on the tax maps of the Township of Saddle Brook.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor Robert D. White to be a signatory to the aforementioned Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards the approved park project must be completed by or about November 13, 2026; and,

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION
TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

CR# 0225-41

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2024 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to Recycling and to indicate the assent of Township of Saddle Brook to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

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

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0225-42

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>
COMM PROJ&ACTIVITIES	INTERNATIONAL	FIREWORKS	\$20,700.00
RECREATION	GRAYCLIFF	CORONATION BALL	\$ 8,650.00
RECREATION	ZUIDEMA	PORT-A-JOHNS	\$ 560.00/ 28 DAYS

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0225-43

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 **\$12,461,685.11** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 0225-44

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$1,241,789.40** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

Prepared by Peter Lo Dico
February 14, 2025

CR# 0225-45

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has negotiated in good faith with the Saddle Brook School Crossing Guards for a successor employee contract and,

WHEREAS, the Township and Saddle Brook School Crossing Guards have reached an agreement on said contract, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby agrees to said contract agreement and authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign the contract with the Saddle Brook School Crossing Guards.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BID AND CONTRACT FOR SOLID
WASTE COLLECTION**

CR# 0225-46

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for bids for Solid Waste Collection Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in receipt of one bid from Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc . for Option 1 for a five (5) year contract term in the amount of \$4,960,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk and Township Attorney have reviewed the bid submitted by Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc. and recommend the approval and award of same as same represents the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has prepared a contract agreement between the Township and Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc. for Solid Waste Collection, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and recommends the approval of same; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township has certified that the funds are available for the award of this contract as referenced in the certification attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, that the bid submitted by Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc. for Option 1 of the Solid Waste Collection Services in the amount of \$4,960,800.00 for a five (5) year term commencing January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2029, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference between the Township and Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc. be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract agreement with Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc. on behalf of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution together with a copy of the contract agreement to Gaeta Recycling Co. Inc. upon its passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CR# 0225-47

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook s has a need for professional services of affordable housing legal counsel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.5; and

WHEREAS, the practice of law is a recognized profession, regulated by law requiring extensive and specialized training and as such is an exception to the bidding requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to appoint Wendy Rubinstein Quiroga, Esq. of the Weiner Law Group, as Affordable Housing Counsel for the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook , County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Wendy Rubinstein Quiroga, Weiner Law Group, 629 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 be and is hereby appointed as Special Counsel to provide representation, advice, reports and related services regarding affordable housing to the Township of Saddle Brook for the year 2025 in accordance with the attached contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract is awarded as a “professional service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts law because of the specialized training, education, experience and specialized knowledge needed for this position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Township of Saddle Brook

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this award be published in a newspaper authorized to receive legal advertisements on behalf of the Township in accordance with New Jersey law.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Administrative Code, I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby appoint:

MICHELE KIM

as Library Board Trustee, for a term of 5 years, effective January 1, 2025, and which shall expire on December 31, 2029.

I request that the Council give their advice and consent on this appointment.

Council President Gierak – Motion to give advice and consent.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

* **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. R. KLEIN, RVE,TWP. ENG

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: PAYMENT 3 AJM \$185,630.35 2024 ROAD PROGRAM

DATE: DECEMBER 30, 2024



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

December 30, 2024

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
2024 Road Program
Pay Certificate No. 3
RVE File No. 0257-T-114


Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 3 for **AJM Contractors** 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 **AJM Contractors** in the amount of **\$185,630.35**.

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.
Associate / Project Manager

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

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2024 DEC 30 PM 4:20

2. R. KLEIN, RVE, TWP. ENG
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: PAYMENT 2 CIFELLI & SON - \$104,012.24
DATE: JANUARY 3, 2025



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

January 3, 2025

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
MA-2024 Sampson Street Improvements
Pay Certificate No. 2
Our File No. 0257T114

Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 2 from Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers have reviewed the invoice and find the partial work to be complete.

Therefore, we recommend payment be made to Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$104,012.24.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Klein'.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete Lo Dico
Frank Barrale
Vincent Buono
Joseph Mongelli, RVE

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3. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY - HRC ENTERPRISE GROUP, CORP.
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2025

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



SADDLEBROOKPD.COM



63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663
201-587-2924

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: January 20, 2025

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**

HRC Enterprise Group Corp.
Park 80 W, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Huseyin Cuhadar
18 E. Camden St., Apt 203
Hackensack, NJ 07601

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

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

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

CC: file

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4. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY - MESH TRANSPORT, INC.
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2025

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



SADDLEBROOKPD.COM



63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663
201-587-2924

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: January 20, 2025

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**

Mesh Transport, Inc
Park 80 W, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Daniel C. Fox
132 Martha Avenue
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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

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

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

CC: file

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5. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY - ARZUMAN, LLC
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2025

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



SADDLEBROOKPD.COM



63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663
201-587-2924

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: January 20, 2025

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**

Arzuman, LLC
Park 80 W, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Herman Arzuman
16-01 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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

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

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

CC: file

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6. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY - HAKAN CEVIK
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2025

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



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63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663
201-587-2924

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: January 20, 2025

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**

Hakan Cevik
Park 80 W, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Hakan Cevik
571 56th Street, Apt 303
West New York, NJ 07093

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

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

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

CC: file

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7. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY - GURKAN DOGURGA
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2025

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



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63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663
201-587-2924

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: January 20, 2025

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**

Gurkan Dogurga
Park 80 W, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Gurkan Dogurga
348 Stuyvesant Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

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

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

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

CC: file

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8. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY - MAHWAH VIP LIMOUSINE
DATE: JANUARY 20, 2025

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



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63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663
201-587-2924

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: January 20, 2025

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**

Mahwah VIP limousine
Park 80 W, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Kevin Kahraman Macit
230 68th Street, Apt 14
Guttenberg, NJ 07093

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

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

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

CC: file

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9. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY - ROYAL LINK, INC.
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2025

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



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63 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, N.J. 07663
201-587-2924

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: January 28, 2025

Re: **LIVERY APPLICATION**

Royal Link, Inc
Park 80 W, Plaza II
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Bhaskar Noir
15 Sheridan Avenue
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

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

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

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

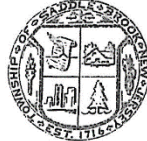
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**10. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT – INFO & COMMUNICATIONS TECH SERVICES
MICROMEN ELECTRONICS**

Township of Saddle Brook
Office of the Mayor

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, N.J. 07663



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mayorwhite@saddlebrooknj.gov

Robert D. White
IN GOD WE TRUST

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Administrative Code,
I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby appoint:

MICROMEN ELECTRONICS, LLC
3135 KENNEDY BOULEVARD – SUITE 261
NORTH BERGEN, NEW JERSEY 07047

as Information and Communication Technology Services for a one-year term, effective January 1,
2025, and which shall expire on December 31, 2025.

Dated: January 1, 2025


ROBERT D. WHITE
MAYOR

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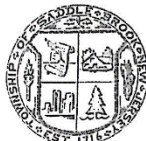
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**11. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT – POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
ALL COVERED**

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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Administrative Code,
I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby appoint:

ALL COVERED
7000 COMMERCE PARKWAY
MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054

as Police Department Information Technology Services for a one-year term, effective January 1,
2025, and which shall expire on December 31, 2025.

Dated: January 1, 2025


ROBERT D. WHITE
MAYOR

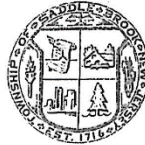
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**11. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT – DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
DOUGLAS HABERMANN**

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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, (d) of the Administrative Code,
I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, do hereby appoint:

DOUGLAS HABERMANN

as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2025, and
which shall expire on December 31, 2025.

Dated: January 1, 2025


ROBERT D. WHITE
MAYOR

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* APPLICATIONS

Livery

1. Mahwah VIP Limousine – 250 Pehle Avenue – Renewal
2. Gurkan Dogurga – 250 Pehle Avenue – Renewal
3. Hakan Cevik – 250 Pehle Avenue – Renewal
4. Arzuman, LLC – 250 Pehle Avenue – Renewal
5. MESH Transport, Inc. – 250 Pehle Avenue – Renewal
6. HRC Enterprise Group Corp. – 250 Pehle Avenue – Renewal
7. Royal Link, Inc. – 250 Pehle Avenue - Renewal

Public Place

8. Plank Pizza - 383 Market Street Bldg. D – Renewal
9. Los Gueros VIII – 304 Ninth Street – Renewal
10. AJ Foods, Inc. (McDonald's) – 189 Route 46 – Renewal
11. Saddle Brook Liquor & Bar – 383 Market Street – Renewal
12. Midland Bagels – 160 North Midland Avenue – Renewal
13. Tribos Peri Peri – 383 Market Street - Renewal

Auto Repair

14. Roger LePage Auto Service – 345 Tenth Street – Renewal
15. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 – Renewal
16. Mike's Truck Repair – 9 Capitol Street – Renewal

Used Car

17. Headmaster – 263 Route 46 – Renewal

Raffle

18. RA# 1402 – VFW – Tricky Tray

Use of Facilities

19. Our Lady of Mount Virgin Car Show

* **REPORTS**

1. **MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024**
2. **BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024**
3. **BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2025**
4. **GRANT WRITER’S MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 2024**
5. **HOTEL ROOM TAX MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2025**
6. **DPW MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024**
7. **CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL’S REPORT – DECEMBER 2024**
8. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL’S REPORT – DECEMBER 2024**
9. **FIRE PREVENTION MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2024**
10. **FIRE PREVENTION MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2025**
11. **TAX COLLECTOR’S MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 2024**
12. **WATER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 2024**
13. **WATER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 2025**
14. **ZONING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT – 2024**
15. **ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 2025**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Gierak – I know we’re getting to the time of the year with yard sales and I know Councilwoman Mazzer you like to do them in spring and fall possibly so we’re getting to that point so maybe we start considering some dates. When do we normally do it?

Mr. Lo Dico – May.

Council President Gierak – Okay I think we have a little bit of time.

Mayor White – I just want to congratulate I guess congratulations is in order the Police Department did a great job along with the Prosecutor’s Office on that attempted murder at the bird store. They knew who did it right away through good police work they made an arrest within 24 hours so excellent job by the Police Department.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else? We can do final comments. Councilman Accomando anything?

Councilman Accomando – No I’m good.

Councilman Cimiluca – I had forgotten about Joe Ribarro who passed away. Some people keep a copy of the Bible on their nightstand he kept a copy of the Municipal Land Use Law on his nightstand. He knew it in and out and every time I saw him the first thing he said was the MLUL. He was the consummate professional when it came to land use. He loved being on the Board and he was a valued member and a fun guy to talk to. He had a lot of good stories. Lastly Council President Gierak brought up the library and all those programs the new programs and new areas that they're doing and you don't think about a library in terms of line dancing and Legos and things like that but like everything else the library is rolling with the times and I remember wasn't that long ago that we had a frequent contributor to our public comments section of the Council meetings that came I and said who goes to the library anymore, what do you need that for, who reads books. Apparently that person didn't but the library is a great place and they're doing a lot for the community and it's just getting better and better so please patronize our library it's great and getting better.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I just want to mention something. I see Mr. and Mrs. Manzo in the audience I just want to mention to the public that they coordinate an awesome car show. This year it will be held on September 7th and with a rain date of October 5th come on out it's a great event and it's so well organized and a lot of fun. Much success to you guys.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierak – Anyone wish to speak to agenda items only this time?

Steve Mariconda of 24 Harrison Avenue comes forward. Just in regard to like sustainable Jersey and the Green Team being set up I think that's awesome and I'll definitely volunteer my time for that.

Council President Gierak – We would love to have you we're just going to have to pick a date for a meeting and see if we're going to coordinate that maybe with the Flood Committee but we'll reach out to you Stephen we appreciate that thank you.

Mayor White – I think we have to put something out a message or whatever that we're looking for members. We can even put it on the TV on our Town TV.

Council President Gierak – Yeah for sure.

Mayor White – I know we have other than Steve we have at least one other person that's for sure interested.

Council President Gierak – We'll get some people out for sure.

Mayor White – If we can get a nice handful maybe five or six.

Council President Gierak – Maybe we can even get some trees on the tree streets.

Mayor White – By the way I want to mention too I'm glad you said that Columbia Bank which is one of our primary banks for Arbor Day they purchased a tree for the Township and they're going to hire someone to actually plant the tree. I think we're going to put it out in the front of the Municipal Complex but it's going to be a flowering tree like a weeping cherry or something like that. It was nice of them to donate that.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else wish to address the Council on agenda items? Seeing no one motion to close the meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – Any final comments before we adjourn the meeting?

There are no more comments.

Council President Gierak – Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierak
Council President

Approved: April 17, 2025