

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on December 19, 2024 at 6:00 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 – present
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 and remain standing in solemn remembrance of December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and remembrance of Mary Dickman, Mother of Firefighter Richard Dickman and OEM Coordinator, Firefighter and Ex-Chief Tom Dickman, and retired Police Sergeant Frank Racioppi.

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 Gierak

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Mayor White – I want to introduce Keith Vermilyea who is the Little League President and also the coach of the Babe Ruth team that's gone back to back championships in the Districts which has never been done. They were here last year and it was the first time in over ten years that a Saddle Brook Little League Baseball Team won the Districts so Keith you want to come up and talk about your team.

Mr. Vermilyea – Thank you for having us I didn't expect such a big audience but I appreciate you all being here. Thank you Mayor White, Council Members, Councilman Gierak, Councilman Cimiluca, Council President Accomando, Councilwoman Mazzer, Councilwoman Sanchez, Town Clerk Lo Dico thank you for having us here we appreciate it. Thank you to Christine Genuario for always helping us out for anything we need I'm not sure if she's here. Shout out to John Touhy he's the last one to win Districts so that's nice footsteps to follow and we appreciate you leading the way former president as well. I'm a lucky coach I get to be standing here for the second year in a row but it's only because of these boys standing right here. Mayor White said it last year that winning Districts is a really big deal. Winning the Districts means you're one of the 20 best teams in the State of New Jersey. These kids had a great run this year and each and every one of them contributed to the wins. We had great pitching, great hitting, some really good defense you guys really came together when it counted. Most of these boys play for Coach Mike in the summertime and Pat and they put a lot of work in and it really showed when it came time for All-Star season. Joe and I have coached most of these kids since they were really young about nine years old. We remember coaching them in the very first Districts ever. They've come a really long way since their very first District game. We're really proud of all of you and I know you guys are going to continue your baseball careers and I can't wait to watch you all in High School. Most of you are going to Saddle Brook High School and you guys are really lucky because you have a great coach. Coach Luna joined us here today he's a great high school coach you guys are really lucky and for the guys who aren't going to Saddle Brook good luck in your baseball careers I'm going to follow up with you guys make sure you guys are doing good. I want to thank Andy Gallo for being here tonight also. Saddle Brook Little League has their two fields but this age group plays on the bigger field and there's only one of those in Saddle Brook. This field is shared with many other sports in Town and we have a great working relationship with Andy and the Recreation Department so thank you Andy for always being accommodating and making sure the boys have a field to play on and thanks for all the work you do with all the sports and youth of Saddle Brook it's much appreciated thank you. Thank you to the parents who are all here as well for signing the boys up for baseball year after year. Thank you for washing those dirty uniforms at eleven o'clock at night so they'd be ready for a nine o'clock game the next morning. Thank you for getting them to practices and to games which means running from Saddle Brook to many other towns all over Bergen County and beyond, which also means eating dinner in the car or a very late night dinner at the diner. For you boys I want you to thank your parents for that closet full of cleats, bats and gloves you all have and every other piece of equipment. We can all attest that it's not cheap especially when you don't need that new bat you saw on Instagram last week. Thank you parents for giving up overtime and having to rush out of work early so they can come to their games, having to rush all over the place to pick up and drop off your siblings so they can be at your games as well. I would say that you better thank your parents for sacrificing hours in the car travelling from place to place but here's a little secret boys that time spent in the car with your boys is our pleasure. It's one of the biggest joys in all of

our lives. This year you'll mostly be on the bus headed to your games enjoy those times because they go really fast. Some people don't like baseball most average kids don't like baseball but you know why because it's really hard and you're all here today because you have proven that you not only play baseball but you can excel at one of the hardest sports there is to play. I'd just like to take this time to honor the kids, mention their names you could just stand up. We had two seventh graders on the team this year we're counting on you guys to really lead the team next year. We have Shawn Spoto and Alex Garcia and our eighth graders Mikey Cebulski, Savion Lee, Jordan Krhin, Jason Konovitch, Luca Petruccello and Sean Cullen. I talked earlier about how lucky I was to be here for the second year in a row these next three kids are also up here for the second year in a row. It's a major accomplishment to win Districts but it's an even bigger accomplishment to win back to back Districts so congratulations to the next three Logan O'Brien, TJ Filan, Christopher Vermilyea. From all of us coaches Coach Mike, Coach Pat, Joe and myself thank you guys for an amazing experience I hope you all remember these times forever. Cherish those rings you got stay friends forever and enjoy high school. I'm going to quote the great Derek Jeter there may be people who have more talent than you but there's no excuse for anyone who work harder than you. Remember that not only in sports but in everything you guys do for the rest of your life. I just want a little gift to you guys I know we did it last year we had all the boys sign a baseball so it's a gift to the Town for Mayor White. I hope you put this somewhere nice and that's it thank you Mayor.

Mayor White – Okay we have another special event here tonight and it's really an honor for me to promote two of our police officers to the rank of Captain. A promotion ceremony is a very special event and one of my favorite responsibilities as the Mayor. These promotions are the result of years and years of hard work and commitment by the officers being promoted. The promotion of Chief Zotollo back in October and these two Captains tonight will strengthen the Department's command staff helping us recover from a difficult and uneasy period in the Department's history. The difficulties mentioned stem from outside influences and were not the fault of any individual or department as a whole. We have always had a dedicated and skilled group of officers who've achieved great success despite the challenges that they have faced and they will continue to succeed in the future. We are also hiring not tonight but three recruits for the Police Department who will begin their training at the Police Academy next month. This will increase the total number of officers to 34 which is the designated number in the table of organization. I appreciate the Council Members for prioritizing public safety, supporting the Police Department during difficult times and providing much needed funding to reach optimal staffing levels. So moving forward we will look for ways to enhance safety in the Township and improve the department's ability to fulfill its mission by using advanced technology such as Townwide video camera systems. We will also examine whether it's necessary to restructure the organizational chart to increase the number of police officers patrolling on the streets which is important. This directly affects response times to service calls and enables more proactive community policing which is also needed. Chief Zotollo our new chief I will introduce him in a minute to the community and he will discuss the officers who are being promoted. A little bit about Chief Zotollo's background. Chief Zotollo has a bachelor's degree in education from Tusculum University he was hired back in 1985 he was assigned to the Detective Bureau three years later in 1998. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2006, Lieutenant in 2012 and Captain in 2016. He was promoted to Chief October 1st this year and just to show how intelligent and how well deserving this promotion is the Chief scored

number one in the entire state on the New Jersey Civil Service Chief's Exam which is very difficult to do so congratulations Chief on that. Assignments he was our Accreditation Manager in 2006, he was the Internal Affairs Officer in 2011, the Computer Administrator in 2014, he was the Patrol Commander in 2016, Investigations in 2018 and administrative in 2021. He was made OIC Officer in Charge back in 2022. He's had numerous awards and commendations including Officer of the Year in 2003, New Jersey State Accreditation Award in 2006, National Accreditation Recognition also in 2006, Recognition Award by the New Jersey Public Safety Accreditation Coalition in 2007, three lifesaving awards during his career and he's had numerous training courses and memberships which are too many to mention but at this time I want to introduce to the Town Chief John Zotollo.

Chief Zotollo – Thank you Mayor. Good evening everyone thank you for being here tonight current officers, retired officer section behind me, Fire Department, Ambulance Corp, members of the DPW I see, all Township employees, family and friends everyone thank you. It's truly a privilege to stand before you as the new Chief of Police for the Saddle Brook Police Department. First and foremost I thank Mayor White and the Township Council for this opportunity. I'm honored and I'm humbled to be given an opportunity to serve as our eighth Chief of our department. I'm sincerely grateful for the opportunity and I won't take it for granted thank you. I want to thank my family I want to recognize my family that's here my wife Brooke, my boys Tommy and Jake, my dad, my stepmom Roseanne and some other family I believe should be here also. I appreciate you being here and thank you for the support along the way as I worked to reach this point. You supported me, you pushed me, you put up with me and I appreciate it thank you. A very special thank you to my retired Police Chief, Chief Robert Kugler. Chief served as Police Chief for 30 years and actually when I was sworn in and hired the Chief was sworn in as Chief back in 19 whatever. On a personal note though I'm incredibly grateful for the foundation you've laid for us and your mentorship and guidance during this transition and throughout the years has been invaluable to me and I appreciate it thank you. I feel privileged to follow in the footsteps of such an accomplished Chief thank you very much. Please join me in thanking Chief Kugler for his service. Thank you to the officers of the Saddle Brook Police Department for all your hard work. The job of a police officer isn't as easy as it sometimes appears from the outside. We're fortunate to have men and women in our Police Department that for the most part do a phenomenal job and I believe in each and every one of them and as I continue to serve our community with dedication and integrity I will always support them. I've discussed with many of our officers already in the past couple of months that right now this is a new chapter for the Saddle Brook Police Department. It's sort of like a blank canvas I'd use that expression that represents a new beginning for us and as we move forward we can paint that canvas together with a goal to enhance our strengths and embrace some new ideas. As the Mayor mentioned tonight we will be promoting two officers to captain, Lieutenant Doug Haberman and Lieutenant Giuseppe Califano both are extremely competent and accomplished officers. They worked very hard to put themselves in a position to be promoted tonight and they've certainly earned it and I congratulate them. I'm very fortunate to have them we are very fortunate to have them as part of our Command Staff because they're going to play an important role in our agency moving forward. As the new Chief my mission is clear for our Police Department to protect and serve the citizens of Saddle Brook with the highest levels of integrity, professionalism and dedication. In today's complex crazy world the role of law enforcement is even more important than ever. It's our duty not only to enforce the

law but to build trust, foster relationships and create partnerships with our community. My goal as Chief is to lead a Police Department that embraces these principles. Several key areas I'm going to focus on excellence and service our officers will continue to receive the best training and resources to be able to serve our community to the best of their ability. Public safety innovation now, even though sometimes some of our younger officers remind me that I'm one of the oldest members of our Police Department I certainly understand the importance of evolving with new and fresh ideas. So we'll embrace that forward thinking with new strategies and technologies to improve what we already do well. Strengthening community partnerships is also extremely important. Public safety is not just the work of the police it's a partnership between law enforcement and the people we protect and I feel that successful public safety partnerships are achieved when the police and the community work together. Last but not least transparency and accountability I believe that trust is earned from our community with just that transparency and accountability. We'll continue to remain transparent in our decisions and our actions while being accountable to the citizens that we serve. In closing I'd just like to say that I'm well aware that I didn't get here alone I look out and see officers of our Police Department many I've worked with for a long time. I see the retired officers behind me and all of you in your own way have helped to shape me and prepare me for my position that I have now. I'm very grateful for the experiences that we shared, the challenges that we faced together and I've learned lessons from each of you and to all the members of our Police Department thank you for your trust and your support and for your hard work every single day. I look forward to continuing to work alongside each of you as we build on our foundation and start to fill in that blank canvas. So everyone please have a safe and healthy holiday season thank you.

Doug Habermann came forward and Mayor White administered the oath of office for his promotion to Captain.

Giuseppe Califano came forward and Mayor White administered the oath of office for his promotion to Captain.

Mayor White – Congratulations to the two captains and their families best of luck.

Council President Accomando – Anyone from the Council who would like to make comments at this moment?

Councilwoman Sanchez – I just want to congratulate the newly promoted Captains you guys worked hard and it's well deserved congratulations.

Councilman Cimiluca – I'd like to also congratulate Chief Zotollo for his promotion and Joe and Doug on your promotions well deserved I'm proud to call you friends.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I too would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Captain Califano, Captain Habermann, Chief Zotollo we're ready to paint that canvas with you congratulations.

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I don't have too many things. The tree lighting I wanted to mention we had I want to thank Father Bruce from St. Philip's, the High School Middle School Band, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, DPW, Police Department, Andy Gallo, Diane Bonner from the Recreation Department, Shannon Accomando and Christine Genuario from the Community Projects and Activities and Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking the time out of their busy schedule. The Home Decorating Contest the winners will be posted on Christmas Day thanks to all those that participated in the Mayor's Youth Group for judging. We're going out tomorrow night to do the judging. Also Thomas Van Winkle for taking photos. Santa letters thanks to Andy Gallo and Diane Bonner for organizing and getting Santa to write letters back. I want to thank Dollar General for their generous donation of toys this holiday season. They've done it for the last three years they collect toys at the store and the toys are distributed to needy families in the Town by Christine Genuario and the Recreation Department. Toys For Tots was done again this year I want to thank Vince Montagna and Ed Ebel of the Saddle Brook Marine Corps Detachment and they turned over the toys for the Toys For Tots program. Vince has been doing that for the last several years. The VFW Veterans Day Ceremony I want to thank the VFW and the American Legion for organizing the service honoring those who have served in our Armed Forces on Veterans Day. The Township offices and DPW will be closed on Christmas Day for the Christmas Holiday December 24th Christmas Eve and the 25th for Christmas. They are also closed New Year's Day there's no trash pickup on Christmas Day which falls on a Wednesday December 25th. The next pickup is Saturday December 28th. That week the leaf pickup for section two and three will be on Friday December 27th. We posted this on our Facebook page and we're already getting a lot of complaints. You know I understand the complaints especially with the problem we've had with the rodents but there really wasn't anything we could do about it. It happens once every seven years when Christmas and New Years fall on Wednesday and really it's the same thing because Christmas Day you know when they don't pick up okay but normally let's just say Christmas falls on a Thursday you know they still have to wait until Saturday to pick up. The problem's going to be the previous Saturday that's going to be the last pickup so they're going to accumulate garbage between Saturday and Saturday and then with the holiday some people have people over for dinner but there's no way we could do it because Gaeta they have other towns that they pick up for and they couldn't do it. What I recommend is just try to sort as best you can the food garbage in one area and everything else in another area and they should be doing that anyway with the paper and the gifts and the boxes they should be separating that for recycling and they are picking up recycling on Friday. So again there's no trash pickup on New Year's Day either the next schedule will be Saturday January 4th and the leaf pickup for section three will be Friday January 3rd. Christmas Tree pickup will be on the same schedule as the leaf grass schedule depending on what section of Town you're in. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy Healthy New Year. I just want to congratulate again the baseball team and of course the two captains that got promoted Captain Doug Habermann and Captain Giuseppe Califano and the best of luck to them. Also the Chief it was nice to have him we promoted him informally and I figured tonight was a good night rather than swear him in just have him come and introduce himself and talk about his mission and what he's hoping to accomplish and I think he did a great job thanks.

Councilman Gierek – Good evening everybody. The Flood Committee is going to be meeting the end of January we don't have an exact date. I know there's a few things going on I just don't want the date to conflict so we're going to reach out to the committee members and we're going to come up with a date probably the last week of January. I just wanted to congratulate the Saddle Brook baseball team on their repeat District Championship. It's great to see good things happening with the athletics. Also congratulations to our two captain promotions as well as the new chief best of luck starting 2025 with a new command staff at the Police Department and finally I just want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year to all of our residents thank you.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I'd like to take this opportunity to first offer my condolences to the Dickman family the passing of your Mom sorry and also congratulations to our Little League District Five Champions they always make us proud. Again congratulations to our two captains and Chief Zotollo we look forward to working with each and every one of you and best of luck and stay safe Merry Christmas Happy New Year everyone.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I too want to congratulate the Little League I know they had left before so I didn't do it earlier but congratulations to them. I'll congratulate the two new captains again and congratulations to officer Chief Zotollo. I think he gave us a nice speech his promotion, like the Mayor said earlier, was well deserved as well. My condolences to the Dickman family as well and I just hope that everybody has a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year stay safe.

Councilman Cimiluca – What they said plus we didn't mention I don't think anyone mentioned the Racioppi family Frank was a friend he was a great guy he was a lot of fun to talk to. I always enjoyed being with him so my condolences to his family. At the last meeting I mentioned that the three candidates for Council that did not win that they had not contacted any of us to say congratulations and you know whatever it was a good race. I did afterwards I did get contacted by Andrew and I asked the correct pronunciation for his name it's Dziejdzic (pronounced gigis) so Mr. Dziejdzic called me we played phone tag for a while we had a nice conversation he's a good guy I knew him before and he's going to be around we had a very pleasant conversation. With that I'll cut it short Merry Christmas, Hanukkah we found out today falls on Christmas Day it starts on Christmas Day and ends on January 2nd so to all our Jewish friends Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year everyone be safe.

Council President Accomando – Also my condolences to the Dickman family. Congratulations Doug, Giuseppe and John a lot goes into a promotion it's not just filling out an application and it takes a lot of time away from your family studying, hitting the books in the basement usually by yourself away from everyone so congratulations to those guys for scoring as well as they did. Congratulations to the Little League the coaches are second to none I worked with some of those guys I coached with some of those guys so kudos to them Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Lo Dico – Next on the agenda are the ordinances and I learned a very good fact from our Township Attorney that we could do the hearings all at one time correct?

Mr. Schettino – Correct.

Mr. Lo Dico – So if you could guide me on the procedure we would make a motion to have a second reading.

Mr. Schettino – You could just read off the second reading ordinances read them all and then have a motion to open those ordinances to the public for a hearing.

Mr. Lo Dico – And then vote on each one separately.

Mr. Schettino – And then vote on each one separately after you close the hearing.

The Township Clerk reads the ordinances by title for second reading.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1760-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 93-95 MARKET STREET

2. ORDINANCE # 1761-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025

3. ORDINANCE # 1762-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 ENTITLED “POLICE ESCORTS” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

4. ORDINANCE # 1763-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 67 ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

5. ORDINANCE # 1764-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 106 ENTITLED “HANDICAPPED PARKING” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

6. ORDINANCE # 1765-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “NOISE” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS AMENDED

7. ORDINANCE # 1766-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 149 ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

8. ORDINANCE # 1767-24 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 157 ENTITLED “SANITATION” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Council President Accomando – Before we continue if anyone has any questions regarding ordinance 1760-24 Nick Dickerson is here if anyone has any questions from the Council.

Councilman Cimiluca – Which one is that?

Council President Accomando – That’s adopting the redevelopment plan.

None of the Council members had any questions about the ordinance.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando - yes

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

Council President Accomando – Seeing None.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – Now we do the adoption of each one.

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

1. ORDINANCE # 1760-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-197

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 93-95 MARKET 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 Gierek - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Accomando - yes

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

2. ORDINANCE # 1761-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-198

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR (WHITE COLLAR) FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando - yes

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

3. ORDINANCE # 1762-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-199

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 ENTITLED “POLICE ESCORTS” 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

4. ORDINANCE # 1763-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-200

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 67 ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS” 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

5. ORDINANCE # 1764-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-201

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 106 ENTITLED “HANDICAPPED PARKING” 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando - yes

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

6. ORDINANCE # 1765-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-202

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “NOISE” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS AMENDED

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Gierak - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando - yes

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

7. ORDINANCE # 1766-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-203

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 149 ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

8. ORDINANCE # 1767-24 SECOND READING

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

CR# 1224-204

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 149 ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING” 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes
Councilman Gierak - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – The minutes of November 7, 2024 are not part of the consent agenda.

MINUTES

November 7, 2024 Regular Public Meeting

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE
A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS POLICE
DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES**

CR# 1224-205

WHEREAS, the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act” N.J.S.A. 40A65.1 *et seq.*, allows any municipality or county to enter into a contract with any other municipality or county for the joint provision of any services within their joint jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, and the Borough of Paramus and the Township of Saddle Brook seek to enter into a Shared Services Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus will provide maintenance and repair to the Township of Saddle Brook Police vehicles which are directed to the Borough of Paramus by the Township of Saddle Brook effective January 1, 2025 and terminating December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has reviewed and approves of the “Agreement” between the Borough of Paramus and the Township of Saddle Brook as on file with the Office of the Township Clerk for the term of the contract and the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey agrees to authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute the “Agreement” between the Township of Saddle Brook and the Borough of Paramus as on file with the Township Clerk.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1224-206

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is a member of the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has interest in purchasing a Pierce Triple Combination Pumper; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has a contract 113021-OKC for the purchase of the Pierce Triple Combination Pumper; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Availability Funds has been filed by the Chief Financial Officer stating that funds are available in account #04-2156-55-1758-007 of the Capital Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the purchase and delivery of one new Pierce Triple Combination Pumper be awarded to Pierce Fire and Safety Service, 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080, through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program, Contract # 113021-OKC in an amount not to exceed \$1,372,000.

Funds Available Account(s) #04-2156-55-1758-007

By: _____

Vincent Buono, CFO

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXEMPTION FOR
486 MARKET STREET
(UNITED BROTHERHOOD LINATH HATZEDEK ANSHEI LUBAVITCH
CONGREGATION) FOR 2024 TAX YEAR.**

CR# 1224-207

WHEREAS, 486 Market Street, Block 707, Lot 7 shall be tax exempt for tax year 2024. According to NJ state law this aforementioned property is entitled to full exemption.

WHEREAS, after further investigation of the property, 486 Market Street, shall be tax exempt for tax year 2024, as of October 9, 2024, according to New Jersey State Statute 54:04-03.30.

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor's office confirmed the usage for exemption.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the taxes for tax year 2024 as of October 9, 2024. Amount to be refunded is \$5,087.92 for the fourth quarter of 2024. Refund check should be made payable to United Brotherhood Linath Hatzedek Anshei Lubavitch Congregation, 486 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A PY25 BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

CR# 1224-208

WHEREAS, a PY25 Bergen County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$227,773 has been proposed by the Township of Saddle Brook for Roadway Improvements to South Street between Finnigan Avenue and Rosedale Avenue in the Township of Saddle Brook; and

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

WHEREAS, this project furthers the interest of the Township of Saddle Brook’s community development goals and betters the quality of life for its residents; and

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

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

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000.00

CR# 1224-209

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey passed Resolution number 924-151 on September 19, 2024 applying for an Emergency Appropriation citing NJSA 40A:4-46 in the amount of \$275,00.00 for Sewer Repairs; and

WHEREAS, Director of the Division of Local Government Services approved the Emergency Application; and

WHEREAS, the amount of necessary to enact the repairs was subsequently appropriated through ordinance 1758-24;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook does hereby cancel the Special Emergency Appropriation in the amount of \$275,000.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and to Christine Zapicchi, Assistant Director Bureau of Financial Regulation and Assistance upon adoption.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

**Prepared by Peter Lo Dico
December 9, 2024**

CR# 1224-210

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has advertised for bids for the Township’s solid waste services, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the present contract for solid waste services until such time as a new bid is awarded for Township solid waste services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the present recycling contract with Gaeta Recycling Co. is hereby extended until February 28, 2025.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1224-211

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$123,000.00 in 2024-2025 Community Development Block for Third Street Road Improvements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor Robert D. White to be a signatory to aforesaid grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby authorizes Jimmy Homsj, Township Business Administrator to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council recognizes that the Township of Saddle Brook is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the grant agreement, and that the liability of the Township Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1224-212

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 **\$10,090,601.68** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1224-213

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 **\$1,711,325.40** 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: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. ROBERT KLEIN, RVE, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: PAYMENT #1 CIFELLI & SON \$46,741.10

SAMPSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2024



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

November 15, 2024

James Homsj – 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. 1
Our File No. 0257T114**

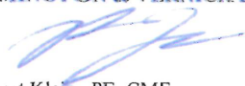
Dear Mr. Homsj,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 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 **\$46,741.10**.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Robert Klein, PE, CME
Project Manager

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

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

RE: MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASE - MALAS
DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2024



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

November 18, 2024

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

Re: Maintenance Bond Release
110 Market Street
Block 617, Lots 1-4 & 19.
RVE File No.: 0257-I-023

Dear Mr. Homs,

This office does not object to the release of the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$61,160.15 and the Maintenance Cash Bond in the amount of \$6,795.57 for the above referenced project.

One final invoice will be submitted for this project. Once that invoice is submitted and paid, the remaining escrow can also be released.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein

Robert J. Klein, PE, CME
Township Engineer

Enclosure

Cc: Pete LoDico
Tony Ambrosio
Jayne Kapner
Laura Phelan

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*** APPLICATIONS**

1. RA# 1399 - UNICO FOUNDATION – 50/50 CALENDAR RAFFLE
2. BA# 1400 – ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH – BINGO LICENSE
3. RA# 1401 – SBHS CHEERLEADERS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 50/50

*** REPORTS**

1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2024
2. BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2024
3. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – OCT. 2024
4. GRANT WRITER'S MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2024
5. HOTEL ROOM TAX MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024
6. DPW MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 2024
7. WATER BILLING MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2024
8. TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2024
9. FIRE PREVENTION MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 2024

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lo Dico – We have under new business a resolution concerning a cannabis distributor in the Township who requested an extension for payment of fees and the resolution would deny that request if I'm correct.

Mr. Schettino – The resolution is to approve a payment schedule.

Mr. Lo Dico – Oh okay. Which would be the one that was presented by the applicant?

Mr. Schettino – No it's the two installments.

Mr. Homsy – Yeah two installments.

Mr. Cimiluca – What are the numbers?

Mr. Homsy – It would be because we have two for the ordinance there are two fees so one fee would be paid in full in January by the end of January and the second fee would be paid in full by the end of February each fee is \$15,000 each for each application.

Councilman Cimiluca – Ordinarily it would be one lump sum?

Mr. Homsy – Yeah and just the timing because the one fee is annual the other is a one time fee and given the timing of opening and kind of the last week and that business obtaining their State permit at the end of this year we felt it was appropriate to consider that in 2025.

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 1224-214

WHEREAS, the Dispensary of Saddle Brook has received its license from the State of NJ to operate as a Class 5 cannabis retailer as of December 2024 expiring December 10, 2025 and

WHEREAS, now that the license has been issued and the Dispensary of Saddle Brook has State approval to operate, and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the owners of the Dispensary of Saddle Brook to delay the fees of \$30,000 that is due and payable to the Township be paid in the following manner, 50% or \$15,000 by January 31, 2025 and 50% or \$15,000 by February 28, 2025 to allow the Dispensary of Saddle Brook the opportunity to open the business and generate revenue,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby grants this request as a one time payment plan and all future fees will be paid on time on the date due.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Homsy – Through the Council there is one item for old business if I may when appropriate for Sterling Place through the Mayor through the Engineer to see the recommendation on how to proceed among the Council for further discussion.

Mayor White – I spoke to Chief Zotollo and he feels that we definitely need to do something with no parking there on the entire street on one side but our engineer Bob Klein he came up with an idea to make it no parking on one side for a certain distance and no parking on the other side for the remainder of the street. Also there was a discussion about the area at the dead end possibly there's a Town owned property that we could also make additional parking but Bob why don't you explain your proposal.

Mr. Klein – In doing it on one side up to a certain point and then switching to the other side just maximizes the number of parking spaces you could fit on the street while still maintaining only one side of the street parking. As far as the property owned by the Town at the end of the street you know looking at things like turnaround for vehicles it wouldn't work for fire trucks it might work for ambulances but the end of the day you could fit six spots along that curb line up there to convert it to a turnaround you're going to lose the six spots only to gain four or five to have both side of the street parking so it doesn't really make any sense to do that. The only other thing you might be able to bump it in a little bit and make more parking spaces up there which is something you can consider only if it's really a problem but at the end of the day it's as far as a turnaround it really wouldn't help.

Mayor White – That's something in the future if need be but the Chief was very adamant that he felt that because it's a dead end that when you have parking on both sides it's going to be a problem. I know and some of the residents from Sterling did come and say that they had some research and the other streets that are also 24 feet wide in Town but those aren't dead ends and we really haven't had the same problems with complaints there. I mean once in a while I know years ago the Fire Department but the worst thing that ever happened was a couple of side view mirrors got clipped but they can get through. There it just seems to be a problem I don't know why it is. By putting the curbs in we did lengthen it a little bit the distance is more than it was but when there were no curbs there I know some residents had Belgian Block or they put pieces of railroad ties but four inches four or six inches was easy for a car so cars when it snowed or times when there was a car parked on the other side of the street they would pull up on the sidewalk area or the grass of their property but they can't do that now the curbs too high unless they have a truck. I know we're not going to make everybody happy but I think the majority of the neighbors over there do think it's needed to not allow parking on both sides of the street because it's just dangerous. They showed us pictures that one with the bus I mean there's just not enough room. I personally think we should take the recommendation of the Chief and the Engineer and make it no parking. We've got to settle we've been talking about this been going back and forth for months and we've heard both sides of the issue.

Council President Accomando – With the parking at the end of the street the six spots whose to say those same people that commute everyday that park on the street for four or five days at a time don't now park at the end of the block in the dead end for weeks at a time and leave their cars there. Is there anyway we could do like a permit for Sterling only?

Mayor White – It's something we could do yeah.

Council President Accomando – It's just something else you got to worry about.

Mayor White – I think what Mr. Klein is saying is maybe we don't want them parking there because then there's no turnaround. Now they use that at the end because it's wider they turn around there. A bigger vehicle will go down to the end and use that property to make a K turn. I think that's something we can think about in the future if there is a problem parking. I don't know I think we got to try it and you know we could always amend it if it's not working that's the way I look at it.

Mr. Klein – We could fit some parallel parking in that area it's a good to fit in the area what we could do if parking still becomes a problem is extend the curb inward on the Town property and have head in parking and that would allow for additional parking spaces but I would only do that if it's really a problem.

Mr. Schettino – I'm going to need you to send me the description for the parking so exactly from what point to what point.

Mr. Klein – I'll do it on a plan I'm going to sketch out the spots on a plan.

Mr. Schettino – Okay but I need it verbally for the ordinance.

Mr. Klein – Sure.

Mr. Schettino – Because the ordinance for that street has to be revised to reflect whatever these changes are so you'll have to put whatever the changes are in writing so I can incorporate it into the ordinance.

Mr. Klein – Sure no problem.

Mr. Schettino – Okay thank you.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair if you and I had spoken before the meeting if you're going to do or we were going to do one side parking only as opposed to what you're now presenting which is one side up to a certain spot and then switch it over to the other side for a couple of spaces how many extra spaces does that arrangement generate?

Mr. Klein – If we did parking on the north side only I came up with nine spaces, if we did the south side only I came up with ten and if we did my idea of up to a certain point and then switching I came up with twelve.

Councilman Cimiluca – So we're gaining two or three spots which apparently is very important and we also talked about the other thing you didn't mention or I don't think has been mentioned is about the striping.

Mr. Klein – We'll stripe the spots in the street and locate them as best we can away from driveways and stuff like that so that people can get out of their driveways a little easier as opposed to if a car is parked right up against their driveway.

Councilman Cimiluca – What that would also do is stop someone from space hogging. You've got a space between driveways for two vehicles but instead somebody parks like my wife does right in the middle of the two spaces so now you'll stripe it so this way you know you're parking in a correct designated spot.

Mr. Klein – Just striping it might gain you that way it might gain you one or two extra spots.

Councilman Cimiluca – Which on that street is very important.

Mr. Klein – Yes.

Mayor White – Also while we're still in old business Is AJM done with the paving because I saw them over by Dyer?

Mr. Klein – They did Dyer today they're not going to do anymore paving this year the only other street they have to do are Ash and Elm which was held up by PSE&G and they still have to do some utility and concrete work there. They may do the utility work in the winter it's not a lot and it's extending the water main on each street to T into Schepis probably do the concrete work in March when spring hits and then pave in the spring. Orchard also needs to be milled and paved.

Mayor White – That's part of the 2024 Road Program right.

Mr. Klein – Yes but no more this year.

Mayor White – It's getting too late.

Mr. Klein – Yeah.

Mr. Homsy – If I may for audience purposes relating back to Sterling for the ordinance that would take place between January and February between introduction and adoption and hearing period so everyone's aware of when that will take place. Mr. Schettino is that accurate?

Mr. Schettino – Yes.

Mayor White addresses a question from the audience – There's going to be more discussion on it there's going to be a first reading so you can come back then if you're not happy with apparently you're not happy with the parking on making it prohibited on both sides of the street certain sections but you could talk about that. There's still time we have to do the ordinance the attorney's got to prepare the ordinance along with the engineer and the Police Chief and then it's got to be introduced so there's going to be plenty of time for discussion of it.

Council President Accomando – We'll be open to the public in a minute for agenda items. Anyone wishing to speak on agenda items only? Can I have a motion?

Motion: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Council President Accomando – The meeting is now open on agenda items only anyone wishing to speak?

Richard Lipowski of 18 Sterling Place comes forward. Do you have a diagram or anything of the spaces that you're referring to?

Mr. Klein – I sketched something out real quick but yeah I do have something I'm going to create something more formal.

Mr. Lipowski – Can you elaborate on what part of what side of the street you're considering parking spots?

Mr. Klein – The north side from Saddle River Road up to I don't remember the address but there's a couple of driveways right there so when we would switch to the other side there would be it wouldn't be right away there's driveways and then there's then we would switch so there would be a gap between the switching so I believe there would be plenty of space to go in you know to still drive on the road in between.

Mr. Lipowski – But that's basically where we were at originally because you can't the left side when you're going up Sterling Place on the left side is all driveways for the first three houses and on the right side is where 17 Sterling Place has his four family that's listed on a Saddle River Road address I'm not sure exactly what the address is but those are the available spots. Then in front of 17 Sterling Place is the one spot that is the problem why the school bus can't get through when somebody parks on the other side of the street. Then when you come up to 18 and between 15 and 17 Sterling Place and 18's on the opposite we have a handicap sign there now and people park on the 15 and 17 side. Then when you get up to 25 there's two spots in front of his house you can't park opposite there because there's a driveway. It's too confusing what you're trying to propose. We're right back to the original scenario.

Audience member – You can't put six cars to the end because Greg Atkinson who lives in the last house will never back out of his driveway.

Mr. Lipowski – Exactly.

Council President Accomando – I believe those spots at the end will be inset right a little bit they won't be right on the street.

Mr. Klein – Yeah all of the spots would be right along the curb.

Audience member – You can't go to the end because he doesn't back out of his driveway now.

Mr. Lipowski – The driveway is too close up against the 80 wall line the man can't back out of his driveway.

Mayor White – Through the Chair that's something the engineer said I don't know if you misunderstood but that's something in the future we want to try I guess the alternate side of the street no parking whatever you want to call it but again nothing's written in stone what you're saying is you know we'll consider it.

Mr. Klein – We wouldn't go that far.

Mayor White – The six cars at the end he also mentioned too maybe we can make parallel maybe two of them but you know we're going to try and make the no parking and then see how it goes because you know what there may not be a problem with parking.

Mr. Lipowski – There really isn't a problem as far as right now it's been working for us since you put up the sign and we went to one side of the street parking and it's been working very well so to change it at this point we're only going back to a problem you're going to have to amend in the future. What we have now is actually working and the gentleman Jose Petrone that resides at 15 Sterling Place he has between his four family on the corner and his single family home on Sterling Place there's a total of fifteen plus parking spots. He has the driveway on Saddle River Road he has the four car parking spot on the gravel in front of the four family and he has a four car driveway plus a two car garage. There's more than adequate enough space that he has for parking. It isn't my problem that he converted his garage into living space and he can't fit two vehicles in his garage. He's trying to take the burden and put it on the residents of Sterling Place and I don't feel like his problem should be my problem. My problem is I don't have a parking issue I have a school bus issue I need to get a school bus for a disabled autistic child in and out of Sterling Place.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair. How would this proposal hurt your way there's not going to be two side of the street parking at any spot one side is going to end where the other side starts so they're not going to be side by side.

Mr. Lipowski – It's been like that all along.

Council President Accomando – How about we do this when the engineer gets his drawings he presents those and we look at those to see what the options are instead of doing the not saying the he said she said but I think it would be easier if we had some visual to look at instead of I can talk better to a plan.

Mr. Lipowski – It would be better if we had some kind of diagram so I can see what he's referring to.

Council President Accomando – We take what you say positively but I think without it being in front of us it's just going to be a back and forth.

Mayor White – I see what this gentleman is saying we've been discussing this a long time and all of a sudden now we and I understand Mr. Klein we're trying to get as much parking there as possible but it does seem to be working and it's kind of like a curveball now that we're talking about making it the way you said. I'm not against it but I too would like to see let's evaluate it a little bit more.

Mr. Lipowski – Thank you.

Dawn Sloma of 29 Sterling Place comes forward. Like Rich said this isn't going to work. It's been beautiful with one side of the street parking everything's getting picked up, everybody comes up and down the street no problems no issues. What I noticed too is all the neighbors on the other side of the street where the no parking is not one of them parks in the street they never did. Their cars are always in their driveway never out front so there's never an issue with any of them there's nobody. Greg Atkinson of course is not here tonight but he can't get out of his driveway there's no way six cars can go from 30 Sterling driveway to the end. There's no way it's impossible and with a turnaround my driveway is the turnaround. I have the biggest driveway on the street I get everybody in my driveway, Amazon, UPS, FedEx anybody that comes up the street is in my driveway so I think it should stay the same it's been working great. The only other thing is we've been losing all the signs on the poles if the Police Department can come back and reattach them because a lot of the poles are missing all the signs as we got one or two poles with the emergency signs but otherwise I hope you guys keep it the same.

Mayor White – We'll have them come and repost the signs.

Jonathan Valdes of 414 Saddle River Road comes forward. I was a little confused in regard to the ordinance readings and how fast it was going and what's passed and what's not passed this is my first time second time coming to a meeting so I'm still kind of trying to understand it. My main concern is with the chickens and back in 2021 I had called the office to attempt to get a license and I was then rejected I'm trying to get the date and time when I physically called so I can give that proof. I don't know if you guys record phone calls when people do call into the Town Hall.

Mr. Schettino – Through the Chair. That really wasn't the issue the ordinance that was adopted prohibiting chicken coops was well before 2021 it was 1999 so you shouldn't have gotten a license in 2021.

Mr. Valdes – Okay.

Mr. Schettino – Your chicken coop would have had to predate 1999 in order for you to request to be grandfathered in.

Mr. Valdes – Okay so I'm not requesting anything I'm just according to the code it basically said you must get the license pre doing it. When I called I was declined.

Mr. Schettino – Right because the ordinance that they can't issue a license as of 1999 the Town was prohibited from issuing licenses for chicken coops.

Mr. Valdes – There was a confusion.

Mr. Schettino – Yes there was a very old ordinance that went back to 1937 but that was repealed by the 1999 ordinance.

Mr. Valdes – Because the 1939 one was still in place they kind of bumped.

Mr. Schettino – It was there but it was repealed.

Mr. Valdes – Okay I don't know what that means.

Mr. Schettino – It means that the ordinance that was adopted in 1999 superseded the one in 1937. You could still get that ordinance because it existed it's part of the Township's records but it was repealed by the 1999 ordinance that prohibited it.

Mr. Valdes – So even if someone were to see it and they say okay I'm going to go get the whatever license.

Mr. Schettino – If someone were to see the 1937 ordinance and if they went.

Mr. Valdes – We're talking about today.

Mr. Schettino – They could not get a license anyone coming in after 1999 could not get a license.

Mr. Valdes – Even if it was physically there is what you're telling me.

Mr. Schettino – If it's there before 1999 they could have an argument but anyone coming in after 1999 could not get a license and is not permitted to have a chicken coop on their property.

Mr. Valdes – Thanks very much.

Maria from Sterling Place comes forward. This is back to Sterling Place parking spots. As we mentioned for the past two meetings I am one of the residents that we are against the one side parking only due to that we have less parking than what it was before. It was mentioned that if it's safety I totally understand I've been there for 27 years and I don't think there was ever a complaint that an ambulance couldn't get through or fire truck wouldn't get through and if that happens we're talking maybe once or twice a year to comparing eliminating parking that we need every single day. Not only that keep in mind that we also have the bus in the corner that goes directly to New York and we have people that park in there in our street. When it comes to parking, even though it was mentioned that we have like 15 parkings in my property which is four family tenants and that's the parking we're providing for our tenants so they don't have to park on the street. We have a driveway that we park four cars in our street in our parking as well. The whole thing about this I really agree with the engineer he could actually fix it where striping and get more parking space that's what we're asking for it's just not to eliminate parking. It was not an issue before and now you did a beautiful tree and it's become an issue I don't know why. The only thing that I'm asking is that again if you're doing the whole you're not going to compromise everyone and I totally understand that but if we're going to make a decision for safety I understand that but please do not make a decision for convenience. Not because somebody has a plow business that need to get out of the driveway or because somebody can't do a K turn and not going into the driveway. We have convenience in our parking spot all the time we face it all the time everywhere we go. This is where we signed up when we actually live there that's all I'm asking just look at the big picture and if the

decision is on safety by so mean you're smart you know what you're doing this is why you make the decision but please don't make the decision because of convenience that's all.

Council President Accomando – Thank you. Anyone else? Motion to close to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Cimiluca – I just have a procedural question to the attorney. We're going to come back on December 29th do our wrap up are we going to take action not on this I'm saying on anything will there be action taken?

Mr. Schettino – Well that would be up to the Township Clerk you can it's a regularly scheduled meeting so you can take action but not on this you're right because an ordinance has to be introduced and adopted in the same year.

Mr. Lo Dico – But there will be action.

Council President Accomando – We're going to go into closed session.

Mr. Schettino – You need a motion to go into closed session for negotiations.

Council President Accomando – We're going into closed session you have to step out of the room it should take about 20 minutes can I have a motion?

The Council goes into closed session at 7:32 pm.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 1224-215

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook desires to meet for the purpose of a closed session to discuss negotiations/contract and,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act does make an exception and allows a public body to hold a closed session to discuss these items,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on December 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exists.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

The Council comes out of closed session at 8:03 pm.

Council President Accomando – Call the meeting back to order.

Mr. Lo Dico calls the roll.

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Council President Accomando – Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Accomando – yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

Todd J. Accomando
Council President

Approved: February 20, 2025