The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on March 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 Gierek – present

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

Council President Gierek – Please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of former Recreation Director Manny Scarangella, former Recreation Coach Richard Diana, former Board of Education Trustee John Mc Broom and Nicholas Comperato, father in law of Councilman Andrew Cimiluca.

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.

# PRESENTATIONS

Council President Gierek – Mayor presentations please.

Mayor White – Good evening everyone we have a very special evening tonight we're celebrating and recognizing Township women. Women who have made a significant contribution to our community. We started doing this when I first became Mayor. We categorized them into different categories one of them being outstanding citizen others community service advocate, public safety volunteer, business leader and education leader. That helped us a little bit in narrowing it down because we have so many good women in this Town and others are deserving as well but we try to keep it at five and

these five are certainly worthy of being recognized here tonight. Without further ado I'm going to start off I'm going to go in alphabetical order. First is Angela Del Casale Angela why don't you come up. I have a proclamation I'm going to read first and if you want to say a few words after it's up to you. I'm going to read the proclamation first and then if you want to say something you can if you don't want to I don't want to put pressure on you. I have a feeling you will speak though.

Mayor White reads the proclamation.

Mayor White – So bringing Communion to the homebound I know that somebody very dear to both of us she goes weekly and the woman's not doing well but I know she appreciates seeing Angela come there. So anyway that's about Angela and thank you so much you're so deserving. When she received the letter we spoke at church and she didn't feel she deserved it and I had to tell her she does deserve it and believe me you're well deserving and God bless you.

Ms. Del Casale – I did beg Mr. Mayor to pick someone else and he said no so I think I won't vote for him next time. I just want to say really briefly I've been here since sixty two so that's longer than most of you have not even been born yet but I just find that people are really proud of our community. The people have been so helpful. The people that I've met in all my different ministries which is primarily through the church and I find that they were so helpful so compassionate doing so any things to help other people so I'm really proud of this Town and I'm proud of our Mayor thank you.

Mayor White – Next we have Faith Fitzsimmons. Faith was born in Hoboken New Jersey to a family with a long line in law enforcement and firefighters. Faith is married to Phil and together they have three children Dylan, Philip and Sophia. Faith is the Human Resource Manager at Hoboken Library where she has worked for 26 years. In 2012 the Fitzsimmons family moved to Saddle Brook. Faith is currently in her third year serving on the Saddle Brook Library Board as trustee and this year is her first year as the Library Board President. Faith thank you for all you do your community service we really appreciate it and I have to say the library under your leadership along with the Director you're doing amazing things you really are and I've seen such a big outstanding phenomenal job you're doing.

Ms. Fitzsimmons – Thank you.

Mayor White – You're very welcome.

Ms. Fitzsimmons – Public speaking is not my thing so I apologize in advance but you know I'm born and raised in Hoboken so I thought I was pretty well rooted then my family outgrew the space because Hoboken is that way and I really didn't think I'd find another place that made me feel so comfortable. So from the day we went to see this house on Wilson Street and we met Anne Brauer this wonderful lady we felt nothing but welcomed and comfortable so I want to thank all of you. That being said I thought what can I do to help this great Town and you know being at a library for 26 years I thought they let me stop in the library. So I've gone over there and with Katherine's help we're just trying to do everything we can to make it the best little library in Town you know only library best

little library in Bergen County let's go for that one. We think big so we're doing great things and we want to make it good for all of you so thank you.

Mayor White – Next we have Cecilia Lipari. I'm going to call you Ceil because that's what everybody calls you right. Seal was born to Joseph and Mary Famular in Jersey City New Jersey and raised in Jefferson Township. Ceil has four sisters and one brother. Ceil is married to Bob Lipari and they have two daughters Gabriella and Victoria. Bob is a long time firefighter in Town so I just want to shout out to Bob. Though Victoria is too I know that now. Ceil attended County College of Morris and William Paterson University. She started her teaching career in Jefferson Township Middle School and then moved to Saddle Brook where until her retirement she taught at Helen I. Smith School, Saddle Brook Middle School and Franklin School. Currently Ceil was involved with the Saddle Brook Senior Club where she served as president. When her children were young she was she was active in soccer, basketball, softball and cheerleading programs. Additionally she was involved in Girl Scouts and the school PTA. Ceil enjoys spending free time with her family and friends travelling and going to the beach. Thank you Seal.

Ms. Lipari – Thank you it's an honor and I was very lucky to marry a Saddle Brookian and raising my kids here it's a great community and I'm happy to be a part of it.

Mayor White – Next we have Ella Losino. Ella was born to Arthur and Anna Manger in Syracuse New York and was raised in Lodi New Jersey. Ella has one brother Dr. Harold Manger. Ella is married to Jack Losino and their children are Sandra, Tracy, Lorraine, Danica and Nicholas. Ella is a grandmother to Sean, Ruthe, Jessica, David, Ashley, Brianna, Brian, Dylan and Mackenzie. She is also a great grandmother to Sean, Jack, Riley and JP. Ella attended Bergen Community College for Dental Assistant, the Sandy Hammons School of Micropigmentation I don't know what that is. Oh okay Cosmetology and the Berkowitz School of Electrolysis. For 25 years Ella has worked as an electrolosist she also works as a dental assistant for Dr. Sapienza in Paramus and previously worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Hopman in Fort Lee. Ella is a part time employee for the Township of Saddle Brook as a crossing guard and notably a volunteer of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps for 30 years. Ella enjoys spending free time with her family and walking congratulations.

Ms. Losino – I just would be remised if I didn't thank everybody for this honor. It truly means a heart to me. I'd like to thank my Captain Lou, my President Joe, all the officers and of course the new members that are joining. You're going to have good times and you're going to have tough times but you know at the end it's all well worth it to save a life to help somebody means the world. Good luck to all of you thank you.

Mayor White – Okay last but not least Councilwoman Mazzer why don't you come up We're honoring Melanie Mazzer. Melanie was born in Saddle Brook New Jersey to James and Florence Mazzer. Melanie has three brothers, James, Jason and John. Melanie has three sons, Anthony, Joseph and Enzo. She is looking forward to the arrival of her first grandson. Melanie graduated from Saddle Brook High School studied at Ramapo College and received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Phoenix. Since 2023 Melanie is the owner and president of TLC Plus Childcare Center. As the owner Melanie enjoys giving back to the community by donating to local food pantries, collecting gifts for Toys For Tots and donating to the local sports teams and hospitals. Melanie enjoys spending her free time with her family exercising, gardening, fishing woman after my own heart and of course shopping and traveling so Melanie congratulations.

Ms. Mazzer – Hi everyone thank you. This is such an honor to be recognized. This recognition is not just a personal achievement it is a celebration of the countless women who have paved the way for us all. One in particular who has influenced my journey is my mother. She has always been my greatest inspiration. She has been my guiding light teaching me the values of perseverance compassion and integrity always reminding me the strength is lifting up others and her sacrifices and dedication to our family have shown me the power of love and commitment. She will forever be my inspiration and I will carry her lessons with me in everything I do. My family too has played a crucial role in shaping who I am today. They have always been my cheerleaders, my confidants and my greatest inspiration. Thank you all for this incredible honor together let us all celebrate the power of women and continue to pave the way for a brighter future.

Mayor White gives flowers to all the honorees as well as Councilwoman Mazzer and Councilwoman Sanchez.

Mayor White – I have one more presentation to make Ed Sudo is a member of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps and he just celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year on the Ambulance Corps. The Ambulance Corps had a dinner for him at the VFW a couple of weeks ago but we thought 50 years and we thought it would be fitting to have Ed we knew he'd be here for Ella so we wanted to recognize him as well. So Ed here's a certificate 50 years certificate of recognition presented to Ed Sudo Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps for 50 years of service thank you.

Mr. Sudo – Fifty years I know it's forever I thought I had it last year but I forgot probations so we had to wait until this year but it was a great ride I mean I'm still going you gotta keep taking the EMT course I know but we have Youth Squadders in the room some new Youth Squadders and it's a great thing to learn I mean to take you know to save a life that was my first thing I ever did I went to Holy Name Hospital take my EMT it was Holy Name in Englewood and first person we went at that time we went to the emergency room for six hours and six hours in intensive care. The first person I talked to was a guy that coded and was in the hospital it was phenomenal to talk to the man after fact. So I've been doing it for years and it's been great. It's a great bunch of people and I wouldn't have it any other way thank you very much.

Council President Gierek – Thank you Mayor. I see some people with flowers is there anybody that would like to present flowers or anything else to the honorees. Okay we're going to take a five minute break. Congratulations to all the honorees I know there may be some people that want to take pictures and so forth so we're going to give everybody about five minutes to do that.

There is a five minute recess.

The Council reconvenes at 7:37 pm.

Council President Gierek – We're going to resume the meeting roll call.

Mr. Lo Dico calls the roll.

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

Council President Gierek – Motion to open the meeting 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 Gierek – yes

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

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. Mayor's Youth Group liaison just going to give you the monthly update as usual. We've had our most recent meeting on March the first it was held right here in the Council chambers jut coming up with a lot of great ideas for the future. We're going to be participating in our Earth Day activities as we usually do every year that's going to be on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. We're just finalizing some details as to what we're going to do but it will entail, of course, going to Tricentennial Park doing the annual cleanup and planting flowers once again. We're also going to be helping out at the annual Easter Celebration on April 19<sup>th</sup> here in the Municipal Complex and we'll be there for that of course. I also want to take the opportunity to thank our Youth Group Secretary Eleanor who made such a beautiful flyer to help us advertise the Mayor's Youth Group. I emailed it to all you guys I don't know if you got a chance to see it I sent it a couple of hours ago. It tells what we do like community service how we have fun together. We put a couple of photos on the flyer if you see and also we have a QR Code that if you scan it with your phone it will go straight to our online registration form and as I always say we're open to everyone all Saddle Brook residents who are in grades 4 through 12 this year. I hope you guys take a look at the flyer like I said I emailed it to you guys we posted it on the Mayor's Youth Group Facebook page. I know the Mayor shared it to the Saddle Brook Township page so please spread the word about the Mayor's Youth Group. We've already gotten a couple of new signups since that flyer went out so it's working and we want to hopefully get more people to join us thank you.

Council President Gierek – Thank you Thomas.

Fawad Maalik of 270 Hillside Avenue comes forward. I want to personally come out and thank the Mayor, Councilman Gierek and Councilman Accomando for joining us at the Ramadan celebration for the moonlight moon the crescent lighting that we had. I really appreciate what you guys do and we invited you guys for Iftar dinner and if you guys could join us next year it would be great for you guys to break fast with us. I actually broke fast here because I want to make sure I came out to say thank you from all of us because they're all home breaking their fast so thank you again and thanks for recognizing us appreciate it.

Council President Gierek – Happy to do it thank you. Anyone else? Seeing no one else motion to close the meeting 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 Gierek – yes

# COMMENTS

Mayor White – First I want to congratulate all the women in history and it's always a pleasure to recognize them. We really do have a lot of wonderful, phenomenal women people in this Town. I really liked the remarks after when they spoke. They all spoke and they all had such nice things to say about the Town which is always nice to hear. I want to start out talking about the Capital Budget we have to complete a couple of roads from 2024 Road Program that were left over we have to do the 2025 Road Program we have to pick the roads. I don't believe Mr. Klein we haven't picked them out yet right. I don't think we're going to do as many this year we got Public Service doing the paving as part of the gas main projects that they're finishing up so I think we're going to take a little bit of a breather. This is going to be a tough budget this year especially we basically have a million dollars to spend and we do have parks that we have grants for and need to renovate Mayhill Street Park. We're going to be doing the surface over for the basketball and for the tennis courts and actually the tennis courts Councilman Cimiluca is going to like this we're looking into making two of them also pickleball courts. They just have to be lined have lines for the pickleball as well. Also the splash park at Veterans that looks like it's going forward we got good news we got a lot of money in the State a State grant for that so it looks like that may cover so we don't have to take money out of the Capital Budget for that. We also have Fifth Street and Kern Street Park that we have received grant money for and that we're hoping I don't know if we're going to get to it this year we have to see how it works out again with the budget. We have the force main we voted on it last month we got the bids in for replacing the air valve on the sewer force main on Westminster it's a big job and we actually do we need to start thinking about the main pump station that's going to need eventually the pumps are going to need to be replaced

on that pump station on Mayhill Street. Grants we do have to submit for the CDBG community development block grant and Open Space grants we got the Clean Communities grant DOT which is for a road project and some others that our grant writer is helping us with. Committees the Mayor's Youth Group Thomas gave us an update on that. Community Partnership Committee we're looking forward to building that membership up. The last meeting we had probably about 30 residents from all walks of life that came to that meeting. Council President Gierek I know you're probably going to talk about a Flood Committee meeting. We're going to merge the Flood and Green Team Environmental Committees and I know Council President Gierek is working on a date and I want to advertise that to get, especially people.

Council President Gierek – I was going to mention you and I are going to sit down and come up with a date and then we're going to publicize the date but we are coordinating those two groups together.

Mayor White – Right so I just want to let the residents know that we're working on that because we've been talking about it and really haven't moved forward but now we're moving forward which is a good thing. Also I wanted to mention that I ran into the County Executive at another event and he was telling me that within a couple of weeks he wants to have a meeting and it's about the Otto Pehle Lake restoration. The County received a million dollars to do restoration, desnagging, cleaning out the lake the Otto Pehle Lake so hopefully I'll have some more news about that in a couple of weeks. They'll want to jump on that right away. We had a school liaison meeting Council President Gierek and I met with the Board of Ed members and superintendent and business administrator on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Some of the things that came out of that the stadium turf field and lights at the time we met was pretty much started they put the foundation and at this time they're just about complete. I know the lights are in the turf has been laid down. We're looking for grant money the school is also going to try and see if they can apply for grant money for that Coalberg Brook for those who don't know what that is that's the creek that runs along Route 80 that goes all the way to the river. We had the DPW in there they cleaned it up as much as they could as far as brush and some logs but it needs a lot further and there's some areas that are hard to get to we might need special equipment but that creek is Saddle Brook property. Mr. Lo Dico remembers years ago when the Town cleaned it out I don't know if they got a grant but they did do some extensive work there and it looks like we're going to need to do that now because there are parts of it that are in pretty rough shape. I mean old tires and it looks like things before there was a wall people throwing stuff off of Route 80 because Route 80 is right above it. I thought it was DOT property but it's not. Read Across America two weeks ago I went to the schools I think some of the Council members may have as well. I want to thank the teachers, the support staff, administration it's always fun to go in there. I always like the really small kids you know kindergarten, first grade, second grade they ask some pretty interesting questions. Saddle Brook High School play was last weekend it was "Once Upon a Mattress" our videographer back there Raphael taped it and he's probably editing it as we speak not right now not this second but that'll be on Facebook and YouTube. Thomas was also there and took a lot of photos we haven't gotten around to posting them but we'll get to that soon. It was a really good play we have a lot of very talented young high school students I think middle school too are they involved as well I think some of them as well. So recreation and high school sports I just want to congratulate all the winter sports

athletes and the teams both in rec and high school basketball, wrestling, cheerleading thank all of the volunteer coaches and parents for all that they do. I know we had some winners there some people that won. I know the high school cheerleading I think they won every tournament they were in. Wrestling we had the States last weekend I think two or three of our girls won they came out first. I think one boy came out first and a bunch of them placed about eight of them placed in the State which is quite a feat. Senior activities we're all moved into the Municipal Complex of the previous location at 8 Caldwell is still being used and we haven't decided what we're going to do with that. Meetings are being held there I know the Woman's Club uses it the Democrat and Republican Club use it on occasion and I know some of the town houses use it Victor Street the over 55 and the one across from St. Philip's they have meetings there so we're still allowing them to do so. The senior freeze and Anchor in the New Jersey state programs this is important for seniors apparently, they changed the application process I don't know if they're combining them all together. I really don't know what they're doing Mr. Lo Dico may have more information than I do as well as our tax collector but if you go to newjersey.gov division of taxation their website or you can call there's a number 1-800-882-6597 if you call that number you definitely have to take advantage of that seniors. The senior freeze I run into people all the time that weren't aware that it existed and they could have had their taxes frozen ten years ago but they didn't realize it and I think it's quite a bit of money now. I think for a married couple you have to be 65 or older but a married couple it's up to a \$160,000 income you know between the two individuals. So I think a lot of our seniors are in that group where they can apply and they can get their taxes frozen so please take advantage of that. Chicken Bingo we had it that was the last time we used the old building was Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> it was a nice event. That's always a crowd favorite. Also this too is for seniors AARP is doing free tax returns at the Saddle Brook Library so that's another program that the library offers but for more information you can call the library at 201-843-3287 or go to the library website for details so take advantage of that. I want Mr. Schettino I want to put you on the spot I didn't mention it to you can you just we don't have anybody in the audience here that's concerned that would come up and speak about it but this Carucci we've had a lot of buzz on social media maybe you could just explain where the Town's at with it now from a legal standpoint.

Mr. Schettino – So as everyone I think in that neighborhood knows if not throughout the Township that property has not been maintained and it's not occupied. It was obtained by the present owner through a tax foreclosure and he has not, unfortunately been maintaining the property. So our Construction Official and our Property Maintenance Code Official have now been issuing violations against the property owner for failing to maintain the property and we're also going to attempt by getting a search warrant to get into the property itself the building to see if it constitutes an unsafe hazard. If it constitutes an unsafe hazard, then we can take action with respect to the building itself but that we're in the process of doing that has not taken place but as of now violations have been issued and we're hoping that through enforcement of these violations that we'll have the property owner's attention and at the very least he'll start maintaining it in an acceptable manner.

Mayor White – Thank you. Some events that we had previous events we had the Ramadan Crescent Lighting on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. I want to thank Sahar Salem and the EID Committee of Saddle Brook for organizing all that. I also want to thank a lot of local businesses there's too many to mention but that contributed food and different things

for that event. Upcoming events the Little League Opening Day and Parade is Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Field which is on Saddle River Road by the Engine Company number one. The Ambulance Corps Fish and Chips is on Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> here at the Municipal Complex. Easter Celebration is Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> the day before Easter, Easter Spring Celebration we call it. Our veterans' banners are still available I think to the end of the month. There's a flyer out there on social media on both Facebook and Instagram. With that I hope everyone had a Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day and I wish our Muslim friends a Happy Ramadan, Jewish friends Happy Passover which is on April 12<sup>th</sup> and our next regular meeting is Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> so be able to wish everyone a Happy Easter at that time. Easter is Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> thank you.

Councilman Accomando – I just want to congratulate the seven women that were honored tonight. They all do something special for the Township and for the community. I'd also like to congratulate Mr. Sudo 50 years unfortunately I was unable to make it that night. It was my birthday so unfortunately he lost that part of the deal we went out instead. As far as the losses my sympathies go out to all the people that lost a special loved one that we mentioned. Councilman Cimiluca sorry for the loss of your father in law. One guy I knew and was a great guy I got to coach under him was Manny Scarangella. When he was the Rec Director he brought so much enthusiasm to the Rec Division and not only did he do that he got his kids involved and he introduced lacrosse to the Township that we never had before and it was such a success that it was shown when unfortunately he had to move to Florida and when he moved his son stayed up here for a while to coach lacrosse but unfortunately Manny got sick and his son moved down to Florida and the program just almost fell off. Thank God for some of the kids that he coached students that are now old enough to coach came back and are giving back so he was definitely felt in the Rec community for parents of my age and our kids. He will definitely be missed and that's all I have.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I too would like to congratulate all the women that were honored here tonight. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our Township. You all are truly an inspiration to everyone. Once again thank you. Also I'd like to extend my sympathy to all the families that experienced loss that the Council President mentioned and of course Councilman Cimiluca to your regarding your father in law sorry for your loss. We will be having the Townwide Garage Sale it is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. You can register and put the times that you'd like to be open for business and you know give you some time to get things together and Happy Spring.

Councilwoman Sanchez – My condolences to all the families who lost a loved one this past month my thoughts and prayers are with you. Congrats to all women who were recognized this evening. Thank you for all that you do for the Town for all your service and hard work and thank you to all of the other outstanding women in Town who were not mentioned this evening. We really do appreciate everything that you guys do. Congratulations to Ed Sudo on his 50 years of service that's a big accomplishment so good job and he's still going thank you to him. I wanted to recognize the Saddle Brook Spirit Leaders I got to attend their Nationals in the beginning of this month. They worked so hard all season and they really brought their best game every time they stepped out onto that mat and all these girls are really really dedicated and they just put a lot of hard work and time into what they do. They really love what they do and each team did so well

during Nationals and they may not have come out first but they really did an amazing job. I'm so proud of each and every one of them and of course the program wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication and passion of all the coaches that were there too. The Saddle Brook High School Cheer Team I want to congratulate them they just won the first in their division at the Amera Cheer International Competition down in Florida. You know that is an amazing accomplishment. They were also high point winners so that's awesome congratulations girls. Congrats to the wrestlers who won States and all the wrestlers this season. I know each wrestler, parent and coach out a lot of time and effort into making that program a success. Mt son did it for a little bit but it just wasn't for him but I know it takes a lot to go out on that mat one on one with another person so you know it's definitely not an easy sport and all of the wrestlers should be very proud of themselves for every single time they get out there and they just put their all into that sport. I don't want to miss any other sports so you know basketball and any other sport I didn't mention it's the same thing you know a lot of hard work goes into sports that you really love so congratulations to everybody. You should all be proud of yourselves. The Ambulance Corps Fish and Chips is April 18<sup>th</sup> this year from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. The last day to order tickets is April 10<sup>th</sup>. You can either contact Tracy her phone number is 201-790-3750 she told me it was okay to let everybody know her phone number to get the tickets so I got permission first. If you happen to know an Ambulance Corps member you can always purchase tickets through them that's about it.

Councilman Cimiluca - How much are the tickets?

Councilwoman Sanchez – They are twenty dollars a ticket.

Councilman Cimiluca – I've been going forever and it's the best bargain you're ever going to get because it's delicious and you come out and support the community because it's just a big gathering and everyone's having a good time. The Mayor mentioned and the other Council Members have mentioned a great number of events and somehow the Mayor seems to get to all of them I don't know how he does it. He must have a double someplace that somehow goes because sometimes these are the same time but I know speaking on behalf speaking for the Council I guess we try to make as many as possible it's hard to get to all of them but if we're not there believe me it's because we can't be there. We like to do that we like part of our job is to give back and we like to contribute in just sometimes it's just by attendance. So if do miss a meeting and we somehow miss an event it's not because we didn't want to be there. I'm glad to hear about the parks we've got a number of parks in Town and it seems like they're all getting an upgrade including the County Park. It's a County Park but again I've said this many times it's our park it's Saddle Brook Park people know it as Saddle Brook Park. It's a long time coming they got a million dollars and I'm sure they're going to put it to good use to get this park which I've said over and over again I feel personally and people have you know I kind of get yelled at sometimes behind the scenes but I think we're the redheaded stepchild of the County Park system and it's about time that we got some money or they got some money and they're going to use it for our park because it is our park. In terms of Town business I said last meeting that I would report on the speed table or speed hump requests. There were requests made by residents on Catherine Avenue they had a petition and also people came up and speaking about getting another speed table or speed hump on Lanza. I spoke to Captain Habermann and unfortunately we put up the speed box that we had

purchased great investment for the Town unfortunately when they went to check it, it had malfunctioned at some point. So it's now back up it took a while to get it running. Hopefully, we'll get the data and if it malfunctions again we'll have to send it out for repair. Hopefully, I will be able to report on Catherine and possibly Lanza by the next meeting right before Easter. We were not aware that it was not picking up I think it stopped working after a couple hundred cars and usually there's a couple thousand that come through during our period but it's back up and running and hopefully we'll have the data for you. In terms of the ordinances tonight Sterling Place the parking on sterling has been contentious. We've had a number of meetings public Council Meetings and Special Sessions for the residents and through the help of our engineer we believe that this parking on one side and limiting the parking to one side of the street is the best idea to keep everyone happy. I mean listen not everyone's going to be happy that's just the way it is but to keep most people happy and it's the most judicious use of whatever we can do to alleviate the sometimes difficult parking situation on a narrow road. The towing fees we talked about that all we're doing is bringing them up to the State standards. We're bringing the fees up to what the State Police would charge should a vehicle be towed. The last one is a first reading and we've had had people come here for years basically but more recently about issues at the Saddle Brook Mall and this is a first reading to require 24 hour 7 day a week security service at that mall and hopefully that will alleviate again. I can't say eliminate but alleviate the condition that the people behind the mall have suffered for quite some time so hopefully that'll work for them. In terms of the woman today I think I think the common theme from everyone was their love for Saddle Brook. I think everyone except Melanie came from out of Town and some came from out of State to come here. The one woman Faith had lived in another town for 26 years and made the move to Saddle Brook. Saddle Brook's a great place to live and thanks to women like them it continues to be a great place and they contribute to that and make it even greater. In terms of the people that we spoke of and we had a moment of silence of the four people mentioned I knew three of them pretty closely. Manny Scarangella his son went to school with my son I see somebody in the audience played sports with. Manny was a coach, Rec Director and he was a great guy. He didn't play daddy ball unlike a lot of people and people who coach know what I'm talking about when I say daddy ball. He did as Councilman Accomando said start the lacrosse program. There wasn't an event that was in Town recreation wise or for the kids that he was not involved in and I was amazed by how quickly he organized things he was a great organizer and he'll be missed. He married Karen Goldstein whose family has been in Town forever so my condolences to Karen, Adam, Jeffrey and Dominic three sons. Richie Diana is the father in law of one of our long time DPW workers, Vinny Liberty. I never saw the guy not smile he was a client of mine but he was more than that he was a friend and he'll be missed. Lastly and I'm going to choke up I knew I was going to do this my father in law okay he passed away at 95 going on 96 luckily he did not suffer. He had broken his hip a couple of years ago and it seems like when you're at that age you break your hip everything starts going down. He was taken to the hospital on a Monday he passed away on Friday but everyone was around him my sister in law flew up from Florida my niece flew up from Florida another niece came in from New York and my three kids and we're all around him and he just wanted he said goodbye to everyone he said it's my time I had a great life. I can say he was a gentleman and a gentle man. He worked in the rough and tumble world of he was a union mason worked with his hands built things for the union and also for all the families. I mean the foundation of my house if you see it a little tilted maybe it's because he did it with me.

We did it together that's probably my fault my part of it I screwed up but all the family members built fireplaces. He was out there worked with his hands all his life never heard the man swear and you know when people use the F word as an art form it's a verb, a noun, a pronoun, everything. Never heard him say I mean the same forget about the F word he didn't swear at all. He loved a couple of things he loved his family more than anything but he was proud of his Italian heritage and he was proud of his service in the Korean War. He's buried with the American Flag and medals and he'll be sorely missed thank you.

Council President Gierek – I'm going to be a little redundant that's the nature of going last so sincere condolences to everyone that lost a loved one. Councilman Cimiluca I'm sorry about your father in law. Congratulations to all the Women in History that we honored great honorees. Mayor thank you Christine Genuario as well for all that you guys do. Seems like every year you find great candidates and we had five great honorees this year. I did make the Ed Sudo beefsteak dinner for his 50th year to celebrate great guy part of the reason why Saddle Brook is such a great community. We have such great volunteers our first responders are second to none so we have a lot of great people here between the women and our volunteers for sure. The Mayor did mention about the Flood Committee and the Green Team joining and we're going to be scheduling a meeting for the end of April. I'll sit down with you Mayor we'll come up with a date. Hopefully, we can get some volunteers to participate and get it off the ground and really start heading in the right direction. With that I do want to mention something that the Mayor mentioned about the Senior Freeze. My mom some 18 years ago when she turned 65 she had her taxes frozen she lives primarily on social security. She's been able to stay in her house her taxes were frozen at \$6500 they would be over \$10,000 now so she's been able to stay there plus she gets the rebate so she's somewhere around \$5000 which is manageable for someone on a fixed income. If she was paying the \$10,000 plus she probably couldn't stay there so please consider the Senior Freeze it's a very important program. Look into it like the Mayor said for a married couple it's \$160,000 and I think if you're single it would be like \$80,000 and most people aren't at those thresholds. So if you can make sure that you look into it if you're eligible. Finally Happy Holidays to all and a Happy Spring thank vou.

# ORDINANCES

# 1. ORDINANCE # 1773-25 – SECOND READING

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

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

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

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer S

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

#### CR# 325-49

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

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

# 2. ORDINANCE # 1774-25 – SECOND READING

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "TOWING"

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

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

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "TOWING"

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

#### CR# 325-50

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 191 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "TOWING"

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

# 3. ORDINANCE # 1775-25 – FIRST READING

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

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "SECURITY SERVICE".

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 Gierek - yes

Council President: Direct the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Clerk: Then reads the resolution as follows:

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

#### CR# 325-51

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "SECURITY SERVICE".

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the April 17, 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: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

# 3. ORDINANCE # 1776-25 – FIRST READING

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

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND DELETING CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED NOISE OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 147 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER".

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 Gierek - yes

Council President: Direct the Township Clerk to read the resolution regarding passage and adoption on first reading.

Clerk: Then reads the resolution as follows:

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

## CR# 325-52

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND DELETING CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED NOISE OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 147 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER". heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the April 17, 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: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes Councilman Accomando - yes Councilwoman Sanchez – yes Councilwoman Mazzer – yes Council President Gierek - 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 – Resolution number eight will not be part of the consent agenda and if Council has no objections we do have a new resolution from our attorney entitled "The Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Property" and it's for the affordable housing.

Mr. Schettino – If we could actually add one other so again this was approved a few years ago and the resolution tonight is just to effectuate the transfer of the actual property and authorizes the Mayor to sign the documents. A second resolution would be to acknowledge they changed the ownership interest in Urban Renewal and they're required for the Council not to approve it because it doesn't require approval but to acknowledge it and the ownership interest of Urban Renewal will now be ninety percent Ingerman as the managing member, five percent rebuild which is Metro Scotland Commons, five percent Premier Saddle Brook non-managing member. So if we can just add those two to the consent.

Council President Gierek 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 Gierek - yes

# \* MINUTES

1. January 2, 2025 Reorganization Meeting

# \* **RESOLUTIONS**

#### TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL ENTITLED HASBROUCK HEIGHTS INC. VS. TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK AT 403 MARKET STREET, BLOCK 705, LOT 31 FOR TAX YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2022.

# CR# 0325-53

**WHEREAS**, Hasbrouck Heights Inc. has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Township of Saddle Brook challenging the tax assessed against property located at 403 Market Street and identified on the Township's tax maps as Block 705, Lot 31 for tax years 2019 through 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Assessor, the Township Tax Appeal Attorney and Township Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Township of Saddle Brook; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Assessor, the Township Tax Appeal Attorney and Township Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Township Tax Appeal Attorney be hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to settle this matter according to the following proposed terms:

1) The assessment for tax year 2019 to be reduced from \$1,359,000 to \$1,300,000 resulting in a refund of \$1,529.87.

- 2) The assessment for tax year 2020 to be reduced from \$1,399,000 to \$1,300,000 resulting in a refund of \$2,549.25.
- 3) The assessment for tax year 2021 to be reduced from \$1,426,900 to \$1,250,000 resulting in a refund of \$4,606.48.
- 4) The assessment for tax year 2022 to be reduced from \$1,476,300 to \$1,000,000 resulting in a refund of \$11,440.73.

Refund in the amount of \$20,126.33 should be made payable to "Brach Eichler L.L.C. and Hasbrouck Heights Inc", 101 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, NJ 07068.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

#### TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

# CR# 0325-54

WHEREAS, Liquor License renewals have an annual renewal period of July 1st through June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, License # 0257-43-002-009 also known as Chet Patel, LLC has not renewed their liquor license since the year 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Chet Patel, LLC has not complied with the laws of the State of New Jersey or the Township of Saddle Brook for liquor license renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook deems the license abandoned and should be archived to history with the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey has deemed license # 0257-43-002-009, known as Chet Patel, LLC abandoned and archived to history effective immediately.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

# RESOLUTION

# CR# 0325-55

**WHEREAS**, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 520 Victor Street, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 707, Lot 2 C0052 is assessed to Peter J. & Yolanda Lazzaro and;

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 2024, Mr. Lazzaro was declared 100% tax exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Township of Saddle Brook Ordinance, the effective date of exemption is based on the date of the application of February 4, 2025; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective February 4, 2025 and issue a refund in the amount of \$1,004.04 to the homeowner for the first quarter of 2025. The refund check will be given to the Tax Collector for mailing. This property is 100% tax exempt for 2025.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

# TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

# CR# 0325-56

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for the appropriation transfers during the last two (2) months of the fiscal year and the first three (3) months of the new year, when it has been determined that it is necessary to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deem to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized to make transfers among the 2024 Budget accounts as shown on a list to be supplied to the Township Clerk.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

## TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

# RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

# CR# 0325-57

**WHEREAS** the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January, and

**WHEREAS**, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press, and

**WHEREAS**, long before NJ Advanced Media 's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government official's website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby urges state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Joseph Lagana, Assembly members Christopher Tully and Lisa Swain, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

# TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

# CR# 0325-58

**BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$4,382,987.25** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

## THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

# TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

# CR# 0325-59

**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 **\$822,186.26** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

#### The Following Resolution is not part of the consent agenda.

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

# CR# 0325-60

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Saddle Brook previously adopted Resolution CR#1223-180 on December 7, 2023 approving Support of the Location and Operation of a Cannabis Cultivator and Manufacture License for Little LLC at property located at 217 Route 46 in the Township; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township is in receipt of a request from Little LLC for a second extension for their cultivation and manufacture license as same is set to expire on April 17, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Littie LLC is seeking an extension for their cultivation and manufacture license for a period of six (6) months to October 17, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council and Township Attorney has reviewed the request for an extension of the cultivation and manufacture license for a period of six (6) months to October 17, 2025 from Littie LLC and recommend the approval of same; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the request of Little LLC for an extension of their cultivation and manufacture license for a period of six (6) months to October 17, 2025 be and is hereby approved; and

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes Councilman Accomando – no Councilwoman Sanchez – yes Councilwoman Mazzer – yes Council President Gierek – yes

# TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

## CR# 0325-61

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

#### PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

STATE LICENSE NO. AMOUNT	NAME
0257-33-016-010 \$1400.00	MJC Enterprise Holding, LLC T/A Midland Brew House
	374 North Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

## **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK**

# RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO SADDLE BROOK URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES LLC

# CR# 0325-62

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Township's settlement of its Affordable Housing litigation, the Township is required to develop an all affordable site in the Township located at 435 North Midland Avenue in order to comply with the Order of the Honorable Gregg A. Padovano, J.S.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township initially entered into an agreement with Ingerman Development Company, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, Ingerman assigned the agreement to Housing Developer, an entity affiliated with Ingerman Development Company, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Ingerman Development Company, LLC, then assigned its ownership interests in Housing Developer to Rebuild Metro Inc., a Maryland non-profit organization and Premier Housing Services, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to effectuate the Settlement Agreement and develop the property at 435 North Midland Avenue for 58 affordable housing units, it is necessary to transfer the property to Saddle Brook Urban Renewal Associates, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the ownership of the development will be as follows: (a) 90% -Ingerman WL, LLC; (b) 5%- Rebuild Metro-Scotland Commons Inc. and (c) 5% - Premier Saddle Brook LLC and is no longer 100% non-profit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the transfer documents and recommends the approval of same.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the transfer of the property located at 435 North Midland Avenue from the Township of Saddle Brook to Saddle Brook Urban Renewal Associates, LLC be and is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Township of Saddle Brook hereby acknowledges the new ownership as follows: (a) 90% -Ingerman WL, LLC; (b) 5%- Rebuild Metro-Scotland Commons Inc. and (c) 5% - Premier Saddle Brook LLC and is no longer 100% non-profit; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents to effectuate the transfer of the subject property.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

# **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEED RESTRICTION

# CR# 0325-63

WHEREAS, the property located at 435 North Midland Avenue, Block 1401, Lot 18 is a low-income housing tax credit project requiring the use of the HMFA/LIHTC Deed restriction form; and

WHEREAS, the Deed restriction is required to be signed by the Developer and the HMFA; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township to authorize the Affordable Housing Deed Restriction form.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the Affordable Housing Deed Restriction form be and is hereby authorized; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and/or Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary regarding the Affordable Housing Deed Restriction form.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

#### **TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK**

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN

# CR# 0325-64

**WHEREAS**, in order to settle the affordable housing litigation involving the Township of Saddle Brook, the Township previously adopted Resolution CR# 819-158 on August 1, 2019 approving the 2019 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2019 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan dated January 2025 has been prepared, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the 2019 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan Amended January 2025, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and recommends the approval of same.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the 2019 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan Amended January 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference be and is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution together with the attached 2019 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan Amended January 2025, be forwarded to the attorney for Fair Share Housing upon the passage of same.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

# \* CORRESPONDENCE

1. R. KLEIN, RVE,TWP. ENG

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: PAYMENT 4 AJM \$80,582.95 2024 ROAD PROGRAM DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2025



One Harmon Plaza, Suite 600 Secaucus, NJ 07094 0: (201) 624-2137 F: (201) 624-2136

February 13, 2025

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook 2024 Road Program Pay Certificate No. 4 Our File No. 0257T114

Dear Mr. Homsi,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 4 from AJM Contractors 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 AJM Contractors in the amount of \$80,582.95.

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

Sincerely, REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

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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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#### 2. CHIEF ZOTOLLO TO: PETER LO DICO

#### RE: LIVERY – NJ MY LIMO, LLC DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2025



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR. CHIEF OF POLICE



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

To: From: Date: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police February 7, 2025

#### Re: LIVERY APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

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#### 3. CHIEF ZOTOLLO TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: LIVERY – MZ SEDANS, INC. DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2025



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR. CHIEF OF POLICE



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

To: From: Date: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police 22 February 7, 2025

Re: LIVERY APPLICATION

MZ Sedans, Inc. Javeed Chaudhry 91 Pocohontas Path Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

In accordance with Township Ordinance #189, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Livery Application. The livery service will operate out of Park 80 West, Plaza 2.

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individual. All drivers and vehicles possess current and valid documentation. 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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4. CHIEF ZOTOLLO TO: PETER LO DICO RE: SCREAM TRUCK, LLC – ICE CREAM DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2025



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR. CHIEF OF POLICE



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To: From: Date: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police February 7, 2025

Re: ICE CREAM VENDOR APPLICATION Scream Truck, LLC Jason Black 35 Robert Drive Short Hills, NJ 07078

The above business and individual filed an Ice Cream Vendor Application.

The Detective Bureau conducted a background check of the business and individual. The paperwork was filled out correctly based on Ordinance 382 (Chapter 111) and all checks were negative.

Based upon the above information I recommend the application be approved at this time.

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5. CHIEF ZOTOLLO TO: PETER LO DICO RE: EZ CONVERTERS RENEWAL DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2025



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR. CHIEF OF POLICE



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To: From: Date: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police February 7, 2025

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

> Jing Jing Cao 910 Willow Avenue River Edge, NJ 07661

In accordance with Township Ordinance #113, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed an application for a second-hand jewelry license.

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or applicant. In addition, EZ Converters has met all criteria as established in the ordinance including the surrendering of records.

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

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6. CHIEF ZOTOLLO

#### **TO: PETER LO DICO**

RE: MASSAGE / PHYSICAL THERAPY MASSAGE ENERGY LAB - RENEWAL DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2025



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR. CHIEF OF POLICE



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

To: From: Date: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police February 7, 2025

#### Re: MASSAGE/PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICATION

Massage Energy Lab 49 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Deborah Garcia (Owner) 125 Main Street, Apt. 2 Little Ferry, NJ 07643

In accordance with Township Ordinance #125, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Massage/Physical Therapist Application.

The investigation did not reveal anything that would disqualify the business or the individuals. In addition, there have not been any complaints regarding the business within the past year.

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

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7. CHIEF ZOTOLLO

**TO: PETER LO DICO** 

RE: MASSAGE / PHYSICAL THERAPY RECOVERY BODYWORK - RENEWAL DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2024

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

To: From: Date: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police December 27, 2024

Re: MASSAGE/PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICATION

Recovery Bodywork 337 Market Street, Suite 2 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Toni-Ann Accardi 164 Orchard Street East Rutherford, NJ 07073

In accordance with Township Ordinance #125, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individual who filed a Massage/Physical Therapist Application.

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

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

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8. G. TRAMATOZZI, PVSC TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL RE: PVSC LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2025

THOMAS TUCCI, JR. Chairman

LUIS A. QUINTANA Vice Chairman

ELIZABETH CALABRESE JOHN J. COSGROVE C. LAWRENCE CRUMP JAMES P. DORAN JOSEPH F. ISOLA HECTOR C. LORA BRENDAN MURPHY Commissioners



GREGORY A. TRAMONTOZZI Executive Director

ALBERT LUKIN Clerk

"Protecting Public Health and the Environment"

600 Wilson Avenue Newark, New Jersey 07105 P (973) 466-2915 F (973) 817-5738 www.nj.gov/pvsc

February 25, 2025

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

#### Re: PVSC Long-Term Control Plan Parallel Interceptor Funding

Dear Mayor and Council:

We write to you on behalf of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC") to update you on a matter that has the potential to impact the sewer rates that PVSC charges to your municipality. Commencing in 2015, PVSC was required under its New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to develop a regional long-term control plan (the "Regional LTCP") for the reduction and/or elimination of combined sewage overflow ("CSO") points within its treatment district. The LTCP, developed in conjunction with municipalities within PVSC's treatment district that operate combined sewer systems, was completed and submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") in 2019. On February 13, 2024, NJDEP advised PVSC that it intends to issue a new permit to PVSC that will require PVSC to move forward with the Regional LTCP. PVSC anticipates that permit will be issued within the next several months, in early to mid-2025.

The Regional LTCP will reduce untreated CSO discharges by capturing and treating significant wet weather flows through a series of capital improvement projects, most of which will be constructed in and funded by PVSC municipalities with combined sewer systems. However, the backbone of the Regional LTCP – which will benefit all 48 municipalities within PVSC's treatment district – is the construction of a new 14-foot diameter sewer line of approximately 5.5 miles in length that would run parallel to PVSC's existing main interceptor, which runs underneath the City of Newark. The new sewer line, referred to as the "Parallel Interceptor," will allow PVSC's sewer system to capture a much higher volume of sewerage flow during wet weather events and transmit that flow to the plant for treatment rather than have it discharge untreated into the Passaic River through CSO outfalls. The Parallel Interceptor will also provide partial or complete redundancy for the PVSC main sewer line, which is over 100 years old.



The preliminary estimate for constructing the Parallel Interceptor is between \$1.4 and \$1.6 billion, subject to change based on future economic conditions, making the project one of the largest single public health and environment expenditures in New Jersey history. Included with this correspondence is a 30-year debt schedule with a 10-year user charge projection to illustrate the immediate and substantial impact that self-financing of this project through PVSC would have on PVSC's municipalities and ratepayers. As demonstrated, the need for significant financial assistance from State and/or federal sources for this project is as critical as it is obvious, if not also demanded by environmental justice precepts.

As a unified voice, PVSC respectfully requests that all of its ratepaying municipalities pass the enclosed draft resolution and forward it to both the State and federal elected legislators representing their municipalities for immediate action on this massive financial obligation. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact PVSC Executive Director Gregory Tramontozzi at (973) 466-2915 and/or gtramontozzi@pvsc.com. PVSC appreciates your attention to this critical matter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas Tucci, Jr. Chairman

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Gregory A. Tramontozzi Executive Director

Enclosures

cc:

Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners Thomas A. Laustsen, Chief Operating Officer, PVSC Prince Wilson, Chief Financial Officer, PVSC Albert Lukin, Clerk, PVSC

# \* APPLICATIONS

#### Livery

- 1. MZ Sedans, Inc. 250 Pehle Avenue Renewal
- 2. NJ My Limo, LLC 250 Pehle Avenue Renewal

#### **Public Place**

3. Excelsior - 190 Route 46 - Renewal

#### **Massage Therapy**

- 4. Recover Bodywork 337 Market Street Renewal
- 5. Massage Energy Lab 49 Market Street Renewal

#### **Used Car**

6. Auto Trader – 60 Route 46 – Renewal

#### **Secondhand Jewelry**

7. EZ Converters – 189 Route 46 – Renewal

#### Ice Cream Vendor

8. Scream Truck, LLC – 35 Roberts Drive, Short Hills, NJ – Renewal

#### Raffle

- 9. RA# 1403 Rescue Haven Foundation @ VFW Tricky Tray
- 10. RA# 1404 Rescue Haven Foundation @ VFW 50/50
- 11. RA# 1405 St. Philip's Church 50/50
- 12. RA# 1406 VFW Post #3484 Pull Tab
- 13. RA# 1407 American Legion Post #415 Pull Tab
- 14. RA# 1408 Saddle Brook Little League @VFW Tricky Tray
- 15. RA# 1409 Saddle Brook Little League @VFW 50/50

# \* **REPORTS**

- 1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2025
- 2. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT DECEMBER 2024
- 3. GRANT WRITER'S MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2025
- 4. HOTEL ROOM TAX MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2025
- 5. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT JANUARY 2025
- 6. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL'S REPORT JANUARY 2025
- 7. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2025
- 8. TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2025

9. ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

# **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### NONE

Council President Gierek – Seeing none, let's 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 Gierek – yes

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes Councilman Accomando – yes Councilwoman Sanchez – yes Councilwoman Mazzer – yes Council President Gierek – yes Council President Gierek – Final comments anyone have any final comments? Councilman Accomando – I want to comment why I voted no without badmouthing or getting into it I just feel like we're bending over backwards for the same company over and over and over. I wish we would do more for some of the residents that come up here and ask for the minimal stuff and that's my reason for voting no on that.

Council President Gierek - Anyone else have any other comments?

There are no further comments.

Council President Gierek – Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC Township Clerk David Gierek Council President

Approved: May 15, 2025