

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on May 15, 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 – absent
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – present
Council President Gierrek – present

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

Council President Gierrek – Please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence as we recognize National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

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 Gierrek – Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierk – 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. Just want to bring you up to date on the Mayor's Youth Group what's been happening and what we've been doing over the last month. We helped out with the Easter Celebration that was held here in the Municipal Complex. It was a great success and many families here who came out. We had people donated to the Food Pantry, we had the crafts from the library, we had the egg garden and of course we had the Easter Bunny. So we had the Youth Group helping out in all different areas at the Easter Celebration and I do want to thank all the volunteers who came out and made that a success. Also during the month of April well actually it was supposed to be the month of April but then it wound up being the first Saturday in May due to weather. The Mayor's Youth Group did an Earth Day activity again it was on May 3rd because we had to move it due to inclement weather. We cleaned up Tricentennial Park we planted flowers around the flagpole. I also want to thank the DPW for planting the tree that we had at our Town at Van Saun Park for the Winter Wonderland. Also we had great collaboration from the Saddle Brook Girl Scouts because they helped us we with them also painted rocks and we placed rocks in the Flag Garden and also around the big rock there and in other areas in Tricentennial Park. So it was great collaboration great partnership between the Mayor's Youth Group and the Girl Scouts and I just want to thank them for all their help. Looking ahead the next thing we're going to be involved with as we usually do we invite the Youth Group to help out and participate in the Annual Fishing Derby which will be held in June which I'm sure the Mayor will talk about possibly. In closing I want to say we've been getting a lot of new members join the Youth Group as of late and I'm hoping we could continue to grow and continue that strong foundation and continue to mentor young people and encourage community service so thank you.

Lorrie Lowry of 29 Caldwell Avenue comes forward. I have put a lot of time into Saddle Brook over the years. I've served on the School Board, I've taught in Town, I've worked at the library and now I am a senior residing in the senior housing. I'm here to advocate for our seniors. When the Senior center was open I don't know if the Council was aware or not but in the office and in the back there were wheelchairs available in case there was an issue with any of our seniors. I don't see that here we have many programs bringing seniors here more than ever and if anyone falls who's liable. That long wall from the gym what would it cost to put a railing there for those who come in with canes, walkers, oxygen who are not steady on their feet. Just that safety we have it at 29 Caldwell you're welcome to come over everywhere we are ADA compliant and I feel that Saddle Brook is not ADA compliant for our seniors and that's a law. The same thing of you put a wheelchair in that back room in the Community Room just in case someone has an accident or an incident there is one available but I really think that taking the ADA compliance into effect or thinking about it is to Saddle Brook's benefit. I thank you for your time.

Mayor White – Id' like to address that. As far as the wheelchairs they were taken here they're probably in that closet.

Ms. Lowry – I didn't see them in there I saw a TV and stitchers our wool is back there but I didn't see it.

Mayor White – I remember seeing them and we said we were going to take them. We probably have them. I don't know that for a fact but we'll look into that. I can't imagine we would have thrown them out.

Ms. Lowry – Karen and Rose should know where they are.

Mayor White – The long walk form the gym we're addressing that now and I think I spoke to you about that.

Ms. Lowry – At your advisory meeting.

Mayor White – We are looking into that we asked our DPW Superintendent to take a look to see if it's something that his people could do and it's a little more involved so we're going to have to go out to bid. With the DPW I just don't want them to do something that if they can't do it properly.

Ms. Lowry – What about from the conference room to the sitting area it's not a large area but again as they come out of the activities room that's about the longest wall there is from the seating area to the conference room.

Mayor White – We're going to Mr. Homsy we're getting prices on it correct?

Mr. Homsy – Yes I asked Mr. Hicswa to quote both walls even though that may not be exactly what we're looking for but at least we'll have it priced out both ways to one or both walls even though it would be if you're walking in on the right side.

Mayor White – I'm not sure honestly whether I don't think we're not in compliance but you know we'd have to have that looked at but I think I know when the building was built and the renovation was done I'm sure we had to pass all the laws. I mean it was just two years ago.

Ms. Lowry – I know but you didn't have all the seniors coming here then we had a Senior Center. Now we've been solely in here and I watched her.

Mayor White – I think if you look at if you go back to that old building there may be a couple of things that may or may not have been in compliance with either.

Ms. Lowry – But a smaller scale.

Mayor White – With a smaller scale we'll look at the long walk is what you're driving at.

Ms. Lowry – Right.

Mayor White – We are looking into all those things so thank you for coming in and advocating for them.

Timothy Staunton of 35 Harrison Avenue comes forward. I just want to know where we stand on the project on Market Street decisions that have been made. Last time at the workshop you said a committee was going to be formed. I want to know if the committee's been formed and who's on the committee and if that property is for sale how come there isn't a commercial real estate for sale sign there. I remember last time you were saying that not getting much interest in the property. So I drive past there a million times a week I've never seen a sign that says commercial real estate for sale. Put a sign there maybe you would get more people interested.

Mayor White – We just put it out again our RFP which basically goes out it's been put in a few different publications I think the Record.

Mr. Homsy – Yeah we readvertised in the Record and the Star Ledger just this week and that is at least the Record is our designated newspaper where we're required by law to advertise these type of advertisements.

Mr. Staunton – Right but you were saying last time during the workshop you're not getting much interest in the property. If you had a realtor involved put a sign on the property maybe you would get more interest in the property that's all I'm saying and if a committee was formed I'd just like to know who is on the committee.

Mayor White – The committee is myself Council President Dave Gierak and Councilman Andrew Cimiluca that's the committee. We have not as far as I know spoken to the developer that came here to do the proposal but we are still looking to talk to that person.

Mr. Staunton – The one with the sixty units.

Mayor White – Yeah because we want to see if he's willing to change his proposal perhaps less units perhaps maybe spread it out so I know the height was a big thing. We put it out again we're hoping to get other proposals so no decision's been made.

Mr. Staunton – I know that developer said if he can't do the project the way it is then he's not going to do the project.

Mayor White – He said that but maybe he'll change his mind you know if we talk to him.

Mr. Staunton – I'm just asking a question.

Mayor White – It's a negotiation I have no problem you can ask anything you want.

Mr. Staunton – I forget I think it was Mr. Accomando he was the one that volunteered the only one that volunteered to be on the committee and he got passed over for it or.

Mayor White – I really don't feel like I need to explain that much in detail. You know Councilman Accomando is on a couple of other committees.

Mr. Staunton – I understand that but he was the only one during the workshop that voiced his opinion and said he would volunteer for it so if he was willing to volunteer for it how come he was passed over for it or maybe he declined to do it I don't know but I'm just asking.

Council President Gierak – Sir to be honest with you everybody up here volunteered to be on that committee.

Mr. Staunton – Not at that workshop he didn't.

Council President Gierak – Well they came up to me after the meeting or during the meeting you don't hear everything that's said up here and in fact Councilwoman Sanchez said during the meeting I would volunteer and so did Councilwoman Mazzer just to let you know.

Mr. Staunton – I'm just asking questions.

Mayor White – The committee doesn't make the decisions either.

Mr. Staunton – I understand that.

Mayor White – So the committee has to come back for a vote.

Mr. Staunton – I'm just asking a question that's all.

Mayor White – Okay that's fine.

Mr. Staunton – Thank you.

Council President Gierak – Thank you. There can only be two Council members on the committee because otherwise you have a quorum and the meeting has to be advertised. So there's only two Council people allowed to be on the committee just so you're aware. Anyone else wish to address the Council? Seeing no one else motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – absent

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Mayor White – I have a proclamation that I want to read it's in honor of Captain Andrew Bruce McFarlane U.S. Marine Corps 1948 to 1971. Mayor White reads the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DEDICATION OF MCFARLANE CIRCLE
IN HONOR OF
CAPTAIN ANDREW BRUCE MCFARLANE
U.S.M.C. 1948-1971

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook recognizes and respects numerous veterans for their contributions. The late Captain Andrew Bruce McFarlane is one Veteran who is an inspiration through his demonstration of courage, leadership, and commitment to our community and country; and

WHEREAS, the McFarlane Circle Dedication is located at Fairlawn Parkway and Skillman Terrace. This dedication aims to educate younger generations about the sacrifices made during the Korean War and promote a greater appreciation for history; and

WHEREAS, Captain McFarlane was a decorated combat veteran who saw direct combat in Korea during his service. Captain McFarlane served twice in Vietnam. His valiant actions earned him three Bronze Star Medals with Combat "V" for heroic action during direct conflict, as well as the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V", a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with silver star, two Combat Action Ribbons, four Presidential Unit Citations, the Korean Service Medal with six battle stars, and the Vietnam Service Medal with three battle stars; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Captain McFarlane moved to Saddle Brook in 1972, where he lived with his family for 45 years until his passing in August 2017. Captain McFarlane worked as an investigator for the Bergen County Prosecutors Office from 1971 until his retirement as a lieutenant in 1992; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, he was a professional baseball scout for the Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays from 1991 until 2002. Captain McFarlane was an active member of the Saddle Brook Community, tirelessly serving as a Little League and American Legion Baseball Coach, field manager of the Colonial Baseball Team, and Commissioner of the Metropolitan Baseball League. He founded and served as Commissioner of the Boys/Girls Recreation Soccer Programs. Additionally, Captain McFarlane held life membership with V.F.W. Post 3484 and American Legion Post 415 in Saddle Brook, along with numerous other military associations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Robert D. White Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, wish to recognize Captain Andrew Bruce McFarlane for outstanding service to his country and our community and dedicate McFarlane Circle in his honor.

Signed and sealed on this 15th day of May 2025



Robert D. White, Mayor

Mayor White – I'm going to move on to the budget. We will be introducing next month and then we'll have hearings and adoption afterwards. We're going to do estimated tax bills this year again we did the same last year. We have three ordinances for second reading tonight. One is about Uniform Construction Code fees; sewer fees is the second one and the last one is zoning change recommendation regarding resale of homes and new tenant certifications. Carucci's property we've been making a lot of progress with that I know that's been a hot topic around Town and we've mentioned it here a few times. The owner is complying we've actually gotten into the building which was a lot a big headache to try to get in there with his attorneys but we were able to get in with our Building Inspector and our Engineer to look inside and see what we're dealing with. A report is going to be in pretty soon on that regarding what they found during the inspection. I know that there is some interest a local business person I don't want to say the name but is interested in purchasing the property and they have been since the Town has been pushing them as far as their regulations and you know that they comply with the ordinances especially regarding property maintenance. We've been on them really since the end of last year and then now this buyer that's interested in the property so there's been a lot. I don't know if you've seen they've repaired a lot of things on the outside. They're repaving the parking lot. It appears that the person that's interested wants to buy the building and wants to renovate the building not tear it down that's what I'm hearing. So all this is hearsay but it's good that at least we're seeing some progress that there's something going on there besides the building just laying dormant and in disrepair so we're happy about that. Some events and happenings this past month we had a tree planting at Kern Park on Tuesday April 29th it was Columbia Bank donated a tree that was planted there for Arbor Day. So we thank Columbia Bank for that. I also want to thank Lisa Swain and Chris Tully the Assembly members for District 38 for arranging a meeting on Tuesday April 29th here at the Municipal Complex to explain the various programs senior programs Senior Freeze the Anchor Program and New Jersey Stay. We had a nice crowd here that received a lot of good information. I want to thank the Mayor's Youth Group for the Spring and Easter Celebration that they were involved with also we had a planting on Saturday May 3rd we had a planting and cleanup at Tricentennial Park and I want to thank everybody who was involved with that. Township employees participated in a Wellness Day on Monday May the 5th. I want to thank Dr. Peter Ferraro who came in and ran that and did that Wellness Program for our employees and also provided lunch which was nice for them to do. We had the first meeting of the Green Team / Flood Committee was held on May 6th I think Council President Gierke will probably explain a little more about that in his comments. On May 10th, the Romaine Sinniger VFW Post 3484 held their installation of officers I want to congratulate all the officers especially the new Commander his name is Jay Wehmuller he's taking over for Lou Verile who was the Commander for the past seven years. I want to thank Lou for all his dedication during that time he did a fantastic job. Today which is May 15th was National Police Officers Day. We remembered all our deceased police officers from Saddle Brook Police with a ceremony at the Police Monument which is still located at the old Town Hall. We have some upcoming events on May the 20th is the last

day to register for the June 10th primary. The Clerk's Office will be open until 9:00 pm that night. Saturday May 24th at 10:00 am is the dedication of McFarlane Circle by Weller Terrace and Skillman Terrace that was the proclamation I read. Sunday May 25th Memorial Day services start at 9:00 am the Memorial Day Parade begins at 1:30 pm on Fairlawn Parkway and Skillman Terrace. Congratulations to Police Officer Sergeant Joseph Camilleri who was named Grand Marshall this year. He served overseas for a whole year and came out decorated and got a Bronze Star so well deserved. On Monday May 26th is Memorial Day service observed by VFW Circle at 11:00 am municipal offices and DPW will be closed Monday May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. Section one pickup will be on Friday May 30th for grass and weeds and that kind of thing pickup by DPW. On Friday June 6th 7:30 pm here at the Municipal Complex outside will be the Nerds Concert they have a very big following so we expect we're going to have a big crowd. The Mayor's Fishing Contest is on Saturday June 14th 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the lake at the County Park registration information will follow. Townhall and DPW are closed on June 20th for Juneteenth thank you.

Councilman Accomando – I want to thank everyone who came up and spoke today. Mrs. Lowry thank you for bringing that to our attention because I really think that was an oversight on our behalf when doing the building. It wasn't originally thought of to have the Senior Center here so thank you for bringing that to our attention especially me somebody who did handicap ramps for quite a few years. I'm embarrassed to say that I didn't think of something like that so thank you for bringing that up. I want to wish congratulations to all the students young men and women graduating colleges this week and next week and Happy Memorial Day everyone.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I'd like to remind everyone this weekend is the Townwide Garage Sale hopefully we get some sunshine. I'd like to since our next meeting is after Father's Day wish all the dads a Happy Father's Day.

Councilwoman Sanchez – May is a busy month in May we have Nurses Appreciation Week, EMS appreciation Week, Police Appreciation Week and International Firefighters Day so I just wanted to take a second to thank all the nurses, police, fire and EMS personnel for their hard work, dedication and service. As Councilwoman Mazzer stated Happy Father's Day and with Memorial Day Weekend approaching I hope that everyone has a nice and safe Memorial Day Weekend and I hope to see you all at the services and the parade.

Council President Gierk – A couple of things that I have on May 6th we had our first Green Team and Flood Committee meeting. Some of the highlights from that meeting is about ten or twelve people showed up I thought it was a very productive meeting. We spoke about planting additional trees throughout the Town. We spoke about rain gardens we spoke about flooding and debris removal and addressing some of the sandbars

possibly at the Saddle River. We spoke about creating a mission statement since it was our first meeting. We are getting more information from surrounding towns that do Green Teams. We're still looking for additional volunteers. We are collaborating with the Community Partnership and our next meeting is June 3rd at 6:30 here in the Municipal Complex so anybody that wants to get involved in our Green Team / Flood Committee please make every effort to attend on June 3rd at 6:30 here at the Municipal Complex. A few other things that I have congratulations to all of our college grads. My nephew's graduating my neighbor across the street who's my Godson he's graduating from college so congratulations to all those graduates throughout our Township. I want to thank Assembly members Chris Tully and Lisa Swain for holding that Senior Freeze / Stay New Jersey information seminar here. We had quite a bit of seniors turn out if you can take advantage of these programs they're very beneficial and the income levels are extremely high so most people do qualify. One of them is you have to make less than five hundred thousand a year and the other one making less than two hundred and fifty thousand a year. So people that think that they won't qualify you definitely in most cases will qualify. Councilwoman Mazzer mentioned the Townwide Garage Sale that's Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 5. I just wasn't to wish Mayor White and Councilwoman Mazzer a Happy Birthday this is their birthday month so Happy Birthday to you two and I hope to see all of our residents at the Memorial Day Parade and enjoy your Memorial Day Weekend. Thank you.

Mr. Lo Dico – If the Council has no objection we can do all three at one time correct.

Mr. Schettino – Yes.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1778-25 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 82 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM” (FEE UPDATES)

2. ORDINANCE # 1779-25 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 161 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “SEWERS” (HOOK-UP FEES)

3. ORDINANCE # 1780-25 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “ZONING” (RESALE/NEW TENANT CERTIFICATE)

Council President Gierak – Before we move on these ordinances Mr. Homsy our Business Administrator you have something to add on our first ordinance.

Mr. Homsy – At the last meeting regarding ordinance 1778-25 there were questions that Councilman Cimiluca asked. I spoke with him privately regarding the answers to his questions and also wanted to relay it to the rest of the Council prior to them voting on it. The one question was regarding commercial swimming pools and why it was removed. What happened was all these ordinances before they get up here for Council consideration they have to get approved by the DCA as well and they had caught that it's a duplicate in the Health Department and in the Construction Code so they coordinated that the Health Department will handle commercial swimming pools. We'll still receive the permit fees and they will do the inspections and the other question was related to the underground storage tanks and whether that fee was increased and where it is within the ordinance. The Department of Community Affairs wanted it under the fire section which is page five and there was an increase in that fee.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

1. ORDINANCE # 1778-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 525-76

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 82 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM” (FEE UPDATES)

2. ORDINANCE # 1779-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 525-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 161 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “SEWERS” (HOOK-UP FEES)

3. ORDINANCE # 1780-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 525-78

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “ZONING” (RESALE/NEW TENANT CERTIFICATE)

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the June 19, 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 - absent
Councilman Accomando - yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer - yes
Council President Gierak – yes

The Township Clerk reads the following:

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

*** MINUTES**

March 20, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED ROSOL PROPERTIES LLC VS. TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
AT 4 ROSOL LANE, BLOCK 1717, LOT 1
FOR TAX YEAR 2024**

CR# 525-79

WHEREAS, Rosol Properties LLC has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Township of Saddle Brook challenging the tax assessed against a property located at 4 Rosol Lane and identified on the Township's tax maps as Block 1717, Lot 1 for tax year 2024; 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 2024 to be reduced from \$6,950,800 to \$6,500,000 resulting in a refund of \$10,395.45.

Refund in the amount of \$10,395.45 should be made payable to "Winne, Banta, Basralian & Kahn, P.C., 121 Main Street, Suite 101, Hackensack, N.J. 07601.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 525-80

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 86 Coger Street, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 521, Lot 12.01 is assessed to Carlos M. and Maria M. Fernandes and;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2025, Mr. Fernandes 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 April 18, 2025; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective April 18, 2025 and issue a refund to the homeowner in the amount of \$2,302.69 for the second quarter of 2025. The refund check will be given to the Tax Collector for mailing. This property is 100% tax exempt for 2025 effective April 18, 2025.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

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

CR# 525-81

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey on this 15th day of May, 2025 as follows:

1. The Township of Saddle Brook's Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment taxes should in the judgement of the Chief Financial Officer it is necessary to maintain the efficient finances of the Township.
2. In accordance with the law, the third installment of 2025 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 525-82

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 **\$2,995,562.49** 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 – absent
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierak – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 525-83

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 **\$403,023.67** 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 – absent
Councilman Accomando – yes
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierak – yes

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. CHIEF ZOTOLLO

TO: PETER LO DICO

**RE: SPA 205, IM YON CHU, SHUNNAN JIN,
FUSHAN SHEN, STAFF - RENEWAL
DATE: APRIL 10, 2025**

Saddle Brook Police Department



**JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE**



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

To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: April 10, 2025

JR

Re: MESSAGE/PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICATION

**SPA 205
205 North Sixth Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663**

**Im Yon Chu, 28B Cleveland Place, Palisades Park, NJ 07650
Shunnan Jin, 10 Henry Avenue, Palisades Park, NJ 07650
Fushan Shen, 50 Columbus Drive, FL 2, Tenafly, NJ 07670**

In accordance with Township Ordinance #125, an investigation was conducted regarding the above business and individuals 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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2. CHIEF ZOTOLLO
TO: PETER LO DICO

RE: ZAM ZAM ICE CREAM - RENEWAL
DATE: APRIL 10, 2025

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To: Peter LoDico – Township Clerk
From: John A. Zotollo, Jr. – Chief of Police
Date: April 10, 2025

Re: ICE CREAM VENDOR APPLICATION

ZAM ZAM
Lowai M. Atiyat
31 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

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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Cc: file

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION MC FARLANE CIRCLE DEDICATION

PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DEDICATION OF MCFARLANE CIRCLE
IN HONOR OF
CAPTAIN ANDREW BRUCE MCFARLANE
U.S.M.C. 1948-1971

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook recognizes and respects numerous veterans for their contributions. The late Captain Andrew Bruce McFarlane is one Veteran who is an inspiration through his demonstration of courage, leadership, and commitment to our community and country; and

WHEREAS, the McFarlane Circle Dedication is located at Fairlawn Parkway and Skillman Terrace. This dedication aims to educate younger generations about the sacrifices made during the Korean War and promote a greater appreciation for history; and

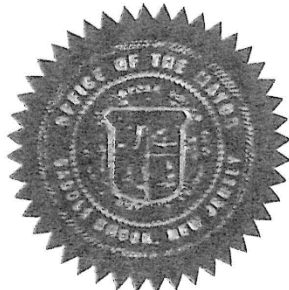
WHEREAS, Captain McFarlane was a decorated combat veteran who saw direct combat in Korea during his service. Captain McFarlane served twice in Vietnam. His valiant actions earned him three Bronze Star Medals with Combat "V" for heroic action during direct conflict, as well as the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V", a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with silver star, two Combat Action Ribbons, four Presidential Unit Citations, the Korean Service Medal with six battle stars, and the Vietnam Service Medal with three battle stars; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Captain McFarlane moved to Saddle Brook in 1972, where he lived with his family for 45 years until his passing in August 2017. Captain McFarlane worked as an investigator for the Bergen County Prosecutors Office from 1971 until his retirement as a lieutenant in 1992; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, he was a professional baseball scout for the Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays from 1991 until 2002. Captain McFarlane was an active member of the Saddle Brook Community, tirelessly serving as a Little League and American Legion Baseball Coach, field manager of the Colonial Baseball Team, and Commissioner of the Metropolitan Baseball League. He founded and served as Commissioner of the Boys/Girls Recreation Soccer Programs. Additionally, Captain McFarlane held life membership with V.F.W. Post 3484 and American Legion Post 415 in Saddle Brook, along with numerous other military associations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Robert D. White Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, wish to recognize Captain Andrew Bruce McFarlane for outstanding service to his country and our community and dedicate McFarlane Circle in his honor.

Signed and sealed on this 15th day of May 2025



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Robert D. White, Mayor

*** APPLICATIONS**

Ice Cream Vendor

1. Zam Zam – Lowai M. Atiyat – 31 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Woodland Park Renewal

Massage Therapy

2. Spa 205 – 205 N. Sixth Street – Renewal
3. Im Yon Chu - 205 N. Sixth Street – Renewal
4. Shunnan Jin - 205 N. Sixth Street – Renewal
5. Fushan Shen - 205 N. Sixth Street – Renewal

Raffle

6. RA# 1416 – Saddle Brook Spirit Leaders – Off Premise 50/50
7. RA# 1417 – EC Athletics Booster Club – Off Premise Merchandise Raffle
8. RA# 1418 – EC Athletics Booster Club – Off Premise Merchandise Raffle
9. RA# 1419 – Coccia Foundation – Off Premise 50/50

Auto Repair

10. Saddle Brook Auto Center – 458 Fairlawn Parkway – Renewal

*** REPORTS**

1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2025
2. BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN REPORT – MARCH 2025
3. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2025
4. GRANT WRITER'S MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 2025
5. HOTEL ROOM TAX MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2025
6. DPW MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2025
7. FIRE PREVENTION MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2025
8. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – MARCH 2025
9. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – MARCH 2025
10. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 2025
11. TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 2025
12. WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 2025
13. CANNABIS REVENUE MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2025

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – absent

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – absent

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

Council President Gierrek – Any final comments?

Mayor White – I just want to congratulate all the college graduates as well but today we had the Police Memorial and it came up afterwards that obviously that monument is in front of 93 the old Townhall 93 Market so it's going to have to be moved and my feeling is it should be at the Police Station in the front but it's a very large monument. So anyway I think what we're going to do is we're going to get together and we're going to have a couple of meetings with myself the Chief the retired Chief Kugler and some of the retirees that have an interest in where that monument goes and come up with a plan to move it. I want to get everybody involved because I don't want to insult anybody. We did real well moving the War Monument which is now in front of the VFW. That was originally we had spoke about that and there was some when the Council and I spoke the plan was to maybe move it over to Veterans Field because there's monuments there and in my opinion it would have been a decent place for it but we got a lot of pushback from the

VFW so we want to get opinions and I think it wound up at the right place the War Monument but we want to make sure that the Police Monument ends up being that we get a consensus that it gets put in a place that's a dignified place that we can celebrate every year on the 15th. So I don't know if anybody from the Council is interested in maybe taking part in some of those meetings if you are just let me know and that's all I have.

Council President Gierak – I was at the memorial today and I just want to commend the committee. Bobby had a lot of people there it's really a beautiful event each year and it seems like there was a lot of people this year thank goodness the weather held up because some years it's raining and stuff and people still do come rain or shine but it's really a great event and there were a few people that go above and beyond for that event and it really was a beautiful event today.

Mayor White – Yeah it was the families really do appreciate it I mean more than you would even think. When you talk to them afterwards it's a day for them to remember their loved one and you know it shows that the Town still feels and we tribute to them we want to have it every year and recognize what they did for the Town and retired Chief Kugler brought it up today that a lot of those, especially the older ones, the first ones on the monument the first four. I mean they did it they didn't do it for money and benefits because they had basically none back then. They did it out of pride and they did it because they really cared and wanted to do it. They were I worked with a lot of them they were some old-timers. There was some really good cops out there that knew what they were doing and really cared and put in a hundred and fifty percent every time.

Council President Gierak – Any additional comments from the Council? Seeing none motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – absent

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierak
Council President

Approved: July 17, 2025