

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on July 17, 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 – absent
Councilwoman Mazzer – present
Council President Gierrek – present

Mayor White – present
Mr. Schettino – Twp. Attorney – present
Mr. Klein – Twp. Engineer – present
Mr. Homsy – Twp. Administrator – present
Mr. Wielkotz – Township Auditor - present

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

The Council President announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to all Council members and to all legal newspapers in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

The Township Clerk announced that the public is hereby advised that any statements made during the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook may not be privileged or protected, and that persons or entities who take issue with such comments, or are offended by same, may and have in the past sought legal redress through the courts.

Any member of the public who addresses the Council speaks for themselves and not for the Council.

Council President Gierrek – We're going to have our budget hearing for 2025 motion to open the meeting to the public for the public hearing on the 2025 municipal budget.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierak – The meeting is open to the public on the budget anyone wishing to address the Council please step up to the microphone.

Andrew Dziedzic of 337 Eighth Street comes forward. Just a couple of questions in terms of where the spending increase or decrease went but \$704,000 of surplus that decreased do you have an explanation on what that money was used for, where it went, what it was spent on? Also salaries and wages I understand we had a few promotions in the Police Department but \$446,000 that seems like there was a lot of people hired or do you have any explanation on the \$446,000 increase in salaries and wages? Also the Water Utility went up \$273,000 was that just a one time for last year because the water rates went up or is that going to be 250 to 300 K a year? That's about it other than the fact in terms of forecasting since you guys forecasted in 2030 you go and build 200 apartments and just 20 kids move in it's \$19,000 a child times 20 that's a million and a half in a four year period. Maybe that should be put into the forecast. If you're going to forecast up to 2030 if two, three, four hundred apartments are going to be built how much money does the Board of Ed need if just twenty, thirty or forty kids move in? That's it for the budget I'll be back later for other non-budget questions thank you.

Council President Gierak – Mr. Wielkotz would you like to address those?

Mr. Wielkotz – On the reduction of surplus that was by virtue of an extraordinary large tax appeal in 2024 that was settled taxes that the Town did not collect based on that settlement. The increase in salaries the net increase across the board in salaries is \$382,000 for the year, that's one of the five specific drivers increasing spending in 2025. The Water Utility the purchase in water has increased because Passaic Valley Water Commission increased their rates six or seven percent from 2024 to 2025. Did that cover it?

Mr. Dziedzic – Well if you're going to do a five year forecast I don't know how many apartment buildings between affordable housing 93-95 Market but we're at \$19,000 a child.

Mr. Wielkotz – This hearing is on the 2025 budget only.

Mr. Schettino – Let me just if you don't mind through the Chair.

Council President Gierak – Yeah sure.

Mr. Schettino – The formula that you get is based upon a State formula and if you just think about this logically let's just say there's 30 students they're all not going to be in the same grade. You have God knows how many different grades in this municipality because you do have your own high school. So if there's a couple of kids added to each grade the impact in cost is minimal because they're not hiring an extra teacher because now you have two extra students in a specific grade. So you can't correlate and say well there's going to be 20 new students coming into this municipality that means it's going to cost the school district \$400,000 it's actually impossible. Even if those 20 were in the same grade that would only necessitate hiring one school teacher for the 20 students and of course

the possibility of 20 students moving into a building and all being in the same grade I would have to say is probably .0001% possibility and again even if that's the worst case scenario you would have to hire one teacher because you would have to add one school teacher. So there is an additional cost but it's not anywhere near the twenty thousand dollars per student.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair the speaker is asking about 200 units and I think that might have been the Fair Share number but certainly that's not.

Mr. Schettino – No he made his point and correct me if I'm wrong is that there's 20 or 30 students that come into one of the buildings that are constructed that that's going to cost \$20,000 a student which would be that was my understanding the point you were making.

Councilman Cimiluca – I think it was based on 200 units.

Mr. Dziedzic – Am I allowed to go back and forth here?

Councilman Cimiluca – No what he had indicated was 200 new units and I know there was a Fair Share number that was thrown out to us of over 200 units but that was rejected by the Town.

Mr. Schettino – Right well that number is not going to be 200 so yeah I guess if your question was what's going to happen with affordable housing that number hasn't been finalized yet but I think he was more concerned about the number of students that would be generated from any additional residential units.

Mr. Dziedzic – Right.

Councilman Cimiluca – But I think it was based on the fear of 200 new units and that's not happening.

Council President Gierak – And that's not reflected in this budget regardless. There's no new units in this budget. There's no new students in this budget.

Mr. Schettino – It wouldn't be in our budget anyway it would be in the school budget but again the impact we're not the first town that has had residential units put in. I don't like to use Hackensack per se because it's a completely different type of community but they got thousands of units that that have gone up in the past few years and their school budget has stayed relatively the same. I'm sure there's been students generated because again the students are spread out you know you're in education.

Council President Gierak – Right there's thirteen grades.

Mr. Schettino – If you added 20 student and there's 40 classes in Saddle Brook between the elementary and the high school and you added one to every grade what would be the impact to the Board of Education? I sat on a Board of Education the impact would be zero.

Council President Gierak – Would be minimal yes you need books or whatever that's it.

Councilman Cimiluca – I just had one other question for Mr. Wielkotz when you said it's about \$400,000 you specified \$382,000 is that based on salary increases or new employees new police officers?

Mr. Wielkotz – That's based upon the amount budgeted in 2025 versus 2024 as prepared by the administration.

Councilman Cimiluca – But most of that increase is more toward.

Mr. Wielkotz – It's contractual.

Councilman Cimiluca – Contractual increases and we did hire new police officers.

Mr. Wielkotz – That's part of it.

Mayor White – That's filling existing spots for people that retired we were short. We were brought up to our TO maximum which is 34.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – Mr. Wielkotz can you just talk about the amendment?

Mr. Wielkotz – The amendment is really just two things being amended. When the State did their review of the budget and the CAP calculation and the tax levy CAP workbook they came up with an adjustment to our pension appropriation is greater than what the actual bill is because there have been some additional fees charged by the State for registrations and what have you so the administration put a little bit extra in the pension line item. The CAP calculation pension amount can only be the actual bill so they made an eleven thousand dollar adjustment so this amendment reduces taxes by eleven thousand and increase the use of surplus by eleven thousand just to balance the budget out and that's it. So this is a resolution to be passed tonight and after that's passed then you can pass the resolution to adopt the budget.

Council President Gierak – Motion to amend the budget.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

CR# 725-107

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2025 was approved on June 19, 2025 ; and,

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2025 be made:

RECORDED VOTE	(Councilman Cimiluca	(	(	(Councilwoman Sanchez
Motion: Councilman Cimiluca	(Councilman Accomando	(	(	(
Second: Councilwoman Mazzer	(Councilwoman Mazzer	NAYS (	ABSTAIN (	ABSENT (
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CURRENT FUND BUDGET

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1. Surplus Anticipated	2,580,000.00	2,591,539.00
2. Surplus Anticipation with Prior Written Consent of Director		
TOTAL SURPLUS ANTICIPATED	2,580,000.00	2,591,539.00
5. SUBTOTAL GENERAL REVENUES (Items 1, 2, 3 and 4)	6,454,258.94	6,465,797.94
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:		
(A) Local Tax for Municipal Purpose Including Res. for Uncollected Taxes	24,251,079.62	24,239,540.62
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES FOR SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET	25,455,616.62	25,444,077.62
7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES (Items 5 and 6)	31,909,875.56	31,909,875.56

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for their certification of the 2025 Local Municipal Budget so amended.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Amended Budget hereto and hereby made a part hereof is a true copy of the Amended Budget approved by resolution of the Governing Body on the _17th_ day of __July__, 2025

Certified by me, this _17th_ day of __July__, 2025

Clerk

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Adopted Budget Amendment annexed hereto and hereby made a part of the 2025 Budget is a copy of the original on file with the Clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct, all statements contained herein are in proof and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations.

Certified by me, this _17th_ day of __July__, 2025



Registered Municipal Accountant

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SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2025

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the RESOLUTION of the TOWNSHIP
of SADDLE BROOK, County of BERGEN that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby
adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 24,239,540.62 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
(b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
(c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of
the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
(d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
(e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
(f) \$ 1,204,537.00 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca
Second: Councilman Accomando

Ayes

Councilman Cimiluca
Councilman Accomando
Councilwoman Mazzer
Council President Gierek

Nays

Abstained

Absent

Councilwoman Sanchez

SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	2,591,539.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	3,571,258.94
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	303,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	24,239,540.62
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$	-
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY		\$	-
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192	\$	1,204,537.00
Total Revenues	13-299	\$	31,909,875.56

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 20,159,199.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 2,626,238.62
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 3,094,092.94
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 250,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 4,713,044.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ 67,301.00
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 1,000,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 31,909,875.56

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 17th day of July, 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 17th day of July, 2025, Peter LoDico, Clerk
Signature

Sheet 42

Council President Gierak – We have two young ladies from the Library Board that would like to address the Council this evening.

Jillian Gartland-Gierak – Hi my name is Jillian Gartland-Gierak and I'm a member of the Library Board and this is Faith Fitzsimmons she's our president of the Library Board. The Library Board has been very busy over the last several years making improvements to the library space and the programs including an area for teens and maker space programs. We know that we need to continue making improvements and we need your help. The library is now conducting a community survey for our second strategic plan. We want to hear from you we need your feedback on the library's environment, the resources and programs. Our survey can be found on the library website, Facebook, in person at the library, at Townhall, or even at the Town Picnic. There's a QR Code going around also I'll show it and you can easily scan it to get to the survey. There's three surveys an English version, a Spanish version and a teen survey. Please give us your honest opinions so we can continue to improve the services our library provides. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the library. If you return a completed survey at the library there's some prizes you can get at the library desk. Just bring your survey to the library desk and we have some different prizes that we're giving out to incentivize people to come to the library and join in the summer fun thanks.

Council President Gierak – Thank you very much and thank you for all your hard work. Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – The meeting is now open to the public please state your name and address for the record.

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. I want to let you know the Mayor's Youth Group is going to meet in this room on Saturday at 10:30. We're going to talk about being involved in future events including National Night Out which is on Tuesday August 5th. We're looking to help out with the Saddle Brook Community Partnership because they're going to have a table at the National Night Out so we're going to kind of partner work together to do that. We hope to see everyone come to the next meeting it's open to any Saddle Brook resident going to grades four up through twelve in September of 2025. So again the meeting is this Saturday at 10:30.

Andrew Dziedzic of 337 Eighth Street comes forward. The last two years the tax increases 50 by 100 lots in Town I looked through homes of all districts. One home hasn't been renovated 1300 square foot last year was \$1040 increase this year \$1080. I've spoken to

dozens of people last year is this going to be consistent year over year a thousand, eleven, twelve hundred dollars a year. I think ten twelve years ago three hundred was the average but this is outrageous and terrible. What's the update on 93-95 Market Street there were three proposals are you negotiating with all three or have you decided on one and the 279 units have you guys made a counter to that or are you going to accept all 279? Just one comment on the PSE&G road work since they have to pave the street all of district one is needing to be paved so if they don't do that within the next four to five months where's the accountability that entire district in Town didn't get paved because they did First Street and Second Street and they were many months behind that and I would think it'd be terrible if five or six months go by and an entire district isn't paved when it should have been paved for free by PSE&G. Just some things to note if you follow up with PSE&G fi there's delays but there's an entire district in Town that won't be paved without a dollar out of the Council's budget thank you.

Sylvia Zottarelli of 236 Lanza Avenue comes forward. Hope you guys are having a great summer you all look really well rested which is one of the reasons I'm here. I was at the Planning Board meeting when Walmart gave their presentation and they assured us that there was going to be security back there to stop racing. We're still getting woken up all crazy hours of the night. I've called the cops a few times our neighbors have called. Anyone have any idea when that's going to go into effect?

Council President Gierak – We'll answer your questions.

Ms. Zottarelli – I'm not here to speak on behalf of the Board of Ed but I just want to comment. Your logic is a hundred percent well ninety nine if we have seven classes that are maxed out and you put one kid in each class you need seven more teachers.

Councilman Accomando – Aid or teacher?

Ms. Zottarelli – No what they're saying is there's a chance that these kids are going to get split up different places. The likelihood of all of these kids going in the same grade would only cost one teacher. If that class is maxed out and you put one more kid in and it goes over you have to hire you have to split it up so if there's seven classes at max and you put seven more kids one in each class you're hiring seven more teachers.

Mr. Schettino – I served on a Board of Education that would be decisions for the Board. Ideally they maybe want 19 kids in a class but are they going to add another teacher if it's going to be 20. In my district they would not do it. In your district it may be different but again the ultimate decision will be up to the Board as to whether or not they want to add a teacher because there was one student over there.

Ms. Zottarelli – Understandably just the point is it could happen.

Mr. Schettino – Well anything's possible.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else wish to address the Council? 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 – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

Mr. Schettino – Through the Chair I can address two of the questions. I know Councilman Cimiluca addressed it somewhat earlier. With respect to the affordable housing that is in litigation the number is not final. When they come up with these numbers they assume all vacant land can have affordable housing units constructed on it. What they don't take into account that maybe it's a cemetery, maybe it's undevelopable, maybe it's wetlands. So all of that then gets analyzed after the fact and through the court system. So that number we've been told by the attorney that's handling this for the Township that that number should be much lower. Secondly you're not required to build those number of units what you have to do is come up with a plan that within ten years you can perhaps have those units built but even after ten years if you haven't built them, but you've shown progress or a reason why they couldn't be built there's no penalty or there's no consequence as a result of that. So the number isn't finalized it won't be finalized probably for several months and once it is finalized it does not necessarily mean that that number whatever that number comes out to be will actually have to have been built. With respect to 93-95 Market Street property the Township has based upon the comments received from the public, the Township has been aggressively looking for developers to come up with different types of proposals. Some developers have come forward but they were all looking for residential and higher density than what was presented. So those developers will not even be considered because the sentiment was not to increase the density of what was proposed but perhaps look for less. There is interest from one or two developers to continue along a residential type of development and once that is ready for a presentation to the public it will be presented at a public meeting but the developers who have been told about the comments that have been received from the residents in the area and the restrictions that they would like to see with respect to any development. So hopefully some of their concerns will be able to get addressed by whatever development is considered for that site.

Council President Gierrek – We also had a question regarding the paving.

Mr. Klein – With regard to the paving when PSE&G replaces their main in the road they are obligated to pave from centerline to curb. They are obligated to pave half the road. At the end of the day we will make sure they meet their obligation. If the road was paved recently and is under a moratorium they're obligated to repave the road in full. We will make sure that they meet that obligation as well. I believe PSE&G is planning to do some roads in the fall and some roads in the following spring. We are going to work with them to determine which of those roads are which and they will then come up with a schedule.

Council President Gierrek – Mayor do you want to mention the Walmart security?

Mayor White – I would like Captain Califano I don't want to put him on the spot but I do know and he may or may not know the Chief's not here but the Chief has been meeting with the management group and I don't believe they've gotten the security yet and that wasn't I don't believe the deal was they were going to get security the next day. This is in line with what's going on with Walmart so I think you know it's in the making. That's the way I understand it.

Captain Califano – I know our unit responded a few times to the mall their security is nonexistent so we haven't seen them out there or they can't handle the volume that comes in there so that's why police were called and we went out. I'm assuming they're still working on getting more security there.

Mayor White – Yeah they definitely are. You were at the meeting Ms. Zottarelli they're going to put a gate in Walmart's doing that.

Ms. Zottarelli – This is an ongoing problem.

Mayor White – I know it's an ongoing problem that's why I asked the Captain it's a Police Department problem. Do you want me and the Council to go out there and patrol? I don't mean to put the Captain on the spot but you know what Captain can you tell us anything what's going on there was anybody caught?

Captain Califano – We get calls here and there I mean it's a patrol sector so we're patrolling the area but sometimes it happens so fast they give a date and all of a sudden they all pile in it gets out of hand pretty fast.

Mayor White – They do it sporadically but once there's security there I would think they're not going to go because they're going to get caught if they get caught they won't come.

Captain Califano – The gates are not there yet and they don't have personnel there yet.

Mayor White – Does that address it?

Ms. Zottarelli – It addressed it but it doesn't help it.

Mayor White – I'm sorry.

Council President Gierak – Moving forward I would just like to quickly address the taxes which I was going to do anyway. Obviously, many people most of us in this room pay taxes. Nobody wants to pay any more taxes than they need to. Last month we discussed with our auditor many of the reasons why the taxes went up. Healthcare contributions increased many things like you're looking at in your own family's budget are increasing. The breakdown of the taxes is the schools are fifty five percent, municipal's thirty two percent, the County's ten percent and give or take two percent is the library. We all have rising costs and taxes go up. We haven't hired any new people in addition just getting back to that fifty five percent from the school there was a referendum passed that the voters in Saddle Brook approved. That helped increase taxes. Many of the things that are done here obviously and with the schools are absolutely needed. We did not add any new

positions here. We replaced some people that retired on the Police Department. Of your average tax bill which is now give or take a little over ten thousand dollars less than four thousand comes our way. Police, DPW, our office staff which we've been able to consolidate a number of positions correct Mr. Homsy?

Mr. Homsy – Correct.

Council President Gierk – So we're watching our dollars here and we don't want to raise taxes any more than we need to. So we're doing the best job in that respect as we can. I thank our department heads, I thank Mr. Homsy, I thank Mayor White for their due diligence and working so hard to do as good a job as they do to keep the spending under control here. Nobody wants to pay any more taxes than we have to. We have an incredible township here property values are up. That's not going to happen forever. So we're going to do our best to continue to watch our spending. Mayor would you like to?

Mayor White - Yes just thank you Council President Gierk for that. You made my job a lot easier. The only other thing I want to say is it was a very difficult budget year. It's everything goes up the inflation like Council President Gierk said you know the insurance pensions all this goes up and you know I feel bad because really other than other than essential services and paving roads and fixing parks you know the school put in a brand new beautiful turf field with lights which is amazing looks amazing and I think the residents the kids and the parents deserved it. Other than that you know and that was a fraction of the increase. It's all these extra expenses. It's not like and I feel bad because really you're paying more and you're not I mean it's a beautiful town and I love living here I think all of you do as well but essentially you're getting the same that you got last year with the exception of those things that I mentioned but we yearly we've been doing the roads anyway and we've been fixing parks but there's nothing we can do about it. You know I don't care you could put anybody else up here other than the only you know what we could do we could lay people off. Do we want to lay people off? No. Do we want to cut essential services? No. You know what? Those are all that's the only way you can get that money. You know people talk all these candidates out there you know they talk about cutting taxes that's the only way you can do it and as far as the operating expenses nothing's changed. Nothing went up from this year to last year if anything it decreased. Here's another thing Mr. Dziedzic you mentioned that the budget went up as far as salary and wages. Sure it did because like every other town they all have the police have a contract, the DPW has a contract, the white collar has a contract. In those two years that two year period their contracts were renegotiated. They all got raises. They got what most of the other towns get and the Police Department alone you know a two or three percent raise that's a lot of money but our Police Department does a great job and that's why we filled the Table of Organization because we want people to be safe. These are essential services so there's really nothing we can do. I feel terrible about it like Council President Gierk said nobody wants to pay higher taxes but with that being said also we are the thirteenth lowest we were eight I'm being totally honest we were eighth three years ago now we're thirteenth so we're going up but the average tax in Bergen County for the average house is \$12,000 we're a little above ten. So we're still lower. It doesn't help when you get that increase but we are lower we're a nice Town I think we're doing a good job here trying to make things better. We have a good school district I'm very happy with the school district. People want to live here people want to come. The house market's so

high houses go on the market and you get bidding wars. So people want to move into this Town because it's a nice Town. They're not excuses this is the reality of it and I still feel bad that you know nobody wants to pay higher taxes and to answer your question I think next year when we sell this property there's going to be a big tax relief. Because if we sell it for what we hope to sell it for that's going to go directly towards the municipal tax decrease. So hopefully we'll be next year will be zero or you know a nominal fifty dollars. This year we're three hundred and eight dollars. The school's two hundred less than us usually they're more than us. So I don't know what your school's going to be next year but hopefully it won't be so bad. So that's the taxes. Let me get into ordinances. We have five ordinances tonight for final reading. There's one for abandoned property rehabilitation act, one for unsafe buildings. This is related to some of the buildings we have in Town that are vacant. Also floodplain management regulations this is by the State. Fixing of water rates and a bond ordinance to exceed the appropriation limits and established bank cap which is we do that every year. We have a first reading tonight on bond ordinance for capital improvements. Resolutions of note we're approving there's an approval on tonight for a contract to repair the canopy roof here at the Municipal Complex. We talked about road resurfacing program Bergen County will be paving Midland Avenue between Erie and Pehle Avenue within the next couple of weeks. Also they're going to be paving Westminster all within the next couple of weeks. Public Service Gas and Electric will start paving roads where they replaced gas mains this fall and whatever they don't get done they'll do in the spring. They should be finished with these gas mains by fall well they said probably October November but they're going to start paving the roads before that. The 2025 Road Program we're talking about we haven't finalized it yet but we're talking about Maple Avenue, Spruce Avenue, Larch Avenue and Pine Avenue concrete only work there because Public Service they work there as well digging the trenches and they're going to do the paving part. We also have to tie in the water lines which we did on the other streets in that area. We did it on Oak and Elm and Ash we had to tie the water into Schepis because there was an issue with that and we want to correct that. So we'll do that all at the same time and fix the infrastructure there. New Jersey DOT we have a grant to pave Floral Lane. That should get done then and also Bergen County Community Development Block Grant for Third Street. So that street will get paved on that grant. Recent events the Coronation Ball was Tuesday June 25th that's for I believe eighth graders. That went off very well I want to thank Andy Gallo and Diane Bonner also the parent chaperones who did a great job with that. The fireworks were Thursday July 3rd we were able to get them in. A lot of people cancelled but I'm happy that we went forward with it. It worked out well. I want to thank the Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance, DPW and especially Mike Seitz our Fire Marshall who puts the whole plan together. We started our second Annual Summer Camp here at the Municipal Complex on the Rec side. They're off to an excellent start. That goes the whole month of July. Upcoming events we have a Sensory Friendly Car Show Sunday July 27th here at the Municipal Complex parking lot 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. National Night Out is Tuesday August 5th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm again here in the parking lot of the Municipal Complex. Our Annual Picnic is Saturday August 23rd rain date is Sunday August 24th. The Mayor's Walk around Otto Pehle Pond is at 9:00 am before the picnic the day of the picnic. Also Junior Police Academy is starting August 7th to the 15th. I don't know where they're doing it this year I think one of the schools they're doing it at I believe this year. They did it here last year. Some other things Public Service Electric & Gas they're continuing to work on these gas mains. From July 14th to the 22nd they're on Outwater Lane and they've been on Beech Avenue. They're going to be on

Beech finishing up there from July 23rd to 25th. I'll be happy when they're finished with that whole project but it does benefit us in the long run to have those new mains. Finally I want to thank the library tonight for coming in and also for participating in our Annual Picnic. Thank you for your continued support. I know this year you're going to be doing arts and crafts with the kids so we appreciate that. Thank you very much. That's all I have.

Councilman Accomando – You said Westminster is getting paved did they do gas or water on that street?

Mayor White – They did gas.

Councilman Accomando – So why is the County paying for it if PSE&G did both sides shouldn't PSE&G be responsible for paving that? Maybe we could use that money to pave a different road in Town. I'm just wondering because if it's coming out of the County's budget we have other County roads in own why are they paying for it?

Mayor White – I think Mr. Klein correct me if I'm wrong I think what Public Service will do is they'll reimburse the County.

Mr. Klein – Yeah that's a County road so that's between Public Service and the County but I know the County hired a contractor to actually pave the road.

Mayor White – They're also doing the handicap ramps but that's something that's different Public Service won't pay for the ramps right

Councilman Accomando – And I heard you say Floral Lane didn't we do Floral Lane when we did the speed humps?

Mayor White – I don't think so.

Mr. Klein – No.

Mayor White – We might have done it not that long ago but that got beaten up.

Councilman Accomando – I really don't have much. I just want to thank you guys for doing the budget Mayor, Mr. Wielkott and Mr. Homsy it takes a lot of work, a lot of time. I also want to thank everybody who came up here to talk because if you don't come up here and talk you bring up some good points, some redundancy, but a lot of good points are brought up here that we could look into and think of and come up with other ideas to better the Town. We all live here I don't have the average house but I chose to build my house bigger because my family was growing. So my taxes don't ever go up average and it stinks because my taxes went from four thousand to almost fourteen thousand dollars in 23 years. I chose to do that I understand that because I wanted my kids to have roots. We love the Town. I hope my kids stay here me unfortunately when I retire I can't afford to stay in New Jersey. New Jersey is just too expensive for anybody but I do appreciate everybody that comes up here regardless of affiliations, regardless if you like us you don't like us I appreciate you coming up here and giving your opinions, advice and bringing up stuff that we don't know because the work session there was stuff brought up that we

didn't even know of. So now it's something we could look into. So for that I just thank you and I just wish everybody has a safe and healthy summer.

Mayor White – Through the Chair I agree with Councilman Accomando and you do it in a respectful manner and that's very much appreciated as far as coming up and making a public comment.

Councilwoman Mazzer – At this time I'd like to take the opportunity to commend the staff at the library and also the Board of Directors of course for implementing so many great and new and innovative projects. I ask everybody to do the survey because it will help them to have continued success. Thanks again for all your hard work.

Councilman Cimiluca – After the estimated tax bills came out I got a number of calls and texts. A guy back there called me and said my taxes went up I compared it to last year and it went up X amount of dollars and so did mine. I think mine went up four hundred or something like that but you times it by four that's not the way it works. There's going to be some kind of formula but if you got a raise don't just well this quarter went up a certain amount compared to last year there's four quarters in a year I'm going to multiply it by four and that's going to be the number. It's an estimated amount it's going to be it's not going to be cheap but like you said the average house is going to go up six or seven hundred dollars. Like Councilman Accomando says I have an above average valued house in Town so mine is going to go up more. Like Councilman Accomando and everyone else says we all live here and we all love it here everything's going up I wish there was a way not to do it. As the Mayor had said we don't want to go back to days where we had to lay off police, we had to lay off DPW, we had to lay off white collar workers just to make a reasonable budget. We've been able to do it it's gone up but we're trying to keep it in check as much as possible. So again don't multiply it by four and say that's what the number is because it's not. Wait until you get your regular tax bill and that'll have the correct amount and if I'm wrong and you went up four times come here smack me around thank you.

Council President Gierak – I mentioned the taxes. I have below average but after tonight my wife finding out that everybody up here has above average we might be putting an addition on the house. So next time don't come hon. I just want to mention a few other things. The fireworks were great I'd like to thank the DPW, our first responders, police, fire, ambulance corps for being there for us for that great event. I want to also mention the Green Team. We discussed at our last meeting having a social media presence. So Steve Mariconda and Thomas Van Winkle set up a Facebook page and an Instagram page. We're going to be at National Night Out on August 5th so we're going to have a table there and on August 6th it's our next meeting here at the Municipal Complex at 7:00 so everyone's welcome to participate and attend. Have a happy summer to all. That's all I have right now. We're going to move to or ordinances.

Mr. Lo Dico – We have the following ordinances for a second reading.

1. ORDINANCE # 1781-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “PROPERTY, ABANDONED”.

2. ORDINANCE # 1782-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “BUILDINGS, UNSAFE”.

3. ORDINANCE # 1783-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO REPEAL CHAPTER 95- FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 95- FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. ORDINANCE # 1784-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX WATER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES AND PENALTIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE RIVER (NOW SADDLE BROOK), IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, (REVISION OF 1931), AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

5. ORDINANCE # 1785-25 – SECOND READING

CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Council President Gierak – Motion.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – Motion to open to the public.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierrek – Anyone with any comments or questions regarding ordinances 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785 for second reading?

There were no questions.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

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

Clerk: Then reads the resolutions as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK THAT:

1. ORDINANCE # 1781-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 725-109

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “PROPERTY, ABANDONED”.

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.

Council President Gierrek – Motion on this ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK THAT:

2. ORDINANCE # 1782-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 725-110

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “BUILDINGS, UNSAFE”.

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.

Council President Gierrek – Motion on this ordinance.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK THAT:

3. ORDINANCE # 1783-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 725-111

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK TO REPEAL CHAPTER 95- FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 95- FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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.

Council President Gierrek – Motion on this ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK THAT:

4. ORDINANCE # 1784-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 725-112

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX WATER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES AND PENALTIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE RIVER (NOW SADDLE BROOK), IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, (REVISION OF 1931), AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

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.

Council President Gierrek – Motion on this ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK THAT:**

5. ORDINANCE # 1785-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 725-113

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

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.

Council President Gierrek – Motion on this ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

6. ORDINANCE # 1786-25 – FIRST READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4 AND 10 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1741-23) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,890,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON AUGUST 28, 2023.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak – yes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK THAT:

CR# 725-114

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4 AND 10 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1741-23) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,890,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON AUGUST 28, 2023.

The above mentioned ordinance heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on August 21, 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: Council President Gierak

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak – yes

The Township Clerk reads the following:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – As we discussed at the work session if Council has no objection we can add the following resolution. Whereas 1993 Ford MHV truck was donated in 2001 and the terms of the donation was to have law enforcement units utilize it or have it destroyed. Now therefore be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that upon receipt of certification by the Chief that the vehicle is no longer in use or in need and that the vehicle be disposed.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak – yes

MINUTES

The following is not part of the consent agenda:
May 15, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

* RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 725-115

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 2025-2026 and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control be so notified.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

<u>STATE LICENSE NO.</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
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 – absent
Councilwoman Mazzer – yes
Council President Gierrek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

CR# 725-116

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook and Jackson J. Vargas-Tejeda desire to resolve and reach a full and final resolution in the matter entitled Jackson J. Vargas-Tejeda, Plaintiff, v. Township of Saddle Brook and Vincent Liberty, Defendants, filed on or about September 11, 2023 in the Passaic County Superior Court, Docket No. PAS-L-2471-23; and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff and Defendants have negotiated and reached a settlement in accord with the Settlement Agreement and Release attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Township Attorney have reviewed the attached Settlement Agreement and Release between the Parties and recommend 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 Settlement Agreement and Release attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference with regard to the within referenced matter be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Settlement Agreement and Release on behalf of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution together with the Settlement Agreement and Release to James Vasquez, Esq., the attorney representing Plaintiff in this matter upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and Settlement Agreement and Release shall be kept on file in the Clerk's Office upon its passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 725-117

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$1,526,020.12** 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 – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 725-118

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 **\$439,662.56** 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 – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 725-119

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:68-1 et seq., the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act” local units may share services, and

WHEREAS, Municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey have been encouraged to enter into such shared services agreements in order to consolidate and preserve economic resources, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook and Bergen County have entered into a shared services agreement, and

WHEREAS, Bergen County has offered a shared service agreement with the Township of Saddle Brook for County Road Resurfacing Program, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution to authorize an agreement for the sharing of such services starting upon signing of contract for one year to be extended annually unless terminated or modified by the parties.

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

1. A Shared Services Agreement Addendum with Bergen County for County Road Resurfacing Program be and is hereby authorized.
2. This agreement shall be in the form annexed hereto or in such other form as approved by the Township Council after consultation with the Township Attorney.
3. The agreement shall be in compliance with and this resolution shall be in furtherance of the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, NJSA 40A:65-1, et seq.
4. This contract shall be for a period commencing January 1, 2025 for a 1 year period to December 31, 2025
- 5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within resolution to Bergen County for their execution of agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 725-120

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:68-1 et seq., the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act” local units may share services, and

WHEREAS, Municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey have been encouraged to enter into such shared services agreements in order to consolidate and preserve economic resources, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook and Bergen County t have entered into a shared services agreement, and

WHEREAS, Bergen County has offered a shared service agreement with the Township of Saddle Brook to provide ADA ramps as required under NJ State Statues, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this resolution to authorize an agreement for the sharing of such services starting upon signing of contract for one year to be extended annually unless terminated or modified by the parties.

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

1. A Shared Services Agreement Addendum with Bergen County for ADA ramps be and is hereby authorized.
2. This agreement shall be in the form annexed hereto or in such other form as approved by the Township Council after consultation with the Township Attorney.
3. The agreement shall be in compliance with and this resolution shall be in furtherance of the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, NJSA 40A:65-1, et seq.
4. This contract shall be for a period commencing upon the execution of the contract and shall be subject to a review, revision, modification or renewal at the end of each calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within resolution to the Bergen County Health Department for their execution of agreement.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO BERGEN
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE
FY 2025 – 2026 Covering Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026**

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

CR# 725-121

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

WHEREAS, said agreement requires that the Township Council appoint a representative and alternate and that the Mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2025-2026 term starting July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council hereby appoints as its representative Councilwoman Florence Mazzer and Councilman Andrew Cimiluca as its alternate and that the Mayor hereby appoints Mayor Robert D. White as his representative and Peter Lo Dico as his alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2025-2026; and

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD AND CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL
BUILDING ENTRANCE CANOPY ROOF REPLACEMENT**

CR# 725-122

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook advertised for bids for the Municipal Building Entrance Canopy Roof Replacement; and

WHEREAS, the bids were publicly bid and rejected twice as the bids were significantly higher than the Township Engineer's estimate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, the Township conducted contract negotiations to obtain a reasonable and acceptable bid; and

WHEREAS, as a result of negotiations, a final bid price of \$117,000.00 was submitted by the lowest responsible bidder, Sky General Construction LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and Township Engineer have reviewed the negotiated bid tabulation submitted by Sky General Construction LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and recommend the approval and award of same as the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has prepared a contract agreement between the Township and Sky General Construction LLC for the Municipal Building Entrance Canopy Roof Replacement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and recommends the approval of same; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, that the negotiated bid submitted by Sky General Construction LLC for the Municipal Building Canopy Roof Replacement in the amount of \$117,000, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated hereby reference be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference between the Township and Sky General Construction LLC be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract agreement with Sky General Construction LLC on behalf of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution together with a copy of the contract agreement to Sky General Construction LLC upon its passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 725-123

WHEREAS, Former Saddle Brook Police Officer John Cassotta generously arranged for a donation of a 1993 Ford MHV (Vin# 1FDXK 74C5P VA348 23) for the purpose of law enforcement and,

WHEREAS, the Saddle Brook Police Department no longer has a need for this vehicle for law enforcement purposes, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement with AT Systems and the Saddle Brook Police Department specifies if the vehicle is no longer used by law enforcement it must be destroyed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Saddle Brook that upon written certification by the Chief of Police that the vehicle is no longer used by law enforcement that it hereby authorizes the destruction of said vehicle pursuant to the June 15, 2006 agreement between AT Systems Inc and the Saddle Brook Police Department.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

* CORRESPONDENCE

1. R. KLEIN, RVE, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI

RE: AWARD BID (NEGOTIATED) – CANOPY ROOF
SKY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION - \$117,000

DATE: JULY 8, 2025



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

July 8, 2025

Jimmy Homs, Township Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Saddle Brook Municipal Building Entrance Canopy Roof Replacement
Recommendation to Award (Negotiated Bid)
RVE File No. 0257-T-120

Dear Mr. Homs,

At the request of the Township, Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE) have conducted contract negotiations for the Saddle Brook Municipal Building Entrance Canopy Roof Replacement project. As a result of our efforts, we offer the below recommendation of award.

As you are aware, the referenced contract was publicly advertised on two separate occasions over the past several months; on March 27th we received 3 bids and on May 13th we received 2 bids. On both occasions, the bids were rejected by the Township since they were significantly higher than the engineer's estimate. Since the project was publicly bid and rejected twice, as requested by the Township and following the statutory requirements found in the NJ Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq and specifically, as outlined in 40A:11-5. "Exceptions", we conducted contract negotiations to obtain a reasonable and acceptable bid.

We entered a negotiation with the lowest bidder of the most recent bid opening, Sky General Construction LLC. They provided a final bid price of \$117,000.00. A copy of the negotiated bid tabulation and original Sky General Construction LLC bid documents are enclosed for your review.

Based on the review of our original engineer's estimate and anticipated increased labor & material costs, we find the bid submitted by Sky General Construction LLC reasonable. Further, we find the lowest responsible bidder to be Sky General Construction LLC, 74 1st Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07514 in the amount of \$117,000.00 representing the Base Bid on the quantities for items #1 – 8 inclusive.

Therefore, in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq, the contract should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, which appears to be Sky General Construction LLC. The award should be contingent upon approval of your Counsel and the availability of funds

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (201) 624-2137.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert J. Klein, PE, CME
Township Engineer

Cc: Mayor White; John Schettino; Pete Lo Dico ; Frank Barrale; Vincent Buono;

www.rve.com

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*** APPLICATIONS**

Raffle

1. RA# 1421 – Elite Cheer Athletics Booster Club – 50/50

*** REPORTS**

1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2025
2. BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN REPORT – MAY 2025
3. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025
4. BERGEN COUNTY SANITARIAN REPORT – JUNE 2025
5. BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 2025
6. GRANT WRITER'S MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2025
7. GRANT WRITER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025
8. DPW MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2025
9. DPW MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025
- 10.CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – MAY 2025
- 11.CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – JUNE 2025
- 12.PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – MAY 2025
- 13.PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – JUNE 2025
- 14.FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025
- 15.FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2025
- 16.CANNABIS REVENUE REPORT MAY - 2025
- 17.TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025
- 18.TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2025
- 19.WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 2025
- 20.WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 2025
- 21.ENGINEER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor White – I forgot to mention it's really not a Township event but the St. Philip's Annual Festival goes from August 20th to the 24th. It's a big event in Town so please support it.

Council President Gierak – I just wanted to thank Faith and Jill for coming in tonight. There's a lot of wonderful things getting done at the library. If you have the chance the

QR Code take the survey participate. A lot of the programs that are being done there's huge improvements there so take a look at the website the Facebook page and if there's a program you can get involved in please partake in the library and what they're offering thank you. Motion to open the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gieriek – yes

Council President Gieriek – The meeting is open to the public for agenda items if you'd like to come up.

Sylvia Zottarelli of 236 Lanza Avenue comes forward. This on the budget and it's just a comment I want to make and again I'm not here speaking on behalf of the Board of Ed. Council President Gieriek you and the Mayor made comments about the referendum I found them to be very misleading. That referendum was at a zero tax impact and I think that should be said.

Mayor White – Ms. Zottarelli you know what you're probably right but it's because you had a lot of debt that came off right that's why?

Ms. Zottarelli – Yes but it sounds like that part of the reason the taxes went up was because of the referendum and that was at a zero tax impact.

Mayor White – I understand it's part of debt service you're bonded the money and you went and the public spoke they wanted it. So there's nothing wrong with it.

Ms. Zottarelli – No but it didn't help raise our taxes that's the point.

Council President Gieriek – Anyone else wish to address the Council? Seeing no one motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Giersek – Any final comments? Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Giersek
Council President

Approved: August 21, 2025