

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on June 19, 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 – absent
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 and remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Frank Giordano, Plumbing Sub-Code Official.

Council President Gierrek – Can we have a motion to recess we're waiting for the filming.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierrek – Motion to resume the meeting.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

Meeting resumes at 7:12 pm

The Township Clerk called the roll:

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

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

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

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

Council President Gierak – Before we open the meeting to the public we have Steve Wielkotz our auditor here regarding the budget for this coming year.

Mr. Wielkotz – Thank you and good evening. As we talked about last meeting you have the budget for 2025 for introduction tonight. There's a three and a half percent increase in spending that spending is in five categories, health benefits, worker's comp and liability insurance, pensions, the statutory calculation to the library and contractual salary increase. As I mentioned the last meeting all the other expenses within the budget the departments, Rec, Health, Fire, Police, EMS across the board they're down almost \$118,000 versus the 2024 budget. So again you've controlled everything you can control and these handful of appropriations which are fixed costs that you get a bill you have to pay it you have contractual obligations to employees in terms of contracts that's what you pay but everything that you can control you actually reduced versus what was budgeted in 2024. It's not been a very good year if you read the articles town by town the tax increases are more than they've been in previous years. You factor in inflation you factor in increased interest cost your hands are pretty much tied. We move forward the increase is about three hundred dollars to the average homeowner. Unfortunately, this year it is what it is.

Council President Gierak – Are there any questions?

Councilman Cimiluca – For the public we've discussed we had our meeting two weeks ago which we went over the budget in detail with Mr. Wielkotz. Maybe you're asking why we're not asking questions but those questions have already been asked and already been answered. Mr. Wielkotz for the sake of the audience and those watching the video at home can you just be a little more specific about the increase in as far what's causing the increase?

Mr. Wielkotz – Sure as I mentioned it's a handful of appropriations. It's the health benefits that you provide for all your employees. It's the liability and worker's comp insurance that you're required to have. The state pension bills which we get a bill and we have to pay it the amount's fixed. The statutory calculation for contribution to the municipal library which is a third of a mill of the equalized valuation of the Township that's the minimum and that has to be appropriated and its contractual salaries to your employees. This is the same issue that every single surrounding town is having this year with the federal money gone, with inflation, with interest rates you know two years ago we borrowed short term money at three quarters of a percent or one percent now it's four and a half percent. That's the money you use for all the capital projects to do the roads to buy the equipment so that cost is exponentially more than it has been in the past. Again everybody you go to the grocery store everything costs more and for us to buy things that we need to operate the Township everything costs more so it's actually to be able to reduce all the operating costs other than these five categories by almost a hundred and eighteen thousand dollars that's really doing the same or more with less money because there's no cuts of services there's no pull back of anything but the situation is such that on the revenue side there's no new revenue. There's no additional State aid like there was for the last two years. The federal money's all gone and actually we don't know what the impact's going to be on the federal stuff because as they take money away from the states the states have to figure out how to balance their own budget so with that impact State aid for the towns and the schools at this point we don't know. The tax increase is more than it's been over the last number of years but again three hundred dollars less than twenty five dollars a month. The municipal portion of your tax bill this year in Saddle Brook for the average residential assessment which is now \$476,000 and change is still less than four thousand dollars for the year for police, for fire, for EMS, for Rec, for Health, for seniors, the parks, garbage, sewer all the services that you provide the average tax payer in this Town pays less than four thousand dollars for the whole year. In my view that's a pretty good bargain. It's a lot less than some of the surrounding towns as well.

Council President Gierke – I think where a lot of the residents get confused is when we tell them that it's less than four thousand dollars a year and they open up their tax bill and it's nine or ten thousand that includes obviously we have the school on top of our municipal.

Mr. Wielkotz – And the County.

Council President Gierak – And the County yeah.

Mr. Wielkotz – So again it's we're the purveyors of bad news because under the statutes the municipality sends out the tax bill but in essence your piece of that tax bill is less than forty percent of the total. The biggest piece everywhere is the school district. People that have kids at school that pays for their kids' education and that makes perfect sense but for people that don't have kids in school when they see that number sometimes they get a little perturbed and then the County piece of it is County roads are maintained County roads are snowplowed and it's all part of the total equation. Again the average resident here pays less than four thousand dollars a year in municipal taxes for everything that the municipality provides including the library including everything.

Councilman Cimiluca – You talked about insurance some towns have their own insurance and I believe we do.

Mr. Wielkotz – Yes you have a third party provider.

Councilman Cimiluca – A lot of these towns have gone to the State benefit package.

Mr. Wielkotz – Yes.

Councilman Cimiluca – You represent a number of towns besides Saddle Brook.

Mr. Wielkotz – Correct.

Councilman Cimiluca – So the people that had the State benefit plan how did they do you said ours went up three and a half percent how did the State benefit claim towns do?

Mr. Wielkotz – They did not fare as well. Your private insurance went up a lot less than the State Health Benefits plan for 2025 and for 2024 and the projected increase for State Health Benefits for 2026 is close to twenty percent again.

Councilman Cimiluca – How much was it this year?

Mr. Wielkotz – Nineteen to eighteen.

Councilman Cimiluca – Over fifteen percent.

Mr. Wielkotz – Oh yeah and it was twenty percent the year before because that program they encourage governments and school districts to take advantage of the State Health Benefits under the premise that the bigger they got the more people that they covered the

cost would be spread to lessen the burden except that didn't work out. With the advent of a lot of these new drugs very expensive and what they didn't tell everybody was that the State was subsidizing the State Health Benefits plan for a couple of years during the pandemic and then the State stopped subsidizing which is now in the last two years and moving forward. So the municipalities that are in the State Health Benefits plan see their premiums rise a lot more than you have.

Mayor White – Our school district is in the State plan. They were in it a while ago and then they got out of it for a couple of years and ended up going back.

Council President Gierек – Some of the districts are looking to exit the State Health Benefits plan.

Mr. Wielkotz – Now it's much harder to get private insurance.

Council President Gierек – Right.

Mr. Wielkotz – Everything's based on our experience so this is kind of a time where you really need to stay where you are wherever you are. It's just it's more economical now.

Council President Gierек – Thank you.

Mr. Lo Dico – We have the resolution for the introduction of the budget.

CR# 625-84

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the _____ TOWNSHIP of _____ SADDLE BROOK _____, County of _____ BERGEN _____ for the Fiscal Year 2025

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2025;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the _____ Our Town _____

in the issue of _____ June 26th _____, 2025

The Governing Body of the _____ TOWNSHIP of _____ SADDLE BROOK _____ does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2025:

RECORDED VOTE (Insert Last Name) Motion: Councilman Cimiluca Second: Councilwoman Mazzer	Ayes Councilman Cimiluca Councilwoman Mazzer Council President Gierек	Nays	Abstained
			Absent Councilman Accomando Councilwoman Sanchez

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the _____ COUNCIL MEMBERS of the _____ TOWNSHIP of _____ SADDLE BROOK _____, County of _____ BERGEN _____, on _____ June _____ 19th _____, 2025.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at _____ Municipal Building _____, on _____ July _____ 17th _____, 2025 at _____ 7:00 _____ o'clock _____ P.M. _____ at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2025 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

Mr. Lo Dico – The budget's been introduced.

Council President Gierrek – Motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

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

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. Just want to first start off by congratulating all the police officers who moved up within the ranks of the Police Department. I wish them all the best of luck in their new roles whether it be a sergeant or lieutenant and always wish that they stay safe. The next thing I want to do is talk about the Mayor's Youth Group. We had a rather quiet month since we had our last Council meeting in May is the last time I got up here and spoke. We were supposed to help out at the Fishing Derby which due to the weather got rescheduled it's going to be rescheduled hopefully for I know I saw early fall. So whenever the Fishing Derby is held the Mayor's Youth Group will be there and help out. We're also hoping to have a meeting in the near future. That's all I have thank you.

Steve Mariconda of 24 Harrison Avenue comes forward. I'm also the Chair of the newly developed Saddle Brook Green Team Advisory Committee. I just want to promote to those in Town that might want to get involved in some environmental efforts promoting sustainability, planting trees gardens and such. To get involved in our Saddle Brook Green Team we're meeting right now it's the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Council meeting room and our next meeting is on Wednesday July 3rd so thanks so much.

Council President Gierrek – Just a correction I think it's July 2nd for the Green Team. It's Wednesday July 2nd; July 3rd is the fireworks.

James Devine of 600 Cypress Avenue comes forward. I've lived in Town for close to 60 years and I'm honored to be here tonight. I want to talk to you about the recent dedication of MacFarlane Circle on Fairlawn Parkway and I came to say that we have to do better. Growing up here, going to school here, playing ball here I got to know the coaches who shaped this Town Babe Liberty, Howie Schuman, Mario and Joe Alia and Mr. MacFarlane to name a few. These men built character in our kids but tonight I'm here about Mr. MacFarlane that is Bruce MacFarlane. I'm not sure if anyone on this Council knew Mr. MacFarlane so I brought copies of his obituary for each of you because once you read this you'll understand why I'm standing here tonight. Mr. Mayor if you could please give each of the Council members a copy?

Mayor White – Sure I do believe that they are aware of it.

Mr. Devine – Bruce MacFarlane's accomplishments were far too many to list here but I must say that Bruce was awarded three bronze stars for heroic action during direct combat in Korea and Vietnam. This man was a true American hero. The valor the pure courage of Bruce MacFarlane is unmatched in the history of this Town. Bruce did not serve once he served his whole life. Back home he spent decades coaching our kids teaching them what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself. In his work with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Bruce knew the kids in Town that were struggling or in trouble. Over and over again Bruce reached out to these young kids to offer support and guidance. He changed many lives that's service that's what we used to call the American way and you know what he's still doing it. My nephew Joseph O'Keefe good kid smart kid graduated from a big college got himself a great job in New York City set for life right but he walked away from all of that to join the Navy. When I told him about Bruce MacFarlane about what this man stood for it lit something in this young man. He went to Officer Candidate School and graduated number one academically and physically number one and he told me that Bruce MacFarlane's story the way I talked about him that's what kept him going. That's what I'm talking about even now, even after he's gone Bruce MacFarlane is still building character in our young people still showing them what it means to serve, to sacrifice, to lead by example. Let me tell you what I see when I drive through Bergen County I see grand monuments, stone statues, towns honoring their heroes with something that says, "This person mattered this person sacrificed this person served." So here's what I'm asking here's what Saddle Brook needs to do we need to raise twenty five thousand dollars for a proper dignified monument right where that sign is now. I see those Saddle Brook pride bumper stickers around Town well this is our chance to show what pride really means. Don't get me wrong hearts were in the right place for the dedication of MacFarlane Circle but a metal sign with a bolt going through his name for a man like this come on we could do better we have to do better. Bruce MacFarlane deserves more than his name on a metal sign. This Town deserves a memorial that matches the man. Our kids deserve to walk by a statue and ask who was that and then they will learn about service, they will learn about sacrifice, they will learn what it means to be part of something bigger. I'm ready to lead this fundraising campaign. I'm ready to knock on doors, make calls, do whatever it takes because this isn't just about Bruce MacFarlane though God knows he earned it this is about what kind of Town we are this is about whether we're going to honor people who built this Town, who served this Town, who gave everything for this Town. The money's out there the heart is out there

we just need to get organized and get it going. So I'm asking you will you support this effort? Will you help us give Bruce MacFarlane a memorial he deserves and Saddle Brook the monument it needs thank you?

Council President Gierak – Thank you Mr. Devine.

Mayor White – Mr. Devine why don't you just stay there for a second.

Mr. Devine – Sure.

Mayor White – We always were going to put a stone there but not one like you're talking about. What I don't think you're realizing is that that's not the location to put a big monument because we didn't want to and look I led the charge with this and so did Mike Nahay who's in the back there. Mike's the American Legion and he was the MC of the ceremony we had but we had to speak to the VFW, we had to speak to the American Legion, we had to speak to Taejon Chapter of the Korean War Veterans because they were the ones that put that monument out there. There's not enough room for a big monument and we got a little bit of grief from those organizations because they didn't want it to overshadow the bigger monument which that monument is the Korean War Monument so to put something large that's why the sign is in the back. It's visible but with that being said the sign is visible so people when they drive by they can see it but we always had the intention of putting a smaller stone there to make it permanent. Not a big thing a stone with a plaque on it that had basically the same information that's on the sign on a bronze plate on a flat stone.

Mr. Devine – I understand.

Mayor White – This way it's more permanent because a sign can get hit can get damaged so can a monument but we always had that intention.

Mr. Devine – I wasn't aware because I spoke to Mike and I also spoke with Doug MacFarlane and this is the first anybody ever brought this to my attention. I spoke to Mike at length about this and also Doug and this is the first time I ever heard anything about that. All I was told was that there's a sign there Doug was like yeah there's a sign there Jim. I'm like okay so I apologize I didn't know.

Mayor White – I know Doug very well that was not mentioned to Doug but there was something mentioned about a banner you know these veterans banners that we have.

Mr. Devine – Yes.

Mayor White – I know Mike had said you know Mike handles that he's in charge to manage that the banner program and he's going to get a sponsor for Mr. MacFarlane and we're going to put that banner because this is the first year we started putting them on Fairlawn Parkway.

Mr. Devine – Right and as a matter of fact that's what led me to contact Mike I think I spoke to Pete Lo Dico and I inquired because I know where I grew up with Mr. MacFarlane

and I'm driving down Fairlawn Parkway and I see a number of different signs and I don't see anything about Mr. MacFarlane so I called the Town and then I was put in touch with Mike then Mike told me about the dedication service on Memorial Day and again I thought that was fantastic but again I was not notified that it was going to be a permanent monument there of any sort so if I'm misinformed I apologize but again I'm glad to hear that there is going to be something permanent put on other than that spot. I wasn't aware if anyone on the Council knew Mr. MacFarlane so that's the reason I brought the obituary and also a copy of my nephew who he definitely made a great impression on.

Mayor White – He was a great man that's why we chose to honor him.

Mr. Devine – He did so much other than just being a baseball coach. He founded the Saddle Brook Soccer for girls this is before Title IV and all that other stuff that made girls inclusive in regular sports.

Mayor White – Have you seen the ceremony by the way?

Mr. Devine – I did I thought it was beautiful.

Mayor White – It was a very nice ceremony.

Mr. Devine – He was you know growing up in that neighborhood where you did the monument I mean he constantly went out and he knew the kids that were in trouble because he worked at the prosecutor's office and many times I heard from kids in Town you know Mr. MacFarlane came up to me just out of the blue he knew who I was they didn't even know Mr. MacFarlane but Mr. MacFarlane knew them and he went out of his way to reach out to these kids and he made a big impression on a lot of people so I'm glad to hear that there is going to be a permanent structure put there again thank you very much for your time.

Mayor White – Thank you for coming tonight.

Mike Nahay of 106 Terrace Avenue Rochelle Park comes forward. I was from Saddle Brook 358 President Street for 64 years very proud of my upbringing. I didn't know Captain Mac as they called him I was left at home corralling six siblings while my parents worked night and day. Anyway just to round out the loop for those who don't know the full story or at least a side of the story that I know with the Mayor is that I was invited to be MC at this stunning event I call it stunning because it is about a Town person who gave himself to public life and military service for our country. I didn't know Captain Mac but I was very much astounded by his credentials. Of course the three bronze stars things of that nature Korea as well as Vietnam and his police career as well. I handled the banners in Town I was involved with that I'm still involved and so when I hear something about Captain Mac it's very interesting to know that all the veterans are heroes anyone of those veterans whether it's fathers parents all touched us in some way. Obviously as Jim Devine had expressed he was touched by Captain Mac's service to the community. I have a couple of personal friends who knew Captain Mac they played on the baseball teams as well when they were young boys and so I got to learn more about him but getting back to the current situation one needs to remember that the banner program which tied into this

memorial or maybe the memorial tied into the Banner Program. The Banner Program for the last three years started in January February concluded in March where the banners and everything had to be submitted the applications to the vendor and it had to be done by mid-April so that it could be made ready for Memorial Day and just so happened that the event the commemoration for Captain Mac was going to be held just in time for Memorial Day so I think what the Mayor had in mind was not only to express the Town's gratitude to Captain Mac by posting a sign. A sign yes maybe it's not the most steadfast object that stands there but it does serve as a notice to those passersby that can see a sign maybe inquire what that sign means and speaking with the Mayor he did mention that it's hopeful to put down a monument something that doesn't obstruct most importantly does not obstruct the monument that was there for the Taejon Chapter the Korean War Vets because it's known as the Korean War Monument even though Captain Mac did serve as a younger soldier in the Korean War he also served in Vietnam hence he got his three bronze stars concluding with that service. The whole thing tied in together it was a glorious day because the weather held up we got the banners done in time the event was taking off we had Town people there the bands, the Fire Department, notable Police Officers and other notables that attended and so it was a glorious event to my thinking and I think in defense or if you will to help understand the Mayor's point of view was to make a mark for Captain Mac so that perhaps something later on could be done that would be more steadfastly adhered to the ground. So I hope that clarifies any misunderstanding or questions certainly I could be approached with the banners afterwards if there is a question. I don't think there's going to be a problem for the banner for Captain Mac just like the other Town heroes that we have displayed on Market, Saddle River Road and now Fairlawn Parkway Captain Mac is one of those that is going to be honored as well. Having said that I think we touched all bases the Mayor and the Town Council had put this event together and I was just a helpful person within that endeavor and I'm very proud to have been a part of it and I just think that Captain Mac would be smiling now if he looked down so that's all I have to say at this point in time thank you for your time ladies and gentlemen.

Council President Gieriek – Thank you Mike and thank you for all you do for the veterans here. Anyone else wish to address the Council? Seeing no one else motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gieriek – yes

COMMENTS

Mayor White – Regarding the budget I want to thank Jimmy Homsy our Business Administrator, Vince Buono our CFO and Steve Wielkotz who is here tonight our Auditor and spoke. It's a very difficult budget so many essential services and fixed costs have

increased but I think Steve explained that very well. We are going to do estimated tax bills again like we have the last two years. There is an ordinance on tonight establishing a Cap Bank which we do every year which will be introduced tonight. Other ordinances that we have on second reading we have an outdoor lighting ordinance which Steve Mariconda worked on along with myself the Council Councilman Cimiluca had a lot of input on this and we straightened out some things that Councilman Cimiluca brought to light. I'm glad he did because we changed a couple of things to make it better. We also have fees for the Construction Code Official also amending the sewer hook up fees, from before zoning for resale of new tenant certifications that was suggested by the Sub-Code Official and the Building Inspector. We have a first reading amending chapter 51 regarding abandoned property and unsafe buildings and flood prevention ordinance which was mandated by the State and an update to the water rates. We also have two resolutions one for affordable housing mandate by the State. We still could reduce the number even though we adopt that ordinance that we still could look to reduce the number of affordable housing units that we have to have and also there's a resolution for acceptance of a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for road improvements on Floral Lane. Had a lot of events this past month in May and early June. We mentioned we did a lot of talking about MacFarlane Circle which was Saturday May 23rd. It was a glorious day and a nice ceremony thank you Mike and thanks to the Fire Department and Police Department, VFW, American Legion, Ambulance Corps everybody that took part in it. The School District was there as well. Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies which I another great day. I want to thank all the participants. I want to thank the Grand Marshall who happened to be one of our Saddle Brook Police Officers Sergeant Joseph Camilleri. I also want to thank Fire, Ambulance, VFW and American Legion they had ceremonies during the parade. I want to thank our County Clerk John Hogan and New Jersey Assembly members Lisa Swain and Chris Tully who walked that very long parade they do that every year. We appreciate them coming out. On Friday June 6th we had the Nerds Concert which was a very big success. I want to thank Rec Director Andy Gallo and Assistant Director Diane Bonner. We had close to 500 people in attendance it was really a very well attended event. It was on a Friday night which I think in the future we got to try to schedule them for Friday, Saturday maybe Sunday during the day. I think during the week you get less people if it's a work day the next day people don't usually come out as much but this band the Nerds have a very big following and did a great job. The Mayor's Fishing Derby as Thomas said had to be cancelled unfortunately due to the weather. It rained last weekend it's always the day before Father's Day so we hope to reschedule that in the fall. Senior activities we held a Senior Prom this past Tuesday June 17th here at the Municipal Complex from 11:00 to 3:00. It was a very nice event had quite a few seniors attend and enjoy themselves. We've got a couple of summer programs upcoming summer camp here the Rec Department is running in the month of July so any questions call the Rec Department. I don't know if they have any more openings they may have a couple more so if you're interested in that it's the whole month of July. Junior Police Academy will be at the end of August so if you're interested in that I think the school district works with I'm looking at Captain Habermann back there.

Captain Habermann – They gave us space at Smith School.

Mayor White – Okay great so that's all set. Also upcoming events we have fireworks on Thursday July 3rd at Otto Pehle Lake in the County Park. Also municipal employees and Townhall and DPW will be closed Friday July 4th for the holiday. Recycling will be picked up on that Friday July 4th. The recycling company has had some issues the last couple of weeks. If they don't pick up please leave it out and they should pick it up on Saturday. We're hoping that we're not going to have any more problems and they straightened it out but our Business Administrator Mr. Homsy's been in touch with them and hopefully that's behind us. Some other things I want to congratulate three new Police Officers who graduated from the Police Academy yesterday afternoon. I want to welcome them Zachary Misierski, William Thomas III and Michael Pappagallo to the police force. I also want to congratulate tonight before this meeting five officers were promoted earlier tonight Lieutenant Robert Littlejohn, Lieutenant Christopher Verost, Sergeant Marcos Torres, Sergeant Joseph Scrafani and Sergeant Peter Romero. I want to congratulate all the students from pre-k to college who are graduating. I also want to send a shout out to the sixth grade LEAD class which graduated and had their party last week I think. Steve mentioned the Green Team and the Flood Committee unfortunately tonight one of our Councilwomen Sarah Sanchez is not here but she would have spoken a little more about it. she's the Assistant Chair so the date is Wednesday July 2nd is our next meeting so anybody interested please feel free to call Townhall or just come to the meeting. Today is Juneteenth so tomorrow municipal employees are going to be off all day so Friday June 20th recycling will be picked up though. That's all I have.

Councilwoman Mazzer – First and foremost I'd like to thank our professionals and all our department heads for preparing a fiscally responsible budget. I know it's never easy with a tax hike but some things are just inevitable. I also would like to congratulate the five officers that were promoted tonight thank you for your dedication and service to our community may you always be safe out there. Also a shout out to all the preschool all the 2025 graduates from pre-k to grad school lots of luck in your future endeavors. That's it for right now.

Councilman Cimiluca – I'd also like to congratulate and put my full support behind the promotions tonight for all of the five members of our department well deserved. I guess this started at 6:00 and a lot of the room was filled with supporters of now Lieutenant Littlejohn he's got a big family and big community that was here supporting him so congratulations to him as the Mayor had said he was the first sergeant which I think is the supervising officer considered supervising officer now he's the first African-American lieutenant which is considered a commanding officer so he is an inspiration to all the members of the Saddle Brook Police Department and I think myself especially the other African-American officers that are on our squad and coincidentally or surreptitiously, serendipitously it happened to be Juneteenth. So that's just happened to fall on this day so I don't know if that's a coincidence but seemed to work out. The Memorial Day Parade again awesome job by everyone involved VFW, first responders, American Legion, Mike's here and special congratulations to Joe Camilleri I think we're on the third Joe Camilleri now. It makes you feel proud and also feel very very old when somebody who has been playing ball with your kids since they were five and six years old is now a Grand Marshall, a veteran and a Grand Marshall of the parade. In regard to the MacFarlane Circle and the celebration basically of Mr. MacFarlane who I did not know although I do know his son pretty well did not know him but I came away from that celebration feeling proud of such

a man being in Saddle Brook and proud of being a Saddle Brook resident for the last forty something years but also made me sad because these accomplishments in his obituary my obituary accomplishments are going to be like two lines and reading his obituary it just made me feel pretty damn small. This guy did so much for so many people so congrats to his family well deserved. The Mayor mentioned the concert was well attended I think the Mayor and I are on the same page that that's the kind of attendance that we want and we expected. I was probably the biggest supporter of the concert series but I was disappointed the last couple of years with the attendance. I don't know why maybe it was the difference because it was Friday but also the Nerds listen they got paid a decent amount of money to come here and they promoted the hell out of this show on their social media. My wife said she sent something out on social media saying hey come to the Nerds concert. They liked it within ten seconds they liked it and shared it so they were a big social media force and they did a great job it was a great show. We had three or four food trucks everyone had a great time it's just great seeing people enjoying it and we hope to be able to do that also in the future. As a couple of the ordinances, as the Mayor said the lighting ordinance my main issue was it seemed to be that the lighting ordinance also applied to single family houses and I didn't think that that was appropriate it has been changed so that four families and less the ordinance does not affect those small homeowners. We thought that it might be just fiscally impactful on them in a negative way. A couple of the ordinances that we're talking about today that we will be voting on again the lighting, we're updating our fees to be in line with everyone else's. There's no reason that Saddle Brook should be much lower than any of our surrounding towns. We don't want to overcharge but at the same time we shouldn't undercharge. As Steve Wielkocz has said money is tight and where's the revenue coming from well that could be considered a sort of revenue so we don't want to short change ourselves we don't want to short change the Town and by doing so short change the taxpayers. So that's what we had to do similarly with the water rates we got to do something with the water they keep raising our water rates and our job as a Town is to subsidize the users of that water. You use the water you pay for it so we've got to figure out a way to do something and that's basically what we're doing we're going to try and make our water back in the black and not be in the red. With that being said thanks to everyone here for all the jobs that they do especially in terms of the budget it was tough but as Mr. Wielkocz had said I got to give credit to the Council and pat myself on the back kind of along with everyone else that we did have the foresight to go with this insurance plan as opposed to just going with the State plan that the State was trying to shove down our throat and like he said the State plan has gone up fifteen plus percent last year fifteen plus percent this year and it's supposed to go up fifteen to twenty percent next year so I think we did a good job on that. You know we're not perfect but when we get something right I like to tell people that we did and lastly I forgot we have the Special Counsel for our Fair Share Housing also known as Mount Laurel the bane of every town's existence these days and for those people that were thinking that because some numbers were thrown out close to 300 units that Saddle Brook is going to somehow have to provide 300 units of low income housing that is false. We have gotten back to or we're going to get back to the State with our understanding of what our requirements are and what our obligations are and believe me it's not anywhere close to what they think our obligations are and that's it thank you.

Council President Gierek – I’m going to a little redundant Jimmy, Vince, Steve and the Mayor I just want to thank you as well as the rest of the Council. It’s a very responsible budget I say every year it seems to get harder and harder and this is no different but I know you go through it line by line and we all look at where we can cut where we can save money we don’t want to spend one more dime than we need to but I really feel like this is a fiscally responsible budget that we presented here today. In regards to the Green Team we did have a meeting Steve did mention that. We also have a resolution tonight that to join Sustainable New Jersey Program. What that will do is that’ll help us get grants for a greener and more friendly Saddle Brook. I’d like to also congratulate all of our officers that were promoted this evening as well as our three new officers that were sworn in yesterday. I too would like to mention the Nerds concert I’d like to thank the Rec Department Andy Gallo Diane Bonner that was an incredible event the other night. I was asking people how many people do you think is here seven hundred, eight hundred, nine hundred a thousand people it was really well attended and again Councilman Cimiluca that was a big initiative of his and I think that’s the way to go get a nice band and make it on a Friday night where everybody can come out and really enjoy themselves and have great community event. Also congratulations to all of our graduates from pre-k up through graduate school congratulations. I hope to see everyone at the Town fireworks on July 3rd. I too want to mention Captain Mac about ten eleven years ago when I was running for the school board I was walking down Pine Avenue and I knocked on his door and he answered and he was a complete gentleman we had about a twenty thirty minute conversation. I was a graduate of Paramus Catholic and he knew people there he knew people all over the place and he was just an incredible person and reading this I mean like Councilman Cimiluca said it’s daunting everything that this man was able to accomplish and he’s a true hero to Saddle Brook. I don’t think we can do enough for him you know there’s not a big enough monument for him so thank you for coming hope to see everybody at the fireworks thank you.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1777-25 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED " ZONING".

2. ORDINANCE # 1778-25 – SECOND READING

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

3. ORDINANCE # 1779-25 – SECOND READING

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

4. ORDINANCE # 1780-25 – SECOND 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 – Motion.

Councilman Cimiluca – Just as a point of order is the motion to read each of them separately?

Council President Gierak – We’re going to vote on each of them separately.

Mr. Schettino – Right the motion now is to open the hearing to the public on all four. So now you’re voting to open for a public hearing then then you’re going to vote on them separately.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

Council President Gierak – The meeting is no open to the public on these ordinances for second reading. Anyone wish to ask a question or comment on these ordinances? Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – absent
Councilwoman Sanchez – absent
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 resolutions as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

1. ORDINANCE # 1777-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 625-85

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED " ZONING". (OUTDOOR LIGHTING)

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 – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

2. ORDINANCE # 1778-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 625-86

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

3. ORDINANCE # 1779-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 625-87

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Council President Gierrek

Roll Call:

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

4. ORDINANCE # 1780-25 – SECOND READING

CR# 625-88

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

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

Motion: Council President Gierrek

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Lo Dico – The following ordinances are for first reading and this would be a motion that they be passed and adopted on first reading.

5. ORDINANCE # 1781-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 625-89

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

6. ORDINANCE # 1782-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 625-90

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

7. ORDINANCE # 1783-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 625-91

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.

8. ORDINANCE # 1784-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 625-92

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

9. ORDINANCE # 1785-25 – FIRST READING

CR# 625-93

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer - yes

Council President Gierak – yes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

The above mentioned ordinances heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Complex, 55 Mayhill Street and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance according to law, with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of a time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca - yes

Councilman Accomando - absent

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.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

*** MINUTES**

April 17, 2025 Special Public Meeting
April 17, 2025 Regular Public Meeting

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1408 AUTHORIZING CONVERSION OF
CERTAIN OFFICE PARKS AND RETAIL CENTERS TO MIX-USE RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPMENTS**

CR# 625-94

WHEREAS, home rule provides municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey with the right to govern themselves, and enables local governments to discharge their duty to meet the needs of their communities and make decisions with respect to local issues, including those related to fire safety, police protection, water systems and local planning and zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Legislation does not take into account public infrastructure, schools, public safety protection, environmental concerns, traffic, health and welfare of residents and other off-tract responsibilities placed upon the taxpayers of each municipality; and

WHEREAS, pending Senate Bill 1408 seeks to provide owners of large office parks and retail centers the right to develop, overriding local planning and zoning laws, and obtain the ability to redevelop such office parks and retail centers as mixed use residential and non-residential development without long-term local planning and zoning initiatives, and local restrictions on building heights, setbacks, and densities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1408 doesn't address local off-site impacts such as traffic, congestion, and local infrastructure strain; and

WHEREAS, if Senate Bill 1408 is adopted, it will result in unrestrained redevelopment and poor long-term planning, and only further exacerbate environmental impacts with unrestrained high-density development; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will wreak havoc on New Jersey municipalities that already host office parks and retail centers, and has no regard for planning or for appropriate land development patterns or the State's development and redevelopment plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Township opposes Senate Bill 1408, which authorizes the conversion of office parks and retail centers to mix-use residential, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to Senator Joseph Lagana and Assembly members Lisa Swain and Christopher Tully.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INCREASE IN RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES PERCENTAGE

CR# 625-95

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook collected only 98.42% of 2024 taxes due to a significant cancellation of taxes due to tax appeals, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook's average collection percentage for the prior 3 years is 99.04%, as calculated below, and

	<u>Collection Percentage</u>
2024	98.42
2023	99.55
2022	<u>99.15</u>
Total	<u>297.12</u>
3-Year Average	99.04%

WHEREAS, the lower percentage collected in 2024 has an effect on the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes" in 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to anticipate 98.60% collection for 2025, to help reduce the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes", with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to anticipate 98.60% collection of taxes in 2025 in calculating the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in
Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

FORM OF RESOLUTION

CR# 625-96

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
Resolution Supporting Participation

In the Sustainable Jersey® Municipal Certification Program
CR# 625-97

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, Saddle Brook hereby acknowledges that the residents of Saddle Brook desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Saddle Brook wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path Saddle Brook is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Saddle Brook, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Saddle Brook on matters of sustainability, the Township Council wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that we do hereby authorize Township Clerk Peter Lo Dico to serve as Saddle Brook's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize him to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of Saddle Brook.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 625-98

WHEREAS Cifelli and Son Contracting was awarded a contract in the amount of \$163,785.00 for Sampson ST Improvements; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Cifelli and Son Contracting recommended Change Order #1 Final; (\$9,955.06) for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for Cifelli and Son Contracting for a total amount of (\$9,955.06), a total contract amount of \$153,829.94 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 625-99

WHEREAS Frank A. Macchione Construction was awarded a contract in the amount of \$388,722.96 for MA – 2023 – Alberta Drive Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Frank A. Macchione Construction recommended Change Order #1 Final; 25,928.09 for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for Frank A. Macchione Construction for a total amount of \$25,928.09, a total contract amount of \$414,651.05 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY26 MUNICIPAL AID
GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

CR# 625-100

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has funds available for road projects through its FY26 Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook (“Township”) supports policies and programs that enhance the safety of transportation infrastructure for pedestrians and drivers; and

WHEREAS, the Township is interested in applying for funding to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements along Floral Lane in the Township of Saddle Brook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook formally approve the grant application for the above-stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as “MA-2026-Floral Lane Roadway Improvements Pha-00267” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 625-101

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

WHEREAS, 3 bids were received and opened first on March 27, 2025, and again on May 13, 2025, 2 bids were received, and

WHEREAS, in a letter the Township Engineer has recommended to reject all bids submitted due to being significantly higher than the engineer’s estimate, and

WHEREAS, this is the second time the Township has gone out to bid for this project and is rejecting the bids for the second time, and

WHEREAS, The Township can now negotiate a contract for this project, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby rejects all bids for the second time by resolution and authorizes the Township administrator and engineer to negotiate a contract for this project after review by the Township Attorney

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 625-102

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 **\$28,523,446.40** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 625-103

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 **\$1,033,642.78** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2025 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR
SHARE PLAN**

CR# 625-104

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L.2024, c.2, establishing a new framework for determining and enforcing municipal affordable housing obligations under the New Jersey Supreme Court’s Mount Laurel doctrine and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (the “FHA”) (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, *et al.*); and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Act abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (hereinafter, “COAH”), and replaced it with seven retired, on recall judges designated as the Program and authorized the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, (hereinafter, respectively, “Director” and “AOC”) to create a framework to process applications for affordable housing compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(1)(b), each municipality was to adopt a binding resolution no later than January 31, 2025, determining and setting forth its present and prospective fair share obligations for the “Fourth Round” of affordable housing obligations (“Fourth Round”); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook (“Township”) adopted Resolution No. 25-1-54 on January 29, 2025, identifying its present need obligation as 42 units and prospective need obligation as 279 affordable units for the Fourth Round.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the FHA and Administrative Directive #14-24, issued by the Administrative Office of the Courts on December 13, 2024 (“Directive #14-24”), the Township filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County, entitled In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of County, State of New Jersey, Docket No. BER-L-822-25 on January 31, 2025 (the “DJ Action”), identifying its present and prospective fair share obligations for the Fourth Round as set forth above, and committing to adopting and submitting a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”) as required by the FHA; and

WHEREAS, no parties challenged the Township’s present and prospective need obligations; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, the Honorable Gregg A. Padovano, J.S.C., issued an Order setting the Township’s present need obligation at 42 units and the prospective need obligation at 279 affordable units and further authorized the Township to proceed with preparation and adoption of a proposed HEFSP to satisfy the Township’s affordable housing obligation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(a) and Directive #14-24, each municipality must adopt and file as part of its DJ Action a HEFSP, with associated resolutions and proposed drafts of the appropriate zoning and other ordinances, necessary to implement its HEFSP, no later than June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook Planning Board (“Board”) adopted the HEFSP, entitled “2025 Fourth Round Housing Element & Fair Share Plan” prepared by the Township’s affordable housing planner, Daniel Bloch, PP, AICP of Colliers Engineering & Design, dated June 6, 2025 (the “Fourth Round HEFSP”), as an amendment to the Township’s Master Plan on June 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to endorse the Fourth Round HEFSP adopted by the Board on June 16, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby endorse the Fourth Round HEFSP adopted by the Township of Saddle Brook Planning Board on June 16, 2025.
2. The Governing Body does hereby authorize the filing of this Resolution endorsing the Fourth Round HEFSP adopted by the Board on eCourts for review by the Program.
3. The Mayor and Clerk, together with other appropriate officers and employees of the Township of Saddle Brook, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 625-105

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following licenses 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>
0257-33-004-011 \$1400.00	Vidhi Vidhan, LLC T/A Discount Liquors 606 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-007-008 \$1400.00	Attiki, Inc. T/A New Saddle Brook Diner 30 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-011-005 \$1400.00	Matsuya, Inc. 490 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-012-009 \$1400.00	Victory Worldwide, LLC T/A Saddle Brook Marriott 138 Pehle Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-017-006 \$1400.00	NJSB1, LLC T/A Saddle Brook Liquor & Bar 383 Market Street # 2B Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

0257-33-005-012 \$1400.00	Saddle Brook Holdings, LLC Plank Pizza 383 Market Street, Bldg. D Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-013-007 \$1400.00	Shree Radhey, LLC Krauszer's Liquors & Bar 215 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-001-008 \$1400.00	Excelsior Catering, LLC T/A The Excelsior 190 Route 46 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-003-010 \$1400.00	405 North Midland Avenue, LLC 1122 Clifton Avenue Clifton, NJ 07013
0257-33-006-009 \$1400.00	Trajanoski, Inc. T/A The Golden Pub 335 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-015-012 \$1400.00	Que Pasta, LLC 326 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION

0257-44-008-010 \$900.00	All American Beverage Wine & Liquor, Inc. D/B/A USA Wine Traders Club 66 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-44-014-010 \$900.00	Shree Labh Liquor, LLC DBA Wine County 195 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

CLUB LICENSE

0257-31-018-002 \$100.00	Romaine Sinniger VFW Post 3484 44 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-31-019-001 \$100.00	Jamros Baker Schneider Post 415 American Legion 302 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

HOTEL LICENSE

0257-36-021-001 \$2200.00	Saddle Brook Operations, LLC Crowne Plaza 50 Kenny Place Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
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Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 625-106

WHEREAS, from time to time revisions are recommended and made for the Township of Saddle Brook Employee Handbook and Personnel Manual, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to make revisions as recommended by the Business Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the revisions recommended and submitted by the administration is hereby adopted

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. A. CIALONE, PLAN BD. ATTY
TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**RE: ORD. 1777-25 OUTDOOR LIGHTING
DATE: MAY 20, 2025**

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May 20, 2025

**BY EMAIL AND
REGULAR MAIL**

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

Re: Review of Ordinance No. 1777-25

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook:

I write to you in my capacity as the Attorney to the Saddle Brook Planning Board. You have referred to the Planning Board for review and comment the above-listed proposed Ordinance No. 1777-25 of the Township of Saddle Brook. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26(a)*, this Ordinance was considered at the Planning Board's regular meeting of May 19, 2025. The Planning Board has authorized me to write this letter report to the Mayor and Council.

The Planning Board determined that the proposed Ordinance is consistent with the master plan and therefore, recommends its adoption. However, the Board further recommends that the Mayor and Council consider revising the Ordinance to provide that:

1. The requirements of the Ordinance should be applicable to all existing outdoor lighting in the Township, and property owners should be given two years from the effective date of the Ordinance to bring their lighting into conformance with the Ordinance.
2. In section 206-126 B.(1), after the words "certificate of occupancy", the following should be added: ", resale certificate, new tenant certificate".
3. The correlated color temperature (CCT) for outdoor Luminaries in section 206-128 E. should be changed from 2700 Kelvin to the ANSI standard.
4. In section 206-132 A., after the words "Certificate of Occupancy", the following should be added: ", Resale Certificate, or New Tenant Certificate".

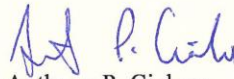
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Township of Saddle Brook
May 20, 2025
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5. In section 206-132, a provision should be added requiring the applicant or property owner, as the case may be, to pay for the cost of all testing and inspections, and to establish escrows as necessary to cover these costs.
6. In section 206-132, a provision should be added requiring a night light function test to be conducted when there is a complaint concerning the outdoor lighting on a property.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony P. Cialone

APC:cas

cc: Saddle Brook Planning Board, c/o Jayne Kapner, Board Secretary, By Email

2. A. CIALONE, PLAN BD. ATTY
TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

RE: ORD. 1780-25 - ZONING – RESALE CERT
DATE: MAY 20, 2025

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May 20, 2025

**BY EMAIL AND
REGULAR MAIL**

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

Re: Review of Ordinance No. 1780-25

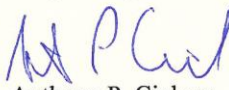
To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook:

I write to you in my capacity as the Attorney to the Saddle Brook Planning Board. You have referred to the Planning Board for review and comment the above-listed proposed Ordinance No. 1780-25 of the Township of Saddle Brook. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26(a)*, this Ordinance was considered at the Planning Board's regular meeting of May 19, 2025. The Planning Board has authorized me to write this letter report to the Mayor and Council.

The Planning Board determined that the proposed Ordinance is consistent with the master plan and therefore, recommends its adoption. The Board made no other recommendations pertaining to this Ordinance.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony P. Cialone

APC:cas

cc: Saddle Brook Planning Board, c/o Jayne Kapner, Board Secretary, By Email

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3. R. KLEIN, RVE, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: 2024 ROAD PROGRAM – PAY #5 – AJM
\$158,885.50
DATE: MAY 8, 2025



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

May 8, 2025

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
2024 Road Program
Pay Certificate No. 5
Our File No. 0257T114

Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 5 from AJM Contractors for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers have reviewed the invoice and find the partial work to be complete.

Therefore, we recommend payment be made to AJM Contractors in the amount of \$158,885.50.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Robert J. Klein, PE, CME
Borough Engineer

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

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4. R. KLEIN, RVE, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: FINAL PAYMENT, CHANGE ORDER #3
CIFELLI & SON SAMPSON STREET
DATE: JUNE 5, 2025



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O: (201) 624-2137
F: (201) 624-2136

June 5, 2025

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
MA-2024 Sampson Street Improvements
Pay Certificate No. 3 Final
Our File No. 0257T114

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Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 3 Final, Change Order No. 1 Final, and two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. S-343082 from Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers have reviewed the invoice and find all work to be complete.

Therefore, we recommend final payment be made to Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$3,076.60.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

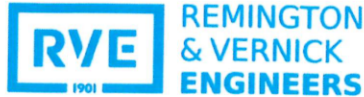
cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete Lo Dico
Frank Barrale
Vincent Buono
Joseph Mongelli, RVE

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

RE: BIDS CANOPY ROOF
DATE: JUNE 11, 2025



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

June 11, 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 (Re-Bid)
Recommendation to Reject
RVE File No. 0257-T-120

Dear Mr. Homs,

The bid opening for the above-captioned project was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Two (2) bids were received for this project, and they were both higher than the Engineer's Estimate. Therefore, we recommend that all bids be formally rejected by resolution.

Please note that Marshall LLC made some mathematical errors on their bid form submission, but this has no effect on our recommendation to reject all bids.

A copy of the tabulation is enclosed for your review.

This rejection recommendation is contingent upon review and approval of the bids by the Town Attorney.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Secaucus office 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

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6. JOHN SCHETTINO, TWP. ATTY.
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, TWP. ADM.

RE: BIDS CANOPY ROOF
DATE: JUNE 10, 2025

LAW OFFICES OF
JOHN L. SCHETTINO, LLC

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JOHN L. SCHETTINO, ESQ.
LISAANNE BICOCCHI, ESQ.
EMMA C. RUSH, ESQ.

June 10, 2025

VIA EMAIL ONLY

James Homs, Tp. Adm.
Township of Saddle Brook

Re: Negotiated Bids

Dear Jimmy:

This letter is written in response to your request for a legal opinion with regard to the Township's ability to negotiated a contract with a bid that has been rejected twice.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 Exceptions to public bidding: "contract which has already been bid on at least two occasions and has either received no bids or bids have been rejected because they were too high or a combination of factors".

In this latter case, the law specifies that a municipality may by two-thirds vote of the authorized membership of the governing body resolve to negotiate a contract provided that whatever is being contracted for cannot be obtained on intergovernmental purchasing and that the terms and conditions of the contract will not be substantially different once negotiated from those for which the bid was advertised in the first place. Moreover, any such negotiated price must be lower than the lowest rejected bid.

Based upon the foregoing, the Township's Governing Body would have to reject the second bid and approve with a two-thirds vote, i.e., four (4) affirmative votes, authorizing a negotiation of a contract.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Very truly yours,


JOHN L. SCHETTINO

JLS:cc

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*** APPLICATIONS**

Hotel License

1. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue – Renewal

Public Place License

2. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue – Renewal

Vending Machine License

3. Marriott – 138 New Pehle Avenue – Renewal

Raffle

4. RA# 1420 – Our Lady of Mount Virgin – 50/50

*** REPORTS**

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor White – I want to mention about this water quality letter that went out. I don't know if everyone received it. Unfortunately, some people received it last week on Friday and some people still haven't gotten it so that's our US Post Office for you. We had it printed at our printer and had it dropped off at the Post Office but it seems like there's no rhyme or reason different areas of Town got it the same day Friday and then others in that same area didn't get it. I want to discuss it a little bit for those that don't know. We had a water quality control issue. The Township employs a water quality company that regularly conducts tests on our drinking water so in the last quarter of 2024 some water quality samples they did not meet what they call optimum value as values established by the New Jersey DEP and in this case it was particularly in terms of corrosive control measures. The deviations were very minor and we believe it may have been an error because subsequent tests all showed that the values were back to the normal proper range. At the time when it occurred we were not given any notice by our water quality control expert that we needed to notify anyone. We looked at it as it was a minor deviation apparently our water quality control expert felt that way too and what I found out is the DEP they're constantly changing their rules and regulations and they knew that it was a deviation because all that information gets sent to them. All the readings get sent to the DEP but anyway we were not aware that we were responsible to notify all the users that we had this issue so we did and that's a big question that I'm getting in my office and Jimmy our BA as well is you know how come you didn't tell us. We didn't tell you because we didn't know we were required to do it but with that being said the notice it's very lengthy and the New Jersey DEP basically said this what you have to send. You couldn't write it your own way this is the wording this is what you have to say but if you read the notice it'll scare anybody you know that if you just look at it and say, "oh jeez our water's bad." When you read it, it says it wasn't an emergency you don't need to boil your water or anything like that and what the deviation implies is the presence it does not I should say that there's a presence of lead or copper or any hard metal in the water it's not saying that. If there were that would be a problem and at the same time that we got these tests back that were that were out of the range they also tested for copper and lead and heavy metals and those came back fine so really what this corrosive control is it's a matter of the water company they put in a certain amount of PH and that PH in the water they add it to the water because it's supposed to reduce corrosion in the pipes so if you have corrosion in the pipes what happens is the lead and copper can get into the water because it'll break down the pipes and again this was only a very minor deviation and it was for a very short period of time and the readings for lead and copper and other hard metals was fine. It's more of a preventative thing this PH when you raise the PH it helps with corrosion in the pipes so that's the best I can understand it. I've thought about it a long time I've read it I'm not an expert but if you need more information you can always call there's a number on there on the notice. If you didn't get the notice it's on the Town website so you can look at it there. You can call our DPW Superintendent or there's a number also there for the DEP and they'll explain it if you have any questions. That's kind of a short version of it I'm a layman but that's the way I understand it. I know I'm right when it comes to it wasn't an

emergency no one's health was in jeopardy but you know on the form they list you know it scares the heck out of people too. Well if there's lead and there's copper and there's hard metals in the water it can cause all of these health concerns and I guess they have to put that down but that wasn't the case we didn't have that but I understand that's what we required to do and we did it. That's the one thing I hope I cleared it up something with that. I want to also talk about there's a business in Town I'm going to say the name if it's alright I've been noticing we've been getting some complaints on social media about the business and it's about their alarm going off. Their alarm doesn't go off that frequently but this person that's complaining and maybe I'll wait to say the name until you tell me it's okay but they're complaining there's one or two people there's two that are complaining they live on a street where there's a business at the end that does it's essentially a factory that produces a food product but they complain because every so often their fire alarm goes off and it's on a dead end and it's a small side street but this business is at the end there's a railroad track and they get a lot of deliveries on the railroad anyway they keep on I'm telling the Council because I don't know this person I'm not friends with him but on Facebook he keeps saying Mayor and Council do something about close this business down and it's a fire alarm you know what I mean. It's not happening every night there's an ordinance in Town where if the alarm keeps going off and disturbing and they don't fix it they can be issued summonses by the Police Department for causing a nuisance and if they don't repair it. This as far as I can tell I checked with the Police Department I mean it's gone off twice in the last three months and the one time it was late in the evening it was around 11:00 but this last time it was in the morning around 9:00. I don't know I just think it's absurd that somebody would say for that reason to say they live there the business has been there for a while to say that we should shut them down because they've had a couple of fire alarms. I mean both hotels constantly I shouldn't say constantly.

Mr. Schettino – You can't shut a business down you can issue a fine you have an ordinance for a false alarm but that's the extent of it.

Mayor White – Yeah two times in three months that's not excessive. I don't want to say the hotels are excessive but they go off more frequently.

Councilman Cimiluca – Is that the same business that we had the issue with the parking on that street?

Mayor White – Yes. It's not the individual you think it is he's not the one.

Councilman Cimiluca – I would have gotten the audio and video files emails texts.

Mayor White – From what I understand this person he takes photographs and he basically shows and he loves the Police and Fire Department oh they do such a great job but this

business shouldn't be there and the Governing Body should shut them down. Besides the ordinance for alarms there's nothing we can do with that. It's got to be excessive and from what I can see it's not. I mean we'll keep an eye on it and make sure it's not.

Councilman Cimiluca – Through the Chair then to the Mayor. You had indicated that the tests came back with some not perfect results basically and then you did indicate that there was other testing that was done.

Mayor White – Right.

Councilman Cimiluca – If you know the difference in time between the bad test and the test that said everything was copasetic?

Mayor White – It was a couple of weeks later.

Councilman Cimiluca – It was just a couple of weeks.

Mayor White – Yeah and also too I failed to mention that because of this now the Town has had to put in we've had to implement different type of treatment. We have to make sure that with along with the company that that our quality control our DPW Water Department goes out and they do tests as well and even additional tests in between to make sure and all of it's been fine. So that's why they think it might have been an error. It was only one particular area too of Town.

Council President Gierak – Any other old or new business?

There are no further comments from the Council.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lo Dico, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk

David Gierak
Council President

Approved: August 21, 2025