

The minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on September 18, 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 – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – absent (attended by phone at 7:51)
Council President Gierrek – present

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

Council President Gierrek – Please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing as we remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

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

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

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes
Councilman Accomando – absent
Councilwoman Sanchez – yes
Councilwoman Mazzer – absent (attended by phone at 7:51)
Council President Gierrek – yes

Council President Gierak – Meeting is open to the public please step up to the podium state your name and address for the record.

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. I just want to give an update on the Mayor's Youth Group and bring everybody who's watching up to date on the Mayor's Youth Group as well. To begin I want to thank the Mayor's Youth Group members who came out and helped out at the Saddle Brook Township Picnic back in August. They did a tremendous job helping to serve the food and drinks and beverages and whatever else any of the seniors and anybody else in attendance needed from the Mayor's Youth Group. I was very impressed with how smooth everything went with the food everything with the catering company we brought in to serve the food. I want to thank them for being so accommodating to the Mayor's Youth Group and allowing us to tend to basically go and keep getting food and bringing it to everybody in attendance and just made everything so efficient. So I know everybody enjoyed the picnic and I want to thank you all for making that possible. Looking ahead now that we're in a new school year hopefully everybody has had a good start to the new school year. We're looking as always for new members for the Mayor's Youth Group. On our website sbmyg.weebly.com we have our online registration form for the Mayor's Youth Group for anybody who wants to sign up. You could also reach out to Mayor White's secretary Christine Genuario through Town Hall. We're open to any Saddle Brook youth in grades 4 through 12 to join the Mayor's Youth Group. It's a great opportunity for community service and just to be involved in our Town and be involved in our community. The next thing we're looking to do is help out with the Fishing Derby which was rescheduled from June which is now going to be on Saturday September 27th and hopefully in the future we'll schedule our next meeting hopefully sometime in October. Thank you everyone.

Andrew Dziedzic comes forward and begins speaking. He is interrupted by Council President Gierak who asks him to state his name and address for the record. Mr. Dziedzic argues that he does not have to provide that information and that it is not required by law. Mr. Schettino explains that it is required and he does need to provide it.

Mr. Dziedzic says he lives on Eighth Street. So every year we're going to raise the water rate \$250,000 a year. So it's 250 K last year, it's 250 K this year it's going to be 250 K every year so we're going to have a three or four million dollar water account in seven or eight years. The first district paving I guess we're not going to pave in fall or winter so that legal obligation by PSE&G when they do a certain district to be paved in nine and ten months. Where's the oversight and accountability on that? Because it's less than 12 months I spoke to two foreman and two employees they have nine and ten months to complete the whole district. So I guess it's not going to get done maybe it'll get done in eighteen months, twenty four months. Any update on 93-95 Market Street the four stories, 60 units? You guys said you are moving forward with the applicant and you're trying to do some negotiation. In terms of the affordable housing number that's 279 units what's the negotiated number down to 200, 150, 100? I mean we have 60 units on Rosol Lane, 60 units on Market Street, 279 that's 399 units already. When we have all 9 marijuana facilities up and running what's going to be the tax decrease per household in Town? Let's say they all do a quarter million a year times 9 facilities that's going to save a homeowner \$30, \$40, \$50 a year. I think you guys have done that math so I'd like that number. Last but not least whenever there's a working session and 50 or 100 people show up, if there's a hundred people today are you guys always going to summon four or five police officers to stand in the back? Do you guys not want people to attend work

sessions, Council meetings? Do you not want nobody here at all so you guys could pass ordinances, resolutions, budgets that are middle of the year that should have been passed nine months ago? Any comment at all about the several video edits that were made in the last few months because there was at least two of them and that was pretty shocking to see. I don't think we ever had multiple video edits in a Council meeting in the twenty thirty year that they've been recorded thank you.

Sylvia Zottarelli of 236 Lanza Avenue comes forward. I would just like some clarification on the assessment fee whatever you want to call it on the water bills. I know you're going to say you voted on it nobody was here whatever. I'd just like to know is that going to be every quarter, is it just once and what is it for thank you.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else wishing to address the Council? Seeing no one else can I have a motion to close the meeting to the public?

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – We had some questions from the public we had a couple of residents with the water bill. Mayor would you like to speak about the water bill and the service fee?

Mayor White – I'm going to read what I wrote down. Several people have asked about the water rate and the service fee and I have responded to them. Basically you know as far as the ordinance goes we weren't hiding anything exactly the way every ordinance goes. We established the rates back in May it was an ordinance adopted by law. All ordinances must be published in the newspaper additionally the ordinance was available on our Town website and social media pages so it wasn't hidden. We didn't receive any questions about it. All ordinances are also included on meeting minutes, agenda and shared through our website and social media platforms. Adoption of an ordinance mandates two public meetings with the second meeting requiring a public hearing. It was May, June so people weren't away on vacation. I believe some of the people in this room were here didn't question it. So the hearing the second hearing allows public comment no one commented. Furthermore, the minutes from the meeting accurately reflect all Council actions. Our public meetings can be viewed on public access cable channel and on YouTube. It was advertised it was done according to law. The only thing I can say is that and people did complain that they would have liked a notice to go out to be mailed or maybe with the water bill for a little bit more transparency so people would have known what it was all about. I'll give you that. I can agree that it might have been more helpful it might have been more transparent. It wasn't done for that reason. I wish now maybe we would have done that but I know what would have happened. If we did that we still would have got calls. It would have been better because at least we could say we sent it out we gave

notice other than what we had to do legally by ordinance and all the things I stated but that wasn't done so we have to move on from that. So that's my only regret as far as that goes but as far as what the fee is essential. The Township Chief Financial Officer informed us that our water utility was starting to operate at a deficit and this was last year. It started last year. During the COVID-19 pandemic and in the years following that the Town absorbed increased water cost instead of passing them on to residents however this approach is no longer sustainable. That was a mistake if you want to know that was a mistake. Contrary to what some might believe we don't like to raise rates. It doesn't help us but it helps sustain the Town. You know we don't want to raise taxes we don't want to raise water rates but we have to do it. The money is not being used frivolously it's needed to run the Town and run the utility. Now Mrs. Zottarelli mentioned about what that service fee is used for. The cost of water main repairs and replacement, removal of lead lines which we're required to do, maintenance, State required testing that we have to do. We're required to do that and all other operational expenses. We feel these measures will contribute to improving the water quality, the water system and the overall infrastructure. I don't know if any of you know but we do have our own water utility. We purchase water from Veolia but as far as the water system the pipes we're responsible for that we own that. If there's a water main break we have to fix it. If it's a bad break that our DPW is incapable of fixing and they do a great job they do most of them but sometimes we get a major one or a big problem and we need to call out a contractor that does that for a living. So you know it adds up and there's a lot of that. As far as testing we have monthly we have to test there's fees involved. It's also important to note that most other municipalities do have some kind of service fee. As far as our water rate and what the residents pay if you look around and I know Mr. Lo Dico he might have some numbers and he wants to chime in, in a minute but what you pay for water is no more and is probably less, in most cases less. Some towns like Lodi they also have a sewer fee we don't have that fee. We're not going out of our way to slam the public and I know to somebody that's struggling it's difficult and we keep that in mind we try to do our best. That's the response on the water Mr. Lo Dico you want to mention something.

Mr. Schettino – There was a question about quarterly.

Mayor White – Oh I'm sorry it's a quarterly fee and it depends on the size of your water meter. If it's $\frac{3}{4}$ inch water meter it's \$20, one inch is \$25 and it goes up like the bigger businesses that have larger meters with larger pipes it goes up accordingly.

Mr. Lo Dico – Some of the rates that we surveyed some of our surrounding towns that have a water system like us as you mentioned Lodi charges a sewer fee which is about half of the water bill. Garfield charges quarterly fees based on the meter size and whether they're one family, two family, three family, four family, commercial, church, school, parochial schools, library and municipal building. Fair Lawn charges \$25 a quarter and Wallington charges a fee but their cost per cubic feet is substantially higher than ours. So basically there's fees with the surrounding communities.

Mayor White – I also want to mention too that the Town and the schools don't pay for water and we absorb that just so you know. The schools I think we have Mr. De Julia here there's one meter at Washington School and that was put in years ago. I don't know if people recall when Maywood was using Washington School for a while so we put the at the time I believe it was Mayor Santa Lucia and they put in a meter but that's the only

school that has a meter. We pay for that because there's a big, huge meter somewhere before the water comes into Town that the Town pays for. I mean there's been thought and we've been approached by Veolia to buy our water system and as former Chief Kugler and his father was a Councilman was a two term mayor here years ago I know that your father always said don't sell it because we could probably sell it for a few million dollars but I think in the end we're better off keeping our own. So we just got to get through this and I do believe there's not going to be any more increases. I think this should sustain us that's what our CFO is saying.

Council President Gierak – Another question was about the road paving in district one.

Mr. Klein – Public Service had initially said they were going to do some paving in the fall and some in the spring. There is some paving we want them to put off because we want to do our own work on those streets, the tree streets for example. That schedule has not been finalized by PSE&G yet but I'll follow up with them.

Council President Gierak – A question was asked about the old municipal building and the affordable housing obligation.

Mr. Schettino – For that building?

Council President Gierak – No just in general affordable housing.

Mr. Schettino – The affordable housing litigation at this point we are waiting for the court to assign a mediator to see if there can be a resolution reached between the Township and the challenge to the assessment that has been made as to the number of affordable housing units. That's supposed to take place, I believe, within the next 60 days so I think someone will be assigned in the very near future and we'll see if that number can finally be finalized and the Township can secure its fourth round certification. Again we are contesting the number of units and I think we're confident that the number will be reduced somewhat. There still will be an obligation but maybe not quite the number that has been initially assigned to the Township. With respect to Market Street quite frankly I don't understand why there's so much misinformation that's being spread when everything with respect to that project has been at a public meeting, televised and in the minutes. Just to clear up some misstatements that were made here this evening yes at one time developers had approached the Township about projects that exceeded 100 units the Governing Body told them don't even do a presentation because there was no interest in a project with that much density. Another developer actually appeared here with a 60 unit project and retail space but the residents of Harrison Avenue and I'm generalizing but there seemed to be a consensus that they would prefer no retail. So the Township told the developer that they're not interested in any retail space in the development and there were other concerns raised by Harrison Avenue with respect to height, setback, access. The most recent presentation addressed most of those concerns. The height is not four stories because the most recent developer who appeared is having a significant part of the parking all underground. If the parking was above ground it would probably be a four story building but with parking underground it's more a two to two and a half story building. That and also I know some of the people who were probably here at that meeting you heard the presentation about the roof being reduced. So the height in light of the concerns of the Harrison Avenue residents has been reduced I believe it's in the 35 foot range but

don't hold me to the exact number I don't have it in front of me but it's certainly less than what was being suggested by other developers of the project significantly less in some cases. Access will only be from Market Street that was another concern of the Harrison Avenue residents. They didn't like the idea that cars would be coming in and out of the facility and using Harrison Avenue. There's no ingress or egress from the site other than from Market Street. As to landscaping there would be significant landscaping in the rear of the building to serve as a buffer between the rear of the building and the Harrison residences. The plans have not been finalized because at the most recent presentation the Harrison Avenue residents did raise some concerns which are being looked into by the developer to see what if anything else can be done with respect to their proposal. The next step for the Township is to ascertain what the fair market value of the property is and to get that determination we need input from our tax assessor, from our engineer and probably from our appraisal company expert as well and those numbers are being worked on and they will be given to us. At that point in time there will be a negotiation with the developer and if further revisions are being made to the project he will come back and present to the Governing Body what those revisions are. Again all this information has been made public so for statements to be made contrary to what I just stated actually is just an attempt to mislead the public because there's no other way to explain why information that has been memorialized at a meeting and presented at a meeting would be distorted in repeating it.

Council President Gierak – In regards to the cannabis we have three resolutions for retail, three resolutions for manufacturing, three resolutions for cultivation. Due to increased competition I don't think the market is what people thought the market was going to be. Correct me Mr. Homsy if I'm wrong did we take any of that into account with our budget in regards to what we were going to receive?

Mr. Homsy – No and then also per State financial laws you can't anticipate any of that money because it's new revenue. We only can anticipate what we received prior year so with that being unknown it's almost impossible to tell. Plus the fact that we only have of all those licenses only one currently operating at this time.

Council President Gierak – I think what people thought was when that law became law when they passed that law everybody thought it was going to be a gold mine. It was like going out and mining gold and everybody thought they were going to become millionaires and everything. I think now they're seeing with shops in Elmwood Park, Lodi, Hackensack, Rochelle Park and if you drive past and you see how many cars are there there's very few cars there and that's because sales aren't very good. So what the other resolution holders are going to do we reached out to them I'm not sure if we got anything back from them but as far as I'm concerned with the amount of competition that's out there, maybe manufacturing, maybe cultivation, there'll be more money. If people feel like they're not going to make money they're not going to open the front door in my opinion. So we're not really anticipating any of that money coming in thank goodness. So it's been very slow on that front. What's going to happen three, four, five months from now we have to reach out and see. I know the other ones that have the retail would like to open up, but I'm telling myself that if they feel like they're not going to make money they're not going to open the door. I learned a lot about what happens. When they buy the product and then they retail and sell it they have to pay tax on the whole amount they can't write off salaries and insurance and all that like a normal business. So they're paying a

tremendous amount in taxes. It's really a difficult business to navigate unless you really know that business. So your guess is as good as mine but I don't foresee anything happening in the near future with that to be honest with you. In regards to the video editing Mayor can you talk about that I don't know about anything video that was edited.

Mayor White – I only know about the one incident and it really wasn't editing. It wasn't edited what had happened and our videographer is here Raphael from Enlacosa. What had happened I believe it was the budget adoption meeting in July I'm not sure which meeting it was but it was one of the recent ones. I believe that was it and what happened is Raphael uploads the video like tonight's video onto YouTube and then he takes it from YouTube and puts it on the Town television and there's a computer that does that. When he uploaded it, it uploaded a certain amount and then it just ended. So I don't know how long the meeting was but it was if the meeting was an hour it only about and Ms. Zottarelli will know better than me.

Ms. Zottarelli – Six minutes.

Mayor White – So about six minutes into it, it just stopped so when I found that out I didn't know that because when I watched it on YouTube the whole thing was there. It just didn't upload right to the TV station. So I told Raphael that and he did he had to do it over again and now it's fine. I just want to while I'm remembering and with all this in mind I started I asked Raphael because I don't really watch TV that much I don't but I had somebody had mentioned to me that they hadn't seen the Board of Ed meetings on there either so I was wondering what happened with it and I asked Raphael what happened with it and apparently we haven't been getting the meetings from the Board of Ed from whoever I guess there was a person that was sending them to Raphael but and there's a new person or whatever but he's not getting them. I'm not blaming the Board of Ed believe me but I'd like to, you know, Ms. Zottarelli since you're here I was going to contact Ms. Violetti the Superintendent about it too. Yours are on YouTube as well but we weren't trying to hide them or anything like that.

Ms. Zottarelli – Ours are streamed live.

Mayor White – Ours are now too that's a recent development within the last six months to a year. The other thing I want to mention about the four or five police officers I believe that was the last meeting where the developer did his presentation and I know that the police officers were concerned and interested about the parking so I think some of them came on their own. The Chief came I had asked him and I've also told Chief Zotollo when he became Chief I always want a command level person here because a lot of times residents have questions and they're police related and I don't always have the answer. We have a Chief of Police does a great job we have a great Police Department and a great command staff and they're more capable of answering than I am. So I like them to be here tonight we have Captain Habermann here and we're glad we have them here. I don't know we're not trying to flood the meetings with police officers for any other reason but to have somebody here. We always usually have a special but we don't need a special if we have a commander. Perhaps maybe we can ask the Chief to have one of the captains or himself come in a suit. Would that maybe make people feel better I don't know.

Mr. Schettino – Well Mayor not for anything but I don't think having the police here hindered anyone from speaking.

Council President Gieriek – No we had plenty of speakers.

Mayor White – Yeah that's true too.

Council President Gieriek – Thank you Mayor I think we covered everything. Thank you everyone. Mayor your comments.

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I first have a proclamation that I want to read. This is this month is well partially from September 15th to October 15th is National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month.

Mayor White reads the proclamation:

**Township of Saddle Brook
Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION**

National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latino Heritage month celebrates and highlights the countless achievements in the Hispanic and Latino community; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 and acted into federal law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Robert D. White, MAYOR of the Township of Saddle Brook, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2024, as National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month. I encourage our community to join us in celebrating the great contributions Hispanic and Latino Americans have made in our township, state, and nation.

Signed and sealed on this 18th day of
September 2025

Robert D. White, Mayor

Mayor White – Saddle Brook mirrors the County the County numbers are about 25% Hispanic now and Saddle Brook is a little under that and we've had an increase. We were about five years ago we were about 18%. So the budget we talked about the water fee the final taxes will be coming out at the end of the month. There's a letter I wrote in there regarding the taxes and it should be mailed out at the end of September so please read the letter it has important information and a reminder the Anchor, Senior Freeze and State of New Jersey Tax Relief Program the application must be filed with the State of New Jersey by October 31st. If you don't know about it go on nj.gov and look it's worthwhile. I know myself I told my son about it last year he didn't know a thing about it and he went for the Anchor and he ended up getting I think a thousand dollars back so it's definitely worthwhile and certainly the Senior Freeze please. I can't tell you how valuable that is and how many seniors for some reason don't know about it. It really helps. We have several ordinances on tonight for second reading I'm going to mention them. We have an ordinance to fix the salary and wages of employees that's a second reading. We also have second reading on a special emergency appropriation of \$30,000 for the preparation of storm water system mapping which is required by the State. Second reading also on water mains and related improvements in the area of Maple, Spruce, Larch and Pine Avenue which is appropriating \$360,000 to pay for that. That we've been doing for a while now between Midland and Fairlawn Parkway there's a problem where we have to loop in the water and we've been doing it as we've been paving the roads. We're also going to be paving those streets as well so we want to do that before we pave the streets. There's a second reading on an ordinance undertaking various park and recreation improvements. We got a lot of State and County grants on this. There's four different things that we're doing. Mayhill Street we're doing the tennis courts resurfacing the tennis courts and relining them. We're also going to remove one of the tennis courts and make two pickleball courts out of it. We're also doing Kern Street Park we're going to put in a new playground which is in dire need it hasn't been done in 25 years. Fifth Street Park we're going to make a little parking area and also a basketball court there a full size basketball court. Then lastly and we've been talking about this for a while we recently got quite a bit of money \$575,000 from the State, to do a splash park at Veterans Field. We're going to be demolishing the house that's there which isn't really useful anymore and we're going to be putting it there. Also lastly a bond ordinance for improvements and major repairs to fire engines and acquisition of new additional replacement equipment, machinery, new communication, IT equipment, signal systems equipment and some automobiles. So those are the ordinances that we have on tonight. In August we had a lot of events. The Town Picnic Thomas mentioned it Saturday August 23rd. The Mayor's Walk was in the morning we had a beautiful day. This year we went with a vendor to do the food instead of the food trucks and it really worked out very well. It was a successful picnic and I want to thank all of our sponsors. There's a sign back there that lists all of them. Thank you very much for those donations it really helps us defray some of the costs of the picnic and it is free to all residents. I want to also thank the police, fire, ambulance, DPW, Recreation Department, Andy Gallo and Diane Bonner. Certainly, Shannon Accomando and Christine Genuario of our Projects and Activities Committee. So all in all it was a very nice day. I want to mention the high school field dedication. The Saddle Brook High School team had their first home night game that was September 5th. It was a very nice evening I want to commend the school district they did a fabulous job on that field. It looks beautiful and a long time coming. The kids and the families deserve that and all the other work being done too as well it seems to be going very well and it's all needed. The 9/11 Ceremony was Thursday September 11th I want to thank all our first responders

for attending. Father Bruce from St. Philip's gave prayers thank you to him. Lydia Diaz sang God Bless America. Frank Ortega and the Middle School High School Band were here and they did some songs. We had Assemblywoman Lisa Swain and Congresswoman Nelly Poe were here thank you for attending. On Saturday September 6th we had a Sensory Friendly Car Show that was done in coordination with Saddle Brook Angels, Legacy Empowerment and the Community Partnership Committee. I want to thank the organizers the Maniscalco family and Legacy Empowerment for organizing it. We have some upcoming events. This Sunday we have the Senior Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am at the Senior Center. On Saturday September 27th we have the Mayor's Fishing Contest at the Otto Pehle Park from 9 to 12. We usually hold that in June but it was rained out so we wanted to have it in September. We wanted to make sure we had it this year the kids really enjoy it. Sunday September 28th is the UNICO Street Fair Market Street from Westminster to Mayhill from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It's always a nice event UNICO does a great job with that. Saturday October 4th is the shredding event here at the Municipal Complex 9:00 to 1:00. Sunday October 5th Mount Virgin Car Show. It was postponed due to the weather but it's going to be at the Municipal Complex here on Sunday October 5th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. October 5th to October 11th is Fire Prevention Week please support our volunteers during their Annual Calendar Drive. Monday October 13th is Columbus Day the DPW and Municipal Offices will be closed. Section 1 pickup which is the north end will be Friday October 17th. Tuesday October 14th is the last day to register to vote for the November general election. The Clerk's Office Mr. Lo Dico will be open until 9:00 pm for voter registration. Also that night you can pick up leaf bags they'll be available beginning on October 14th here at the Municipal Complex and then also every working day after that Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:00. We have a pretty good supply 10 bags per homeowner. We also have a Townwide Garage Sale October 17th to the 19th that's all I have thank you.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I wasn't able to make it to the 9/11 Ceremony because I was feeling under the weather so I just wanted to take a second and recognize and acknowledge and thank all the first responders who were there that day and who lost their lives that day and who continue to lose their lives because of all the medical issues due to what happened on 9/11 and I just thank all first responders in general who are currently serving their communities every day.

Councilman Cimiluca – I was at the 9/11 Ceremony and every year it's a very somber event. It's something that we have to do, we need to do, we must do it. The Mayor had asked if I wanted to speak and I chose not to and that may have been a mistake. So I thought about it afterwards and I said thinking about what I might have said then and I'll say it now. My memories of 9/11 that day I woke up went to work pretty angry because it was one of the most beautiful days I've ever seen and I should have been golfing. I went to work I was the first one in. People started coming in a little before 9:00 and my clerk said hey did you hear what happened and I said no I'm working. He said a plane just hit one of the towers. I said well it must have been one of those small glider jets or something like that didn't know. I don't even know if we had the internet then to tell you the truth 24 years ago so I'm not sure. At least we didn't have it in that office. Then a couple of minutes later maybe a half hour later he's listening to the radio he says another plane hit and at that point it hit me that something very evil was going on that it wasn't just an accident. I didn't know what was going on but I know it wasn't good. The kids were in school wife at work so I told everyone to leave because to be honest with you no one knew at that point

you got two planes hitting the most visible building in the world at that time who knows what else happened I mean what else would happen. You didn't know so told everyone go home be with your family and in the days thereafter we all saw what we'd seen over the last 24 years the horrific videos of what went on and so many people had lost their lives. A couple of people I know passed away one person on that date but several others from cancer which they got afterwards one a very good friend of mine. We gathered around and said never forget and on the days after that there was no blacks or whites Hispanics there was no gays or straights there's no Christians, Jews, Muslims everyone was an American and we gathered together and we promised ourselves that we would stay together. We wouldn't forget and we were one and we have seen that it seems to be coming apart at the seams at this point and it's getting worse and worse. I probably said this speech before maybe last year the year before and I'm hoping that it gets better but it's just not. We all got together we love America. America is full of our rights, our freedoms and one of them is the freedom of speech and we just saw that last week a young man, a son, a husband and a father was assassinated because of what he said. Never hurt anybody physically, never did anything to harm anybody but he said words and some people took offense at those words or one person in particular and shot him dead in a cowardly act. Three months before whether you want and this is not a left versus right speech because three months before Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark were stalked and shot because an individual did not believe in her views the things that she was saying. She and her husband were murdered. It shouldn't be like that and what I find is that you would think that something like that would galvanize a community or a country but it just did the opposite because you've got people celebrating the murder of somebody going on making memes, videos, TV commentators. The man wasn't cold yet and they're saying that he was responsible for his own death it's just insane. So we not we but Saddle Brook residents organized a vigil at Town Hall. I believe it was last Friday evening and to honor that young man and other people that went it was also 9/11 it was the day after 9/11 and what really bothered the hell out of me was the comments on the internet and in chat groups about people saying the same things. This is Saddle Brook and I could see some nut jobs out in Oklahoma having this hatred for certain people but people were on the internet most of them anonymous talking about how it was a bad thing he deserved it he caused his own death. It's just I mean I just had to say I was saying you know America we've got to do better but then it's in my Town. It's just like Saddle Brook you got to do better. I mean there's people out there and I just don't understand that these people that I'm I don't know if I'm having breakfast or lunch or dinner or talking to them at public meetings and that's what they have in their heart. It really sickens me that people can have those kind of evil thoughts to think that someone should die for something that they say. Again in America first amendment you've got the freedom of speech. Now freedom you know speech does have consequences but those consequences should not include your death. There's no way that should happen in America and the fact that some people in our own little Town here are thinking that it's good or that it was right for that man to lose his life because he espoused views that you didn't it makes me ill. So thank you very much.

Council President Gierke – I just have a couple of things to mention. I just want to mention the Township Picnic it was a huge success. I think the way it was done mayor was great. I think everybody got their food in a timely manner and it was great and the turnout was awesome too. Do we have a number Mr. Lo Dico that attended the picnic?

Mr. Lo Dico – Probably not.

Council President Gieriek – Okay but I know there were hundreds of people there and it was run really well and it was great. I just want to recognize all of our sponsors up here on the board. Raphael I don't know if you can show that to the people viewing at home just to give a shout out to those sponsors who contributed to our Township Picnic. I appreciate that. I also want to mention the library and thank them for their support not only giving a donation but also for sponsoring the arts and crafts for our children. It was a wonderful thing that they did. I also attended the Friday Night Lights at the field, beautiful field. I want to commend the Board of Education for passing that referendum and getting that done. It was long overdue to get that field done. So I want to commend the Board of Education and our children deserve it thank you.

Mr. Lo Dico – At this time we do have Councilwoman Mazzer on the phone participating.

Councilwoman Mazzer – I'm here.

Mr. Lo Dico – Thank you Councilwoman.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1787-25 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026 (WHITE COLLAR)

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026 (WHITE COLLAR)

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

Andrew Dziedzic comes forward. This is 1787-25 second reading. I asked and I think this is the third time but we had a 460K increase in salaries and wages and even if you take into account all the new patrolman, police officers and promotions you're still 250, 260K to \$300,000 that's not being explained. So even with the promotions and the new patrolman you're 250 to 300K off. This is the third time in the last 90 days. I would like to know where 460K of spending for more salaries and wages from 2024, 2025 to this 2025, 2026 went haven't had an answer since.

Council President Gierak – I don't know if that number is accurate Mr. Homs.

Mr. Homs – Yeah correct I'm not sure either but I would imagine the only explanation would be just the contractual negotiated raises from year to year.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else wishing to address the Council?

Mayor White – Through the Chair. Do you know how many employees we actually have altogether?

Mr. Homs – Off the top of my head full-time the police have 40 maybe a little under a 100 full-time and then all the part-time seasonals. You have crossing guards which I'm not counting in that because they're part-time. You have the Rec staff which equate to a good amount and then also you have special law enforcement officers which are part-time.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else wish to address the Council on this ordinance?

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

CR# 925-139

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARY AND WAGES OF EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS OR PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026 (WHITE COLLAR)

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

2. ORDINANCE # 1788-25 SECOND READING

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF A STORMWATER SYSTEM MAP.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF A STORMWATER SYSTEM MAP.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

CR# 925-140

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF A STORMWATER SYSTEM MAP.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

3. ORDINANCE # 1789-25 SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT MAPLE, SPRUCE, LARCH AND PINE AVENUES IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$360,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT MAPLE, SPRUCE, LARCH AND PINE AVENUES IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$360,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT MAPLE, SPRUCE, LARCH AND PINE AVENUES IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$360,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

4. ORDINANCE # 1790-25 SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$915,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$915,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

CR# 925-142

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PARK AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$915,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando - absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek - yes

5. ORDINANCE # 1791-25 SECOND READING

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR REPAIRS TO A FIRE ENGINE 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 \$995,000 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.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR REPAIRS TO A FIRE ENGINE 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 \$995,000 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.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

Township Clerk then reads the resolution as follows:

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

CR# 925-143

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR REPAIRS TO A FIRE ENGINE 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 \$995,000 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.

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

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

6. ORDINANCE # 1792-25 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIFIC CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

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

CR# 925-144

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK REGULATING THE OPERATION OF SPECIFIC CLASSES OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

The above mentioned ordinance heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on October 16, 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 Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

The Township Clerk reads the following:

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

*** MINUTES**

AUGUST 21, 2025 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

AUGUST 7, 2025 SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

*** RESOLUTIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 925-145

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick, Township Engineer has submitted a proposal dated August 18, 2025 for engineering services for a Spray Park at a cost of \$67,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to proceed with their service at a cost not to exceed \$67,000 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 925-146

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick, Township Engineer has submitted a proposal dated August 18, 2025 for engineering services for the 3rd St. Road Improvement Project at a cost of \$40,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to proceed with their service at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 925-147

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick, Township Engineer has submitted a proposal dated August 18, 2025 for engineering services for the Tree Streets Road Improvement Project at a cost of \$44,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to proceed with their service at a cost not to exceed \$44,000 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 925-148

WHEREAS, Remington and Vernick, Township Engineer has submitted a proposal dated August 18, 2025 for engineering services for the Tree Streets Water Main Improvement Project at a cost of \$52,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes Remington & Vernick to proceed with their service at a cost not to exceed \$52,000 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierrek – yes

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 925-149

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the following requisition(s) submitted to the Township Council for purchases over \$6,600.00 be approved providing funds are available:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	
CLERK	GENERAL CODE	COD OF ORD	\$8,890.00

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
\$30,000 SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK,
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY
AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

CR# 925-150

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township") (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Local Budget Law and an ordinance adopted by the Township Council of the Township on September 18, 2025 (the "Ordinance"), the Township appropriated \$30,000 as a special emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for the preparation of a stormwater system map. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55, \$30,000 principal amount of Special Emergency Notes are hereby authorized to be issued.

Section 2. Such notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Ordinance and this resolution and shall be negotiable notes payable to bearer, and shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law, and such interest shall be payable at the maturity of such notes. The notes shall be dated on or about the date of their issuance and may be renewed from time to time, but at least 1/5 of the total amount of notes hereby authorized, and the renewals thereof, shall mature and be paid in each year, so that all notes and renewals shall have matured and have been paid not later than the last day of the fifth year following the date of this resolution. The issuing officers are authorized to provide that the notes may be redeemable at the option of the Township.

Section 3. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to execute said notes, and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Township to such notes and to attest such seal and said notes, and said officers are hereby authorized to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law and to recite therein that all requirements and conditions of law have been complied with in the issuance of said notes, and that said notes are within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of New Jersey.

Section 4. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell said notes and any renewals thereof from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest and to determine within the limitations prescribed by this resolution, the date, principal amount, maturity date, and denomination of said notes, and the rate of interest said notes shall bear and to deliver such notes upon receiving the purchase price to be paid therefor.

Section 5. The Township Council hereby covenants on behalf of the Township, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on bonds, notes or other obligations of the Township (including the Special Emergency Notes) be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 6. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 925-151

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 **\$6,790,486.77** 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 Sanchez Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 925-152

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 **\$432,864.93** 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 Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. P. CRAY, RVE, TWP. ENG.
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS ADM.

RE: PROPOSAL – SPLASH PARK
DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2025



One Harmon Plaza, Suite 600
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F: (201) 624-2136

February 18, 2025

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Spray Pad
Professional Services Proposal

Dear Mr. Homs,

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) is pleased to submit this proposal to provide professional services for the above-referenced project. The scope of work includes the construction of a new Spray Pad to be located by Veteran's Memorial Field off Sampson Street.

Saddle Brook received a grant from Local Recreation Improvement Grant in the amount of \$50,000. The due date to submit the grant reimbursement is December 31, 2025. It is our understanding that Saddle Brook may utilize funding received from other NJDCA funding sources to fund the rest of the construction cost for the project.

Our Scope of Services are as follows:

SURVEYING:

1. We will utilize conventional ground survey to obtain existing conditions of the site. We will utilize the information obtained during the survey to develop an existing conditions basemap. The basemap will be used to develop the plans showing the proposed improvements.
2. We will transmit the base plans to the various utility companies and request as-built information on existing utilities as well as notify them of the project.

ENGINEERING:

1. We will work with a vendor who will specify the layout and the equipment. RVE will locate the Spray Pad, with the Town's input. We typically specify spray equipment manufactured by Vortex. Vortex will provide a spray feature layout and control box for the spray features along with specifications for their products. We will coordinate and incorporate their product details and specifications into the bid documents.
2. RVE will prepare plans to provide water service to the control box based on the water needs of the Spray Pad. We will assume a new service will be needed to service the Spray Pad for water. We will provide a design for the new service, meter and backflow preventer. We will look into utilizing the existing water service to the concessions stand and field, however, in all likelihood, a new service will be required. It should be noted that we are only specifying a Vortex product from the control box to the Spray Pad. The Vortex product is a Vortex design.

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3. The Spray Pad will require electric to control the spray features. We will investigate tapping electrical needs off the existing service to the Concessions Stand and provide an electrical site plan for electric service to the Spray Pad.
4. We will assume that a recirculation system will not be the preferred method for water use for this spray pad due to its anticipated smaller size. Accordingly, we will design a sanitary sewer lateral to discharge the spray pad water to the sanitary sewer system.
5. Due to the anticipated flowrate that would be required for operation of the spray pad, a TWA permit would be needed. We will prepare the application package for submittal to the NJDEP and secure the permit for the Town.
6. A house currently sits at the location picked for the Spray Pad. We will work with the Town in sizing and siting the Spray Pad and determine if the house can remain or be removed. If it is to be removed, we will incorporate demolition of the house into the bid package including the foundation and termination of existing utilities. We will conduct a field visit to determine if there are any asbestos containing material in the house. For this proposal, we will not include asbestos abatement as part of this proposal. If it is needed, we will provide a separate proposal for this work.
7. RVE will prepare the construction plans, specifications, and engineer's construction estimate for obtaining construction bids for the project. The plans will detail the scope of work as well as quantities for the various bid items. The work will include demolition of the existing house that is located onsite.
8. RVE will assist in the bid opening, review of bids, and recommend award of the contract.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION:

1. RVE will provide construction observation services during the construction phase of the project. Observation will be on a part time basis.
2. RVE will provide contract administration services including the processing of change orders and payment requests. We will review and return shop drawings submitted by the Contractor. We will attend the preconstruction meeting and issue meeting notes. We will perform a punch list inspection and provide a list of punch list items to the Contractor.
3. We will also provide administration services for the funding sources including preparation of final reimbursement request for the LRIG grant.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Asbestos abatement for the existing house if it is to be removed.
2. Design of a recirculation system for water use for the spray pad. We assume direct discharge to the sanitary sewer system.
3. Any other work not detailed as part of this proposal.

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Spray Pad
Professional Services Proposal
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PROJECT COST

The anticipated project cost(s) are detailed as follows:

Item	Task	Budget Estimate
A	Estimated Construction Cost:	\$ 350,000.00
B	Surveying:	\$ 5,800.00
C	Engineering:	\$ 37,200.00
D	Contract Administration and Inspection	\$ 24,000.00
	Total Project Cost:	\$ 417,000.00
	Total Funding received from LRIG	\$ 50,000.00
	Total Estimated Costs to be funded by other sources.	\$ 367,000.00

COST OF SERVICES

Remington & Vernick Engineers will perform the services outlined herein on a time and material basis with a maximum cost not to exceed **\$67,000.00** which includes items B, C and D above.

We await your written authorization to begin preparation of the required documents for bidding. We trust the information provided meets your requirements for this project. Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at our Secaucus office.

Sincerely,

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.



Paul D. Cray, PP, PE, CME
Executive Vice President

cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete LoDico, Clerk
Robert Klein, RVE

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2. P. CRAY, RVE, TWP. ENG.
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS ADM.

RE: PROPOSAL – 3rd STREET ROAD IMPROVE.
DATE: AUGUST 18, 2025



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August 18, 2025

Jimmy Homsí-Administrator
Township of Saddle Brook
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
3rd Street Road Improvement Project
Professional Services Proposal
M2025-0436

Dear Mr. Homsí:

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) is pleased to submit this proposal to provide professional services for the above-referenced project. The project intent is to resurface 3rd Street from Capital Street to Outwater Lane. This street was among several streets in the area to have its gas main replaced by PSE&G. Additionally, the Town received funding from CDBG to improve drainage by Engine 2 and resurface the street.

Our Scope of Services are as follows:

1. For this project, we will not perform a conventional ground survey to obtain existing conditions of the roadway. We will utilize the basemapping developed in 2015 for a prior resurfacing project for 3rd street. We will transmit the base plans to the various utility companies and request as-built information on existing utilities as well as notify them of the project. The basemapping will then be used as a base map for which the plans will be developed. We will perform spot shots to confirm drainage patterns along the curbline as needed.
2. We will check all the curb ramps to ensure they are ADA compliant and call for the reconstruction of any that are not. We will otherwise not include any concrete curb or sidewalk replacement as part of this project as it is otherwise in good condition.
3. There exists a roof leader connection from Engine 2 that is not serviceable. We will investigate and redirect the flow to the drainage system as needed. It is anticipated that a drainage structure will be needed in front of the fire house and be connected to the drainage system at the intersection of President Street.
4. Prepare the construction plans, specifications, and engineer's construction estimate for obtaining construction bids for the project.
5. Assist in the bid opening, review of bids, and recommend award of the contract.
6. Provide construction observation services during the construction phase of the project. Observation will be on a part time basis for any concrete work that is performed. We will check the concrete formwork prior to the concrete pours and observe the concrete pours. We will provide full time observation for pipe installation, milling and paving.
7. Provide contract administration services including the processing of change orders and payment requests. We will prepare and issue an initial submittals list to the Contractor to assist in providing submittals in a timely manner and then review and return shop drawings submitted by

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the Contractor. We will attend the preconstruction meeting and issue meeting notes. We will perform a punch list inspection and provide a list of punch list items to the Contractor.

PROJECT COST

The anticipated project cost(s) are detailed as follows:

Item	Task	Budget Estimate
A	Estimated Construction Cost:	\$ 160,000.00
B	Engineering:	\$ 20,000.00
C	Contract Administration and Inspection	\$ 20,000.00
	Total Project Cost:	\$ 250,000.00

COST OF SERVICES

Our lump sum fee is based on the scope as known at this time. If unforeseen and/or unanticipated work items arise, our office shall provide a separate or amended scope of services & cost proposal for consideration and approval. Our lump sum fee of **\$40,000.00** will be billed monthly based on the percent complete of each phase.

We await your written authorization to begin preparation of the required documents for bidding. We trust the information provided meets your requirements for this project. Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at our Secaucus office.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Paul D. Cray, PP, PE, CME
Executive Vice President

Cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete LoDico, Clerk
Robert Klein, RVE

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3. P. CRAY, RVE, TWP. ENG.
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS ADM.

RE: PROPOSAL – TREE STREETS ROAD IMPROVE.
DATE: AUGUST 18, 2025



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August 18, 2025

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Tree Streets Road Improvement Project
Professional Services Proposal

Dear Mr. Homs:

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) is pleased to submit this proposal to provide professional services for the above-referenced project. The project intent is to replace damaged and missing concrete curb, reconstruct all concrete ramps at the Schepis Avenue end of each street to be ADA compliant, upgrades of stormwater inlets pursuant to NJDEP regulations, and reconstruction of storm sewer inlets if needed.

The limit of work will be as follows, with limits from Schepis Avenue to Wilson Street:

- Maple Avenue
- Spruce Avenue
- Larch Avenue
- Pine Avenue

The above four roads were among several roads where PSE&G recently replaced their existing gas main. Milling and Paving of the above roads is to be completed by PSE&G as part of their obligation to repave from curb to centerline, roads that had gas main replacement performed. These roads are to be repaved curb to curb in the Spring of 2026.

Our Scope of Services are as follows:

1. For these roads, instead of utilizing conventional ground survey to obtain existing conditions of the roadways, the roads will be base mapped using digital imagery. We will transmit the base plans to the various utility companies and request as-built information on existing utilities as well as notify them of the project. The basemapping will then be used as a base map for which the plans will be developed. We will perform spot shots to confirm drainage patterns along the curbline as needed. Additionally, we will utilize the survey done for Schepis Avenue in 2022 to design the ramps at the end of each road. That survey sufficiently covers the ADA ramps at each location.
2. Provide design for the ADA curb ramps; utility repairs and storm sewer modifications. We understand that Saddle Brook desires to only install curbing where it is missing or otherwise not serviceable. Plans will also include replacement of driveway curbs and aprons where missing or in poor condition. Most concrete aprons will be left alone while most asphalt aprons will be replaced.

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3. Prepare the construction plans, specifications, and engineer's construction estimate for obtaining construction bids for the project. The roads listed above will be part of one bid package.
4. Assist in the bid opening, review of bids, and recommend award of the contract.
5. Provide construction observation services during the construction phase of the project. Observation will be on a part time basis. We will check the concrete formwork prior to the concrete pours and observe the concrete pours.
6. Provide contract administration services including the processing of change orders and payment requests. We will prepare and issue an initial submittals list to the Contractor to assist in providing submittals in a timely manner and then review and return shop drawings submitted by the Contractor. We will attend the preconstruction meeting and issue meeting notes. We will perform a punch list inspection and provide a list of punch list items to the Contractor.

PROJECT COST

The anticipated project cost(s) are detailed as follows:

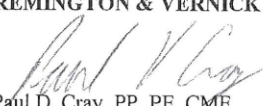
Item	Task	Budget Estimate
A	Estimated Construction Cost:	\$ 206,000.00
B	Engineering:	\$ 22,000.00
C	Contract Administration and Inspection	\$ 22,000.00
	Total Project Cost:	\$ 250,000.00

COST OF SERVICES

Our lump sum fee is based on the scope as known at this time. If unforeseen and/or unanticipated work items arise, our office shall provide a separate or amended scope of services & cost proposal for consideration and approval. Our lump sum fee of **\$44,000.00** will be billed monthly based on the percent complete of each phase.

We await your written authorization to begin preparation of the required documents for bidding. We trust the information provided meets your requirements for this project. Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at our Secaucus office.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Paul D. Cray, PP, PE, CME
Executive Vice President

Cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete LoDico, Clerk
Robert Klein, RVE

4. P. CRAY, RVE, TWP. ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS ADM.

RE: PROPOSAL – TREE STREETS WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2025



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August 18, 2025

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Tree Streets Water Main Improvement Project
Professional Services Proposal
M2025-0272

Dear Mr. Homs:

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) is pleased to submit this revised proposal to provide professional services for the above-referenced project. The project intent is to extend the water main on each road to the water main on Schepis Avenue. Currently each street's water main ties off the water main on Wilson Avenue but does not connect to Schepis. The plans will connect the water main on each street to the Schepis water main to provide for a looped system and avoid the water from becoming stagnant and causing discoloration of the water for the homeowners. The streets that will be part of this project are Maple Avenue, Spruce Avenue, Larch Avenue and Pine Avenue. This work was previously done for Oak Avenue, Elm Avenue and Ash Avenue.

The above four roads were among several roads where PSE&G recently replaced their existing gas main. Milling and Paving of the above roads is to be completed by PSE&G as part of their obligation to repave from curb to centerline. These roads are to be repaved in the Spring of 2026 and we plan to have PSE&G pave these 4 roads curb to curb.

Our Scope of Services are as follows:

1. For these roads, instead of utilizing conventional ground survey to obtain existing conditions of the roadways, the roads will be base mapped using digital imagery. We will transmit the base plans to the various utility companies and request as-built information on existing utilities as well as notify them of the project. The basemapping will then be used as a base map for which the plans will be developed.
2. Prepare the construction plans, specifications, and engineer's construction estimate for obtaining construction bids for the project. The plans will show the new water main connecting to the existing water main on Schepis Avenue. The plans will also show the locations of fittings, valves, and hydrants near where each street intersects with Schepis.
3. Assist in the bid opening, review of bids, and recommend award of the contract.
4. Provide construction observation services during the construction phase of the project. Observation will be full-time during water main installation work. We will also observe any testing work that will be required by the Contract.

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5. Provide contract administration services including the processing of change orders and payment requests. We will review and return shop drawings submitted by the Contractor. We will attend the preconstruction meeting and issue meeting notes. We will perform a punch list inspection and provide a list of punch list items to the Contractor.

PROJECT COST

The anticipated project cost(s) are detailed as follows:

Item	Task	Budget Estimate
A	Estimated Construction Cost:	\$ 298,000.00
B	Engineering:	\$ 25,000.00
C	Contract Administration and Inspection	\$ 27,000.00
	Total Project Cost:	\$ 350,000.00

COST OF SERVICES

Our lump sum fee is based on the scope as known at this time. If unforeseen and/or unanticipated work items arise, our office shall provide a separate or amended scope of services & cost proposal for consideration and approval. Our lump sum fee of **\$52,000.00** will be billed monthly based on the percent complete of each phase.

We await your written authorization to begin preparation of the required documents for bidding. We trust the information provided meets your requirements for this project. Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned at our Secaucus office.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.


Paul D. Cray, PP, PE, CME
Executive Vice President

Cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete LoDico, Clerk
Robert Klein, RVE

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*** APPLICATIONS**

NONE

*** REPORTS**

- 1. MUNICIPAL COURT MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 2. BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 3. GRANT WRITER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 4. CANNABIS MONTHLY REVENUE REPORT – JULY 2025 (REVISED)**
- 5. DPW MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 2025**
- 6. FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 7. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 8. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICIAL'S REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 9. TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 10. WATER UTILITY MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 11. ENGINEER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2025**
- 12. ENGINEER'S MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor White – I just wanted to mention a couple of things I forgot. There was a roundtable meeting given by Congresswoman Nellie Pou at the Marriott Hotel here in Saddle Brook on Friday morning September 5th. She met with a bunch of local mayors in her district and it was a good discussion on a variety of topics so I was happy to be a part of that. I also want to mention and wish the school district, the teachers, staff, students, everybody a successful school year. I want to mention to residents, the general public please drive safely schools are open. We want to make sure everybody's safe and please try to cooperate with the crossing guards. They have a difficult job every year we have a meeting a training session before they start and they get sometimes they get verbally abused. So please try to be as cooperative and as respectful as possible with the crossing guards. I also wanted to mention that I failed to mention when I was talking about the water. I do regret not sending it out but there was a savings because anytime you send a letter out number one you have to worry that the Post Office gets it to you because we've had a lot of problems with the Post Office and their mailings. It would have cost a considerable amount of money to mail a letter out. I guess we could have put a sticker on the water bill maybe that would have been less money and that might have been confusing too. The last thing I want to say is I just want to say I agree Councilman Cimiluca and I don't agree on everything but I agree with what he had to say about Charlie Kirk. I also want to say I'm going to go a little further. I just feel that you know what regardless whether you liked or didn't like him or you felt he was offensive he was murdered and you know what not only is it so deplorable that somebody would say he had it coming to him or anything like that to me it's also disrespectful and I don't know I'm a Christian I'm a Catholic and I believe that when somebody dies you should pray for them. Pray for them to go to Heaven. You know what I hope people do that when I go you know I got a lot of

work to do to get up there but you know it's common decency. I mean you know what let the man rest. He's not even buried and people are bashing the heck out of him. You know regardless it's just not right and one other thing that really annoys the heck out of me is the President of the United States I don't care whether you like him don't like him you're from a different party I don't care. He's the President of the United States he issues an order that the flags out at half-staff you put them at half-staff. I don't why do we question that. He's got the authority to do it. It's not like he's asking to do it for a bad reason he's doing it yeah maybe you don't agree with it but he's doing it to honor and show respect for somebody that he felt deserved that privilege. He's got the right he's the President so end of story. I don't know maybe he's being a police officer, para military you follow orders it's that simple. So anyway that's all I have to say.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else old or new business? Okay seeing no one else let's open the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Council President Gierak – Anyone wish to address the Council on agenda items?

Andrew Dziedzic comes forward. You have ordinance 1792-25 first reading amending and supplementing 206 of the cannabis. Can someone please explain what's being amended and supplemented. Those are operating hours, those are geographical restrictions, those are people going into a retail store and they're not allowed to smoke on the property so they'll just drive down the street to a residential property. It's very vague here you know we're going to have 9 facilities in a 2.4 square mile Town. I don't know why this wasn't done 6, 12, 18 months ago thank you.

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

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Cimiluca

Roll Call:

Councilman Cimiluca – yes

Councilman Accomando – absent

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Gierak – yes

Mr. Schettino – Previously the Governing Body amended the ordinance with respect to the size of the building for manufacturing because what they learned and again this is all new to many municipalities is that for a manufacturing facility you need a decent size room to make it financially feasible. So that was increased to allow up to 12,500 square feet. The Governing Body then learned that the same was true for cultivation that in order to have someone make a business economically feasible that you needed a space of up to 12,500 square feet. So the only change in this amendment is to increase the space up to 12,500 square feet. There's no other change in the ordinance other than that for cultivation.

Council President Gierak – Any final comments?

Councilman Cimiluca – A couple of things. Number one there's not nine cannabis facilities in Town. We authorized or gave resolutions of support we didn't give it to nine different organizations. What we did was we allowed for up to three retail, up to three manufacturing and up to three cultivation. As of this time I believe that there was only one resolution of support that was sought for manufacturing. Correct me if I'm wrong and that I believe is being withdrawn. So right now what we're left with is one potential cultivation facility and three potential retail facilities. I forgot to mention at that 9/11 Ceremony I want to thank Congresswoman Nellie Pou and Assemblywoman Lisa Swain for taking time out of their busy schedule. I know 9/11 is date where all elected officials are running from place to place to talk to their constituents and give their condolences to the deceased and their families. So thank you for attending and lastly every year I attend and most if not all of the Council and the Mayor go to the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City for a few days and we always go to the GIF hearing. GIF is our insurance fund that covers a lot of different municipalities and they give a presentation actually the Town I think we get \$250 or \$300 off our membership or our dues premiums for everybody that attends. So it's informative and we save the Town some money. Every year it's the same thing they always ask the same questions do you know what the number one class of employees that have the highest rate of injury of anybody in state, local, county government work and it's always the same answer it's crossing guards. So again as the Mayor said be careful. They do have a very dangerous job. So be careful out there I know it's hard you want to get your kids to school. I know on my block every day my wife comes here and says there's people parked two inches of the stop sign they're blocking driveways. I know we have Ms. Zottarelli here she lives next to a school so she understands the trials and tribulations of having a property that's right near a school. The crossing guards are just there to help your kids and help you so just be kind to them thank you.

Council President Gierak – I just want to thank Councilwoman Mazzer for participating tonight. I hope she feels better.

Councilwoman Mazzer – You're welcome. Thank you.

Council President Gierak – Anyone else final comments? No comments motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Cimiluca

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Clerk

David Gierrek
Council President

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