

The minutes of the Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on July 16, 2026 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 Gierak – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – present
Council President Cimiluca – present

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

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

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

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

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

Notice is hereby given that beginning January 1, 2026 the complete text of all legal notices required to be published in the township of Saddle Brook shall be obtained or viewed on the Saddle Brook website-saddlebrooknj.us. In addition, the New Jersey Secretary of State will be establishing a legal notice hyperlink page allowing members of the public to find hyperlinks for every municipality. On or about March 1st a hyperlink to the Secretary of State's webpage will be published on the municipal webpage as soon as same is available.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay our first order of business is to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierrek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

Thomas Van Winkle of 128 Lincoln Avenue comes forward. I want to begin I wasn't here for the June meeting. I was unable to attend but I want to share my thoughts on Peter LoDico especially since today is the one-month anniversary of his passing. You can't you couldn't find anybody better, you know, more knowledgeable of our Town. Just involved in our Town for over 50 years from being on the Board of Education to the Council, being a mayor, and of course our Township Clerk. He was somebody I looked up to somebody who I enjoyed talking to about our Town's history. Talking about all different Council meetings back in the day. I know the Mayor even said that last month. He would always tell me stories too about Council meetings back in the 70s and 80s and 90s and every year just remembered every you know he just had and I'm stealing the Mayor's thunder a little bit and just saying like how great of a memory he had just how he remembered everything. I used to always joke with him with the Township events like the picnic for example. I used to say oh let's do it by your house. Those of you who know where Pete lived you know would you know what I'm talking about and he'd always get a kick out of that. He just he loved everything about Saddle Brook and that's what really made him Mr. Saddle Brook and he will be missed you know and he just was very approachable, very friendly and I know Frank is doing a great job following his footsteps and I wish him all the best on and continue as Township Clerk, Deputy Clerk and then Township Clerk. Okay and actually the other thing and my idea with Pete I know we've been talking about like ways of honoring him. My idea is just twofold number one is you know with Mayhill Street after the traffic light as you head past Acme to get to here is to name that part of Mayhill Street to like LoDico Way, LoDico Street name that part of Mayhill change that to LoDico Way and then I guess you have to change the address of this building you know 55 LoDico Way, LoDico Street, whatever is involved with that. The other idea, my other suggestion is to either name this Council chambers after him or even name the whole building after him. I mean, it's something that should be considered. I think definitely I know you guys all want to honor him and I know you will and I and I look forward to hearing what comes out of that. Okay the next thing I want to talk about is our is a Community Partnership because in my hand here we have this Community Partnership back in May started a new newsletter. It's called Saddle Brook Community Connections and really for those for those people who attend our Community Partnership meetings on the fourth Thursday of every

month. One of the biggest sections of our meeting is devoted to talk about stories of collaboration and partnership and that's really highlighted this Community Connections newsletter. It's printed it's available at various businesses in Town also available at the in the three entrances to the Municipal Complex. There are copies on the table where the agendas are in here and I thank you for letting me putting them there as well. They're in the Rec Center Town Hall. I put them at the library, First Reformed Church my church, it's a whole bunch of places. I'll be sitting here all night naming them. I was just going all around Town just handing them out different businesses and we'll continue doing that. It's going to be printed monthly also available digitally monthly and I want to emphasize too, it's no cost to the residents because we use LPI. So, we use LPI and you know with for the senior senator's life. So, it's no cost so, I just wanted to share that with you. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – Just one question and I apologize we did talk about your July 4th event at the church. I had 25 people at my house I couldn't but can you just say how that went?

Mr. Van Winkle - Sure we had about we had roughly 55 people in attendance. We had dignitaries Township officials and the Mayor was in attendance. Father Bruce from St. Philips, Pastor Park of New Life Korean Church, which shares the First Reformed Church they worship in our building and of course our interim pastor, Pastor Tom Larkin, amongst other people. So, I really want to thank them for you know kind of help lead service, lead the prayers. It was beautiful. We had the service downstairs in our Van Wyk Fellowship Hall, which is which is the name of the fellowship hall in the church basement. We set it up all nice, you know. I also want to thank to our he serves as our chairperson of buildings and grounds in our worship committee. His name is Tom Wojcik who was very help very instrumental in putting this together. So I do want to acknowledge him for making it all possible. It was a beautiful day and then after the service we went outside. We rang the bell for 250 seconds. So the bell just kept going for four minutes straight.

Council President Cimiluca – So that was at 2:50 p.m. celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States

Mr. Van Winkle – Correct yes.

Council President Cimiluca – This is my question, were you able to hear any other church bells while you were there?

Mr. Van Winkle – I couldn't hear it at the church and because that bell, for those of you who heard the bell, it's very loud and that bell, that church bell that we rang is original

from 1901. It's been on the church property for 125 years and it still works. It was restored in 2019. It works like a charm because of the restoration.

Council President Cimiluca – I'm sorry I couldn't make it. That sounds pretty cool.

Mr. Van Winkle – I also want to thank the Town also for the food truck for providing the food truck for the hot dogs. I also would be remiss I want to thank the Fire Department as well who brought the tents over so that we could set tables up out in the parking lot on Ackerman Avenue. So I do want to thank I know Chief Wenzel's here but I want to thank him for and the Fire Department for all their help on that.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you.

Sylvia Zottarelli 236 Lanza Avenue comes forward. I was at the work session. You guys know I came up and I asked about what was going to be done about Walmart. Mr. Cimiluca, you keep saying that it's an enforcement issue. What are you going to do about enforcing it? I just sat here almost two hours and listened to everything you're going to do to help Lyster Avenue residents which they deserve it. What are you doing about Lanza Avenue residents? This is six, seven years that I have come and complained you know it's a valid issue. Other residents have come they're disgusted they don't want to come anymore. So I'm just curious as to what it takes to get something done. If it's enforcement it's up to you guys to enforce it we can't. So I don't think that's a valid excuse anymore I really don't. That's one second, as far as Pete goes some people might think it's creepy but it's an idea. I think to make a bust of his head and put it on a pedestal or something and showcase out in the front hallway. That's all I got.

Council President Cimiluca – While we have the officers here she's right. I keep talking about enforcement. How are we doing with the enforcement of the noise that's behind Walmart to help out these people across the creek? Either of you guys want to comment on that? No.

Captain Califano – Once we get calls we respond.

Council President Cimiluca – I've said this for years that two things that that I think should happen. Our Code Enforcement Officer should do a drive by at least once a day. I think he works four hours a day. It doesn't take long to go around that building for refuse, whatever trash is there, things like that but if he does that and he sees something he would report it. Also that being that it's a known area that the police should do enhanced and again I'm not a cop. The Mayor was a cop I'm just maybe talking out my butt I don't know but I think again enforcement is to go there and sometimes be proactive and not

wait for the call because sometimes people get disgusted or they just don't want to do it and call because they feel that their calls aren't being answered. But again have the drive byes it doesn't take much if somebody's going onto 46 to make that loop and go back there and see what's going on and if they hear anything do it. I know that there's no way that you're going to catch every time that there's a loud noise. It's just and I think Mrs. Zottarelli would understand that. That there's no way every single time something happens. You know, I see that all the time somebody will say, "Uh, where's a cop when you need it?" Well, we have three of them but if there's a drive by and you see them and you kind of know when they're doing this drive by and see and if they're doing something wrong you know issue tickets you know issue summonses. They can't just disturb said at length at the work session that this is a resident friendly Council, a resident friendly Town and we don't want people to come here for five or six years on the same problem. Again I said it's enforcement. I think it is. I don't know what else to do. I can't issue a ticket but you guys can. So if you can just try and make a special effort. So not that I don't like seeing Miss Zottarelli but this way when I see her it's on better circumstances.

Captain Califano – We can relay that to the Chief.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Anyone else want to address the Council?

Omar Rodriguez of Madison Avenue comes forward. It's going to be a speed bump on the agenda on Claremont Avenue. More than a dozen residents while knocking door to door has expressed their concern about being a shortcut for Market Street. This is just the beginning. When Market Street opens with these 60 new units and 120 cars coming in there right now it takes 25 minutes to half hour to leave Market Street. How long it will take then definitely they will take Claremont Avenue as a shortcut. Talking about those 60 units that has been sold for \$1.6 million \$26,000 each unit every time that I say something it seems like I'm making it up but everything is on the record. They say that 120 cars will be coming into Saddle Brook and will improve the traffic on Market Street. I want to see that and it's on the record it's not made up. So we should have mayors on debates on a lot of issues because three minutes is not enough to discuss a lot of issues like the high density on housing in Town. People wants to know if you have any new ideas for the future and betterment of the residents. Actually if a 120 cars are going to come I want you to explain to the residents how are they going to improve the traffic on Market Street. If anything it will make it worse. Then on the high density Paramus as an example they were told by the State that they have to build a thousand low-income housing units. They managed to reduce it by 68% and they just have to build 340 units. Saddle Brook has to build 279 plus 42 so it give you 341 but we didn't negotiate with the State. So we going to have to build 341. I don't know we have to come a little more creative. I think the

debates for many months I've been saying we should go for debates because a voter that is more informed will make a very better decision in November. I believe that the residents deserve more than that. Finally last month I asked the Council and Mayor by dismissing the bus driver for the senior citizens how much money it will save us. I didn't have a response. Then I want to ask how much money does it take to print all those nice glossy brochures for the Town that it just serve the purpose of selling yourselves but not to the residents and it was some words that were not right against the senior citizens I'm one of them and I would just like to say that the poor choice of words that we're saying against the seniors is bad. They're not second class citizens. They are the main power and part of the Town. We have to treat them with respect and love. Thank you all for listening. Have a good night.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you Mr. Rodriguez.

Karen D'Arminio of 537 Avon Lane comes forward. Omar I'm sorry you're walking out but yeah. Okay I'm going to be of good note. As the new Director of the Senior Center we now have lunch Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays \$1.25 is requested donation. We are doing really well and I invite all the seniors um in the Town to come and have lunch with us. We have trips, we have line dancing, we have lots and lots of activities. So it's all good and I don't know why he says we don't treat our seniors well because I have been down there for 30 years and now that I'm in charge seniors are first and that's all I want to say.

Council President Cimiluca – Ms. D'Arminio can I just ask you a question the senior bus we cut the hours of the driver from full-time to part-time and then we terminated services and also the bus. I know we had a young lady here who had an issue and it really impacted her but have you been down there on a daily basis? Is there a lot of kickback on or should say push back on?

Ms. D'Arminio - No and actually when he went when the bus driver went to four days he was part-time two of those days. One day he went to the mall in the morning and then one day he went to ShopRite on Thursday. We had exactly seven calls for the doctor. So there were seven appointments in five months for doctors. All he did what I don't want to talk about anybody but the mall and shopping was the primary and when we took it away from them they were disappointed and we're sorry that they did but the County offers a better service. They're handicapped um in in the bus. Like we had somebody call for the doctors that wanted to go in a wheelchair. We can't accommodate them. We can't strap down the wheelchair. So you know the bus is old and really we didn't get the calls for it other than shopping.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you.

Denise Monesteri of 25 Danna Way. Good evening, Mayor and Council and friends. First, I would like to thank Township Administrator Jimmy Homsy for taking the time to speak with me. The conversation was productive and I appreciated the update he provided regarding the senior bus. One point that was reinforced was during our conversation is that providing services is only one part of the equation. If residents do not know a service is available then for all intents and purposes that service does not exist for them. Outreach needs to be active not passive. A notice on a website a Facebook post or information available at the Senior Center and local businesses will reach the people who are already connected. The challenge is reaching the seniors who are not connected. It is the same concept as when someone is running for office. A candidate with only a website, a Facebook page, and a flyer at a campaign office will have limited reach. While a candidate who combines those tools with door knocking, phone calls, mailings, community presence, and direct engagement will reach far more people. The strategy is the same whether we call it outreach, marketing, or communications. There is a significant difference between actively promoting a service versus saying the information is available on our website. In an effort to better understand the decline in ridership that led to the discontinuation of the senior bus, I submitted an open public records act request OPRA request for bus records from January 1st, 2024 through when the Township ended the service on May 22nd, 2026. The Township provided records from August 6th, 2025 through May 14th, 2026. After following up with the Deputy Clerk regarding the missing records, I was informed that those additional records could not be located. This is not to criticize anyone however, good governance depends on accurate and well-maintained public records in order to make informed decisions. Data allows leaders to understand how a service is currently being used, where gaps exist, and how future decisions should be made. Reliable records also preserve institutional knowledge rather than assumptions. When records needed to evaluate a public service are unavailable, there is a ripple effect because public trust can be eroded when information needed for accountability is incomplete or unavailable. Transparency is essential because we are making decisions that directly affect the lives of people living in our Town especially with something as important as transportation which goes far beyond point A and point B. Community transportation is a bridge to civic life. The Bergen County Transportation Program is outstanding. I use it, but it does not operate on weekends or evenings. So how does a senior who no longer drives attend the Township picnic in August that's on a Saturday. How do they get to National Night Out?

Council President Cimiluca – Ma'am, I'm just going to ask you to finish up because you're going over the time. I'll give you a chance to finish up.

Ms. Monesteri - How are they able to participate in council meetings like this one and how do they attend evening concerts, community celebrations, or events like one hosted at our local church, which sounds beautiful. These are simply not transportation questions they are questions about inclusion in our community life. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you very much.

Jerry Taylor of 318 Schepis Avenue comes forward. Do we know with all the dispensaries in Town is there a line item in the budget that shows how much money the Town is making off of those dispensaries?

Council President Cimiluca – I think there's only one that's been active and one that's brand new. So I mean we're not overrun by dispensaries but in terms of where that money goes I know we get to 2% of the revenues and not just the profits but the revenues. I'm going to defer to our Business Administrator to like is there an item in the budget for income relevant to the dispensaries?

Mr. Homsy - Yeah, there is a revenue permit line and on top of that that it gets deposited into and in addition I do keep a spreadsheet that's a report that anyone could have access to that's shared with the Council on a monthly basis what those figures are each month from each dispensary but as Mr. Cimiluca said right now one is active, one just recently opened. So right now it has been the one retail shop that has been contributing their mandated taxes.

Mr. Taylor - And is it also true with the I heard that where Moe's is next to the cleaners was going to be another dispensary. So that'd be three on 46 or no?

Council President Cimiluca – We developed and determined the best places to put these dispensaries and we made an overlay district. So that's where they're supposed to be for the most part on 46. But in terms of Moe's I think that was going to be a medical dispensary and I'm not sure about it. Mayor do you have any idea about what went on with that? Is that still?

Mayor White - Medical but it's probably not going forward.

Council President Cimiluca – It's probably not going forward.

Mr. Taylor - All right and in relation to 580 Midland with the I know the zoning was changed question I guess to the attorney. Once that goes to be developed will the residents be notified like when you when you go for a variance and a person does that will there be

notices coming to me since it's going to affect me saying that there's meetings going to start?

Mr. Schettino – Yes any applicant that's submits plans for a development to either the Planning Board or the Board of Adjustment has to satisfy two advertisements. One is in the newspaper which a lot of people don't read and one is residents within 200 feet will get a notice by mail typically certified because the applicant has to prove that he provided the service. In addition to that and it probably will be posted on the website and you know the agenda gets posted. So you should have no difficulty in knowing when that application if it's ever filed will be heard.

Mr. Taylor - Okay and just one last thing the BA stated that the budget was advertised 28 days before. Last week I did a search trying to find the budget and I could not. Can you tell like I even looked on our website on the Town website and looking for the budget itself? I had a summary but I didn't have individual line items. Is that where normally it is?

Council President Cimiluca – Your time is done but I'll you know Mr. Homsy will respond.

Mr. Homsy - That was the advertising period. So in our in our required local newspapers that's the noticing requirement it was located.

Mr. Taylor - But to actually find the actual budget itself, you're just advertising you're just advertising that it's out there. In other words, I'm looking for a copy of it.

Mr. Homsy - Yeah no it's after adoption it should be placed on the website and then of course anyone could come in and request it. Even after it introduction it could be requested.

Council President Cimiluca – No, I believe the question is before the adoption before we had our meeting able to get was there an ability to for a member of the public to come in and look at the book?

Mr. Homsy - Yes after it's after it's introduced yes. It's a public record after it becomes introduced.

Mr. Taylor - But it doesn't go out it doesn't go out online per se until after it's approved by the Council.

Mr. Homsy - Typically we put the adopted version on the website yes.

Mr. Taylor - And the speed bumps are back and they're painted. They look great over by us so thank you very much.

Andrew Dziedzic of Saddle Brook comes forward. Just a few questions. I've been asking the low-income housing the 279 units who were given from the State which is just a ridiculous high number. Where are we you know specifically exactly in that negotiation? Is there a negotiation window? What is the actual number from the 279 units that the Township has agreed to? Also I was here last month during the budget we have a page for the water budget which is over 2 million and then what I was referring to was a water utility budget that went from 273,600 to 148,900. That's the \$125,000 people are very confused why there's a water budget and a water utility budget. So specifically the water utility budget where that \$125,000 went and I think you know a lot of people you know throughout the Town many districts, neighborhoods they're very interested in you know this local election in November and when the council candidates and mayor candidates when they're going to be having multiple debates you know I think maybe three or four debates. One in August, one in September, maybe one or two in October so I believe both heads of the clubs were supposed to communicate and that hasn't happened so just looking for those follow-ups. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca –Thank you. I'm going to defer to um Mr. Homsy or the Mayor on the who should address the housing units because I know that Mr. Rodriguez somehow came up with 300 something units and um I think Mr. Dziedzic had it for 279. I know that was the number that was proposed by Fair Share Housing, but the number was much less than that. Mr. Homsy you want to talk about that?

Mr. Schettino - Well I would like to address the process but I don't have the exact numbers. Do you have the exact numbers?

Mr. Homsy - Yeah I believe the 279 is accurate and then after going through the process was reduced to 17.

Mr. Schettino – Seventeen.

Mr. Homsy – Yeah.

Mr. Schettino – Okay so yeah. So let's just to again correct I know it sounds and maybe hopefully that's not the intention to say 279 when it's not accurate. So first of all the Town didn't just accept the number that fair share came up with it was contested heavily by a special attorney that the Governing Body hired who specializes in the affordable housing area and as a result of that going through the process which involves a special master. I

have to give a little history so people understand the significance of it. So a special master is considered an independent individual appointed by the court. That special master has a tremendous amount of influence on what the ultimate outcome is going to be because the judges essentially consider them the only independent objective person involved in the process other than themselves and therefore their recommendation as to what the numbers should be is extremely important. So, the Council was able through this process to get credit for affordable housing units that were already built at one location to get credit for the units that are being built at Market Street and to reduce the number significantly as our administrator stated from what they initially wanted to what it was reduced to and in addition to that the Council was able to draft an agreement that was approved by the court that allowed them to satisfy their prospective need which is for the fourth round to get the certification and the immunity from a builder's lawsuit to meet it with an overlay zone. Which means that if someone wants to build in a particular zone and no one has come forward yet they would have to have a set aside of 15 or 20% of whatever they're building for affordable housing to meet this perspective need. So the possibility that nothing gets built is that could happen because we don't have to go out and find a developer. That a developer has to be willing to build with an affordable housing component and we're not obligated to give them a pilot for the project. So it's very difficult with the cost of things for developers to think it's in their financial interest to build affordable housing units unfortunately for those who are in need of those. So the scenario being painted is not anywhere near what is accurate nor is what is truthful and although I did not handle the case I think the attorney who did for the Township did a very good job in getting the number reduced and getting the settlement that I have to say for the most part no one will probably even realize where these affordable housing units are or if they even ever get developed. Mr. Homsy was there anything else that I missed?

Mr. Homsy - No I think just the builder's remedy that we're having immunity from builder's remedies lawsuit too included in that that's about it.

Council President Cimiluca – And just before we open to this young lady here just the difference between water budget, water utility budget.

Mr. Homsy - I mean this should be all in the water utility. I could take a closer look if you have questions I'm happy to you know.

Council President Cimiluca – There was a question as to there was a \$125,000 difference between last year and this year in one of those two. I think the question was what's the difference between a water budget and a water utility budget. Because he's saying there's two different sets of numbers.

Mr. Homsy - Yeah I mean the water utility should be its own utility budget. I have to look closer at the operating budget to see what exactly is in there for that as it relates to water operations.

Council President Cimiluca – But is there a water budget are there two separate areas like a water what he's and I don't.

Mr. Homsy - To me there should I don't think there should I don't think I would have to double check. I don't think to me everything that water related should be in the water utility but I'll look to verify.

Council President Cimiluca – Can you look into that this way at the next meeting we can address the resident's concern?

Mr. Homsy - No problem.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay ma'am please state your name.

My name is Juanita Hickman and I live on Finnegan Avenue in Saddle Brook. I'm here to speak with the Mayor and the Council personnel in reference to our former bus driver senior bus driver Howie whether it was a matter of being fired or retired. I had been taking that bus for many years having lived in Saddle Brook and if let's say for any reason well first of all I started taking the bus with another driver before Howie took over and then the other man moved out of State Howie took over and we got many years of good service and as for our packages and whatever we had were assisted through him or let's say Sandy who would be the assistant riding on the bus. However at some point in time let's say when Howie would take off there would be another individual named Jason who would be the relief person. But I just came to speak on behalf that for the years of service that Howie drove the senior bus I have no complaints of the service and whether it was for the mall or let's say to well let's say for shopping or for the mall and then somehow in recent years there got to be some small issue as to the heaviness of our packages and I'm one of those individuals instead of me having to deal with 20 bags I'd rather have three heavy bags and maybe two lighter bags but that was my personal way of doing it. But the service was good and we I miss him and the changes have been regarding the Bergen County transportation and I had started to take them during the Saddle Brook Senior Bus Service because they would take us most any time for our medical appointments and that worked out better for me.

Council President Cimiluca – Your three minutes is up but I'll let you finish up.

Ms. Hickman - Well, that's mainly what I wanted to say to speak on behalf of Howie that the service was good during the time I was there and the others who assisted with him. I have no complaints and I'm dealing with the County now and so far it's going good but would be good if we could have all of the personnel right in our group together. Thank you very much.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you and I'm going to reach out Karen or Paula if anyone speaks to Howie or Rose can you just relay this young lady's comments and her commendations to Howie? Thank you. Any anybody else wish to address the Council?

John Vitovic of Caldwell Avenue comes forward. For the past few years I've been periodically coming here and complaining about the Saddle Brook Senior Bus and the dictatorial procedures of the driver. Two years ago I went to the Township Clerk Peter LoDico God rest his soul and I asked for all policies, procedures, rules, regulations, governing the Saddle Brook bus. Well he laughed at me and he said, "That covers just about everything." And I said, "I want to be thorough." Three weeks later, he came back to me and he said, "John, there are no rules regulations, policies, or procedures regarding the senior bus." I said, "You mean the operator of the bus just does whatever he wants. There's no control. There's no oversight on them." And he'd come up with rules like, "You can't have more than three bags. The three bags can't weigh more than 10 pounds each. You don't expect me to pick them up and put them on the bus. Then he came out with little one-liners like, "You can't drink all that soda." Then he looks at my wife and says, "Do you do shopping for the neighborhood? You can't weigh more than 100 pounds." Actually, she weighs 109 pounds and he complained about just about everything. So it got to the point where my wife would come home occasionally in tears. I spent a lot of years in the Marine Corps. I was ready to go outside to the senior bus invite him behind the property and would straighten this out. I don't make my wife cry. I'll be damned if somebody else does and my wife kept on saying, "It's okay. I'll take care of it myself." I'm glad to see him gone and this nonsense now about him and his champions going around town saying, "Oh, he was forced out." Well, after I retired from the corps, I got a job in private industry and I learned there's two ways of leaving a job. You either resign or you're terminated. I don't know what forced out is but I'm fed up with this nonsense and in actuality sir and I apologize for this I blame the Council. You created the Saddle Brook Senior Bus with no control, no oversight, no supervision, no management and it's like, oh God, we got a senior bus that's wonderful and nothing behind it. Yes, sir.

Council President Cimiluca – Sir, you got three minutes and you knew that and you're way over the three minutes. So I gave you a little leeway but I'd ask.

Mr. Vitovic - If you want to cut me off, that's fine, sir.

Council President Cimiluca – Yes, sir it's a three-minute time limit. Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

There was a misunderstanding and Mr. Vitovic did not know that at the work session you can speak as long as you want and there is a three minute time limit for the regular meeting.

Councilman Gierak and Council President Cimiluca explained the difference in policy to Mr. Vitovic.

Mr. Schettino – Through the Chair, did you want me to address the comments that were made regarding the Market Street project because again there were several misstatements or just let it go.

Council President Cimiluca – Yeah sure.

Mr. Schettino – Okay so and I know this has been said multiple times by the individual and I've responded the same. So he keeps repeating it. So I'm going to keep repeating the response. The value and the cost of the units was not 26,000 dollars as he stated because the developer also had to build 40 underground parking spaces for our Police Department, which was estimated by our engineer to have a value of \$1.2 million, which brings the cost of each unit to \$46,666. In addition to that the developer did not receive a pilot so he has to pay the full property taxes value which at last year's value and we all know residential values have been going up significantly every year would have generated a tax revenue of approximately \$325,000 to \$340,000 on property that was of course tax exempt while the municipality owned it. As to the comment that testimony was that the parking would be improved. No, that was not the testimony. The traffic engineer whose testimony was confirmed by our own engineers who attended the meeting stated that the impact to traffic is existing is not good on Market Street but this would have a negligible impact to the point that no one would know the difference because although there is parking for 120 vehicles there's not going to be 120 vehicles going out onto Market

Street number one at the same time and number two not that volume at all because you have to take into account that everybody is not going to drive their vehicle every day between the fact that they may not be working or they may be working remotely or they may be using public transportation. So again it wasn't that parking would be improved but that it would I mean the traffic but it would have a very negligible impact with respect to the existing traffic issues on Market Street. So hopefully those statements will not have to be repeated that were made, nor that I have to repeat what the actual facts are so that public realizes what the true situation is as to that Market Street project.

Council President Cimiluca – I think you said 26,000 he had said \$36,000.

Mr. Schettino - Oh, I thought he said 26.

Council President Cimiluca – No it's 36 and in regard to traffic my recollection is he is correct. Nobody on this Council ever said that traffic would be improved. The person making the presentation who was an advocate for the builder said that there would be a slight improvement. Which I don't agree with. I believe that it may be negligible and it may be the same or it may be worse but that that if it's worse it would be negligible but certainly I can't see how it would improve. He had some idea about how it would improve it. I didn't buy it then. I don't buy it now but I think that's going to we're going to have and I'm going to ask the Mayor to speak on this because there is conversation I've spoken about it for years about the intersection of Market, Essex, Rochelle Ave and Main Street right down the road here and if and when that comes to fruition it's going to solve a lot of the problems that we currently have and will make I believe this project absolutely to have absolutely no impact on traffic. So we'll start with comments from the Mayor.

Mayor White - Okay. You know why don't we start there because with the meeting that myself, Mr. Homsy, and Mr. Klein a virtual meeting that we attended with the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Council President Cimiluca – Right and there is a new meeting this Tuesday evening 21st from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. So Mr. Homsy do you want to talk about that meeting and what went on?

Mr. Homsy - I'm going to defer to Mr. Klein but I just want to be clear about that meeting on the 21st is open to the public so anyone's invited to attend that meeting.

Council President Cimiluca – And just so we're clear, there's a flyer no I have it in my packet. Is this online?

Mr. Homsy - We have it at the table, it's online and we have it at the pamphlet section too at Town Hall.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay so it is accessible. I urge everyone who is concerned about the traffic in Market Street, which should be every single resident of Saddle Brook who has a car or knows someone who has a car. You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go on the website or come to Town Hall and get that and you can attend virtually but we'll defer to Mr. Klein on what went on at the in person meeting.

Mr. Klein - So they presented this project and where they currently stand. Apparently it's been a project for a while. They're currently in the preliminary design phase. They're looking to replace the bridge that goes over the Saddle River so that they can add more lanes more traffic lanes going through that intersection in all four directions. Which would certainly improve traffic flow. The whole reason they're doing this is because of the traffic issue that is there. They're going to enhance pedestrian traffic as well. There will of course be when it's under construction an inconvenience there'll be detours. I think what they're going to do first is take care of the three legs that don't include the bridge first which will initially and then while they're replacing the bridge there'll be a detour coming from either way on Market Street going in both directions.

Council President Cimiluca – And that that's the leg that's really impacts Saddle Brook people and Saddle Brook traffic.

Mr. Klein - Right so that'll be part of what they present and the project looks like they gave dates which are I'm sure preliminary but right now preliminarily they think construction is going to take place between 2030 and 2032 would be the time.

Council President Cimiluca – I was unaware of that yeah because I've said it over and over I went to a meeting it's got to be a dozen years ago and we talked about this and I said the same thing. Make left turn only lanes on each leg of that intersection and I believe that's what they're going to do. That seems like the only viable solution. Why it took or why it's going to take almost two decades to get it done that's not even local. That's County and that's State and above us is Route 80 which is federal and they are impacted because there's the structures holding up the highway. So they had to be involved and probably DEP because there's a river involved. So you got all these agencies and the more agencies that you get involved the more time it takes. So I'm glad it's finally going to get done. I will not be a Council person at that time to see it done but I'll gladly go to the grand opening of that new intersection once they cut the ribbon. Mayor do you want to go want to do your comments or was there other things?

Mayor White - Yeah you know I was well the other thing while Mr. Homs I wanted him to speak a little bit because we spoke about the bus service and I just want him because well I want him to tell the public how much money we are saving and a little bit about the County bus service that we Mr. Homs spoke to Mr. Cinque who's the director at the County and how many residents use the service and how many total rides thus far and how many they believe they'll do by the end of the year and I think it'll shed some light on that. I don't want to get into uh the bus driver you know what his performance was. You know what he was with us a lot of years and you know what I thought he did a good job but you know sometimes the County they formed this service and they really you know they built it up. I mean, it started small it started with about 10 buses and I think they got over 100 buses now. Every bus has a driver and an assistant an aid in the bus. Every bus has a ramp that that a mechanical ramp that'll you know that'll lift a lift I guess to bring somebody that's handicapped into the bus. So and you know what we it wasn't like we just ended it and said hey you know what this bus service the County service is better. So you know we tried we made the driver part-time. We wanted to see how that would work. You know we just didn't say, "Hey, look, you know, we don't need it anymore. That's it." And it just you know it comes down to you know a decision that it was better for the Town the Town's going to save a lot of money.

Council President Cimiluca – Mr. Schettino being that the employee is no longer employed by the Town there's no rice notice for them.

Mr. Schettino - Correct.

Mr. Homs – Yeah at the full-time status the salary was \$55,000. Then of course whatever maintenance and operations to continue the operations with the bus and so on and so forth. That was at the full-time status what the cost was for us in the salary capacity. After speaking as the Mayor mentioned, after speaking with the County we asked them for some data to confirm how many riderships are taking place in Saddle Brook. They confirmed they have registered in their system 285 residents from Saddle Brook with a minimum yearly at minimum each year they're servicing 500 rides at minimum they stated In addition just looking in other towns with the operations the you know similar senior transportation operations. Most operate in the same hours you know time frames of you know Monday through Friday you 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. So most if not all operate in a similar fashion. You know you rarely see any that operate on weekends. Of course and you know for our big events we offer that and we're going to offer that at the picnic. They pick up from Town Hall a shuttle service back and forth. So we do we did arrange for that to continue this year. So you know nothing was you know what we offered was fantastic but the County like the Mayor said has an aid on the bus. They're able to carry the bags

for them for groceries and you know we just felt it was a good business decision to continue the service for and to assist in in our financial operations.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor White - Okay I'm just going to start off by someone mentioned about these debates that I guess the Republican candidates are looking to have. I said at the last meeting look this is not the place. This is a public meeting. This is not campaign headquarters. This is not the place to talk about having debates and I told the Republican candidate who's running for mayor he had left but I'm sure he watched the meetings but I had said I said that last week and last month I should say and we didn't receive any calls. I said Look you can call my campaign. There's a lot of ways to get in touch with me. You know what I mean? I think our campaign's all over the place and you can you can call the local Democratic chair Mr. Gieriek down there. We didn't receive any calls. So you know why is it they keep bringing it up here at the meeting? So I guess the public at the public meeting that's televised so that this way you know you're getting it out there that well we want debates but I guess our side doesn't. Nobody said we don't but you know we want to do it the right way. Look I'm the incumbent. My team me and Sarah are incumbents. If you want to have a debate you do it the right way and contact our campaign. You have a Republican Chair, Bob Kugler okay. Have him contact either me or Mr. Gieriek and we'll get the ball rolling. So but you know we have to come to terms on it. I don't know why you're smiling out there but that I said I can't say I'm not going to say it again and you know what if it's brought up again here I'm not I'm not speaking I'm just going to ignore it so from now on that's it. I just want to bring up something that Mrs. Monesteri said and she was talking about and I you know I agree with her that you know you have to you do have to reach out to people that are shut-ins, seniors, people who don't have maybe access to computers. You know you really have to go out of your way and I I've always been an advocate that you know I try doing that you know the Town tries doing that. I think we do a pretty good job school district does a pretty good job too you know but you can always do better you can always do better and I think that's what we strive for. We want to strive to you know get those people that that might not you know have access that might not know what's going on because you know what I've seen it. We've advertised things and put things all over the place and no matter what if it's a nice event that people you know would have liked to have gone to the shredding event that's a good example. Every year every year without a doubt you know we'll post it and you know we'll put it all over the place that we normally do as far as advertising and then the date comes and we'll put a photo. Oh it went great the shredding event went great and I have three or four people that oh I missed it. You know nobody told me you know it's and I feel bad. You know what because obviously you know we try to get to everybody we can but unfortunately some people are harder than others to get to but when it comes to seniors

we really do have and I agree with her we have to try to make every effort to get to everyone that could use the services. Like this lunch program it's a great program, it's going very well, but I know there's people out there that would love to do it, but they just don't know about it. They don't they don't have family members they live alone, they don't get out much. So we have to reach out to those people. So I'm going to go through my normal routine here as far as comments. I'm going to start with the budget. The estimated tax bills were mailed out at the end of last week beginning of this week and they're due by August the 10th. They should be by the end of the month but there's a 10-day grace period. The tax rate is 2.377 which is up only 4 thousandths of a point. The average home in Saddle Brook now is valued at \$500,700. So on the municipal side taxes are increasing by just a little under \$187 \$188 on the average house which I just said valued at \$500,700. I just want to make sure that the seniors know and not just the seniors but there is tax relief offered out there in New Jersey. You got the Anchor Program, you got the Senior Freeze, and you got the Stay New Jersey. Now they use one single form which combines all three applications. To apply for all of them or some of them. Eligibility and payment schedules vary for each program but please if you're interested check the New Jersey website at nj.gov. Or for more information you can also call our local tax collector Linda at 201-587-2914. Resolutions I'm going to I have ordinances, but we're going to table that Lyster Ave ordinance. Resolutions we have the appointment of Frank Barrale as Municipal Clerk. I just want to say that Frank has earned the position. He has his State Certification already. So it's not something that he has to do he's got it already. He worked under Peter LoDico for probably a little over four years and filled in in Pete's absence. He did a good job and you know Pete would have approved of Frank taking his place. I know that you know I had many a conversations with Pete and you know they got to be good friends and I know Frank learned a lot from Pete. So Public Service gas main project we talked about that earlier. The engineer's report that was at in the first meeting but they're doing work now at Floral Lane, George Street, John Ochs Drive and some other Leonhardt some other streets in there and they should be finished in a month or two but then they're going to have to pave the trenches to make sure that they're solid. Also the 2026 road resurfacing program the engineer is working with the DPW Superintendent Public Service because we're doing a lot of their roads with them to determine which road should be paved also the Council weighs in on that as well. We have New Jersey DOT we have a grant from last year for Floral Lane and South Street but we're waiting on that because Public Service is doing the gas main. We want to get that done and how that would work is we're going to get like that's going to get covered under the New Jersey DOT grant. So we get credit from Public Service because they would have paved the road. So we get credit for another road. Bergen County Community Development Block Grant is South Street. That's going to be done probably the fall or the spring and then the New Jersey 2026 New Jersey Department of Transportation grant we've been awarded for Grace and North 7th Street and then the Bergen County Community Development

Block Grant for 2026 is Miller Street. I just want to mention too that we recently have opened up our Saddle Brook Splash Pad. It's going to be open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 3 pm. It's at 20 Samson Street which is Veterans Field for residents Saddle Brook residents only. It's free there's no charge. Some events some past events they had the Coronation Ball on Monday, June the 1st. I'm going back a ways now but that was a nice event for the eighth graders or middle school middle school kids going into high school. Thank the Recreation Department for handling that. They do that every year. The Mayor's Fishing Derby was Saturday, June the 20th. I want to thank my secretary she always handles all that and organizes everything along with the I want to thank the Fire Department too as well and the Ambulance Corps that were there helping out. Fireworks we got them off Friday, July the 3rd. They were late but we had some unanticipated storms and they didn't go off till about 10:30. So you know some residents weren't too happy about that but at least we got them off and they were spectacular. They were very good this year at the park. Thank the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Mike Seitz who runs the show there our Fire Marshall everybody else. Rafael and Thomas for handling the video and the photos. Thomas talked about the bell ringing. I'm glad that Council President Cimiluca mentioned that so I'm not going to go over that too much but it went well. I really want to thank First Reformed and Thomas and Thomas Wojcik too as well and Pastor Tom for because you know what I really felt we needed to do something and they stepped up and it was a nice event and I'm so glad we did it and we got participation from the Fire Department, the Ambulance Corps, the Board of Ed helped out. I know St. Philips Father Bruce was there. So upcoming events we got National Night Out on Tuesday, August the 4th, right here at 6 p.m. in the parking lot. The Junior Police Academy starts August the 6th through the 14th. That's done here as well. The Town Picnic is Saturday, August the 29th at Saddle River County Park. The rain date is Sunday, August the 30th. The last thing I got is about the Ebikes. I'm very happy to say that the new law is going into effect on July the 19th. So next week right and thank God because it's been a long road with that and you know I've been on with the Chief and the command staff and you know I think they've done a good job with it as far as getting some enforcement. Because you know just because the new law doesn't go in effect to the 19th you know these kids they're really reckless. I mean they're doing all kinds of things that they shouldn't be doing and honestly you know some of them are they're brazen and they're you know they flip people the bird and some of I I've seen them do wheelies where they got they do have helmets on. I guess that that's one good thing but you know I've seen it where their helmet is hitting the pavement and there's sparks coming from the helmet. I know they can't be everywhere at once but you know what I think the last month the last six weeks have been good but we got a tremendous amount of complaints. I can't tell you how many complaints we got about these kids and their behavior. So you know and we got to keep enforcing like Mr. Cimiluca says we got to enforce especially that and I know there was a lot of education but I guarantee you know what the first person that

that you end up apprehending or whatever if it's a juvenile and you take them home I guarantee oh we didn't know nothing about it. You know again it's about advertising you know somebody's going to say they oh I didn't know they're going to conveniently say that you know because they're going to want a break. So we got to definitely stay on top of that it's a big issue and other things too you know like Mrs. Zottarelli says you know we know that the mall is a problem. You know what so all I'm saying and I think Mr. Cimiluca was trying to say the same thing is you know what there's a few problem areas. Luckily we don't have that many. I don't know, five or six but those areas have to be priorities. You know the officers on patrol have to go through there you know more than once. They got to go through you know every hour to check on it and you've been doing that. You know I know you've been doing that but you got to stay on top of the officers and I know sometimes they're busy I get it. But when they're not busy they need to concentrate on those areas. So that's all I have.

Councilman Accomando - Well with that being said I think property maintenance should also hold their own. Go there once, twice, three times a week. Not just to put it on law enforcement but if there's a littering issue absolutely that's definitely on property maintenance. But from my understanding I thought they were once construction is done they're putting a fence on that left side well the right side.

Mayor White – Yes they are.

Councilman Accomando - So I thought it was going to be a gate that they had to get buzzed in to make delivery. So that should help with some. That's what we're told if it happens who knows.

Mayor White – On the right side the left side they wouldn't agree to it, but supposedly they were going to put a security guard like a shack over there on that other side hopefully they'll do it.

Councilman Accomando - After the construction is done but we'll see. I just want to say great job by the police for whatever happens in Town. You guys mostly run short all the time and you still seem to get things done so thank you. As far as everything else I just wish everybody a safe rest of the summer and as far as everyone who gets up here to speak at that podium I thank them because sometimes they bring stuff to our attention. Sometimes they in a nutshell they speak BS but it takes a lot to get up there and speak in front of a room full of people and a Council. I was there it's a little intimidating but you get past it. It's surprising that lately it's been kind of professional where it usually isn't and we're a small Town there's no reason to be hateful towards each other. It's too small of a Town to be that negative when you come up to the podium and speak nonsense and lies.

Well regardless have a great summer and enjoy the rest of the July. I believe we come back in August right? Thank you to the Council for putting up with what we put up with.

Councilwoman Mazzer - Thank you, Council President. Yeah I just want to mention that I had the opportunity to have lunch at the Senior Center and I have to say the lunch was pretty good. They're doing an amazing job there and I have to commend Karen D'Arminio and the crew. They really have a great system and it seems like the residents are enjoying it and afterwards they play bingo certain days. I'm not sure I know Friday for sure but and as far as the senior bus I think we should take advantage of whatever the County has to offer us. We do pay County taxes so why not right? And as far as ordinances and things like that you know what it's trial and error with a lot of the things that we're you know trying out trying out here with Lyster Ave. You know, we could always amend it, change something up, but um you know, we're always here to listen. Thank you.

Councilman Gierak - Uh first I'd just like to congratulate Frank. I'm very confident in the job you're going to do. So Frank congratulations we're happy to have you on board here my friend.

Councilwoman Mazzer - I don't think we had the vote yet, so you know.

Councilman Gierak - Oh let me let me take that back then. The Mayor had mentioned the paper shredding and all the dates are listed on the County website the Bergen County Utility Authority and sometimes I've missed a date and every weekend they have a different shredding event. It may be in Garfield or Lodi and I believe it's open to all County residents. So if you plan on coming to Saddle Brook, it's September 26th this year from 9 to 1. If you want to do it on Saturday, you can go over to Paramus. So there they're usually throughout every community in Bergen County you can go to a shredding event and it usually goes from the spring into the fall. So again Paramus is tomorrow but Saddle Brook's is going to be September 26th. Um I too want to commend Karen and her staff at the Senior Center. A lot of wonderful things are getting done there. That lunch program is excellent and we got a lot of seniors going there so it's a successful program. Also I want to mention the spray park. Yesterday I was down at Veterans Field there was 50 students from the summer program jumping around and I think it's a wonderful addition to the community. It cost us very little we got a grant for \$750,000 I believe. Which was a wonderful thing. I also want to mention some things that we take for granted. Our road program prior to Bob White becoming Mayor and our Council being put together here there wasn't a lot of roads getting paved. We've done a tremendous amount of road improvements and for that I want to thank you Mayor for doing that as well as the Council for all their hard work and the wonderful professionals that we have here working for us. The recreation programs are expanding. We haven't mentioned the library. The library

programs are incredible. Also our parks what's been done there pickle ball, we're getting Fifth Street done, Kern Park, Mayhill, you name it. We've been doing so much here and then we could talk about our first responders, Police, Fire, Ambulance Corps, our great DPW. We have people in this community that are incredibly committed and dedicated and I want to thank every one of you. But most of all we have a full-time Mayor he's working endless hours. We have a committed Council here so I'm optimistic about the future here in Saddle Brook and the property values reflect that. People want to move to Saddle Brook. I've said it before I'll say it again. There's a reason why the property values have escalated here. I said enough tonight I appreciate it enjoy the rest of your summer. Thank you.

Councilwoman Sanchez - So unfortunately I couldn't make it to the bell ringing. I really wanted to but it was my sister's birthday so I unfortunately could not attend. I just wanted to say that the Green Team will be hosting the Sustainable Jersey Bergen County Hub meeting on July 27th at 7 PM and I also wanted to touch on Walmart with what Todd said. You know hopefully when the construction is done the issues will improve if not we're definitely going to have to look into something further. There was a comment made earlier where it was said that I'm not sure who but who called the seniors second class citizens but I definitely don't feel that way and I don't think that anybody else up here feels that way and I was really bothered by that comment. So I just wanted to say I just needed to say that because you know we definitely don't look at our seniors as second class citizens and if anything we're always trying to improve you know the services that we have for our seniors. So I just wanted to address that. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – No one on this Council or the Mayor and anyone who sits up here called seniors second class citizens and if they were they would have been publicly reprimanded and humiliated because that's just ridiculous. And certainly we don't treat our seniors as second class citizens. We do have a viable and vibrant Senior Program and Senior Center and a great director. In terms of the young lady who did the OPRA request about some records for the senior bus I'm not making excuses. There should be total transparency and there should be records. However our longtime Senior Center Director passed away a year ago year and a half ago. So I do not know if he had the records at his home. I don't know any of that but that could be an explanation. I'm not trying to get out of anything but that might be an explanation for it. In terms of the bus you know what it's weird you go on Amazon, you want to buy something and you look at the reviews right and you always wonder how is this a five-star review and there's a bunch of five star and then there's one star reviews. I mean it's the same product. Well, this is a perfect example today. You had a young lady here who gave five stars and said how wonderful the driver was and the whole program was and then you had a gentleman coming up and you know he wanted to have a fist fight with the bus driver. So opinions

but just this goes to show you how opinions can vary on different things. We had a very lengthy work session and I'm not making it any shorter by talking a lot here but a lot of it dealt with Lyster Avenue. There were issues on Lyster Avenue. We are trying to alleviate those to best of our ability to try and help our residents. Not punishing any individual or any business but we're trying to make this more the parking situation on that street more tolerable. Thank you to Lieutenant Buchak and Captain Califano for your attendance and your input on that and in reviewing what we had put forth and thank you to Mr. Schettino who did a great job on doing the ordinance. Now what we did was there were some open spots in the proposed ordinance that we had to fill in and we worked on that diligently during the work session. So, Mr. Schettino's got to prepare it with all the fill in the blank type thing. So, we are going to I'm going to entertain a motion to table the ordinance for tonight when we get to that point. Hopefully that will resolve that issue. Again there are certain areas in Town that are known to be problem spots and we try and do our best to concentrate on those. We talked about the graffiti ordinance speed hump on Sampson Street. There was a request for that. We're going to do a speed study on Sampson Street. We are also going to do a speed study on the eastern leg of Claremont Avenue because there are some complaints over there. In terms of the Fifth Street speed study I thought as Chair of that committee that we should put a speed hump right around Fifth Street Park. We got some feedback negative feedback from the Fire Department. However former President of the Ambulance Corps Bill Mergo had shown me speed humps that are designed for to allow emergency vehicles with wider axles to proceed without having to stop go over slowly or damage the chassis. So we understand these are very, very expensive pieces of equipment. We certainly don't want to damage them and we don't want to delay any response for our firefighters to get to a situation. So I talked to Mr. Klein about that he looked at it said it sounds good but we're trying to locate a place that that's actually been installed. So I'm going to get back to Mr. Mergo and we're going to see if there's any place in the area that has actually installed it. It sounds like a great idea it seemed like a great idea. Congratulations to everyone on the Police Department. Again police issues that are being promoted and you said it's on a Thursday evening, Mayor.

Mayor White - Yeah. July 30th.

Council President Cimiluca – July 30th 6 p.m. here so anyone interested in attending and that's going to be a couple of two captains and people moving up to sergeant and a lieutenant. So there's four promotions two captains, one lieutenant, one sergeant okay great and great job by everyone to earn those promotions. That's it for me other than again I can't emphasize enough. There's a lot of talk about how there's going to be horrific impact on traffic by the building of these 60 units. Again as the Mayor said or Mrs. Schettino said there's no guarantee that every single unit is going to have two cars and there's certainly no guarantee that all of those cars are going to come in or out at the

same time. And I always look back now I know Midland Avenue is a busier street than Market Street but Market Street's a little more concentrated. There's the development there that has 200 300 units. I travel that way on the way to take my train and on the way back. I've never had an issue there. Now Market Street is bad but the implication, you know, the assumption that this development is just going to you know because mass chaos is just not is not true. The traffic studies that we always have that have to be done indicate that there will be obviously an effect you got people coming in and out no matter what you build but the people that are coming in and out are coming out at different times. So when people say there's going to be 120 cars not everyone's there's not robots that everyone comes out at 8:00 and they go get in their car and there's a procession to get onto Market Street. It just doesn't happen that way. So we think that the impact on the traffic will be negligible if at all. Okay I think that's all I have and we we'll go into ordinances and actually the first ordinance that we have on the uh on the books here is to establish a resident parking permit program on Lyster Avenue. We talked at length on that. I think we got that done right and if we're not we could always amend it but since Mr. Schettino has to do some extra work on this I'm going to entertain a motion to table that ordinance 1806-26.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1806-26 FIRST READING – (TABLED)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM ON LYSTER AVENUE

Motion to table: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

The Township Clerk reads the following:

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

*** MINUTES**

MAY 7, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

*** RESOLUTIONS**

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 726-110

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the following license be renewed for the year 2026-2027 and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control be so notified.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

<u>STATE LICENSE NO.</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
0257-33-007-008 \$1400.00	Attiki, Inc. T/A New Saddle Brook Diner 30 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 726-111

WHEREAS DS Meyer Enterprise was awarded a contract in the amount of \$172,874.00 for Tree Streets Concrete Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by DS Meyer Enterprise recommended Change Order #1; \$27,943.80 for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 for DS Meyer Enterprise for a total amount of \$27,943.80, a total contract amount of \$200,817.80 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 726-112

WHEREAS, a property located in the Township of Saddle Brook, known as 32 MacArthur Drive, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, Block 601, Lot 7 is assessed to Mitchell Hung Nguyen and;

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2025, Mr. Nguyen was declared 100% tax exempt by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, according to the Township of Saddle Brook Ordinance, the effective date of exemption is based on the date of the application of April 13, 2026; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel taxes effective April 13, 2026 and issue a refund in the amount of \$\$2,755.10. The refund check should be made payable to Cotality, 3001 Hackberry Road, Irving, TX 75063. The refund check will be given to the tax collector for mailing. This property is 100% tax exempt for 2026 effective April 13, 2026.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

CR# 726-113

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP CLERK

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133, every Municipality is mandated to have a Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook is in need of a Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC) to fill the vacant position for same due to the untimely passing of Peter Lo Dico; and

WHEREAS, Frank Barrale presently serves as the Deputy Township Clerk and possesses all the qualifications necessary to serve as the Registered Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed this matter and recommends the appointment of Frank Barrale as Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133, the initial appointment for a Registered Municipal Clerk is for a three (3) year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133, Frank Barrale is hereby appointed to the position of Township Clerk for a three (3) year term effective July 16, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Frank Barrale shall be paid an annual salary in accord with the salary ordinance for this position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to place a copy of this resolution in the personnel file of Frank Barrale.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 726-114

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$1,831,328.17** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

THESE ARE THE BILLS PAID THROUGH OFF LINE CHECKS.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS NOT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 726-115

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 **\$830,969.08** PROVIDING FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND ALL BILLS SUBMITTED COMPLY WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 ET. SEQ AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATUTES.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

*** CORRESPONDENCE**

1. R. KLEIN, RVE TWSP ENG.

TO: J. HOMSI, BUS ADM

RE: CHANGE ORDER #1 – TREE STREETS
CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS

DATE: JUNE 29, 2026



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

June 29, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Tree Streets Concrete Improvement Project
Change Order No. 1
Our File# 0257-T-127

Dear Mr. Homsy,

Please be advised that this office is recommending approval of attached Change Order No. 1. This change order is for adjustment of as-built unit quantities.

• Original Contract	\$ 172,874.00
• <u>Change Order No. 1</u>	<u>\$ 27,943.80</u>
• Amended Contract Total	\$ 200,817.80

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Project Manager

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

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2. R. KLEIN, RVE TWSP ENG.

TO: J. HOMSI, BUS ADM

RE: PAY CERT #1 – TREE STREETS
CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS

DATE: JUNE 29, 2026



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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Tree Streets Concrete Improvement Project
Pay Certificate No. 1
Our File No. 0257T128

Dear Mr. Homsy,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from DS Meyer Enterprises for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers have reviewed the invoice and find the partial work to be complete.

Therefore, we recommend payment be made to DS Meyer Enterprises in the amount of **\$196,801.44.**

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Project Manager

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

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*** APPLICATIONS**

NONE

*** REPORTS**

- 1. BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026**
- 2. BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2026**
- 3. GRANT WRITER'S REPORT - JUNE 2026**
- 4. ENGINEER'S MONTHLY REPORT- JUNE 2026**
- 5. FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIAL MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2026**
- 6. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 2026**
- 7. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2026**
- 8. BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2026**
- 9. WATER UTILITY MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2026**
- 10. TAX COLLECTOR MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2026**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Cimiluca – Okay old business that we haven't talked about new business that we haven't talked about yet. We don't want to beat any dead horses.

Mayor White - I just want to I want to thank the DPW. I always leave somebody out and I've you know with all these events they do they really do a great job so very thankful for them. I just want to mention too that you know what Mr. Cimiluca brought up about the bus log the you know the book and we do know that it was seen it was seen after we moved back from here to the center on Caldwell and it was seen as of a couple of months ago. So it's a little suspicious that it's missing and we're not doing a full-blown police investigation into it but we are looking into some Jimmy and I are looking into some things. I just wanted to get that out there. I also want to mention this the Senior Center, Karen and Paula they're doing a tremendous job. Ricky the volunteers Lorrie Lowry, I'm sure I'm missing somebody but they really with this lunch program it's going fantastic and you know what to make a comment to say that any of us here call the seniors second class citizens. I think the people that are watching it live stream probably aren't the seniors but you know the seniors watch they watch the TV station and they're going to laugh at that because you know what I go to the Senior Center often especially with the new lunch program and you know what I see it on their faces. They're happy they're thankful they're always saying, "Hey, this is great. Thank you." You could just read their faces. They know

that we don't consider them second class citizens. If anything we consider them very valuable citizens and you know what their generation is the best really. I don't think you know there was a better generation than that group of you know seniors over well now I'm 65 but I'm talking about like you're 75 80 years old that you know that they were the greatest generation the World War II well a lot of them are gone now most of them are gone but you know that that era so and we and we love them I know I love them so and I want them to know that. They know it because they you know they feel it you don't have to say it they feel I feel it.

Mr. Homsy - Through the Chair just one item. I apologize to report on to satisfy my BA report tonight. I did attend the for Rosol Lane development for the affordable housing development over there. I did attend today virtually their lottery drawing. They did have over 400 applications submitted for interest in residing at the complex. So they will begin their process of contacting those individuals. So they will be moving in a couple months not even.

Council President Cimiluca – Every unit is low income correct.

Mr. Homsy - It's so there are a number of developmentally disabled and the rest are income restricted yes.

Council President Cimiluca – The developmentally disabled I think they're all on the first floor.

Mr. Homsy - I believe most if not all correct. They have it structured in a way this is it's operated by Ingerman in collaboration with New Concepts for Living. They're very familiar that this is not their first development they're very reputable. They know they know what they're doing and they'll begin their moving in process in the next month or two.

Council President Cimiluca – I thought that when they did their presentation there's like levels of low income. There's like low income, there's very low income and ridiculously low income.

Mr. Homsy - There are three levels yes. Very strict criteria.

Council President Cimiluca – Is that the way to describe it? Low income, very low income, and ridiculously low income.

Mr. Homsy - Not quite.

Council President Cimiluca – That was an excellent BA report I appreciate that.

Mr. Homsy – Thank you.

Councilman Gierak - I just want to piggyback on something that the Mayor said earlier. These meetings are for Council business not for campaigning and so forth. I have not received a call from anyone regarding a debate and I pretty much know that the residents here in Saddle Brook know where the Mayor and his team stands. So if there is going to be any type of get together to discuss issues we're in favor of doing that. I don't think we need three four debates. This is not the venue to even discuss it though but they're going to continue to bring it up and I just suggest not even talking about it. When we get a phone call we'll set something up like we do every two years. We have something every two years a meet the candidates night which is what we've done forever. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – Just one thing that we talked about at the work session for a bit is Mr. Accomando and I were discussing it and brought it to the attention of the Council and the Mayor and our engineer and our Police Department about the lack of stop signs on certain streets. So what we did was he asked the engineer to get together with the Police Department and see if maybe we can come up with an idea as to certain intersections that should have stop signs and don't. We identified a certain area of Town that just seemed absent of stop signs to be honest with you and on intersecting streets T intersections but you know especially for the young drivers that would be I think would be helpful and safer for our residents. I just one thing I hope I didn't appear to be rude to the gentleman when I cut him off. No comments that this is not the public meeting portion. Thank you. So I hope I didn't appear rude to the gentleman who went over his time by you know a bit. We do have the three minute time limit that was set in the beginning of the year and I said this and not everyone's happy about it but because it is an election year September and October meetings I'm going to allow five minutes. You know whether that's good or bad it turns into you know a crap show is to be seen but I think that you know we should extend it a little bit because there are election issues that need to even though there's no campaigning that's supposed to be done here. There are election issues that are important to the residents of the Town but again if I seem to be rude I apologize. We do have you know some limits here and they have to be enforced. I give everyone a chance to try and finish up. No one here by the way no one finished maybe Mr. Taylor no one did it in three minutes. We gave everyone a chance to finish their thoughts. So if I was rude to that gentleman I apologize to him and I apologize to the people in attendance and the audience out there. I don't think I was but if I was my apologies.

Mayor White - You better get escorted by the police out there and he might be waiting. I think he could take you.

Council President Cimiluca – Motion to open the meeting to the public on agenda items and agenda items only.

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Cimiluca – No takers motion to close the meeting to the public on agenda items.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Council President Cimiluca – Motion to go into closed session.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 726-116

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook desires to meet for the purpose of a closed session to discuss; personnel,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act does make an exception and allows a public body to hold a closed session to discuss; personnel,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on July 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exists.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

The Council went into closed session at 9:26 pm.

Council President Cimiluca – Motion to come out of closed session.

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

The Council comes out of closed session at 9:36 pm.

Council President Cimiluca – Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Barrale, RMC
Township Clerk

Andrew M. Cimiluca
Council President

Approved: