

The minutes of the Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on June 18, 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
Steve Wielkotz – Twp. Auditor - present

Council President Cimiluca – Please rise for the salute to the flag and remain standing in memory of Peter Lo Dico former Board of Education Member, Board of Education President, Councilman, Council President, Mayor, Business Administrator and current Township Clerk and for Joseph Schilp Fireman and Zoning Board Member.

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.

Mayor White has two proclamations that he reads.

The first one is for Fireman and Zoning Board Member Joseph Schilp:

***Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
In Loving Memory of
Joseph C. Schilp***

WHEREAS, Joe is survived by Anne, his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 60 years, his son Joseph C. Schilp Jr. and wife Susan, his daughter Pamela Blas and husband Jerry, his son Jeffrey Schilp and wife Marissa, and his eight cherished grandchildren: Katie, Mary, and John Schilp, Gregory, Michael, and Victoria Blas, and Nico and Penelope Schilp. Joseph was predeceased by his parents William H. Schilp and Catherine Sackerman Schilp; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a cherished member of the Saddle Brook Volunteer Fire Department Engine Co. #1 for over 54 years. He held several leadership roles, including Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, and Battalion Chief. At the time of his passing, he was serving as President of both Engine Co. #1 and the department. Joe was also a member of the Saddle Brook Zoning Board of Adjustment for many years. Joe brought much joy to Saddle Brook families during the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Fire Department Holiday Ride where he dressed as Santa Claus; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a graduate of Teterboro School of Aeronautics. He began his 40-year career with American Airlines in 1966 as an aircraft maintenance mechanic. Through dedication and hard work, he rose through the ranks of management and retired as Manager of Aircraft Maintenance for American Airlines at LaGuardia Airport. Joe also served on American's Aircraft Recovery Team, representing the airline at Ground Zero following the September 11 attacks. In November 2001, he led recovery efforts following the crash of flight 587, assisting the National Transportation Safety Board in determining the cause of the accident. The findings contributed to significant changes in pilot training protocols and aircraft design that enhanced aviation safety.

NOW THEREFORE, on the 26th day of May 2026, I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, wish to express my heartfelt sympathy to Joe's family and recognize his dedication and service to the community.

Mayor White – We lost Joe and we lost another icon Peter Lo Dico.

Mayor White then reads a proclamation for Township Clerk Peter Lo Dico:

***Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
In Loving Memory of
Peter Lo Dico***

WHEREAS, Peter Lo Dico, son of the late Angelo and Mary (Marion) Lo Dico, was born in Passaic, NJ and was a lifelong resident of Saddle Brook. Pete graduated from Paramus Catholic High School and Seton Hall University earning a bachelor's degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, Pete was a well-known and longtime community civic leader and cornerstone of public government and service to the Saddle Brook community. At the age of 18, Pete was elected as the youngest person to the Saddle Brook Board of Education and later served as one of the youngest persons in the country to be Board President in the early 1970's. Pete was also Administrative Procurement Director at Paramus Catholic High School. After serving with the Saddle Brook Board of Education, Pete was elected to the Saddle Brook Township Council in 1976 and would later be elected as Mayor in 1985; and

WHEREAS, after serving on the Township Council and as Mayor, Pete was then appointed as Saddle Brook Municipal Clerk in 1997, a beloved and passionate role he proudly served in right up to his passing. Pete also had the dual role as Saddle Brook Business Administrator for many years until 2022. Pete also became an active member of the Bergen County Municipal Clerks Association and later became the Association's President in 2013. With a sincere desire to be a dedicated and active part of the Saddle Brook community and service to the residents, Pete was also a member of the Saddle Brook Historical Society and named Township Historian and was Mayor's Alternate of the Saddle Brook Library Board Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Pete was predeceased by his parents, Angelo & Mary (Marion) Lo Dico and is survived by his loving brother John Lo Dico and sister-in-law Ellen and was a proud uncle of Nicholas Lo Dico and Jennifer Fatovic, and husband Andre, and great-uncle of Milo. Pete also leaves behind countless family and friends, including his Saddle Brook family and friends he has selflessly served his entire public life.

NOW THEREFORE, on the 19th day of June 2026, I, Robert D. White, Mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, wish to express my heartfelt sympathy to Peter's family and recognize his dedication and service to our community.

Mayor White - Council President I would like to at this time maybe just everybody say a few words especially about Pete. I know we already spoke about Joe at a previous meeting. It's up to you.

Council President Cimiluca – I think we're going to all do it during comments.

Mayor White - Okay.

Council President Cimiluca – So can we save it to comments?

Mayor White - The only thing I just want to say one thing and that you know I kind of spoke to a few Council members and we definitely and we're going to meet and talk about it but I definitely want to see and I think the Council agrees we want to do something for Pete to acknowledge him perhaps maybe naming this Council Chambers after him but we definitely have to do something like that to acknowledge him and for all the hard work and dedication throughout the years.

Council President Cimiluca – I spoke to Councilman Accomando we've done that for certain people that have served the community for long periods of time and a top-notch that performed admirably. So I had spoken to Councilman Accomando earlier just you know spit balling things and I do think that's appropriate. So I think when we get together for our next work session which I think we're having a joint work session or one meeting next month so we'll do a work session first and then the regular meeting, but that's certainly going to be a topic of conversation and I 100% agree with that.

Mayor White - Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – I think we'll do it during comments because we I know there's some people that are here just for the budget hearing. So and Mr. Wielkots doesn't want to hear my 45 minute speech about Pete. Is there a motion to open the meeting to the public for the public hearing on the 2026 municipal budget?

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

Council President Cimiluca – The meeting is now open to the public for the budget hearing.

Andrew Dziedzic of Eighth Street in Saddle Brook comes forward. Good evening. I went through the budget about four or five times so I don't know if you have the level of detail or granularity but first the salary and wages increase from last year to this year increased 620,000. I mean whether Steve or somebody from the Council or Mayor is that additional police officers, is that additional DPW workers, additional Water Department workers? If we could have some sort of clarification on that increase. The other one which amounts to an increase of 1.38 if you add these salaries is there's the other expenses which increased over \$700,000 which the exact number is \$708,000 from last year. Do you have a breakdown of what specifically caused this? So that's the 1.328 million I have in terms

of salary and wages other expenses. Also a little bit confused on a back and forth between the Water Department and that specific budget. I thought that Saddle Brook never historically currently in the future can take money out of that department to be used somewhere else. There's a \$125,000 decrease specifically in the Water Department from this year to last year so a little confused there and also again not in a financial statement but the eight employees we have in the Water Department if we can get a breakdown of what their positions and salaries are and the 2.8 million in expenses for water last year is that planned renovation work that's been going on yearly or those emergency leaks? So just the eight positions and the 2.8 million in expenses for water specifically and also just from the Town's point of view from I think we were a little over 24 million to now a little over 25 million but the 1.08 million raised from taxation from last year to this year is there a plan for the mayor and council to use that with the uh 2.6 million we already have in surplus? So just looking for answers to those questions thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – I'm going to defer to our Business Administrator and we also have our auditor here and I think the best way to do it is rather than have everyone come up and then at the end just hit you with a lot of stuff maybe it's best to answer the questions as they're fresh. So Mr. Homs, do you have I know that we talked at the last meeting about the difference about wages and salaries how it came out of one department and went into another and it was just an accounting issue but if you want to talk about it or does Steve want to talk?

Mr. Homs - Yeah I mean I could begin just with the one line that was brought up previously that it was if it's I'm not sure it was calculated all total lines that was being calculated, but in the last with the question posed tonight, but previously we consolidated a couple salary lines. So there was not necessarily an increase we had the Special Law Enforcement Officers in their own lines. We just included it in the police total police salary lines. So outside of the contractual year-to-year increase, that's why those combined. We did that last year and then what reflects this year I haven't off the top of my head I don't know if that's the numbers that was being calculated, but those were the contractual increases if that's if they're calculating the total lines.

Council President Cimiluca – So the number that the speaker had indicated something about \$600,000 in increased salaries is that an accounting shift?

Mr. Wielkotz - No that's the year-to-year increase budget to budget from 25 to 26 \$619,475. That was part of my presentation when we introduced four weeks ago. Those are based on the administrator that those are all contractual obligations young guys getting steps plus their cola increase the normal progression through the Police Department and Jimmy could speak to whether there's any additional employees.

Council President Cimiluca – Were there any new hires from new hires?

Mr. Homs - No and actually what we've been doing over the past couple years is when there is either whatever either a separation in service with someone with an employee that were full-time we would review the Mayor and I would review the position the

department and we've already turned two or three positions from full-time to part-time and we continue to do so as people retire or they separate. So we've continued to take that without while keeping the same level of service. We review the department every time there is some type of separation or move and we take a holistic approach and make sure we keep the same level of service and to ensure that we do the right thing for the Township and the budget and like I said we've through attrition have been able to reduce some of those services not the services I apologize the salaries from full-time to part-time.

Council President Cimiluca – Some of the other numbers that the speaker had asked about did you were you writing them down?

Mr. Homsy - I wrote a couple down but I know Steve you know, me, Steve, and Vince have worked through the budget together. So Steve may have a little bit more detailed insight on some of those lines.

Mr. Wielkotz - Well I did I heard a question about the water utility.

Council President Cimiluca – Yes, that was one of them.

Mr. Wielkotz - The only appropriation in this budget now that the water utility pays the current fund is \$95,000 for the water utility employee's share of the state pension bill.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay.

Mr. Wielkotz - There is no other money in this budget going from the water utility to the general fund.

Council President Cimiluca – So it's not the Water Department is not being used as basically a cash cow.

Mr. Wielkotz - The Water Department isn't a cash cow. Although since Saddle Brook owns the water utility if there was money legitimately the municipality could take the money as revenue in their budget but you don't.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay. There was an and forgive me I apologize I didn't write it down. I was hoping somebody did. There was something about there was a million dollars thrown around as something.

Mr. Wielkotz - Yeah I if the gentleman can come back up?

Council President Cimiluca – Do you mind coming back up because you still have you know you still had a little more time. So if we could just a couple of things we didn't answer yet.

Mr. Dziedzic - Yeah, sure. Other expenses went up \$708,000 from last year to this year.

Mr. Wielkotz - They certainly did the bulk of that is the bill we get from the Passaic Valley Sewer Commission it went up \$650,000

Mr. Dziedzic - Just in one year it just went up.

Mr. Wielkotz - Yep.

Mr. Dziedzic - Okay and the I mean do you have a breakdown of the 2 million in expenses specifically for the Water Department?

Mr. Wielkotz - I mean Finance Department has the detail. In the budget it's one number but it's all the cost to operate the water utility, chemicals, all the things that that they do.

Mayor White - Water testing.

Mr. Dziedzic – Uh huh so the 125k decrease from last year, this year, specifically in the Water Department, that was for an emergency mainline break or that's for increase in labor cost, overtime costs.

Council President Cimiluca – Did you say 125,000 decrease.

Mr. Dziedzic – Correct from specifically in the Water Department that was taken out from last year to this year.

Mr. Wielkotz - The Water Department budget went from 3,919,000 to 3,988,000. It went up about \$70,000.

Mr. Dziedzic – No, there's something in there it was 275 and then 275k and then this year it went down to 150k there's a you know a few hundred.

Mr. Wielkotz - Not from not in the water budget I'm looking at.

Mr. Dziedzic – There's water utility and is there a water budget.

Mr. Wielkotz - But it's the same thing the salaries went from 425 to 450 the operating cost went from 2.6 to 2.8 capital outlay stayed the same at 25. The debt service went up a little bit based upon the debt service that needs to be paid this year. The pension number is the same 95 and the social security number is the same 50.

Mr. Dziedzic – I'll look back at the budget and come back later but on the salary and wages because I asked from 2024 to 2025 and you gave me that same response because last year was 450k increase and you said it was an accounting adjustment that took you 3 months. So this year it's the same thing. From 2024 to 2025, we have 450 460k salary increase. You said it's an accounting mistake or some sort of accounting methodology and this year it's the same thing.

Mr. Homsy - There was no mistake.

No you took three months last year and I kept coming back for the 440k increase in salaries.

Mr. Homsy - That was one meeting.

Mr. Dziedzic – Well you just gave the same explanation of a different accounting method or accounting approach to make up an additional 620k. I mean this is the rolled up Township budget with you know everything all departments so I don't know how you can have an increase of 620K this year from salaries and wages two years ago to last year was 450k.

Council President Cimiluca – That'll be the last question but you can certainly answer him.

Mr. Wielkotz - Well again what happens is that you've got union contracts with specifically the police and the DPW you get younger employees and the steps that they get are pretty substantial year to year. So it's that's what the number is. The salaries appropriated last year versus the salaries appropriated this year. The increase is \$619,475 and those are all for current employees for the cost of living increase plus steps.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you.

Mr. Dziedzic – Sounds good thank you.

Omar Rodriguez of Madison Avenue comes forward. Under the budget Council President, just to clarify a little bit and do some house cleaning. Under the state law, when we have a budget hearing there's no time limit so, we can expose all the questions. It's up to you and your Council members to respond state law.

Council President Cimiluca – No that that's not correct.

Mr. Rodriguez - Are you going to put a time limit on the budget hearing?

Council President Cimiluca – Yes.

Mr. Rodriguez - You are the attorney with due all respect I'm speaking to the Council President.

Council President Cimiluca – Yes, there there's a same time limit.

Mr. Rodriguez - Same time limit.

Council President Cimiluca – Same time limit sir yes.

Mr. Rodriguez - There's a lot of a lot of going on right here on the budget hearing and I will call this day because basically this matters to all Saddle Brook residents just to have a three minutes and you just put a budget 10 minutes before a meeting. How the people can come out with questions with due all respect. I'm not here to argue. I just got some questions right here.

Council President Cimiluca – You're not asking question so ask your question.

Mr. Rodriguez - Why the budget appropriations went up almost 5.4% this year. So it's for the Council not for the professional it's for the Council. The Council is going to be the one that going to vote on it not the professional. The professional present the budget to you guys. Do you have before my three minutes goes up do you have any plans for the taxes to stay steady because now are you using any surplus money to balance the budget this year?

Council President Cimiluca – There's surplus money being used yes.

Mr. Rodriguez – Okay how much?

Council President Cimiluca – I believe it was a million. I'll defer to my professionals.

Mr. Rodriguez – Oh so you are going to vote but you're not sure about what you're voting on.

Mr. Wielkotz – Two million six ninety five total surplus.

Mr. Rodriguez – Okay question is the sale on Market Street of the property on Market Street \$1.6 million \$26,000 a unit. Is that included in this year's budget?

Mr. Wielkotz – \$251,000 of the proceeds are in this year's budget as a revenue.

Mr. Rodriguez – So then Council President I'm just going to ask you the last question or maybe the Mayor who is the leader of the Town. What is the tax rate for this year and why?

Council President Cimiluca – Why is the tax What?

Mr. Rodriguez – What is the tax rate for this year?

Council President Cimiluca – You know what I don't know. The tax rate is what the tax rate is 2.5.

Mr. Rodriguez – That's all I need to hear because if you're going to vote and you don't know about the tax rate what doesn't matter is 2.30 to 2.37. Before you vote something Mayor and Council should be aware because all the residents are suffering about the taxes every year.

Council President Cimiluca – It turns out to be.

Mr. Rodriguez – Thank you but then again I will with all respect I'm just going to give you that thank you but I'm thinking that you're wrong on the budget hearing is not 3 minutes and Mr. Steve I think that you're wrong. There's no time limit for that.

Mr. Wielkottz - There's nothing in the statute that that talks about time limit at public meetings.

Council President Cimiluca – If you had any authority for that I'd be happy to hear it. So you can go Google it right now and come back and show some kind of state law. I'd be more than happy to change the position.

Mr. Wielkottz – Council President if I might.

Council President Cimiluca – Yes.

Mr. Wielkottz – The projected municipal tax rate is 83 cents which is 3 tenths of a percentage point less than last year. Now, remember, we're still doing the annual rolling reassessment. So the value of the average home went from \$476,319 to \$500,567. The rate's going to stay almost the same and the municipal tax increase projected based on this budget is \$186.95 for the year.

Council President Cimiluca – What I think to the people out there that are listening to this the difference between what is your tax rate like a quiz that this individual likes to put out there. The difference between 2.3 or knowing that it's 2.3 as opposed to 2.37 what in the long run that doesn't mean anything to the people out there. What they want to know is how much are their taxes going to increase and Mr. Wielkottz has just told everyone the municipal portion of the budget is approximately \$180.

Mr. Wielkottz – Correct and just to give again I know there's other speakers but just to put some color on the record tax increases in some of the surrounding communities this year understanding that 2026 has been the worst budget year. I'm doing this 43 years I've never seen inflationary increases health benefit increases in the magnitude that we're seeing. Here in Saddle Brook you're very lucky because you're in a private insurance plan. You don't have state health benefits so you're not going up 35%. Some other surrounding communities are not so lucky and I'll just read off from this list that's been circulating through Bergen County over the last month and a month and a half as towns have introduced and adopted their budget. Bergenfield, now this is municipal increase only Bergenfield \$404, Englewood \$254.55, Fair Lawn \$385.34, Hackensack \$557.76, Teaneck \$448.95, Washington Township in northern Bergen County \$343, Lyndhurst \$335, Maywood \$311. All of them are a lot more than \$186.97.

Jerry Taylor of 318 Schepis Avenue Council candidate comes forward. I just have a question with the you Mr. Cimiluca you mentioned that there was surplus being used for the budget and according to the budget itself what's being proposed is there's a surplus

in the Water Department. Is that money from the Water Department being used towards the budget that you're saying a million dollars?

Council President Cimiluca – No it turned out to be it was it was more than that. I think Mr. Wielkotz corrected me it was 2.6.

Mr. Wielkotz - We're using 2 million six ninety five of the current fund budget the current fund surplus in the current fund budget. We're using 148,850 of the Water Utility surplus in the Water Utility budget.

Mr. Taylor - Towards the overall budget.

Mr. Wielkotz - Just for the Water Department.

Mr. Taylor - Okay all right cause that money that's in the Water Department can't be used for any other department.

Mr. Wielkotz – Statutorily it could but we don't do that.

Mr. Taylor – Okay.

Council President Cimiluca – Anybody else with regard to the municipal budget hearing?

John Manzo of 179 Market Street comes forward. It's kind of naive for people to think that the budget's not going to go up. I know my expenses on everything has gone up. So why wouldn't the Town's budget have to go up? I'm sure life insurance is crazy at utilities and salaries so you know it's something that's inevitable. I don't like it nobody else likes it either but it's something that has to be done. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – Is there anyone else who wants to address the Council with regard to the budget?

No one else comes forward.

Council President Cimiluca – I'll entertain a motion to close the meeting to the public with regard to the budget hearing.

Motion: Councilman Gieriek

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Gieriek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

Council President Cimiluca – Mr. Wielkotz before the next order of business would be the motion to amend the budget. Can you just tell us generally we submit the budget that was introduced to the State the State has some comments. Could you give us like I guess a Cliff's Notes version of what kind of amendments we're looking at here so the public's aware.

Mr. Wielkotz - There's one amendment being required by the State and that had to do with one of the items of revenue that wasn't realized last year that we budgeted again this year that we will realize this year but they said they would rather it come out and we replace it with another revenue which this is a two-line amendment making a technical adjustment pursuant to the State and you're correct the budget goes down to the State they go through it with a fine tooth comb and came back with comments. The administrator the CFO and myself went through all the comments gave them the additional information they were looking for and today's Thursday, on Tuesday they didn't they didn't review it till Friday or Monday. We got the review notes late Monday and we were able to clear everything during the day on Tuesday and we got the approval from the State to with this minor amendment to amend and adopt the budget tonight.

Council President Cimiluca – Does it change the numbers?

Mr. Wielkotz - No the numbers are exactly as they were portrayed when we introduced the budget at the last meeting.

Council President Cimiluca – I'll entertain a motion to amend the budget in accordance with the State's requirements.

Motion: Councilman Gieriek

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Gieriek – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

CR# 626-90

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2026 was approved on May 7, 2026 ; and,

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

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2026 be made:

RECORDED VOTE	(Councilman Gierk	(	(
Motion: Councilman Gierk	(Councilman Accomando	rS	ABSTAIN
Second: Councilwoman Sanchez	(Councilwoman Sanchez	(	(
	(Councilwoman Mazzer	(	(
	Council President Cimiluca		
CURRENT FUND BUDGET		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
ANTICIPATED REVENUES			
1. Surplus Anticipated		2,600,000.00	2,695,000.00
2. Surplus Anticipation with Prior Written Consent of Director			
TOTAL SURPLUS ANTICIPATED		2,600,000.00	2,695,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items			
Health Insurance Reimbursement-Water Utility		95,000.00	0.00
Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items		1,488,123.00	1,393,123.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		4,181,823.72	4,086,823.72
5. SUBTOTAL GENERAL REVENUES (Items 1, 2, 3 and 4)		7,091,823.72	7,091,823.72
7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES (Items 5 and 6)		33,660,374.33	33,660,374.33

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for their certification of the 2026 Local Municipal Budget so amended.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Amended Budget hereto and hereby made a part hereof is a true copy of the Ammended Budget approved by resolution of the Governing Body on the 18th day of June, 2026

Certified by me, this 18th day of June, 2026

Clerk

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Adopted Budget Amendment annexed hereto and hereby made a part of the 2026 Budget is a copy of the original on file with the Clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct, all statements contained herein are in proof and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations.

Certified by me, this 18th day of June, 2026

Registered Municipal Accountant

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Council President Cimiluca – Next I will entertain a motion to accept the municipal budget as amended with the State's recommendations.

CR# 626-91

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2026

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

- (a) \$ 25,318,548.61 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
(b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
(c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of
the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
(d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
(e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
(f) \$ 1,250,002.00 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE

Motion: Councilman Gieriek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Ayes

Councilman Gieriek
Councilman Accomando
Councilwoman Sanchez
Councilwoman Mazzer
Council President Cimiluca

Nays

Abstained

Absent

SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	2,685,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	4,086,823.72
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$	310,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	25,318,548.61
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$	-
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
4. TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY		\$	-
5. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
6. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192	\$	1,250,002.00
Total Revenues	13-299	\$	33,660,374.33

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 21,016,350.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-208	\$ 2,872,696.61
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 3,564,807.72
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 250,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 4,803,219.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ 153,301.00
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-406	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 1,000,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 33,660,374.33

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 18th day of June, 2026. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2026 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 18th day of June, 2026, fbarale@saddlebrooknj.gov, Clerk

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Council President Cimiluca – I echo Mr. Manzo's sentiments. Everything goes up. I wish that I can tell you as somebody who's been elected five times that your taxes are going down but unless all of our employees decide to work at half salary, unless the Fire Department decides that they're okay with driving 30 year old trucks, unless we don't have garbage pickup twice a week, there's a whole bunch of factors that go into the budget. We're trying to do whatever we can to limit the impact on the residents here and the taxpayers and the six of us up here, six elected officials are all taxpayers. So we tried to do our best and in listening to the numbers put out by Mr. Wielkottz seems like that we did a pretty decent job considering a major increase in Passaic Valley almost a million dollars two thirds of a million dollars just in one of our costs.

Mr. Wielkottz - And that doesn't include \$141,000 increase in the State pension bills which you get the bill and you pay it April 1st. If you don't pay it April 1st, the State charges you 18% interest. So you are correct Council President in this environment \$15 a month increase over 12 months is stable taxes. If you look at the budget and the tax total tax levy for the municipality, the municipal side to the average homeowner \$4,154.71. That's \$346 a month to the average taxpayer in Saddle Brook for police, fire, ambulance, recreation, construction, board of health, this building.

Mr. Homsy – Through the Chair. Just to add you know listing some of the non-discretionary spending and the increases year to year and the items that we can control. Some of the items we do control that aren't really forward facing that are just more managerial contractual we're proactive on health insurance. We negotiated to readjust the plan design that would be keeping while keeping a similar level of benefits for the employees reduced it. We don't just renew just to renew. We go out to market, we get competitive bids and quotes for everything. We don't just renew, we don't fill positions just to fill positions because that was the way it was always done. I think we take pride in that reviewing and I we also take pride that you know coming into an organization that has very long-term staff which is tremendous but when they do decide to retire, separate, leave for whatever reason, we re-evaluate. We don't just rinse and repeat. Being here less than three years we've probably already had three or four positions come, you know, unfortunately now coming up to a couple more that we reevaluate that that department and see how can we be more efficient, how could we you know, save and still provide the same level of service. We're already coming up on our again fourth or fifth person employee that position that's full-time turning to part-time and we continue to do so where appropriate while keeping the same level of service without sacrificing the level of service that we've always provided to the residents. So these are some of the items that we do behind the scenes to try and stabilize the spending that we can control to a large degree.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you. Well we have a presentation before we open the meeting to the public.

Mayor White – Through the Chair I'm sorry.

Council President Cimiluca – Sure.

Mayor White – I just I have a couple questions before he leaves for Mr. Wielkotz. Tonight we have a second reading on an ordinance to exceed the budget appropriation and establish a cap bank. Can you just explain because it may come up later what that is because it sounds a lot worse than what it really is.

Mr. Wielkotz - It's a perfunctory exercise that every municipality does every single year which allows you to preserve your appropriation cap bank and that cap bank the State sets the cap rate every year. The rate for 2026 was 2%. You have the ability by statute to increase that 2% to three and a half percent which you've done every year that you and I have been here and every municipality that I know of passes the same ordinance every single year religiously. Because it preserves the amount that you're under the appropriation cap for future years. It's more important now than before because even at three and a half percent that cap which is set by statute is now less than inflation. Inflation is 4.2%. So you need to operate the municipality and quite frankly a box of paper clips today is more expensive than it was last week and I mean that's what we're seeing. I think everybody's seeing. You see in the supermarket, you see it at the gas station, you see it everywhere. So again it's just an administrative function to adopt that ordinance and continue to have every tool in the toolbox for future budgets.

Council President Cimiluca – What you had said was we went up \$186 some other towns went up \$500. How are they getting away from this?

Mr. Wielkotz - Well that's the tax levy.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay.

Mr. Wielkotz - This is the appropriation cap that you do the ordinance for. The tax levy cap which is 2% has exceptions. One of the exceptions is the increase in healthcare. There's other exceptions for debt service, for pension payments so it's not a hard cap but this ordinance is about the appropriation or the spending cap.

Council President Cimiluca – Which is a hard cap. We're at two but we get the exception.

Mr. Wielkotz – We go to three and a half but there's limited exceptions.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay. Anybody else on the Council have any questions for Mr. Wielkotz? Mayor?

Mayor White – One other question for Mr. Wielkotz. I don't know it might be more appropriate for Jimmy or our CFO who's not here are we going to be doing estimated taxes again this year do you think? Seems like we've been doing that.

Mr. Homsy – Yes.

Mr. Wielkotz – And again it's not us we have to wait for the County to set the tax rate which typically doesn't happen till mid-July. So in order to get the August 1st bills out and the money in to operate most municipalities have done the estimated bills for years.

Mayor White – Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – If not, we run the risk of running out of money.

Mr. Wielkotz – Correct. Which would never be a good thing.

Council President Cimiluca – Any other members of the Council wish Mr. Homs do you have any questions?

Mr. Homs – Well, I think just one thing it might be good for the Mayor to share with some of the services we expanded recreation and senior if you want to I don't know if you want to elaborate because those contribute to the increases in the salaries or if you want to elaborate on some of those expanded services.

Mayor White – Well sure with the senior citizens we now do the free lunches three days a week and with that we needed to hire additional people because they're very strict with that. They have to be trained you know they have to do paperwork. So we hired two additional people for that part-time. That's going very well by the way the residents are we get about 50 residents come for lunch every day and with the price of everything you know the suggested price is \$1.25 but if they don't have the \$1.25 they get it for free.

Council President Cimiluca – Is that income related?

Mayor White – No.

Council President Cimiluca – You make \$300 million a year you get a lunch for a buck 25.

Mayor White – Yeah they can do it. It has to do with meals on wheels you know. It's federal money that's used but you have to apply. It's a lot involved and then on the recreation side we've got the splash pad. So any other things from the recreation side?

Mr. Homs – No just the staffing for it that's really the new one. Staffing for the splash pad.

Mayor White – That should be done shortly. Should be done by the end of the month.

Council President Cimiluca – End of this month?

Mayor White – End of this month yeah made a lot of progress.

Council President Cimiluca – The Saddle Brook Police Department we had asked gentlemen, you want to come up here? I know we had some issues and residents from

Lyster Avenue come here a number of occasions regarding some issues that they had with regard to parking and we reached out to our Police Department to see what if anything they could come up with that might alleviate the situation. So Lieutenant Buchak.

Lieutenant Buchak - Thank you Lieutenant Buchak from the Support Services Bureau, the Saddle Brook Police Department. Along with me is Captain Califano and we are here to talk about the parking on Lyster Avenue. So what we had come up with if the Township decides to pass an ordinance restricting parking would be a hang tag permit for any residents on Lyster Avenue. The parking zones that would be restricted would be based on past ordinance and any restrictions whether it's single side both sides or time restrictions would be based on that ordinance however, assuming it is passed residents of Lyster Avenue would be applying for an application at our recommendation annually. This would allow us to maintain up-to-date records with any vehicles that should be parked there. The residents would be required to provide a valid driver's license that would show a Lyster Avenue address, vehicle registration, and if necessary, a proof of residency as the permits would be limited to vehicles registered to the residents. Visitor passes would be allotted to households that require for reasons such as contractors, caregivers, overnight guests, which could also be hang tag style. We would recommend that the annual registration has a color coordinated hang tag for the year so it can help with enforcement and to ensure that they are properly being registered year to year and every permit would be numbered similar to the fashion of like a handicap placard where it would have a serial number on it. So it would be associated with a specific license plate that would be registered with the Police Department. We feel that by taking these steps, we would be able to help resolve the issue that was brought to for several meetings now regarding the parking on Lyster Avenue if it is adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Council President Cimiluca - So what is the chances since we're only having when is our meeting in July? The 16th of July. So, we're having a work session and then immediately go into the regular meeting session. So if any ordinance is going to have to be passed, it would be passed at the.

Mr. Schettino – It would be introduced in July.

Council President Cimiluca - But in terms of the introduction is it viable and reasonable to get this all done in an ordinance form for introduction for a first reading at the July meeting

Mr. Schettino – Yeah.

Council President Cimiluca - And get all the all the details. I don't know how many details need to be in the actual ordinance itself, but I mean in theory we could have that, but in terms of the specific details of what they're going to do, maybe legal department and the police have to get together to figure out what the parameters are going to be and have it ready for introduction for a first reading in July. Is that doable?

Mr. Schettino – Yes just email me the details.

Lieutenant Buchak – Sure absolutely.

Mr. Homsy - Lieutenant, I could assist with the communications so we could connect next week.

Lieutenant Buchak – Perfect. Thank you. Any other question?

Council President Cimiluca – Any questions for the officers?

Mayor White – So Lieutenant Buchak what if somebody got a new car? Would they have to come in I guess to the Police Department and get a new hanger.

Lieutenant Buchak – Yes, sir. So the plan would be to have the hang tag would be associated with the license plate so we can ensure that they're being appropriately used with the vehicles that are registered to them. So if someone were to get a new vehicle over the course of the year, then they would have to simply complete a new application, submit it to the police department, and then we would issue a new hang tag for that vehicle.

Mayor White – Okay.

Lieutenant Buchak – And that's why part of the reason for the annual renewal would be so we could keep everything current with the owners of the vehicles. So we have that database built and if anyone does get vehicles and they happen to not do that over the course of the year and they want to reup for a new hang tag for the next year then we would work with that renewal process.

Mayor White – Do you suggest any cost for that? I mean for the resident to do they have to purchase it in other words?

Lieutenant Buchak – So we did see in our research that it's not uncommon for there to be fees associated with parking permit programs. So that would be again up to you know the Mayor and Council if that's something that wants to be budgeted or if there's going to be a cost associated with it but we did see that when we did our research regarding other towns doing their ordinances.

Mayor White – How much of a cost is there with the hang tags? It can't be that much, right? I mean and it's a short street. I can't imagine there's that many.

Council President Cimiluca – Besides the administrative the time in the administration of doing all that. Let's set that aside but in terms of the physical production of those tags, did you get any kind of price on that?

Lieutenant Buchak – I don't have a price quote for the physical tag yet. Everything that we saw was it was really an administrative fee that would be issued out. Varying ranges some based on just household, some based on per vehicle or per placard issued, but

there was nothing that we saw from surrounding towns that have parking programs that would say the hang tag alone costs this much money. So I can prepare for you know the cost for an amount of hang tags that we think would be appropriate for the street. I understand there's not a lot of homes on the street so we can get a price for the hang tags for the year and prepare it for the July meeting.

Council President Cimiluca – I think that the administrative side of it that's something that the Town would probably eat. It's the dolling out the money to actually get the tags to the residents that they most likely would be required to pay for.

Mayor White – I personally don't think there should be a charge. I mean there's 18 houses on there even if you have three vehicles per house how much can the tag cost two bucks each.

Lieutenant Buchak – Probably a few dollars each I can't see it being a big expense. I don't think it would be even a double digit expense for a single hang tag. It probably depends how many we're purchasing at a time, but we could probably save by if we purchase a couple years' worth at a time, maybe there would be a savings for getting a bulk quantity.

Council President Cimiluca – Well, if you can get some numbers and then we'll talk about it at the work session and then you know most likely introduce it for adoption on first reading.

Lieutenant Buchak – Yes, sir absolutely. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – Next is I'll entertain a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

John Manzo of 179 Market Street comes forward. I'm going to forgo my usual questions. I just want to talk about Pete who was a close personal friend of mine at work and when he was at home wonderful guy and the Town has definitely without a doubt have to do something to honor this man. This his job was his life. I mean he worked for the town 45 years 50 years you don't find people like that. I mean in my past recollection I could think of like Gloria Sinski and maybe Ed Kugler you know who've been Township people from the beginning. So yes that's all I want to say is Pete is one of a kind and you're never going to replace him. Thank you have a good night.

Andrew Dziedzic of Saddle Brook comes forward. Just looking for a few updates in timelines. The 60 units on Market Street that demolition has been done do you have an ETA on when either the first story second story and actual timeline to completion is that 6 months from now, 12 or 18 months from now? Also the Fifth Street Park project in the first district if we can get an update on that if that'll be done sometime this fall or next year. Also just a question for the 1.6 million purchase price. I think 300k is in this year's budget so it'll be the remaining 1.3 will be in next year's budget as either miscellaneous revenues or other revenues. So just wanted to get that clarity. I'm also interested based upon a current of any new hires the Town is planning. I know the Business Administrator discussed either retirees or even considering people going from full-time to part-time, but just any projected new hires across any of the departments. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you and we'll do any answering I guess after everyone's done. I think it's unlike the budget hearing which was specific to each individual we'll try and handle all the questions afterwards.

Nick Wille of Lyster Avenue comes forward. First I'd like to thank the Police Department for bringing that up and getting it done for us and the Council and the Mayor. So two questions one is all the signs on our block we have 13 houses on the block there's 15 or 16 signs. I said it before I thought it was a poke in our eye because we complained about the parking. It actually got better and in the last three weeks it's gotten worse again I don't know why. The other thing I want to bring up is you said only for Lyster residents. The two houses on the end of the block on Erie, the one house is 80 Erie but the front of their house is on Lyster. So they need to be included in that.

Council President Cimiluca – Is that where they park?

Mr. Wille - Excuse me.

Council President Cimiluca – Do they park on Lyster?

Mr. Wille - Well, you can't park on Erie because that's where the sign is and everybody blows the horn and drives around all the other people to get out onto Midland Avenue. The other house on Erie on the corner of Lyster they have one of them little short driveways. They can't park out there either because people are constantly going around all the people that won't go when it says you could turn on red. All right. So, you got to take that in consideration for them two houses. The other thing is the signs. Are them signs going to go 10 to two.

Mayor White - Yeah.

Mr. Schettino - I'm sorry but did you catch that?

Lieutenant Buchak – Yes sir.

Mr. Schettino - Okay. So just see how you need to incorporate that in whatever you send me.

Mr. Wille - And what's going to be your time limit for resident parking only? Is it going to be 24 hours? Is it going to be 9 to 9, 9 to 8 at night because they don't park there at night? It's all during the day.

Council President Cimiluca – Nick, you you've been the most vocal person on Lyster about this and you live there. You live that situation. What is your suggestion?

Mr. Wille - I would think a time limit like maybe like now it's 10 to 2. So you're going to do away with them, right? So you put a sign in the beginning of the block maybe in the middle of the blocks for resident parking only. We don't need 15 signs there I would still leave it you know Monday to Friday. Why have it on the weekends because on the weekends there's no traffic from them down there unless the guy wants to start you know being a pain and doing it on purpose because they are a 7 day a week, 24-hour a day business.

Council President Cimiluca – I think the reason that we you know what finish your I don't want to take away from your time so finish what you have to say and then I'll comment because I don't want to take your time.

Mr. Wille – I would say the signs and maybe the time and them two houses. I appreciate everything that everybody did. So all my neighbors complain I don't see a neighbor here.

Mr. Schettino - They figured you do a good enough job.

Council President Cimiluca – I think what we did the 10 to 2 was to make sure that it basically bothered them that they wouldn't do it. So this way they would come there, they'd have to leave. We've done that in the past I think on the number streets, the low number streets.

Mr. Wille - Yeah but that that ordinance was there from Pete put that ordinance in he got that in back in 1985 the 10 to 2 because we had the school there. After that school left everybody that's been in that building have been wonderful. We had Marcal there for years never a problem they used the back road. We had the company that made the little baskets. They used the back road. Just this guy and while I have you here. That's why the sewage thing went up \$300,000 because of that same factory.

Council President Cimiluca – I'll address that but why don't you come up with something I'm talking to the police now in terms of what you think the best thing. The bottom line is that we want this to be for residents only whether it's you know they're not parking there at 2:00 in the morning. That's not the issue.

Mr. Wille – No they're not.

Council President Cimiluca – The issue is to you know so maybe from 9:00 in the morning to 9 at night or 8 to 8 or 8 to 12 you know, we'll come up with something based on what you've you know, your determination after your investigation.

Mr. Wille - They never park there Saturdays and Sundays. It's always Monday to Friday.

Council President Cimiluca – Easy enough. Thank you.

Steve Mariconda of 24 Harrison Avenue comes forward. I just wanted to make announcement about the Saddle Brook Green Team meeting our Environmental Committee is occurring next Wednesday, June 24th, 7:30 PM at the Saddle Brook Senior Center. We recently just won a grant that we're going to use towards our Community Garden at the library and an adopt the tree program. So if anyone's interested in finding out more, feel free to attend our meeting which again Saddle Brook Green Team meeting next Wednesday, June 24th, 7:30 p.m. at the Saddle Brook Senior Center. Thank you.

Omar Rodriguez of Madison Avenue comes forward. Omar Rodriguez, candidate for mayor. If I were to be elected or sitting up there in an elected position I would have named a park or a street a street after Pete Lo Dico. He was a true friend and he deserved that and more. During the budget how could it be that our Fire Department sacrificing their lives they just have \$257,000 budget \$87,000 is for their uniform allowance. Then you look into the Finance Department that is just a handful of people and they got a budget of close to half a million dollars. If I were to be elected in order to manage the budget I would establish salary caps to the highest paid employees. Just in particular, there is one employee with all the health benefits if we divided by the 32 hours a week that they work he's making \$150 an hour. We're not a rich Town. Something need to change. Moving up I wonder the 60 units on Market Street that it was sold by the Town for \$26,000 a unit where those kids are going to attend the school and Smith School Franklin School have the municipality has any communication with the Board of Education. What happened with Rosol Lane 60 units? Rosol Lane is by Midland Avenue by the nursery next to Mazzone in the back. Sixty units those kids are going to go to Long School. Are they going to be able to afford that amount of kids coming into the school? And I keep on bringing Market Street because it's up to now that I have it on my mind when I hear those meetings and they telling me that 120 cars that I'm going to come into Market Street and this is on the record, not that I'm making it up. A hundred twenty cars are going to help to alleviate the traffic on Market Street. That is a laugh. That is the same laugh that I have when you guys lie about Caldwell Avenue that low-income housing was going to come there and it's going to produce ratables for the Town. Guess what the units are there and they are just paying \$16,000. That is another lie. So the lies got to stop. We need to focus into the future. There is a lot of things that the Town can do it but we need a leader to move Saddle Brook forward and to bring it to the next step because we have zero on shared services. Then why do we fire the senior citizen bus driver? How much money is contributing to the budget? How much in savings? Actually it's a lot of seniors that are claiming for the senior bus service. So please pull your hearts to work. Thank you very much. Have a good night.

Faith Monesteri of 25 Danna Way comes forward. I was particularly concerned to hear about the senior bus being discontinued particularly because it had a significant impact on me and my family. Last July my mom was diagnosed with Ramsay Hunt syndrome, which is a rare form of shingles that left her unable to drive. Our household is very small it's just me, my mom, my dad, and my dad and I struggled to keep up and take my mom to like 10 or 12 doctors that she had to see because it's a rare disease. My dad works full-time I was working part-time and working towards my degree over the summer and the senior bus provided an answer to our questions and was a huge relief for our household. It allowed my mom to make her doctor's appointments that allowed her to improve her condition to improve and to keep the household running because she could go to ShopRite on the weekly ShopRite trips. Life can be complicated, messy, unpredictable my story is just one of many. I'm sure a lot of people in the Town have benefited from the senior bus and people can become disabled overnight and Saddle Brook Senior Bus serves to help those people who struggle to keep up with the health changes in their life. Thank you.

Councilman Accomando - Excuse me just one second. I believe the County has a bus service. So if you want to give me your information, I'll look into it and see if we could make something happen.

Ms. Monesteri - The County does have a bus service, but their hours are extremely restricted. It's only from like 10 to 2, I think I don't know the exact details of that, but the County does have a bus service, but it's restricted and already overloaded. Bergen County is a big county and it's got a lot of residents It's already overloaded and having town senior buses takes a load off the county bus. Thank you.

Jerry Taylor of 318 Schepis Avenue comes forward. Now that on our side of Town Councilman Cimiluca the paving's mostly done. Is the speed bumps going back on Fairlawn Parkway?

Council President Cimiluca – Yes.

Mr. Taylor - And with that being said, what do I have to do or what do the residents of Schepis Avenue have to do to put a speed bump down by my house? Because for me to back out of the driveway, it's clear and I'll have somebody come barreling around at like 20 or 30 miles an hour making the right turn you know as a cut through, through Schepis.

Council President Cimiluca – The problem with speed bumps is that not the problem the idea of the speed bumps is to reduce excessive speed. We have that on Schepis. We have one because at some point Schepis becomes a roadway but we're not going to put a speed bump Captain Califano's here and he could explain it if you want but you're I think three houses in from Midland. It's not going to be a speed hump 100 for 50 feet in front of your house to stop people to make a right turn. It would cause more problems. They make a right turn and immediately have to stop to get there. I understand your concern. I don't have an answer for that but people come around corners and they come around fast and unfortunately I don't even think that they're violating the law. It's not like

I can say, "Hey, cops, go there and do something." Because they can go around and go 25 miles an hour.

Mr. Taylor – Making a right turn onto Schepis yeah.

Council President Cimiluca – They could do that unfortunately for people backing out it could be a problem. So, you're going to have to be very vigilant on that. I know it's just one of the dangers different people live in different areas and different parts of the block and unfortunately you're going to have to I wish I had an answer for you Jerry but I don't.

Mr. Taylor - Fairlawn Parkway it's going back?

Council President Cimiluca – They're going back and the ones that were taken off that needed to be repainted will be repainted.

Mr. Taylor - They lined the whole street it looks perfect you know. It's nice to drive down it without a speed bump you know. They're like "Oh, you know".

Council President Cimiluca – Well, that's the whole reason that we have that.

Mr. Taylor – Oh yeah.

Council President Cimiluca – We I believe there's a different contractor for the speed bumps or am I wrong?

Mr. Klein - It's a different process, but as far as I know, it's the same contractor. I'm not totally sure.

Council President Cimiluca – Sometimes we had one company do the paving and another company come in and do it and that's why sometimes it took a month to get it but they'll be there yes.

Mr. Klein - It's PSE&G's responsibility to put them back. There's one on Fair Lawn there's one on Wilson and I believe President. They may hire a different contractor to do it I don't know, but I'll find out.

Mr. Taylor – Okay thank you.

Mr. Klein - And I'll find when they're going to do it.

Councilman Accomando – Through the Chair. Mr. Taylor if I'm not mistaken, you have a right turn only to get on Schepis right? There's a right turn lane.

Mr. Taylor – Yeah.

Councilman Accomando – Maybe we could put a sign up there letting people know to slow down or something I don't know.

Mr. Taylor - Well, a lot of times and that's where your truckers the guys that are waiting to get in, they'll park along that right turn area, per se, waiting to you know to get across. There's a ton of traffic nowadays because you never know with PSE&G what's going to be closed, what's not going to be closed, you know, that type thing. But yeah, because you got people making the right turn and the only reason I asked my neighbor the older gentleman next to us happened to be pulling out just as somebody came across and basically broadside him you know sitting there. He thought it was open and then the person comes across and you know that's why. So, you know speed and again speed bump at you know 100 feet in that ain't going to work.

Council President Cimiluca – I wish I had a better answer for you.

Mayor White - Through the chair, just so you know I just want to be transparent there was plans to put another speed hump on Schepis. Right now there's one on Schepis near between Maple and Spruce.

Mr. Taylor – Yeah past the S turn.

Mayor White - Yeah but Yeah and uh what had happened was a resident over there was very upset when they found out it was going to go in front of their house and they threatened to sue and it was so it was and we've had some issues with that in the past. So we tried to look for another location and some of the residents in that that general vicinity where we wanted to put it they they're dead set against having it in front of their house it makes noise, vibration, things like that.

Mr. Taylor – I understand absolutely thank you very much.

Mayor White - You're welcome.

Denise Monesteri of 25 Danna Way comes forward. Good evening, Mayor, Council, and residents. Today thousands gathered in New York City for a ticker tape parade celebrating the Knicks. Moments like this show how communities come together to recognize what they value and tonight I'm asking a simple question. What do we as a township value? Last summer I was diagnosed with Ramsay Hunt syndrome and my family suddenly overnight had to navigate medical appointments, grocery shopping, and daily responsibilities in a very different way. One day I was independent and the next day I wasn't. Through that experience I gained a much deeper appreciation for how essential community transportation and support are. As my daughter mentioned, one of the things our family really came to understand the importance of was the Saddle Brook Senior Bus. The Thursday morning shopping trip was more than a ride. It was a routine, a connection, and a support system. Residents looked out for one another, offered encouragement, and created a sense of belonging that supported healing in ways that are difficult to measure but impossible to overlook. Anyone whose life has changed unexpectedly can appreciate

this. Whether it is their own journey or the journey of someone they love, we understand how quickly independence can change and how important support systems become. That is why transportation is more about getting from point A to point B. It is about independence, community safety, and the ability to stay connected and remain active in your own Township. At the State level, New Jersey has made aging in place a priority through their 2026 2029 state plan on aging that was passed last June. The plan recognizes transportation as an essential part of aging in place and that access and reliability are important parts of helping those older adults remain independent and connected. More importantly, there is a great emphasis on the plan in awareness and outreach because a service people do not know about becomes a service that essentially does not exist. At the local level, Saddle Brook sits at a very interesting demographic intersection. Nearly 20% of Saddle Brook's residents currently are 65 or older, which is a percentage higher than Bergen County, the State of New Jersey, or the national level. And looking ahead, approximately 30% of residents are between the ages of 45 and 64. So you have a significant amount of the population currently on the court and a number of residents warming the bench, so to speak. A strong team prepares for the season ahead and the community is just the same. Planning for an aging population means preparing before needs become urgent. And to better understand the available alternatives. I did reach out to the Bergen County Transportation today actually and was told after waiting over 20 minutes on hold was told that the next shopping day was June 29th and that I was limited to four bags. I'm sorry that I'm over going over the minute. I appreciate that the Bergen County provides this service I really do but my point is that availability and accessibility are two very different things. And with that in mind Council I respectfully ask how is the Township ensuring that the transportation and support needs of senior residents and individuals with disabilities are being met? How are residents and families being informed about available services and how is the Township evaluating whether current options with the County provide the same level of connection, safety, and independence that residents need and how does transportation fit into Saddle Brook's long-term plan for helping residents age in place? With approximately 2,800 residents aged 65 and older and roughly 3,600 residents approaching that stage of life, thousands of Saddle Brook neighbors are connected to this very conversation. If a ticker tape parade is one way a community shows what it values, I return to my original question. How do we demonstrate that value in Saddle Brook? And truly, Council and Mayor, I appreciate all that you do for our Town. Thank you.

Mr. Manzo attempts to come forward again and is reminded that he has already had his three minutes.

Council President Cimiluca – Anybody else uh want to address the council? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close the meeting.

Motion: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President Cimiluca – Meeting is now closed to the public. I'm just going to before we turn it over to the Mayor I just had a couple of questions. Actually I just wanted to get some updates. We have a new feature in our Council meetings that's going to be Business Administrator updates which I'm sure you're so happy about that, right?

Mr. Homsy – Yeah.

Council President Cimiluca – But first our engineer the Fifth Street a resident had asked about the Fifth Street if you could just give us a brief update on our engineering projects and how they're going.

Mr. Klein - So Fifth Street that'll I'm looking at fall construction for that one.

Council President Cimiluca – What will the construction just for people that aren't here what is going to be done there?

Mr. Klein - There will be a basketball court one basketball court about five parking spaces and a paved entrance into the area into the small parking lot.

Council President Cimiluca – And is there is there currently a playground area in there?

Mr. Klein - There is currently a playground area there. It's going to remain as is. We're not going to touch it, demolish it, or improve it for now.

Council President Cimiluca – It's functionable?

Mr. Klein - It looks pretty beat up and ready to be replaced.

Council President Cimiluca – That's something on the horizon. If I can just defer any other Splash Park.

Mr. Klein - Splash Park is moving along nicely. They are pretty far into the utilities that are needed to operate it. They are planning to pour the concrete base and surface for the splash park tomorrow morning. Afterwards they will start to piece together the pieces into the appropriate spots on the splash park and as well as surround the park with a sidewalk walkway and some benches. Looks targeting the end of the month for completion if all goes well. Other projects have been completed. We've mentioned the pickle ball courts

and tennis courts at Mayhill are all done and being used. The Kern playground has been replaced and is being used. I think that's it as far as parks for now.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you. And Mr. Business Administrator, I was just going to throw a question at you. I know that we had talked about the senior bus being discontinued but that didn't just come out of thin air. What were the reasons behind it and economically and physically what was the condition of the bus what was monetarily what were the issues?

Mr. Homs - Issues per se, I wouldn't say there was issues. I mean obviously you come up with an aging bus so just with any type of fleet, you did have the cost associated to upkeep to maintain that. We were monitoring the volume of the call log in comparison to what the County was providing. We felt that the County was providing a stronger better service. Understood some of the customer service aspect might not be as good but there's some a lot of aspects that are much better like for us locally for liability purposes when we went shopping you know previously the driver would assist with carrying the bags, for liability purpose we stopped that.

Council President Cimiluca – Was that on the recommendation of our joint insurance fund?

Mr. Homs - Yes but reviewing the call logs the ride logs rather we did first switch from full-time to part-time. So that was about a 50 almost \$60,000 salary that we that you know we reduced. We worked with the employee to come up with a revised part-time schedule while still continuing to monitor the volume of the rides.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay, so volume was down, the bus was aging, there was repairs.

Mr. Homs - Yeah, I mean your standard repairs you know the ramp the handicap ramp needed to be repaired. Someone needed to use it and it wasn't even functional. We didn't realize until they needed to use it. So that you know you're talking general repairs and you know probably have to be replaced soon and those are six figure type vehicle six figure you know over \$100,000 to replace.

Council President Cimiluca – Based on the resident's issues that she's had with the County are you able to contact I guess somebody at the County in that area somebody I don't know if in charge of that bus program or somebody a liaison or something like that to advise of the issues that we're having and maybe you could have a better chance of getting someone on the phone as opposed to a citizen. I know sometimes government takes a while to do anything but if you could reach out.

Mr. Homs – Absolutely.

Council President Cimiluca – If there could be any information if we could get the young lady information in terms of getting back to her specifically and maybe even announce at

the next meeting what you found out from them in regards to what they offer and when they offer it. How they offer it.

Mr. Homsy - No problem.

Mayor White - Through the Chair. I'll personally reach out to them you know Mr. Homsy mentioned it briefly but there are the majority of Saddle Brook residents are using the County now vast majority compared to I mean there was the call volume was minimal here in Saddle Brook. They also have an aid on every bus along with a bus driver so if a resident need assistance getting on and off the bus they're there to help. We didn't have that.

Council President Cimiluca – We had one 75year-old or 80 year old person driving the bus, right?

Mayor White - Yeah I don't know what his age is.

Ms. Monesteri asks if she can respond and Council President Cimiluca asks if she could contact the Mayor or Mr. Homsy directly afterwards with any issues that she has.

Mayor White - One thing I want to say too is that I know that from talking to the Senior Director there was on the bus itself they only allowed one package. I don't know if that's what I was told that there was actually on the bus it may still be there because we still have the bus we haven't done anything with it yet but there was a notice there, one package only.

Ms. Monesteri says she will follow up.

Council President Cimiluca – But definitely make contact with either the Mayor's office or the Business Administrator's office and they can give you as much time as you need. Mayor your comments updates.

Mr. Schettino - Well, just there was a question about the sale about how much was in this year's budget.

Mr. Homsy - Yeah, I could address some of those if you if you wish, Council President.

Council President Cimiluca – Did I bypass you?

Mr. Homsy - No, I mean there's some of the questions I could I could assist.

Council President Cimiluca – I gave you the Business Administrator section and then I just.

Mr. Homsy - Well it's not necessarily my report, but we could respond to some of those questions.

Council President Cimiluca – Also you could respond while you're doing it new hires if there if there have been new hires.

Mr. Homs - Outside of what we listed we don't plan on any other new hires.

Council President Cimiluca – Potential new hires might be if we have retirements in the Police Department or DPW.

Mr. Homs - Well replacements. Yeah. Again just responding to some of those questions. Regarding the old Town Hall we don't have a you know that's at the developer's schedule. He tends to move fast he is paying his full property taxes so I'm sure he's going to move quickly but of course that goes along with our proper inspections, the local inspections, and whatever else is required. From the sale of the property we're using currently this year about \$251,000 from the proceeds of the sale. We anticipate through my conversation with the auditor that it will be similar or the same each year to safely implement into the budget to offset taxes. That's his recommendation it's a fair recommendation. That was his initial recommendation which you know obviously we supported and we agree with. Fifth Street Park was addressed new hires. Another question from another resident I just want to provide clarity about Chefler Mike's Amazing and the sewer fees. I just want to be very clear that how it works with Passaic Valley with a permit user that large we probably have about eight or so total in the Town. So what happens is that we get billed from Passaic Valley but we pass along those fees. So when they came about I don't know exactly the timeframe but Passaic valley direct bills Mike's Amazing initially until they could understand their consumption and usage. Once they have an idea once they have an idea over however many whatever the time period is a year or two years they remove the direct bill to Mike's Amazing then it just gets implemented in the Town's bill but when it gets implemented in Town's bill which is the first year this is happening for Mike's Amazing we pass along 100% of those fees to that user. So that \$650,000 increase from Passaic Valley about half is attributed to Mike's Amazing. Which again is being 100% passed along to them. So I just wanted to provide clarity and be very clear about that permit use through them with Passaic Valley. That's it for now I appreciate the opportunity at the meetings and I'll have comprehensive reports going forward.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you and Mr. Mayor.

Mayor White - I just want to start before I forget uh addressing the individual that was running for mayor mentioning about that we have zero shared services, but then in the same breath he's saying he's complaining that we got rid of the bus. But you know by doing that we save money and honestly it's a better service. The only thing I've heard the only negative I heard is that you have to you have to ask in advance. You know it can't be one of them things where you say every you know I want to be picked up every Tuesday you know at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and it doesn't cost the Town or the resident anything comes out of your County taxes and it's a great service. They got over 100 buses. Like I said every bus has an aid there. It's much safer and I've heard nothing but good about it until tonight but we'll address that with the resident because you know

she's obviously upset that uh that we eliminated the service. But I think overall it's something that's going to save a lot of money and it's going to end up being a better thing for the Town overall. So I'll talk about the budget. I want to thank Business Administrator Jimmy Homs, CFO Vince Buono, and Steve Wielkotz our auditor as well as our Council Members. I think we have a good budget. It's a reasonable increase under the circumstances, \$187 on the average house is compared to some of the other towns is pretty good and that's without cutting any personnel, services, or programs. Like Mr. Homs said you know where we can when there's a retirement or if we can go from full-time to part-time we do it. We saved a little money there but not at the risk of services to programs. This year we are doing the estimated taxes again. We've been doing that the past couple of years. Ordinances as I mentioned when Mr. Wielkotz was here the ordinance second reading on not to exceed the budget appropriations and establishing a bank cap is on. We also have that's the second reading. We also have a zoning amendment that's on for a first reading as well. I just want to mention recycling. We've been getting a lot of complaints and we're not happy at all recently with our recycling contractor. So, for the past three or four weeks you know they haven't been able to finish pickup on Friday. Last week I think they got maybe a quarter of the Town done and they had to come back Saturday to finish. It's unacceptable we have been in contact with them. Our Township attorney has written them a letter. So we're doing everything we can to try to get them to do the job the right way get it all on Friday and if not we're going to have to start doing what we can legally. I don't really want to say too much about the legal end of it because I don't want to get in any trouble. As Steve Mariconda said the grant the sustainable New Jersey PSE&G grant we received \$2,500 for our green team. It's going to be used for a community garden at the library and a adopt a tree program. Some past events the Memorial Day Parade and services were May 24th. The VFW service was on the 25th was actually on Memorial Day itself. I want to thank the VFW Parade Committee, Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, for their participation and their department services. I want to congratulate Rick Eason from VFW 3484. He was the 2026 Grand Marshall. It was a great choice well deserved. I also want to thank Lieutenant Governor Dale Caldwell, Assembly Members Lisa Swain, Chris Tully and Bergen County Clerk John Hogan for marching in the parade. That was very nice. It was really nice to meet the Lieutenant Governor great guy by the way. We had an outdoor concert the Benjamins on Friday, May the 29th here in the Municipal Complex parking lot. I want to thank recreation director Andy Gallo and Diane Bonner the whole department for doing a great job. Also want to thank Thomas Van Winkle for taking photographs. On Monday, June the 1st, AARP swore in new officers. Marie Shust is the President, Paula Bernstein is the Vice President, and Beverly Slowik is the Treasurer. I want to thank outgoing President Debra Cannariato and Vice President Karen D'Arminio. They still need a recording secretary. Mr. Cimiluca you may want to take on that position. You're a senior citizen, right? You're a you're an AARP member.

Council President Cimiluca – I am proud AARP member. Yes.

Mayor White - You're not?

Council President Cimiluca – I'm a proud AARP member. Yes.

Mayor White - They need a recording secretary so they couldn't get anybody.

Council President Cimiluca – Yeah, I'll take that under consideration. Thank you. Thank you for offering.

Mayor White - On Wednesday, June the 10th, the Police Department hosted the LEAD graduation party. LEAD is Law Enforcement Against Drugs at the Municipal Complex at the all-purpose room. The weather was bad they usually have it out by Veterans Field, but they had it inside this year. Some upcoming events, tomorrow is Juneteenth, Friday, June the 19th Town offices and DPW is closed. The Fishing Derby is going to be this Saturday, June 21st at Saddle River County Park, by the lake, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The fireworks are Friday, July the 3rd at Saddle River County Park when it gets dark. The Town is working with First Reformed Church of Saddle Brook on a Fourth of July dedication and bell ringing ceremony for Saturday, July the 4th at the church at 5 Ackerman Avenue. The dedication starts at 1:30 p.m. and the national bell ringing at 2:50 pm. The Recreation Department is having a Summer Youth Camp for the month of July. Interested parents should contact the Rec Director Andy Gallo. The Police Department is also doing the Junior Police Academy at the end of August so anybody interested contact our Police Department for more information. Congratulations to all the graduates out there from preschool to college and Happy Father's Day to everyone this Sunday the 21st. Thank you.

Councilman Accomando – So Joe and Pete two great guys if you know them you can lean on either one of them for any questions, any concerns. They always had your back. They're going to be sorely missed and just my condolences to their families. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers. Happy Father's Day to all the mothers that fathers don't show up. I had something else I forgot, but I'll you might have to come back to me.

Councilwoman Mazzer – First and foremost my prayers and sympathy to Joe Schilp's family. He certainly was a dedicated individual and he would he's definitely going to be missed. As far as Pete if you were fortunate to be part of his exclusive club to be called his friend you know what I'm feeling. Up until probably about 10 days ago he wanted me to take him here to the Council meeting. I've known Pete for probably 40 years he's never been angry with me but he certainly was angry that day because I couldn't make it happen. He actually went as far as to call my daughter and ask for her to take him. So I'm on that list I was on that list but I'd also like to shout out to Joey Setticone who he went above and beyond care for Pete he's a great friend, great individual, a great caring man and I need to shout out to him. On a more higher note I guess I'd like to congratulate all our preschoolers from preschool to grad school 2026 great future ahead of you. I'd like to also commend the Mayor our Business Administrator all our department heads our professionals for putting together a fiscally responsible budget. No one likes a tax hike that's for sure but you know to keep our Town going and services that we provide it's a necessity and Happy Father's Day to everyone.

Councilman Gierke – Good evening everyone. My sincere condolences to the Schilp family and to the Lo Dico family two great men. I met Pete back when I was a freshman

at Paramus Catholic 41 years ago. Just an outstanding person as well as Joe we lost two wonderful people in Saddle Brook here. People that want to pay their respects I know tomorrow from 3 to 8 at Kugler Funeral Home on Fifth Street. He will be laid out there. There'll be a funeral mass on Saturday morning at 9:30 and then burial immediately to follow at St. Nicholas in Lodi. For anybody that would like to pay their respects to the Lo Dico family. In regards to the budget I'm going to just say for the sake of transparency you know it was a difficult budget everybody knows that it was \$187 and some people may say, "Oh, well, that's not too bad." \$187 divide that by 12. That's only on the municipal side. Now the school tax is additional, County tax is additional and I know the school budget that meeting was live streamed. It's \$399 for the school. It's about \$75 for the County. I hate to you know rain on everybody's parade. People may be home sitting home it's live streamed saying \$187 wow that's not bad. Yeah, that's the municipal side okay. So I think the school was hit a little bit with the health benefits because they have the State health benefits. We didn't experience that so much. Health benefits did go up but not to that magnitude. It was like a 35% increase. So I just for the sake of transparency when people get their bills they've got to understand there's three parts to it. Actually a fourth part is a very small sliver for the library but people have to be cognizant of that okay and that's how it's calculated. We only control about 38% of the budget here. School's the majority of the budget just so everybody's aware. Congratulations to all the graduates. My nephew just graduated from pharmacy school at University of Florida. My niece just got her master's degree at NYU. So congratulations to them as well as all the preschool, grade school, high school, college as well. Happy 4th of July, happy summer, and a Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there. Thank you.

Councilwoman Sanchez – So as the Mayor stated before congratulations to all the graduates. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there and my condolences to the families of Joseph Schilp and Peter Lo Dico. I met Pete around when I started the Ambulance Corps and I would talk to him briefly in passing and I really got to know him when I joined the Council and I'm so happy that I did get to know him. He was always a pleasure to talk to and I feel like I learned a lot from him. He was always patient with me and willing to answer all my questions no matter how silly they were and he really was a great man and I'm going to miss him.

Council President Cimiluca – Thank you. First of all in regard to the budget we talked about the amount of money that went into this year's budget from the sale of the property. So in speaking to the Business Administrator and the Auditor and the Mayor it was determined that the best way the best financially stable way of doing this was to put of that price \$250,000 a year toward the budget instead of just adding it just all at one point and that gives us some more financial stability over the years. A couple of things fun stuff to do during the summer. It looks like pretty much every Friday during the summer at Van Saun Park in Paramus there will be an outdoor movie. Every Tuesday at Riverside County Park in North Arlington there will be a concert. Every Thursday pretty much every Thursday at Overpeck Park there will be a concert and Wednesdays there's movies at Pascack Brook County Park in Westwood. So there's stuff to do pretty much every day of the week from our County. Tomorrow is Juneteenth and for those who don't know and even though the emancipation proclamation was given on January 1st of 1863 it took two

and a half years before all of the vestiges of slavery were gone when they rode into Galveston, Texas and basically declared that the 250,000 existing slaves there were now free. So it took a long time and that is where you get the June 19th. That's where the Juneteenth celebration or observation comes in. It is Pride Month and again some people have said why do they get a month and we only get a day? Well in 1999 Bill Clinton decided that June would be Pride Month and it all stemmed not all of it but basically in 1969 in June of 1969 there was a riot in Greenwich Village Stonewall Inn which was a mafia run bar that was frequented by gays of all sorts and the police raided it without giving warning. The mafia generally would pay off the police in order to get them to come in do their raid and then they would you know an hour later they'd be open for business. But this time it didn't work and there was riots that went on for three or four days. That basically is what generally acknowledged as basically the start one of the starts of the gay rights movement. So that is where the pride month comes from. Congratulations to the Knicks. I went on the train to Hoboken today and everybody was in blue and orange and I just hope in my lifetime that we will have a blue and orange celebration for the New York Mets, but I'm not sure about that. We lost Joe Schilp just for those who know he actually passed before our last meeting but in respect to the family's wishes we did not acknowledge that at our last meeting. That was not an oversight. That was a direct consideration of the family's wishes always enjoyed Joe he had a just a dry sense of humor and he was always to me a pleasure to be with. Pete Lo Dico amazing man, amazing person to be with on the Council. My story with Pete, my first time I ever had anything to do with him is when I moved into town 84 or something like that. At some point after that my wife says, "Hey, you know, I saw some advertisement in the paper. They're going to have an independent club meeting." So, she says, "Well, you're independent. You know, you're not registered either way." Like, "Okay, I'll go." And it just turned out to be the We Hate Pete Lo Dico Club and basically they did everything in in the world to not get Pete Lo Dico elected and I thought Pete Lo Dico was a demon. I mean the way they made it seem and I'd never met the man. So, I finally met him and I'm expecting the first time I meet him to expect this ogre and he was like the nicest guy I ever met. And I told him about it and he goes, "Well, that's politics. It's okay." He never took anything personally. And like I said at the last meeting, I think when we gave him a proclamation when he was here no matter what side you're on, you're Republican or Democrat, independent, whatever you were, he treated you the same. When it was a majority one side Pete was there and never cared what political party you were from. He just treated everyone with dignity and respect and you know he will be sorely missed. He's an icon and I join in the Mayor and all the members of the Council I believe when I say that we should be doing something in his honor and in this Council meeting since he was so associated with the Council room not so much this room but a Council room whenever you saw a Council meeting or came to a Council meeting there was Pete and people pointing fingers and yelling and everything like that and he just was the voice of common reason and he kept everything on an even keel. So, Mr. Barrale you've got big shoes to fill and I wish you luck in that. this weekend, Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to everyone and one of the joys of being a father if you have a son is watching your son become a good father and I'm blessed that that happened with me. So we will go into ordinances at this point.

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE # 1803-26 SECOND READING

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Council President: 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 Gierak

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

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# 626-92

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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 Mazzer

Second: Councilman Gierak

Roll Call:

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

Council President Cimiluca – The next ordinance is for first reading but I believe we have a motion to table Mr. Accomando.

Councilman Accomando – Yes for the graffiti yes. I would just like a further discussion about it because it seems like all these property maintenance things we get involved with it's either you do the same across the board you don't do it at all. So we have to be a little more strict with some of these ordinance because we can't pick and choose who we want to go after and who we don't want to go after. So for that, I'd like to table this and discuss it further.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

2. ORDINANCE # 1804-26 FIRST READING – (TABLED)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 103 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK ENTITLED “GRAFFITI”.

3. ORDINANCE # 1805-26 FIRST READING

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

be passed and adopted on first reading.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Gierek

Roll Call:

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

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

CR# 626-93

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

heretofore passed on first reading, be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on July 16, 2026 at 5:30 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.

Mr. Schettino – That ordinance has to be referred to the Planning Board before we adopt it.

Council President Cimiluca – But we're voting on the first reading, right?

Mr. Schettino – Yes.

Motion: Councilwoman Mazzer

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

Council President Cimiluca – And pursuant to our legal council's not opinion that's the law it's going to go to the Planning Board for their review and discussion.

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.

Council President Cimiluca – Which items are not on the consent agenda?

Mr. Barrale - Resolution number three is being tabled and resolution number 11 is going to be voted on separately because Councilwoman Mazzer needs to recuse herself.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

Council President Cimiluca – Mr. Schettino do we need a motion to table resolution number three?

Mr. Schettino – Yes.

Council President Cimiluca – Motion to table resolution number three.

Motion: Councilman Gieriek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Gieriek – yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

Council President Cimiluca – Now we have number eleven which is payment of certain bills.

Motion: Councilman Gieriek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Councilman Gieriek – yes

Councilman Accomando - yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – recuse

Council President Cimiluca – yes

*** MINUTES**

NONE

*** RESOLUTIONS**

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 626-94

WHEREAS AJM Contractors was awarded a contract in the amount of \$160,479.00 for 3rd Street Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by AJM Contractors recommended Change Order #1 Final; 3,036.48 for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for AJM Contractors for a total amount of \$3,036.48, a total contract amount of \$163,515.48 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION

CR# 626-95

WHEREAS, the property located in the Township of Saddle Brook and commonly known as 74 Taggart Way, designated as Block 1814, Lot 7, is assessed to Janet Calvitti widow of Joseph E. Calvitti; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph E. Calvitti, a qualified veteran, passed away on April 24, 2022, and was determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be 100% permanently disabled for purposes of the veteran's property tax exemption; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Township of Saddle Brook Ordinance No. 50-2025, the effective date of the exemption shall be based upon the date of application, which was filed on May 12, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel property taxes effective May 12, 2026, and to issue a prorated refund in the amount of \$1,340.23 for the period of May 12, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the refund check shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector for mailing, and that the property shall be recognized as 100% tax exempt for the 2026 tax year effective May 12, 2026. Please issue the refund check to: Mrs. Janet Calvitti, 74 Taggart Way, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH RSC ARCHITECTS FOR
ENGINE CO. 1**

CR# 626-96 (tabled)

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook previously entered into an Agreement with RSC Architects for professional architectural and engineering services for the additions and alterations to Engine Co. 1 Firehouse located at 16 Cambridge Avenue in the Township;

WHEREAS, RSC Architects has submitted Proposal ASR 2 for Additional Services in the amount of \$18,750.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has reviewed the proposal for additional services in the amount of \$18,750.00 submitted by RSC Architects and recommends the approval of same; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available in the amount of \$18,750.00 for the additional services, said certification being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed this matter and has prepared an addendum to the contract agreement approving the additional services in the amount of \$18,750.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Saddle Brook, that the additional services in the amount of \$18,750.00 submitted by RSC Architects for the additions and alterations to Engine Co. 1 Firehouse, be and are hereby approved and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the addendum to the contract agreement reflecting the additional services in the amount of \$18,750.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached addendum on behalf of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with the addendum to contract agreement to RSC Architects upon the passage of same.

Motion to Table: Councilman Gierak

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 626-97

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign the Snow Plowing/Salt Agreement for the year 2026-2028 with the County of Bergen.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORRECTION OF AN OMITTED ASSESSMENT
FOR 264 SOUTH LANZA COURT, BLOCK 511, LOT 4**

CR# 626-98

WHEREAS, the property known as 264 South Lanza Court, Saddle Brook, New Jersey, also designated as Block 511, Lot 4 on the official Tax Map of the Township of Saddle Brook, is assessed to Martha De La Cruz; and

WHEREAS, said property was previously owned by a 100% permanently disabled veteran and therefore qualified for a full property tax exemption pursuant to applicable New Jersey statutes; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the property transferred to Martha De La Cruz on June 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township inadvertently billed the property for an omitted added/prorated assessment in the amount of \$408,800 for a full twelve (12) month period for tax year 2025, resulting in a billed amount of \$9,700.82; and

WHEREAS, because the property remained exempt for the portion of the year prior to the transfer of ownership, the omitted prorated assessment should have been applied for only six (6) months of tax year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector have reviewed the matter and determined that a correction to the omitted assessment billing is necessary and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the omitted prorated assessment for Block 511, Lot 4, 264 South Lanza Court, assessed to Martha De La Cruz, shall be corrected from twelve (12) months to six (6) months for tax year 2025 to reflect the number of months owned by Mrs. De La Cruz; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to amend the omitted assessment billing from \$9,700.82 to \$4,850.41, resulting in a cancellation/credit in the amount of \$5,056.58 (including interest of \$206.17) to be credited to third quarter 2026 taxes.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY27 MUNICIPAL AID
GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

CR# 626-99

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has funds available for road projects through its FY27 Municipal Aid Program; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township is interested in applying for funding to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for roadway improvements along Grace Avenue and North 7th Street in the Township of Saddle Brook.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as “MA-2027-Grace Avenue and N 7th Street Roadwa-00146” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 626-100

WHEREAS John Garcia Construction Co. was awarded a contract in the amount of \$242,965.42 for Tree Streets Water Main Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township. Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by John Garcia Construction Co. recommended Change Order #1 Final; 13,010.13 for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for John Garcia Construction Co. for a total amount of \$13,010.13, a total contract amount of \$255,975.55 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 626-101

WHEREAS Picerno Giordano Construction LLC was awarded a contract in the amount of \$284,005 for Mayhill Park Phase II Improvements; and

WHEREAS Robert J. Klein, Township Engineer, during the course of the work being performed by Picerno Giordano Construction recommended Change Order #1 Final; 840.00 for adjustment of unit quantities to their final as-built quantity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that it hereby approves Change Order #1 Final for Picerno Giordano Construction for a total amount of \$840.00, a total contract amount of \$284,845.00 providing funds are available.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

CR# 626-102

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH REDEVELOPMENT ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the Township Council previously approved and appointed Wendy R. Quiroga, Esq. of the Weiner Law Group, as Redevelopment Attorney for a one year term commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, effective June 1, 2026, Wendy R. Quiroga, Esq. will be joining the firm of Scarinici Hollenbeck located at 150 Clove Road, 9th Floor, Little Falls, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint Wendy R. Quiroga, Esq. of the law firm of Scarinici Hollenbeck LLC as Redevelopment Attorney for the Township effective June 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, this appointment is exempt from the public bidding laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to prepare a professional services agreement between the Township and Wendy R. Quiroga, Esq., as Redevelopment Attorney reflecting the new firm name in order for her to serve in the same capacity with the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has prepared a professional services agreement effective June 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026 between the Township and the Redevelopment Attorney, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and recommends the approval of same; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the attached Professional Services Agreement between the Township of Saddle Brook and the Redevelopment Attorney attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and approve of same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Wendy R. Quiroga, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC be and is hereby appointed Redevelopment Attorney for the Township effective June 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Professional Services Agreement between the Township and Wendy R. Quiroga, Esq. of Scarinici Hollenbeck as Redevelopment Attorney effective June 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026 be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with the Agreement to Wendy R. Quiroga, Esq. upon its passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

CR# 626-103

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE PROPER WARRANTS BE DRAWN AND THAT THE ATTACHED BILLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE BILLS NOT APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL, BE PAID TOTALING **\$6,151,926.31** 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: Councilwoman Mazzer

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# 626-104

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 **\$610,984.05** 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 Gierak

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED 160 PEHLE ASSOCIATES LLC DL V. TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
AT 160 PEHLE AVENUE, BLOCK 1005, LOT 4
FOR TAX YEARS 2021, 2024 & 2025.**

CR# 626-105

WHEREAS, 160 Pehle Associates LLC DL has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Township of Saddle Brook challenging the tax assessment against property located at 160 Pehle Avenue and identified on the Township’s tax maps as Block 1005, Lot 4 for tax years 2021, 2024 & 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Assessor, the Township Tax Appeal Attorney and Township Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Township of Saddle Brook; and

WHEREAS, the Township Assessor, the Township Tax Appeal Attorney and Township Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Saddle Brook, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Township Tax Appeal Attorney be hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to settle this matter according to the following proposed terms:

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2024 to be reduced from \$10,868,400 to \$8,566,304 resulting in a refund of \$53,086.33.
- 2) The assessment for tax year 2025 to be reduced from \$9,200,000 to \$8,566,304 resulting in a refund of \$15,037.61.
- 3) The appeal for tax year 2021 to be withdrawn and the assessment to remain unchanged.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

**MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RENEWAL RESOLUTION
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027, 2028, AND 2029**

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION 1 | INCLUSION

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE
BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

CR# 626-106

WHEREAS certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012; and

WHEREAS the current Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

WHEREAS each Municipality must notify the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Municipality of the Township of Saddle Brook and its residents to participate in said Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of the Township of Saddle Brook hereby notifies the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant Municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) for the **Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029 covering the period July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2030**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original copy of this resolution be made available to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development as soon as possible and no later than **MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026**.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK

**MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RENEWAL RESOLUTION
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027, 2028, AND 2029**

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION 2 | EXECUTION

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN TO SUPERSEDE THE
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 2024, AND AMENDMENTS
THERETO
ESTABLISHING THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM**

CR# 626-107

WHEREAS certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to supersede an existing Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement for the County and its people to benefit from these Programs; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been proposed under which the Municipality of the Township of Saddle Brook and the County of Bergen in cooperation with other Municipalities, will modify an Interlocal Services Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Municipality of the Township of Saddle Brook to enter into such an Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipality of the Township of Saddle Brook that the Agreement entitled “Three Year Cooperative Agreement” (an Agreement superseding the Cooperative Agreement dated July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027) to clarify the planning and implementation procedures and to enable the Municipality to make a Three Year irrevocable commitment to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) for the **Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029 covering the period July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2030**, be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with law and that an original copy be made available to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development as soon as possible and no later than **MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026**.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

**TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LODI
PURSUANT TO NJSA 40:A:65-1**

CR# 626-108

WHEREAS, CR 626-108 was adopted on June 18, 2026 for a shared services agreement with the Borough of Lodi for DPW services, and

WHEREAS, the agreement was modified by the Borough of Lodi, and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A5-1 et seq the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act authorizes contracts among municipalities for the sharing of services within their respective jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Township of Saddle Brook and the Borough of Lodi deem it in their best interests to enter into a shared services agreement for the shared use of various Department of Public Works equipment and services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Saddle Brook has adopted CR# 626-108 authorizing the entering into a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Lodi for the sharing of the use of various Department of Public Works equipment and services on an as needed basis which resolution is attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40:55-1 et seq. that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Lodi for the sharing of the use of various Department of Public Works equipment and Services on an as-needed basis in a form attached hereto.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid agreement upon the terms and conditions stated herein and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **CR# 824-135** is hereby rescinded upon adoption of this resolution

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

Councilman Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – yes

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 626-109

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

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

<u>STATE LICENSE NO. AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
0257-33-004-011 \$1400.00	Vidhi Vidhan, LLC T/A Discount Liquors 606 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-011-005 \$1400.00	Matsuya, Inc. 490 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-012-009 \$1400.00	Victory Worldwide, LLC T/A Saddle Brook Marriott 138 Pehle Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

0257-33-017-006 \$1400.00	NJSB1, LLC T/A Saddle Brook Liquor & Bar 383 Market Street # 2B Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-005-012 \$1400.00	Saddle Brook Holdings, LLC Plank Pizza 383 Market Street, Bldg. D Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-013-007 \$1400.00	Shree Radhey, LLC Krauszer's Liquors & Bar 215 Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-001-008 \$1400.00	Excelsior Catering, LLC T/A The Excelsior 190 Route 46 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-003-010 \$1400.00	405 North Midland Avenue, LLC 1122 Clifton Avenue Clifton, NJ 07013
0257-33-006-009 \$1400.00	Trajanoski, Inc. T/A The Golden Pub 335 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-015-012 \$1400.00	Que Pasta, LLC 326 Market Street Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
0257-33-016-010 \$1400.00	MJC Enterprise Holding, LLC T/A Midland Brew House 374 North Midland Avenue Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION

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

CLUB LICENSE

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

HOTEL LICENSE

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

Second: Councilwoman Mazzer

Roll Call:

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

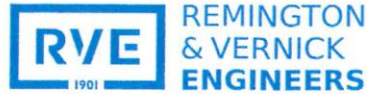
*** CORRESPONDENCE**

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

TO: JIMMY HOMSI

RE: PAY CERT #1 SPRAY PARK – ADAMO
BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION

DATE: MAY 19, 2026



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

May 19, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Saddle Brook Spray Park Project
Pay Certificate No. 1
Our File No. 0257T125

Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 1 from Adamo Brothers Construction Inc. 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 Adamo Brothers Construction Inc. in the amount of **\$94,080.00.**

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

Sincerely,

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

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

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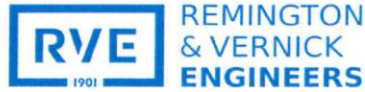
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2. R. KLEIN, RVE, TWP. ENG.

TO: A. AMBROGIO CONST. OFFICIAL

RE: TCO FOR COMMUNITY ROOM THE WILLOWS
435 NORTH MIDLAND AVENUE
DATE: MAY 21, 2026



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

May 21, 2026

Anthony Ambrogio - Construction Official
Township of Saddle Brook
540 Saddle River Road
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Re: TCO for Community Room
Willows At Saddle Brook
435 N. Midland Avenue
Block 1401, Lot 18
RVE #: 02571082

Dear Mr. Ambrogio,

We have conducted inspections at the above referenced project. The most recent inspection was for the purpose of issuing a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for use of the community room only at this time. We do not object to the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for this use at this time.

A more in depth inspection will take place prior to further TCO's or CO's for residency occupancy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Town Engineer

Enclosure

Cc: Applicant - Geoffrey Long, Ingermann
Steve Kurelko, Ingermann
Jimmy Homs
Jayne Kapner
Frank Barrale
Joe Mongelli

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

RE: 3RD ST. ROAD IMP. CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL
DATE: MAY 27, 2026



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May 27, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
3rd Street Improvement Project
Change Order No. 1 - FINAL
Our File# 0257-T-26

Dear Mr. Homsy,

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

• Original Contract	\$ 160,479.00
• <u>Change Order No. 1</u>	\$ 3,036.48
• Amended Contract Total	\$ 163,515.48

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

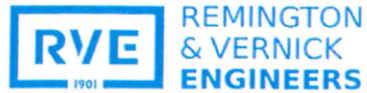
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4. R. KLEIN, RVE, TWP. ENG.
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: 3RD ST. ROAD IMP. PAY CERT #4 FINAL
DATE: MAY 27, 2026



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May 27, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
3rd Street Improvement Project
Pay Certificate No. 4 Final
Our File No. 0257T126

Dear Mr. Homsí,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 4 Final and two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. 39BCSJH3418M from AJM Contractors Inc. for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers have reviewed the invoice and find all work to be complete.

Therefore, we recommend final payment be made to AJM Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$8,352.59.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

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

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5. J. SCHLECHT, AIA, RSC
TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: ADDENDUM ENGINE 1 ADDITION
DATE: MAY 11, 2026

3 University Plaza Drive, Suite 600, Hackensack, NJ 07601 t: 201.941.3040 f: 201.941.5426
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May 11, 2026

Mr. Jimmy Homs
Saddle Brook Township
55 Mayhill Street
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Re: **Proposal ASR 2 for Additional Services**
Saddle Brook Engine Co. 1
16 Cambridge Ave, Saddle Brook
RSC No: 157.24.001

Dear Mr. Homs:

RSC Architects (RSC) is providing the proposal for additional services related to the proposed addition to the Saddle Brook Engine Co 1 firehouse located at 16 Cambridge Ave within Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

The civil engineer, Remington & Vernick Engineers has indicated that the preliminary development of the design concept exceeded the scope planned in their proposed fee. I have attached their proposal for your reference.

RSC Architects is requesting an increase to our total fee of a lump sum of **eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$18,750)** in accordance with our base contract for the work.

Our intent is to meet the same conditions as our client. If the scope that has been described within this proposal differs from your needs, please notify our office, and we will reconcile our proposal.

We trust that this proposal meets with your approval.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

RSC ARCHITECTS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Schlecht".

Jeffrey Schlecht, AIA
Principal

Encl. RVE Proposal, May 7, 2026

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6. R. KLEIN, RVE ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: TREE STREETS WATER MAIN PROJECT – PAY
CERT #2 FINAL – JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION
DATE: JUNE 9, 2026



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June 9, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Tree Streets Water Main Improvement Project
Pay Certificate No. 2 Final
Our File No. 0257T128

Dear Mr. Homsi,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 2 Final and two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. CSC-231662M from John Garcia Construction Co. Inc. for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers have reviewed the invoice and find all work to be complete.

Therefore, we recommend final payment be made to John Garcia Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of **\$26,367.43**.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

cc: Mayor Robert White
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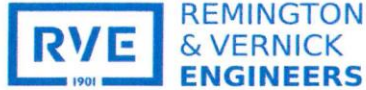
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7. R. KLEIN, RVE ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: TREE ST. WATER MAIN PROJECT - CHANGE
ORDER #1 FINAL – JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION
DATE: JUNE 9, 2026



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June 9, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Tree Streets Water Main Improvement Project
Change Order No. 1 - FINAL
Our File# 0257-T-128

Dear Mr. Homsi,

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

• Original Contract	\$ 242,965.42
• <u>Change Order No. 1</u>	<u>\$ 13,010.13</u>
• Amended Contract Total	\$ 255,975.55

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

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

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8. R. KLEIN, RVE ENG.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

RE: MAYHILL PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS, PAY
CERT #3 FINAL – PICERNO GIORDANO CONST.
DATE: JUNE 9, 2026



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June 9, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Mayhill Park Phase II Improvements
Pay Certificate No. 3 Final
Our File No. 0257T119

Dear Mr. Homsi,

Enclosed please find Payment Request No. 3 Final and two (2) year Maintenance Bond No. EACX4045141 from Picerno Giordano Construction LLC for work performed on the above referenced project. Remington and Vernick Engineers have reviewed the invoice and find all work to be complete.

Therefore, we recommend final payment be made to Picerno Giordano Construction in the amount of **\$78,853.90**.

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

cc: Mayor Robert White
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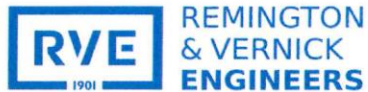
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9. R. KLEIN, RVE ENG.

RE: MAYHILL PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS
CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL – PICERNO GIORDANO
CONST.

TO: JIMMY HOMSI, BUS. ADM.

DATE: JUNE 9, 2026



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June 9, 2026

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

Re: Township of Saddle Brook
Mayhill Park Phase II Improvements
Change Order No. 1 - FINAL
Our File# 0257-T-119

Dear Mr. Homsí,

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

• Original Contract	\$ 284,005.00
• <u>Change Order No. 1</u>	<u>\$ 840.00</u>
• Amended Contract Total	\$ 284,845.00

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

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

Robert Klein, PE, CME
Associate / Project Manager

cc: Mayor Robert White
Pete Lo Dico
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10. J. ZOTOLLO, CHIEF OF POLICE
TO: FRANK BARRALE, DPTY CLERK

RE: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS
DATE: JUNE 16, 2026

Saddle Brook Police Department



JOHN A. ZOTOLLO, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE



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

To: Frank Barrale – Township Clerk Office
From: Chief John A. Zotollo, Jr.
Date: June 16, 2026

Re: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS 2026-2027

All active liquor license establishments were reviewed for their qualifications to be renewed for the 2026 – 2027 year. In addition, all calls for service at each establishment for the prior licensing year were reviewed. The findings are as follows:

The Excelsior (Excelsior Catering) (0257-33-001-008) 190 Route 46
There were no calls for service at this location

Discount Liquors (Vidhi Vidhan) (0257-33-004-011) 606 Midland Avenue
There were nine (9) calls for service at this location. There was one (1) motor vehicle accident, one (1) stolen vehicle report, two (2) ambulance requests, one (1) motor vehicle complaint, one (1) welfare check, and three (3) Intoxicated persons.

*It appears that the three (3) intoxicated persons calls were related to the liquor license.
Please see attached incident reports.*

Plank Pizza (Saddle Brook Holdings) (0257-33-005-012) 383 Market Street, #D
There was one (1) ambulance request for this location. This call was not related to the liquor license.

The Golder Pub (Trajonoski, Inc) (0257-33-006-009) 335 Market Street
There were three (3) calls for service at this location. One (1) fire alarm, one (1) burglar alarm, (1) township ordinance snow removal violation. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Saddle Brook Diner (Attiki, Inc) (0257-33-007-007) 30 Market Street
There were eight (8) calls for service at this location. There was one (1) ambulance request, one (1) abandoned 911 call, one (1) animal complaint, one (1) customer dispute, one (1) vehicle lock out, one (1) breach of peace, two (2) motor vehicle accident calls, and two (2) ambulance request calls. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

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USA Wine Traders (All American) (0257-44-008-010) 66 Market Street
There were 4 (4) calls for service at this location. There were two (2) burglar alarm calls, one (1) ambulance request call, and one (1) parking complaint. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Matsuya (Matsuya, Inc.) (0257-33-011-005) 490 Market Street
There were two (2) calls for service at this location. There was one (1) parking complaint and one (1) animal complaint. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Saddle Brook Marriott (Victory Worldwide) (0257-33-012-009) GS Parkway and I 80
There were two (2) calls for service at this location. One (1) vehicle repossession call and one (1) assist outside police agency call. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Krauzer's (Shree Radhey, LLC) (0257-33-013-007) 215 Midland Avenue
There were eight (8) calls for service at this location. There were four (4) burglar alarm calls and two (2) ambulance requests, one (1) fire alarm, and one (1) intoxicated person.

*It appears that the one (1) intoxicated persons call was related to the liquor license.
Please see attached incident reports.*

Wine Country (Shree Labh, Inc) (0257-44-014-010) 195 Market Street
There were four (4) calls for service at this location. One (1) welfare check, one (1) fire alarm, and two (2) burglar alarms. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Que Pasta (Que Pasta, LLC) (0257-33-015-012) 326 Market Street
There were three (3) calls for service at this location. Two (2) burglar alarms and one (1) suspicious vehicle. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Midland Brew House (MJC Ent Hold) (0257-33-016-010) 374 N. Midland Ave
There were thirty-three (33) calls for service at this location. There were six (6) fire alarm calls, three (3) burglar alarm calls, one (1) motor vehicle accident call, six (6) juvenile complaints, one (1) aggravated assault call, one (1) ambulance request call and five (5) breach of peace calls, one (1) suspicious incident, one (1) theft report, one (1) welfare check, two (2) intoxicated persons, one (1) domestic violence, two (2) miscellaneous complaints, one (1) panic alarm, one (1) community caretaking.

*It appears that five (5) calls were related to the liquor license.
Please see attached incident reports.*

Saddle Brook Liquor and Bar (NJSB1, LLC) (0257-33-017-006) 383 Market St Unit 2
There were four (4) calls for service at this location. One (1) welfare check, one (1) suspicious vehicle, and two (2) calls involving the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

*It appears that two (2) calls were related to the liquor license.
Please see attached incident reports.*

VFW (Romaine Sinniger) (0257-31-018-002) 44 Market Street
There were six (6) calls for service at this location. There was one (1) harassment report, four (4) ambulance requests, one (1) Fire Department call. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

American Legion (Jamros Baker Schneider) (0257-31-019-001) 302 Midland Ave
There were seven (7) calls for service at this location. Six (6) breach of peace calls and one (1) ambulance request. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Crowne Plaza (Saddle Brook Operations, LLC) (0257-36-021-001) 50 Kenny Place
There were forty-four (44) calls for service at this location. There were four (4) fire alarm calls, one (1) customer dispute, five (5) breach of peace calls, thirteen (13) ambulance request calls, one (1) civil matter, one (1) Domestic Violence call, one (1) suspicious incident call, nine (9) welfare checks, one (1) harassment call, one (1) aided/assisted call, one (1) theft, one (1) police notification, one (1) terroristic threats call, one (1) abandoned 911, one (1) motor vehicle accident, one (1) found property report, one (1) controlled dangerous substance arrest. None of the calls were related to the liquor license.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief John A. Zotollo, Jr.
Chief John A. Zotollo, Jr.

Cc: file

*** APPLICATIONS**

Raffles

1. RA# 1450 – EC Athletics Booster Club – 224 Midland Ave. – Off Premise Merchandise Raffle
2. RA# 1451 – Operation K9 Beethoven – 44 Market St. - Off Premise Merchandise Raffle

*** REPORTS**

1. BERGEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
2. GRANT WRITER MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
3. DPW MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
4. FIRE PREVENTION MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
5. CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
6. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
7. WATER UTILITY MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
8. TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
9. CANNABIS REVENUE MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026
10. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2026

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Cimiluca – Old business or new business that we haven't discussed before.

Mayor White - I just have something. I just want to quickly say about Joe Mr. Cimiluca we spoke about him at the last meeting, but we really didn't want to go into too much detail because of the family but Joe was a real straight shooter, great guy, old school. He told it like he felt it and I always felt like I got an honest answer from him and you know what even if we disagreed, he was always a gentleman about it. He didn't dislike you just because you had a different opinion than him, but he was a fantastic mechanic. He could take a car engine even up until a few months ago he was taking engines out and replacing them. I think he probably could have done it blindfolded but I was speaking to his wife and she was telling me that he she never got a new appliance in her house the whole time they were married because he would he would fix it. He would always be able to fix anything. So the Fire Department had a really beautiful send off for him and that was much appreciated and I know the family I know his wife was very happy and proud that they did that. Regarding Pete what do you say about Mr. Saddle Brook? That's what he was affectionately known as Mr. Saddle Brook and for all his decades of service to the

community and he was respected by everyone that I knew and he really did play a vital role in the development of the Town. You know for 55 years he was somehow involved with the Town and you know he really is a huge part of the Town's history and you know our identity he was always friendly to people. I remember in the old building you walked in, you had a you know his door was always open and he was constantly in there with people talking and you know some people might say oh well you know what's he doing? He's not doing his job he's talking but you know he was always the first in and the last out and he many times even when we even when the employees have Fridays off he would come in he would come in anyway you know and stay at least three or four hours. Everybody else was off and he never put in for that and you know he was always there to help people always there to lend his ear to them. He had so much institutional knowledge and you know he always would be able to find the answers when no one else could. He had a great memory I mean and he didn't need a cell phone. He remembered everybody's birthday, you know, every dates of meetings. He had had so many stories too about contentious meetings back from the 70s and 80s and he remembered every little detail of it. He was a great mentor to me and he could read the pulse of the community better than anyone that I ever knew and I'm going to miss our long talks and you know his brotherly advice. My world as the Mayor really is not going to be the same and never going to be able to fill that void but more than anything you know Pete was my friend. He was a great friend of mine and it's going to be very different and very sad moving forward and I'm going to miss him a lot. So God bless you Pete. Thank you.

Council President Cimiluca – Anyone else before we open up to the public?

Mr. Homs - Through the Chair?

Council President Cimiluca – Yes, sir.

Mr. Homs - Sorry.

Councilman Gierak – Just one other thing about Pete. Pete was affectionately called Penny Pinching Pete and in all honesty without Penny Pinching Pete this building wouldn't be here and we wouldn't be sitting here. So, I remember being on the Council back then and Pete suggesting that we purchase this property and I'm like Pete did you just hit your head? You know how much is this going to cost? He's like no we got to do this and for many years and people that grew up here know with the thermometer out in front of the municipal building and they were going to do a recreation center and they were going to raise money and so forth for the kids. We were able to actually accomplish that and that's one of many wonderful things that the Mayor and a lot of the people on the Council have been able to accomplish but people may not know that but without Pete given the go-ahead and the nod to do that I don't think this place would be here. So just an incredible person truly. Thank you.

Mr. Homs – Through the Chair sorry just one last item. Just for the sake of the Clerk's office so we could advertise the next two meetings properly because those are we're combining. So, we just want to confirm that they are combined and the start time.

Council President Cimiluca – 5:30 or you want to do you want to do 5:00 just in case we've and then do seven or when we finish the first meeting. I mean, it can't be if we do 7:00 for a regular meeting we can't open it we can't do it before then.

Mr. Schettino - I think they should have the notice say 5:30 work session immediately followed by a regular meeting. So this way if you end early you don't have to wait till 7.

Council President Cimiluca – Okay I didn't know if you had to give a specific time for the regular meeting.

Mr. Schettino - No well because it's you're advertising the meeting as you are giving a date and time and you're saying that the other meeting will immediately follow the work session. I mean, you could continue doing the other way, but it's not wrong to do it the way I just said.

Council President Cimiluca – Well you know what since we don't have to wait if we finish early we finish early of the work session I would say start at 5 just to give us enough time if we need it and then if we finish at 6:30 then we start the regular meeting at 6:30.

Mr. Homsy - So we'll advertise it for five.

Council President Cimiluca – I would say five.

Mr. Homsy - And then and then the regular meeting to proceed.

Council President Cimiluca – In July is that okay?

Mayor White - It's a little early.

Council President Cimiluca – Is that too early?

Mayor White - I'm okay with it. My only thing is by having the regular meeting right after some members of the public don't want to come to the work session. They might want to just come to the regular meeting.

Council President Cimiluca – Well, that's why I said that I thought that we had to but apparently Mr. Schettino is saying that we don't that I'm mistaken.

Mr. Schettino - No, but that doesn't mean you can't it just means you don't have to. So, if you want to continue to advertise it to the Mayor's point.

Councilman Gierak – I think we should just for the sake of confusion just keep it the same if we could 5:30 and 7 just do that.

Council President Cimiluca – Fine okay 5:30 and 7:00 it is.

Mr. Homsy – Thank you.

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

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilman Gierrek

Roll Call:

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

Council President Cimiluca – Meeting is now open to the public on agenda items and agenda items only. Seeing no one motion to close.

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS

Council President Cimiluca – Anybody with anybody who's not talked out. I just want to say that if you noticed that everybody here is trying to as much as possible to wear the Saddle Brook colors of blue and gold as kind of an honor and recognition of Mr. Saddle Brook. So we got Saddle Brook colors on as much as possible for Pete Lo Dico. God bless you Pete. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilman Gierrek

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Barrale, RMC
Deputy Clerk

Andrew M. Cimiluca
Council President

Approved: