

The minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook held on September 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Saddle Brook Municipal Complex, 55 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

The Township Clerk called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm.

The Township Clerk called the roll:

Councilman Gierak – present
Councilman Accomando – present
Councilwoman Sanchez – present
Councilwoman Mazzer – present by phone at 5:46 pm.
Council President Cimiluca – absent

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

Mr. Barrale – I would like to call for someone to nominate an acting Council President as Council President Cimiluca is not in attendance.

Councilman Accomando nominates Councilman Gierak as acting Council President seconded by Councilwoman Sanchez.

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierak – Please rise for the salute to the flag.

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

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

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

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

Acting Council President Gierak – Can I have a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Acting Council President Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Cimiluca – absent

Acting Council President Gierak – The meeting is now open to the public anybody wishing to address the Council please step up to the podium, state your name and address for the record. Seeing no one motion to close the meeting to the public.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Acting Council President Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – absent

Council President Cimiluca – absent

Acting Council President Gierak – We have 2 resolutions up for a vote. The first we're going to need 4 votes. We have an additional Council member by phone.

Mr. Barrale called Councilwoman Mazzer and put her on speakerphone.

Mr. Schettino asked that we have another roll call.

Roll Call:

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

Acting Council President Gierak – We have a resolution to designate funds for an emergency sewer repair. Mr. Homsy can you give us a synopsis of what that's about or Mr. Klein?

Mr. Klein – There are two items that are part of this resolution. One is the lining of the storm sewer on Graham Terrace where a sinkhole formed on the property of 57 Graham Terrace and one's pretty close across the street between 56 and 60 Graham Terrace. So those two sewers are going to be lined and that'll take care of that issue. The other issue is at the address 122 North Fifth Street. There is a sinkhole there a couple of weeks ago the sinkhole was taken care of but there's more work that's needed there. The sanitary manhole we're going to replace it and that's the bulk of that work.

Acting Council President Gierak – Do any members of the Council have any questions for the engineer?

There were no questions.

Acting Council President Gierak – May I have a motion to pass this resolution?

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, N.J.
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION N.J.S. 40A:4-48
(Under 3% limitation)

CR# 926-126

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Streets and Roads-Other Expenses-Sink Hole and, no adequate provision was made in the 2026 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$400,000.00 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2026 is \$858,214.65 and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S. 40A:4-48,

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Streets and Roads-Other Expenses-Sink Hole in the amount of \$400,000.00.
2. That said emergency will be funded by a Bond Ordinance prior to Dec. 31. 2026.
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Motion: Councilwoman Sanchez

Second: Councilman Accomando

Roll Call:

Acting Council President Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – absent

Acting Council President Gierak – We have a second resolution this resolution is a resolution of support for the 6th Street pedestrian bridge over Route 46. Mr. Homsy can you give us an overview of that please?

Mr. Homsy – We met with the DOT a little while ago they're looking for a resolution of support for this project which is what's in front of us to be considered tonight. I don't recall the general timeframe that they're looking to complete this project. There's multiple projects I'm not sure if you recall.

Mr. Klein – I do recall it I'm not sure about the timeline either but they're making some improvements in and around the bridge. The walkways leading up to it some ADA compliance improvements as well. I don't recall if they're outright replacing it but they're making some improvements to it.

Acting Council President Gierak – Thank you. Any questions for the engineer?

Councilman Accomando – You said ADA improvements this is probably silly but would they be putting something if somebody's in a wheelchair?

Mr. Klein – I don't think they're building a ramp up to it

Councilman Accomando – You said ADA walkways.

Mr. Klein – Yes.

Acting Council President Gierak – Motion to approve this resolution.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK, ENDORSEMENT IN SUPPORT
OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 6TH STREET
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 46 IMPROVEMENTS**

CR# 926-127

WHEREAS, a meeting was held in May 2026 between the NJDOT and representatives of the Township of Saddle Brook concerning the 6th Street Pedestrian Bridge over Route 46 project ; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Township of Saddle Brook were in agreement with the 6th Street Pedestrian Bridge over Route 46 project improvements as shown on the engineering plans as presented at the meeting held in May 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook as follows:

1. The Township Council authorizes and directs the Township Clerk to forward a letter to the NJDOT indicating support for the proposed improvements to the 6th Street Pedestrian Bridge over Route 46 project.
2. The Township Clerk is further directed to forward such a letter to be attached to this Resolution expressing its support for this project.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

Acting Council President Gierak – yes

Councilman Accomando – yes

Councilwoman Sanchez – yes

Councilwoman Mazzer – yes

Council President Cimiluca – absent

Councilwoman Mazzer leaves the meeting at 5:50 pm.

COMMENTS

Mayor White – I just want to mention that the picnic was a great success. We had perfect weather, the food was good, the entertainment was good. A lot of people came out and overall a big success. I thank everybody that helped out. The Projects Activity Committee, Shannon Accomando, Christine Genuario, the Rec Department, Rec employees worked that day too which made things a lot better. Some of the part timers came in. The Woman's Club, the Boy Scouts, the Library, the Green Team participated, Thomas with the photos. St. Philip's their annual festival went very well. They lost one night with the weather but that also was it's not our event but most of the Town goes there at one time or another. I've been going there my whole life but they did very well. We have coming up next week already the 911 Monument and 911 Ceremony here outside. I don't know if anybody saw but yesterday the landscaper came and the landscaper that's doing it is Nasello and he donated all the fill, the plants. He also did the pavers out in the front. It really looks nice. The monument is covered so it will be unveiled on the 11th. It's 5:30 here it's going to be

a really good program. We have bagpipers the band is able to come I was concerned because the band they have a home football game at 7:00 so they have to be there at 6:30 so it's right around the block but hopefully the ceremony will probably last a half an hour forty five minutes but everybody's involved which I'm very happy about. I want to thank the committee they did a great job. They finalized the program last night and it's the police, fire, ambulance, the VFW, the American Legion, the Boy Scouts we got everybody involved and it's going to be a nice dedication. We have a couple of firefighters that have been pushing this for a long time really for 25 years. It is the 25th anniversary but they both worked there and one was a police officer. I didn't realize Rocco Rufrano he was there with his dog. He had a police dog and he was there a lot. We didn't have any deaths that day victims that day but Frank DiBello passed away earlier this year and he had a 911 illness it was documented as a 911 illness. It will be a nice ceremony so I'm looking forward to that. I think that's about it. I don't know if you want to do it now but 2 members of the Police Department are here the 2 captains. We've been getting a lot of complaints as most of you are aware about Ebikes even after this law went into effect. It's a little bit better it seems like some parents I guess opted to get rid of the bike because in some cases you have to register and insure it but there's still a lot out there. Especially the Center Store seems to be really they go from Long School up Floral Lane and hang out by the Center Fairlawn Parkway then they go to Smith and they just keep going back and forth.

Councilman Accomando – Now's not bad once Grumpy's moves there and all that traffic will be bad.

Mayor White – Yeah.

Mr. Schettino – You should ask the Superintendent of Schools to send a notice out to the Town and the students regarding the law because some of it may be just a lack of knowledge.

Mayor White – The police tried with the education I don't know I think we have to get to the parents but what we decided to do with the Chief and the Captains and command staff they're going to form a task force. I don't want to steal their thunder but maybe they can is now the right time Council President?

Acting Council President Gierak – Yeah that's not a problem.

Mayor White – You guys want to talk about the task force.

Acting Council President Gierak – In fact on the way here Mayor through Schepis and Fairlawn Parkway all the way down to Cambridge I followed 2 Ebikers all the way down and they're doing like 25 miles an hour no license plates just Ebikes.

Mayor White – They're very brazen. I know why because if someone confronts them out of concern for their safety in one case I was told a woman the bike nearly hit her in the parking lot at the Center and I guess she must have said something and she left the

parking lot and a bunch of them followed her home. That's intimidation these kids are out of control. I know another case the police are in a difficult position and they'll explain. It's not as easy as I would like to see them rounded up and pull the bikes.

Captain Buchak – I'd like to start by saying what we did already. Towards the end of the school year we did presentations at every elementary school and the middle school / high school so every student from grades 5 through 12 received a presentation regarding the updated laws and what might come along with that. So we did attempt education we also took the opportunity with especially the younger kids to talk about bicycle and helmet safety and stuff like that too since we were already there. We did also make a flyer that specified the State laws and a supplementary one that outlined what the local ordinances were so that the differences were understood but the understanding would be that everything was being covered. We had officers distributing those outside of schools to parents that were waiting to pick up their kids. If we encountered any juveniles or anyone on an Ebike up until that point of July 19th we were also distributing those flyers. We still have those flyers if anyone needs to see that. Myself and Officer Diaz went to the Parent Partnership Night at the high school to continue to engage with parents and discuss what changes were coming. So this was very well put out to everyone. We also gave the flyers to Superintendent Violetti who distributed them out through the Virtual Backpack to all the parents. This was maybe in May I want to say so we're in the warm weather or we're just about starting. It might even have been April I don't recall exactly but we did try the effort to educate. So now we're at the point where I know for sure some parents that were going to purchase Ebikes chose not to because some parents actually approached me personally and told me that they were getting ready to buy an Ebike and after hearing about the changes they decided not to. I also had actually when we were at the Fishing Derby a couple of kids came up to me with their brand new bicycles because they had Ebikes and their parents sold them traded them in whatever they did and they came back with brand new bicycles and they're all excited to show me their new bicycles. So I do think we made some kind of an impact with the education but unfortunately the position that we're in is a lot of kids have them already the State's response with these laws came after kids were already owning them and using them. So now we're in the position of enforcement and continued education but as far as educating the public we did everything we could at this point outside of really going door to door with the students and speaking to the parents directly. We've done everything we probably can as far as education goes but now the Chief has assembled a task force which is going to focus on enforcement and education so we are going to work with the traffic unit to try and see what's changing, what other jurisdictions may be doing as far as enforcement and help with a plan that works for our community in Saddle Brook to try and make this more safe. Hopefully get the kids that are underage that shouldn't be riding Ebikes off of them and I understand too that this is something that DMV they're navigating right now. Registration for the Ebikes I know that that process might not be completely solidified as far as what to do. I have heard from some people that they're having a hard time registering their Ebikes. I know a lot of the Ebikes that they have are not able to be registered because they need to have a VIN number in order to register and insure them and a lot of these bikes don't have VIN numbers. So there's a lot to navigate here there's a lot of different things involved in it. There's also a special license if you're under eighteen and you don't have

a regular license. It's not just a Moped license it's actually specific to Ebikes. So there's a lot going on with this it's changing often so we are trying to still educate we're attempting to stop a lot of the kids I know you guys have talked about juveniles by the Center stores unfortunately a lot of them are being conflated and we're not going to actively pursue or get in a pursuit with a juvenile on an Ebike. That would make the situation more unsafe for them then it's worth. So if they are gathering in a group and we're able to approach them and speak to them we are absolutely doing that. Our officers are doing that we're documenting when that's happening but we are not actively going to pursue these Ebikes and create a dangerous situation for them. You all got this memo from the Chief regarding the task force so it's going to be support services and the traffic unit working in conjunction obviously with the entire department the patrol division to try and stay up to date on what's changing make sure our officers know what they can and can't do with Ebikes as far as enforcement goes and like I said coming up with a plan that makes sense for our community to make sure that we're being reasonable and fair but also making sure that we are putting forward a good effort to minimize the amount of Ebikes that are on the road right now. My personal feeling is that we are going to be approaching the winter this is an historical process is going to be established by the time we get to spring. So I would think it's very likely that by the time the springtime comes all of the juveniles will have licenses that are able to get one. You have to be fifteen to get one. So I think a lot of the bikes will be registered at that point and we will be dealing with a lot less of the group driving when they shouldn't be able to at all but this is a problem that's happening right now so this is the approach we are taking at this point. Because education I feel we've gone as far as we can with the education. A lot of the stores on Market Street and around Town actually have our Ebike flyers still hanging up in the window because our officers were going storefront to storefront and explaining what was going on and every business owner more than willing to hang the flyer up so that customer coming in could see what was changing in July. That's where we're at right now so I'm not sure if there are any questions or if I didn't cover something.

Councilman Accomando – How about that sign we use every once in a while can we put that by the old CVS so parents see it?

Captain Buchak – The sign board?

Councilman Accomando – Yeah like no Ebikes or whatever so people see it. As law enforcement I can't stand when people say "where's the cops". Like you're waiting there for these kids there's other things going on and people don't understand that. So if you put a sign up to kind of deter the kids. I don't know if it's going to work but at least it shows we're being proactive.

Captain Buchak – Unfortunately right now that sign board is being used because the lot next door to us is under construction so that's being used to direct the citizens that are coming to the Police Department where they're parking.

Councilman Accomando – I can see if we can get one from the County.

Captain Buchak – So that sign board's being used but maybe if you can borrow one from the County that's definitely a possibility.

Councilman Accomando – Or Lodi.

Acting Council President Gierak – Captain at this point what would be the procedure say if a police officer was driving like I was driving here and he got behind two Ebikes would he attempt I guess to pull them over. He would say pull over to the side and then what would he do call the parent? What is the procedure for that?

Captain Buchak – Essentially right now we'd be trying to signal to the rider to pull over without necessarily activating lights and sirens like a motor vehicle stop because we want to avoid them trying to run. So if we can safely find out where they're going from a distance not have the pressure of them.

Acting Council President Gierak – If they were pulled over to the side and the officer was to get out what would be the procedure there?

Captain Buchak – Educate them try to make contact or get the contact information for the parents and then that would be documented in our records management system and then right now the process is it requires administrative review before any summonses are issued or any further action is taken beyond that. So the officer on the road is going to try to signal for them to stop, educate them, provide the flyer, try and get the contact information for the parent as well and then also make an effort to educate them and like I said administrative review and then determine if a summons should be issued or not or if any further action should be taken from there. That's kind of what we're trying to discuss now is that process may not be enough to determine what still needs to happen. So we're kind of working through now what we're able to do as far as issuing summonses possibly towing the bikes so we're kind of working through those things now. We're definitely going to speak with surrounding agencies to see what they're doing so we can kind of come up with something that makes sense for this area. Right now it really is just education, gathering information and trying to speak with the parents.

Acting Council President Gierak – Obviously my concern is for the kids that they don't get hurt and also some of the residents they have a short fuse with this. I was talking to one resident at the picnic who was like irate about it. Some people are really when they see them they I just don't want any confrontations going on because you never know.

Captain Buchak – Absolutely and I spoke with a resident too that told me a couple of stories about their interactions with Ebikes also so that's why this task force was assembled to get people together in order to get information and create a consistent way of handling these as far as enforcement goes and make sure it's something that makes sense for our community. That's why today this task force was assembled.

Acting Council President Gierak – Okay thank you.

Captain Buchak – So this is very early stages for getting a process down.

Mayor White – I'm glad we're doing something because I agree with you beyond the education enforcement is the only way that I think we're going to get their parents. Unfortunately sometimes the only thing that makes someone think twice or to actually take action take the bike away is the enforcement.

Acting Council President Gierak – What happens Mayor is they know the cops see that and nothings done.

Mayor White – That's what's going on.

Acting Council President Gierak – No I understand that.

Mayor White – I was a police officer we got a lot of young police officers I mean put somebody in Grumpy's or Sams whatever that store is there and have them sit there with a hat on some of these kids look like they're 18 or 19 years old or close to that 21 but if they see them drive in they just walk out and say hey I'm a police officer. There's ways to get them and I agree with you if they run you got to let them go because we don't want anybody getting hurt for an Ebike violation but at the same time if we can confront them when they're off the bike and you witness them come in now you go and stand by the bike and talk to the person riding the bike and there's a lot of them. You make an example out of them. Let's say they're not licensed or insured or whatever and I know the DMV is not really cooperating I don't know why you'd think they would be prepared right Councilwoman Sanchez what are you finding. Is there that many kids going for these licenses and registrations?

Captain Buchak – I imagine the license is very similar to obtaining a Moped license so I don't think the license is the problem I think it's the registration.

Mayor White – What annoys me is it was a six month period there where we knew the law was going I'm not blaming the police you know the State everybody knew this law was going into effect.

Captain Califano – The other issue we're having is enforcement because it falls under title 39 do I call a tow truck there's a lot of fees associated with it.

Mayor White – You're right and maybe it seems a little too harsh but believe me they're going to learn. The parents are going to say I don't want this. Then I guess let's say you apprehend this person and they're unlicensed and uninsured unregistered whatever and now you're going to impound the Ebike you're going to have to contact that parent right.

Captain Buchak – That's why we're trying to work through these different scenarios so we have a consistent process to use. We don't want an officer to get into a situation where we don't have the answer to the question of a unique situation that's going to come up. We want them to be able to operate without having that level of oversight because we

need to get them the tools that they need to be able to actually enforce and do what we want to happen for our community. That's why when these laws were getting ready to change they did give us a six month warning but almost like it was six months too late because the bikes were everywhere at that point. Once they started becoming people's primary means of transportation that's when you would have liked the State to start passing some of this. I know the Township was more proactive by making an ordinance way before the State laws changed but we're just in a position now where a lot of juveniles already had the bikes and they were using them like they were bicycles and that's why a lot of the education was explaining that they are not bicycles and again and they can't be utilized that way and that was a misunderstanding because when all the juveniles were getting them they were utilizing them like they were bicycles and they're not they're vehicle and that's how the State views them now and that's how they're going to be treated but out of respect for the process if they have no way to register the vehicle right now how are we going to impound their vehicle for being unregistered. There's gaps in the process right now and you can't really it's almost not fair to treat them that way when they have no avenues to actually register and insure the vehicles. There is a balance somewhere and that's all we're trying to discuss is what's the best move.

Mayor White – I don't think the residents in Saddle Brook understand that and they get frustrated when they see all the Ebikes and they say there's nothing being done about it. The scenario I used was the undercover police officer I'm telling you if tonight just one let's just say for arguments sake we could enforce and you write the kid up and you tow that I guarantee you that north end there would be about eighty percent of the people would be jumping up and down yeah they're finally doing something. I'm not you know what I mean in their mind it's such a nuisance they're brazen. I see it myself and some of them annoy me. It seems for somebody on the outside looking in that doesn't understand the problem you know forming the task force they're Ebikes what are you going a little crazy but I think it's good that you did because something's got to be done. It's gotten to that point where people are just beside themselves about it. Residents that deal them they're afraid in front of the Center they're afraid they might hit them because they're driving erratically. I get that all the time and what if I get into an accident with one of them I'm going to be at fault and really it's them driving like idiots and they do. I see them doing wheelies it's got me I'm to the point where when I see them I get frustrated.

Captain Buchak – That's why the approach is going to be reasonable and respecting what processes are in place but this is also no the first time that law enforcement has encountered something like this because when I was their age I know motor scooters were an issue that were very similar to this and I was their age and my friends had motor scooters and I remember that and I remember the first time a couple of scooters got taken away and it definitely deterred people but this is back then there was no way to legally register them and insure them. There were no licenses for them. This is a different approach because there is a legal avenue that exists it's just not very clear right now how to use it. So we don't want to start towing Ebikes if the issue is that they can't get the registration through DMV properly.

Mayor White – Believe me we would get the complaints of that too.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I'm not sure who is having an issue registering but if they don't have a VIN number Motor Vehicles assigns a VIN number. There's two different kinds there's low speed Ebikes and then there's motorized bicycle slash Moped. The Ebikes are being treated like Mopeds. The test is the same for a Moped it's the same rules. If you have a regular license you don't need a separate license to drive an Ebike or a Moped. As far as registration goes you don't have to have a title for the \$250 Ebike you bought at Walmart in December that came with no VIN number you fill out a form you tell them what kind of bike you have and they assign you a VIN number and then they give you a sticker that matches either your low speed Ebike or your Moped.

Captain Buchak – Sounds like you'd be a great asset to the task force. That's information that is not easily located when looking on line. That's part of the problem is people are saying that they're having a hard time finding the information. If that is published somewhere I would love to have a link or be able to provide that to people when I'm starting to deal with them.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I'll try to find something for you.

Captain Buchak – That would be amazing because I would love to provide that for our social media. My understanding up until you just speaking was that they need a VIN number.

Councilman Accomando – Wouldn't they have serial numbers I mean bicycles have serial numbers.

Councilwoman Sanchez – They might.

Councilman Accomando – Can you do it with the serial number coincide with the vehicle?

Captain Buchak – I guess that would be part of the DMV process I'm not sure.

Councilman Accomando – They all have serial numbers.

Captain Buchak – It depends on where they're getting them from and I know you can't get them online anymore. It's impossible to have them shipped to New Jersey anymore because they outlawed online sales. The only way you can get them is to go through a bike shop or face to face. I think that will change a lot because I'm sure the shops are going to be stocking bikes that conform to the new laws. A lot of the problem too is that they were able to order them from whatever vendor they wanted on line and when you get them they may not have serial numbers I'm not sure. I can say from the residents I spoke to I spoke to someone yesterday. They weren't aware that we spent so much time and effort trying to educate ahead of time at the end of the school year. So anytime that I've made that known they were very happy to hear that we did something. I think part of the problem is they think we're not doing anything and we put a huge effort in before school ended to try and minimize this for the summer. So I think the public being made

aware of that is making some kind of difference so at least they know we are doing something it's not that we're ignoring the issue.

Councilwoman Sanchez – I just want to add one more thing not all of them require insurance. So like the low speed Ebike doesn't require insurance but the actual one that's considered like a Moped or a motorized bike that would need insurance.

Captain Buchak – You're a great resource for this so if you have anything that I can deal with and if I can pick your brain for something I'll call to get it.

Mayor White – The individual that was upset at the picnic they did speak to her. They called her and they talked to her about all the things going on.

Captain Buchak – She was very happy to hear that we made that effort for the education. She had no idea we were in school for the end of the year.

Acting Council President Gierak – I just want to mention the picnic and thank everybody that took part in that. It was a great event, we had perfect weather, the food was excellent. I think everybody had a great time a lot of residents did take part in it. Mayor do we know how many residents took part in the picnic?

Mayor White – We gave out 1500 tickets.

Acting Council President Gierak – There were a lot of people there it was a perfect day. Let's move on to the engineer's report Mr. Klein.

Mr. Klein – Not too much going on right now except for the two pending emergencies. South Street we're in the process of getting contracts together I think they're with the contractor and then the other two projects that will be picking up are the Fifth Street basketball court and the demolition of the two houses off of Saddle River Road.

Mayor White – When do you think that will be started the demo project?

Mr. Klein – It depends I have to go through Green Acres and get their final sign off so I'm hoping to get done by the end of the year.

Mayor White – And the Fifth Street Park?

Mr. Klein – I'm hoping they do most of the work this fall.

Mayor White – I noticed I think the high school tennis team there were tennis players playing across from the high school and everybody's using those pickleball courts.

Mr. Klein – Every time I drive by there's somebody using the pickleball courts.

Mayor White – That's a good thing and Fifth Street they've been waiting a long time for that basketball court. The corner of Schepis and Larch I live right in that area I can't believe how much the water pools there. We've been getting a lot of rain but it's the water's still there from rain.

Mr. Klein – I was there yesterday just taking shots just to see where the spot is. Tilcon agreed to remedy it. It's just a matter of when they're getting out there. I'm told early to mid-September but that's the latest I was told by Public Service.

Mayor White – Hopefully they'll do it soon because I know what's going to happen if it gets into the winter.

Mr. Klein – Yeah it's going to freeze.

Mayor White – Right we're going to have a freezing problem there somebody's going to slip and get hurt. It's right where the ramp is too where the handicap ramp is.

Mr. Klein – It's a little short of the ramp which is good but still it's too high in that area.

Mayor White – They did a great job the paving I guess they didn't pitch it right I don't know.

Mr. Klein – They crowned the road Larch as it ties into Schepis where it wasn't crowned before so now the water which is supposed to cross the street gets blocked.

Mayor White – So they have to take the crown out.

Mr. Klein – Basically yeah.

Acting Council President Gierak – We'll move into old business and new business. Old business we have speed studies on Claremont and Sampson. Do we have anything to add in regards to the old business?

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Homsy – We're still waiting for data from the Police Department.

Mayor White – Let me just speak about the speed humps. I don't know I feel that there's a couple of locations where we have the Speed Committee Councilman Accomando and Council President Cimiluca the one I was out at the schools today and Howie Flecker the crossing guard he's been there forever and he's been complaining that he wants a speed hump there for five years. To me it's by a school you don't need any further justification than that Mr. Klein tell me if I'm wrong. I kid around because he's good friends with Council President Cimiluca but I keep saying you have to convince him he's the guy.

Councilman Accomando – We approved it we're waiting for the paving to get done.

Mayor White – Okay I'm glad you said that.

Councilman Accomando – It was approved right Mr. Klein and we're just waiting for the road to get paved.

Mr. Klein – Which school which street?

Mayor White – Long School Floral Lane.

Mr. Klein – There's one there now. I'm not aware a decision was made to put another one there.

Mayor White – We talked about it.

Councilman Accomando – Between the two driveways of the school I believe.

Mayor White – Yeah you want it in the middle of the school between the two driveways.

Mr. Klein – So a decision was made where we're going to put that one in?

Councilman Accomando – Did we send out the notification to the residents?

Mayor White – I don't think we did but I know they would want it. I don't know if somebody would want it right in front of their house. To me it's needed anywhere near a school it's needed.

Acting Council President Gierak – I think we still need to consult the residents.

Mayor White – Yeah absolutely.

Acting Council President Gierak – Just to talk to them and make sure but I'm all for it. If it's going to slow people down on Floral Lane by all means.

Mayor White – The other one I feel strongly about is Dewey Avenue no Sampson Street right where Nourison used to be and those apartments. Remember we got all those complaints about the stop sign. We're going to put one of those blinking stop signs there. To me that's where all the games the football games at Veterans they park there so you have a lot of kids that cross there to go to Veterans. To me no one's going to complain because the business they're not going to complain and the apartments they're set back enough they're not going to say anything. We're not going to get those I don't want it in front of my house because whatever it vibrates, the house shakes, it's devaluing my house because there's a speed hump there, you can't park there.

Acting Council President Gierak – It's more commercial on Sampson where you're talking about.

Mayor White – Right but to me you can justify it because it doesn't matter how fast the people are going because you want them to slow down there. There is a stop sign there to me that would be a good location. The Chief did talk about it and gave us a memo saying that he thought it was a good location but he wants to do another speed study but you know what's going to happen it's going to come back that the average speed is probably under 25 miles an hour but that's not the point the point is it's a good location to have people slow down.

Acting Council President Gierak – Okay sounds good.

Mayor White – And they do use it as a cut through too.

Acting Council President Gierak – I was going to say that they try to shoot down to Eerie and miss those lights on Market Street.

Mayor White – I think a lot of residents would be happy they would want it.

Acting Council President Gierak – Mr. Schettino we're going to go into closed session here.

Mr. Schettino - Yes.

Acting Council President Gierak – Are we going to take any action?

Mr. Schettino – We may so we'll be in closed session for what 15 minutes maybe. So the audience is advised that we're going into closed session for 15 minutes for personnel. The meeting will resume further action may be taken or the meeting may be adjourned when we return to the public.

The Council goes into closed session at 6:30 pm.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK RESOLUTION

CR# 926-128

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Saddle Brook that the closed session to take place on September 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Building be closed to the public and the press and that the results of the discussion at the closed session will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting on it in closed session no longer exists.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

The Council comes out of closed session at 6:45 pm.

Acting Council President Gierak – Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Councilman Accomando

Second: Councilwoman Sanchez

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Barrale, RMC
Township Clerk

Andrew M. Cimiluca
Council President

Approved: