

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO COLORS

Mayor Maio invited all those present to stand in a salute to the colors.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH P.L. 1975

Adequate Notice of this Meeting has been provided according to the Open Public Meetings Act, Assembly Bill 1030. Notice of this Meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Notice sent to the New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record on January 8, 2014 and was placed on the Official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.

In the event the Mayor and Council have not addressed all items on this Agenda by 11:00 PM and they are of the opinion that they cannot complete the Agenda in a reasonable time period, the Mayor and Council may exercise their option to continue this meeting at an agreed to date, time and place within ten (10) days of this meeting. Please turn off all cell phones for the duration of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Councilwoman Zdichocki – present
Councilman Thornton - present
Councilwoman Kuncken - present

Councilman Depew – present
Councilwoman Thistleton – present
Councilman Benson – present

Mayor Maio – present

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Maio stated that in addition to this being Earth Day, the Borough has the following proclamation for Arbor Day. Mayor Maio read the proclamation in its entirety.

WHEREAS, in 1872 this holiday, called *Arbor Day*, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees; and

WHEREAS, *Arbor Day* is observed by many states across the country for the community planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource and provide many benefits to the community, including air purification, noise reduction, shade and energy savings; and

WHEREAS, trees in our community enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, planting trees and maintaining older trees provide an opportunity for community interaction, volunteerism, economic development and environmental conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosemarie Maio, Mayor of the Borough of Stanhope, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2014 as *Arbor Day* in our community and encourage all citizens to protect our trees and woodlands and to take advantage of the benefits of the parks and other natural areas in our community.

Mayor Maio stated that the Governing Body has been invited to attend the Arbor Day Ceremony at Stanhope School on Friday at 1:15PM. Mayor Maio asked the Borough Clerk to find out if the school wishes to have the Mayor speak at the ceremony.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Maio opened the meeting to the public after advising attendees that there is a five (5) minute time limit for each speaker.

Nancy Hoyt, 33 Lawrence Avenue, asked if the various organizations in the Borough are contacted prior to the printing of the yearly calendar. Ms. Hoyt stated that the Senior Citizens Group meets at 12:00 not 12:30PM. Ellen Horak, Borough Clerk, replied that all the organizations receive a memo and a copy of the calendar for review. Ms. Horak stated that she will change the time for next year's calendar. Ms. Hoyt asked when the blocks in the crosswalk will be repaired on Main Street. Mayor Maio replied they will be repaired when the weather and time permit. Administrator McNeilly stated that the weather has been an issue. It did snow as recently as last Thursday. The engineer and the vendor have been contacted. There are 3 crosswalks to be repaired.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Maio closed the public portion of the meeting.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Maio read aloud the list of minutes being presented for approval:

December 17, 2013	Regular Business Meeting
January 22, 2014	Special Budget Meeting
January 28, 2014	Regular Business Meeting
February 6, 2014	Special Budget Meeting
March 11, 2014	Work Session/Agenda Meeting

On motion by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by voice vote the above listed minutes were approved. Councilman Thornton abstained from the Special Budget Meeting minutes of February 6, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE (List Attached)

On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilwoman Thistleton and unanimously carried by voice vote, the list of correspondence was accepted and ordered placed on file.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Councilwomen Kuncken/Thistleton

Police, Fire, Ambulance, Court & Violations Bureau, Emergency Management – Councilwoman Kuncken stated that the February report from the Fire Department lists 6 calls, 62 man hours, 3 drills, a total of 138.5 man hours and 2 meetings were held. The report for the month of March lists 4 calls, 29 1/4 man hours, 1 assist to the First Aid Squad and 5 drills for a total of 136 man hours.

Councilwoman Kuncken reported that the Sussex County Fire Marshal performed 3 inspections for non-life hazard businesses, issued 2 fire safety permits and 11 certificates of inspection were issued for the month of March 2014.

Councilwoman Kuncken reported that the Police Department had 77 total traffic citations by violation and 131 moving violations for the month of March.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated that the Ambulance Squad for the month of March had 54 calls, 16 in Stanhope, 38 in Netcong, 1 out of town call to Hopatcong. The patient life support calls totaled 11 and advanced life support totaled 14. They transported 25 patients for a total of 25 trips to the hospital totaling 643 miles. The total number of hours volunteered were 135 hours and 48 minutes. There were 3 assists by the Stanhope Fire Department.

Finance & Administration – Councilman Benson/Councilwoman Kuncken

Councilman Benson reported the tax collections for the year in all categories is approximately 63,000 lower than in 2013. In 2013 more prior year tax collections were received. The first tax collections for the first quarter are 1% lower than the previous year. The water and sewer rents are going well. The sewer rents are currently \$216,000 compared to \$224,000 last year and the water rents are \$139,000 compared to \$131,000 for last year. This is due to the rate change that was put into effect.

Councilman Benson stated that Dana Mooney, CFO, has requested that the payments for summer camp, for Stanhope residents be paid at through the Borough this year. Stanhope Borough provides a subsidy and when the registrations were done through Byram Township, the subsidy was not taken into account and several refunds had to be processed. Mayor Maio asked Administrator McNeilly if the memo from Ms. Mooney is what was agreed to with Byram Township. Administrator McNeilly stated that it is not, but clarification for the accounting process does need to be addressed. Mayor Maio stated that the information that is provided to the Stanhope residents needs to clearly state that the Borough is providing a subsidy and in order for the residents to take advantage of this program they must register directly through Stanhope Borough. Much discussion took place regarding the procedure for registering Stanhope residents for summer camp and the various issues involved. Administrator McNeilly stated that the Borough needs to be accountable to the auditors and the accounting procedure that is best for the Borough must be put into place. Mayor Maio stated that the summer camp program needs to be advertised to the Stanhope residents and the subsidy needs to be clearly presented. The Governing Body approved the CFO's request to have the summer camp payments processed through the Borough.

Community Development – Councilwoman Zdichocki/Councilman Thornton

Zoning, Construction, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Chamber of

Commerce, Downtown Revitalization – Councilwoman Zdichocki stated there were 3 zoning permit applications and 7 code violations for the month of March. The Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday night regarding the upcoming pig roast, garage sale day and Stanhope Day. Councilwoman Kuncken has tickets for the pig roast available for purchase. The Chamber of Commerce is still looking for donations for the silent auction. Mayor Maio stated that the Governing Body is donating a basket.

Municipal Infrastructure – Councilman Thornton/Councilwoman Zdichocki

Water Distribution, Sewer Collection System, Road Construction & Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds – Councilman Thornton stated that Administrator McNeilly will discuss the Municipal Infrastructure during his report.

Information Technology – Councilmen Depew/Benson

Councilman Depew stated there is no report this month.

Boards/Commissions – Councilwoman Thistleton/Councilman Depew

Councilwoman Thistleton stated that the Recreation Commission is sponsoring the Tri-Town Dance for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders on May 2nd at the American Legion. There is a bus trip to the Sands scheduled for May 3rd and space is still available. Summer Camp will be held from July 7th through August 15th. Councilwoman Zdichocki stated that sign ups have not been held due to the fact that the location has not been finalized. The Quarterly ACO Report states there were 9 calls in January, no calls for February and 6 calls in March for a total of \$844.50 total at \$56.30 per hour.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Well #3 – Administrator McNeilly reported that the generator is scheduled for delivery tomorrow morning. The startup is scheduled for April 28th. Once this generator is installed the Borough will have two wells, #3 and #5, on full stand by power.

Stop Sign Bedford Avenue – Administrator McNeilly stated that a request has been received for the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Bedford Avenue and King Street. Councilman Benson stated that in order to assist the resident's request he is in favor of installing a stop sign. Mr. Stein, Borough Attorney, stated that he will research the requirements necessary for installing a stop sign.

JCP&L – Administrator McNeilly reported he met with Mike Obremski, JCP&L, to discuss how the power is supplied to Wells #3 and #4. Administrator McNeilly stated that he asked to have the power come from Continental Drive for accessibility. Currently the power is supplied through New York Box's property. Administrator McNeilly stated he has provided the Main Street light pole information to Mr. Obremski in order for the overhead lights to be turned off.

Councilwoman Kuncken asked if the water line project at Continental Drive will eliminate the disorder of lines that currently exists. Administrator McNeilly stated that the lines will now be run from the driveway at Continental Drive, parallel with the cemetery, turn left onto Waterloo Road, will run under the river and then connect into the pipe on Kelly Place. This will provide the property owner a connection point on that line and there will be a master meter at the curb, which does not exist currently on that property. All water use will now be metered. Councilman Benson asked what the costs to the Borough will be for this project. Administrator McNeilly stated the cost to the Borough is the lateral off the road into the property. Councilman Benson asked if the line is being run up to the building. Mr. Stein responded no and stated the line will run past the theoretical curb line and then stop. Mr. Stein stated that a letter has been sent to property owner. The property owner contacted Administrator McNeilly and was told to contact Mr. Stein. Mr. Stein stated to date the property owner has not contacted him. Administrator McNeilly stated that Mr. Stein's letter allows for a six month time frame to keep the existing section charged. That line will eventually have to be cut and capped. This property will become a true in road utility.

Animal Control – Administrator McNeilly stated the 2014-2015 contract for animal control with Hopatcong has been received and Hopatcong requests a two year contract. Administrator McNeilly asked the Governing Body how to proceed. Mayor Maio replied it is her understanding that it was agreed to at the last meeting to renew the contract for one year, inform Hopatcong of the Borough's concerns and to pursue alternate options that may be available for next year. Councilwoman Kuncken asked Mr. Stein for clarification on the Board of Health's authority regarding contracts. Mr. Stein replied that Boards of Health can be independent or the Governing body can act as the Board of Health. Stanhope Borough has an independent Board of Health. Mr. Stein explained the statute with regard to the Board of Health. The funds for the ACO are not part of the Board of Health budget and therefore the Governing Body should be making the determinations regarding the contract. Administrator McNeilly stated that he spoke with the Hopatcong Administrator and explained that Stanhope Borough wants coverage to be available at all times. Administrator McNeilly stated that the letter received from the Stanhope Board of Health indicated that they had no concerns. Mayor Maio asked Mr. Romano, Board of Health Vice-Chairman, present in the audience, what issues were discussed at the Board of Health meeting. Mr. Romano stated that the Board of Health was in agreement with Administrator McNeilly's recommendation to have coverage available at all times. Councilwoman Thistleton asked Mr. Romano if the Board of Health wanted to renew for one year or two years. Mr. Romano replied that the renewal was not discussed. The Board of Health was not aware that the Governing Body was considering a one year renewal. Mayor Maio stated that the Governing Body has agreed to renew for one year and a meeting needs to be scheduled with Mayor Petillo, as she requested, to discuss this shared service.

Water Tower Rehabilitation – Administrator McNeilly reported the DPW has cleared the driveway at the water tower and enlarged the work area outside the fence to make room for the contractor. At the pre-construction meeting, the contractor stated that the project should take 7-8 weeks and the anticipated start date is May 5th, 2014.

Water Line Continental Drive / Waterloo Road – Administrator McNeilly reported that PACT Construction indicated they will mobilize on May 8, 2014 with construction beginning on May 12, 2014. PACT Construction should be finished with this section by the end of June 2014.

Brooklyn Road / Tower Driveway – Administrator McNeilly stated this project is scheduled to take place beginning June 26th through August 15th. This is the section that will require a road closure on Brooklyn Road from Sparta Road to Grove Road.

Brooklyn Road / Sparta Road to Canfield Street – Administrator McNeilly stated this project is scheduled to take place from August 15th through September 4th. This will be a one way closure.

Lloyd / Lawrence / Reeve – Administrator McNeilly stated this project is scheduled to take place from September 1st through November 15th.

Sagamore Road to Dell Road – Administrator McNeilly stated that the schedule for this portion of the project is still to be determined. This part of the project should be completed in one week.

Final Pavement Repair – Administrator McNeilly stated that the final pavement repair will be done between April 2015 and mid May 2015. Mayor Maio asked Administrator McNeilly if the County will be paving Brooklyn Road. Administrator McNeilly stated that the County has authorized a one lane repair. Much discussion took place regarding the paving issues.

Maple Terrace / Mountain Terrace – Administrator McNeilly stated that the contractor for this project will mobilize on May 5th. The anticipated length of time for this project is 6-7 weeks.

Sewer Clean and Camera – Administrator McNeilly stated the contractor will begin work on May 5th and the project should be completed in one week. The sewer cleaning and camera investigation will take place on Reeve Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, through the marsh behind the Lutheran Church to Port Morris Pump Station and back from Walton Place to the Port Morris Pump Station. The pre-construction meeting held with the contractor was the fourth one held that week. This was the fourth contractor to state May 5th as the start date. This project will not interfere with traffic and will be completed in one week.

Administrator McNeilly stated that the contractor will provide a paper version, cd version and a hard drive version of the camera investigation two weeks later. Mayor Maio stated that she is very impressed with the contractor and the equipment that he will be using.

Administrator McNeilly stated in two weeks a discussion will take place regarding the fencing for wells 3 and 4 and the tower. Information may be available at that time regarding the sidewalk project as well. Mayor Maio asked Administrator McNeilly to contact Mr. Keller, Borough Engineer, and advise him that the site maps for the park are needed as soon as possible. Administrator McNeilly stated that some critical points with the County are being addressed regarding Maple Terrace and Mountain Terrace. There is also an issue with a telephone pole. Administrator McNeilly stated that he is of the opinion that the projects are on track. In the coming weeks many questions will be posed by the residents. If the answer is unknown, simply state that you do not know the answer but will check and get back to them. There is another information session which will be held in early May. The contractors will be knocking on doors and delivering flyers with information specific to the areas they will be working on. Nixle messages will also be sent out. Administrator McNeilly stated that he will keep the Governing Body informed by placing a notice in their mailboxes at Borough Hall once a week. Real time notification will not be possible with the number of projects in progress. Mayor Maio stated that Administrator McNeilly's time cannot be consumed by explaining situations seven separate times. Mayor Maio stated that the Governing Body should be comfortable with the start date of the projects and the purpose. Administrator McNeilly stated there will be a PACT Construction pre-construction meeting with Public Safety on Monday, April 28th, at 4:30PM with the Police, OEM, Fire Department, Ambulance Squad, contractor and engineer. Administrator McNeilly has contacted the Lutheran Church elders regarding the road closure.

Color Choice for Water Tower – Mayor Maio stated that a color has to be chosen for the painting of the water tower. Mayor Maio suggested hydro blue or offshore. Councilwoman Kuncken stated that she approves both of those choices. Councilwoman Thistleton stated that her choices are spillway and hydro blue. Councilwoman Zdichocki stated that her choices are robotic blue or spillway. Councilwoman Zdichocki stated that the LRV (Light Reflectance Value) should be considered when making the paint color choice. After much discussion, Mayor Maio took a straw poll of the Council to determine if hydro blue paint was acceptable. The results are as follows: Councilman Depew – not in favor, Councilman Benson – yes, Councilman Thornton – does not like it but will agree with majority, Councilwoman Kuncken – yes, Councilwoman Thistleton – yes, Councilwoman Zdichocki – no.

Mayor Maio stated that the results of the poll are in favor of the hydro blue paint.

Administrator McNeilly stated that the project signs will be posted at the driveway entrance on Tower Road.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Employee Handbook (Employment Policies and Procedures) – Mayor Maio stated that the Employee Handbook is being updated in order to comply with the requirements for the Borough's employee liability insurance. Copies were previously distributed to the Governing Body for review. The following changes or corrections were requested. Mayor Maio stated that the welcome page should be signed by the Administrator. Page 216 Performance Evaluations states that the written appraisal shall be done for every employee every year. Mayor Maio asked that a specific date be set such as every January or February. Councilman Benson stated that a specific form should be designed for the evaluation. 217 Discipline Policy – Chronic or excessive absence is repeated. The text needs to be cleaned up. Section 3 301 Work Rules - the no smoking information needs to be amended to reflect the ordinance which was passed and needs to state on Borough owned or leased property. 302 – two paragraphs are the same one needs to be deleted. 307 – the new policy has been added but the second half is the older policy which needs to be deleted. Councilwoman Kuncken stated there are a few items, in her opinion, to be addressed. Councilwoman Kuncken stated that after speaking with Administrator McNeilly earlier today he informed her that changes can be made at a later date. Administrator McNeilly stated that the MEL requirements comprise approximately 85% of the manual. Mayor Maio stated that the Finance and Administration Committee handles personnel issues. Mayor Maio requested to have a meeting scheduled with her, Administrator McNeilly, Councilman Benson and Councilwoman Kuncken to discuss good business practice items that should be included in the manual. Mayor Maio asked the Governing Body if they were in agreement to proceed with the changes needed to comply with MEL. There were no objections.

Fire Department "Bucket Drop" Fund Drive – Mayor Maio stated that the Fire Department has requested to conduct a bucket drop fund drive. The first bucket drop was conducted last year. Two locations were requested last year and the Governing Body granted approval for only one location. Councilman Depew stated that in his opinion only one location should be set up. Councilman Benson asked if the fund drive was successful last year. Mayor Maio confirmed that it was successful. Administrator McNeilly stated that traffic on Route 602 will be limited due to the road closure on Brooklyn Road. The Fire Department will be attending the pre-construction meeting on April 28th. Councilwoman Zdichocki stated that in her opinion the Governing Body should let the Fire Department know that they are not comfortable with using two locations for the fund drive so that this issue is not brought up every year. Mayor Maio asked the Governing Body if they are in favor of one or two locations for the fund drive. The results are as follows: Councilman Depew – one location, Councilman Benson – one location this year due to the road closure, Councilman Thornton – one location due to the road closure, Councilwoman Kuncken – one location, Councilwoman Thistleton – one location, Councilwoman Zdichocki – two but due to the existing circumstances one location this year. Mayor Maio stated that the Governing Body decision is to utilize one location this year. Councilwoman Zdichocki stated that the rain date is the following weekend which is also Family Fun Day which may be a better day to hold the fund drive due to the increased traffic going to and from the park. Administrator McNeilly will inform the Fire Department at the pre-construction meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Maio offered the following resolutions which were read by title:

CONSENT AGENDA (All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Borough Council and were enacted by one motion of the Borough Council with no separate discussion.)

Resolution 091-14

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A “NO PASSING ZONE” ON ROUTE 183 IN STANHOPE BOROUGH AS RECOMMENDED BY NJDOT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 183 in Stanhope Borough; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT’s investigation revealed the current centerline pavement markings on Route 183 meet and conform to current design standards; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT will update existing records to reflect current No Passing Zone conditions along US Route 183;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex in the State of New Jersey, that it supports the use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 183 in Stanhope Borough as recommended by NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

Resolution 092-14

RESOLUTION - EXEMPT FIREMAN CERTIFICATE JAMES J. TUTTLE

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Stanhope Borough Fire Department has certified that James J. Tuttle, a member of the Stanhope Fire Department, has served the required number of years as an active fireman and is entitled to a certificate of exemption pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-59; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-59 require the Certificate to be duly executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipality in which the fireman serves, as well as by the Clerk of said municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope wishes to duly authorize the issuance of the Certificate of Exemption to James J. Tuttle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk be in the same are hereby authorized and directed to duly execute a Certificate of Exemption for Fireman James J. Tuttle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall duly file the Certificate of Exemption with the Sussex County Clerk, the New Jersey State Fireman’s Association, the Stanhope Borough Fire Department and Fireman James J. Tuttle.

Resolution 093-14

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REVISED
EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope continuously strives to improve the working conditions for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough continuously strives to improve the level and quality of service provided to the public; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these goals the Borough from time to time adopts and revises its employment policies; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council that revisions are needed with respect to a number of the policies contained in the Borough's Employee Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the revised policies have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; now therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 22nd day of April 2014 that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope hereby adopt the attached revised and new Employment Policies:

- (1) Section 301, Work Rules, (5) No Smoking (replaces existing policy 301);
- (2) Section 302, Communications Media Policy (replaces existing policy 302);
- (3) Section 310, Driver's License Policy (replaces policy 310)
- (4) Section 407 Family Leave Act (replaces policy 407)
- (5) Section 409, Domestic Violence Leave (new policy); and
- (6) Section 508 Timesheets (new policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is directed to take all necessary steps to distribute the revised policies to all Borough employees and enforce the revised policies in an appropriate manner.

Resolution 094-14

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received payment for the redemption of Tax Title Lien No. 2013-021, representing 2012 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11403, Lot 2, known as 14 Mountain Terrace, assessed to The Salt and Light Co., Inc., and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector certifies that reimbursement is now required to be made to the following lien holder for the required redemption amounts as shown below:

To Lienholder:	Tower Fund ACF Ebury Fund 1NJ LLC P.O. Box 37695 Baltimore, MD 21297-3695
Redemption Amount:	Tax Title Lien #2013-021 and Interest to Date of Meeting \$ 14,151.89 Premium Paid by Lienholder <u>19,000.00</u>
Total From Current Fund:	\$ 14,151.89
Total From Tax Premium Account	19,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Treasurer be authorized to prepare the necessary check as stated above and to forward same to the lien holder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

Resolution 095-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A STREET SIGN NAMED “BARNEY’S WAY” IN HONOR OF BARNEY HUNTS

WHEREAS, Barney Hunts passed away on March 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Barney provided many years of dedicated service as the Borough’s representative on the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Barney was instrumental in the implementation and success of the lake management program; and

WHEREAS, upon his resignation from the Lake Musconetcong Planning Board, Barney continued to oversee the maintenance of the equipment needed to operate the lake management program, as well as coordinate the operation of the weed harvester; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope wish to recognize the dedicated service provided by Barney with the placement of a street sign named “Barney’s Way” at the corner of Coursen Street and Port Morris Avenue in the Borough of Stanhope;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the placement of a street sign named “Barney’s Way” at the corner of Coursen Street and Port Morris Avenue in honor of Barney Hunts’ many years of dedicated service.

On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Depew and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes	Councilman Depew – yes
Councilman Thornton - yes	Councilwoman Thistleton – yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Benson – yes

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 096-14

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified that funds are available in the proper account; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has approved payment upon certification from the Borough Department Heads that the goods and/or services have been rendered to the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the current bills list, dated April 22, 2014 and on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief Finance Officer and approved by the Chief Finance Officer for payment, be paid.

On motion by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes
Councilman Thornton - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes

Councilman Depew – yes
Councilwoman Thistleton – yes
Councilman Benson – yes

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Stein stated he had no report this evening.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Maio opened the meeting to the public after advising attendees that there is a five (5) minute time limit for each speaker.

Paula Zeliff-Murphy, Shade Tree Commission, stated on April 12th the Shade Tree Commission took a tour of the Borough with Ron Farr, the Forester. During the two and half hour walk Ms. Zeliff-Murphy stated that she took several notes. They walked through all the parks and examined all the trees. Paula and Virgil will go out on a Saturday to do the required maintenance that was suggested by Mr. Farr. Mayor Maio and the Council thanked Ms. Zeliff-Murphy for taking on the maintenance and stated that the DPW is busy with other projects at this time. Administrator McNeilly stated that several calls have come in regarding the condition of trees and that information will be passed onto Shade Tree for review. Administrator McNeilly stated that, by statute, Shade Tree is responsible for making the determinations regarding trees in the Borough. Mr. Stein stated that the tax map will provide the information necessary to determine the right of ways. Mayor Maio asked Ms. Zeliff-Murphy to thank Virgil also.

Nancy Hoyt, 33 Lawrence Avenue, asked the Governing Body to please make sure plenty of detour signs are posted when the road closures take place. Ms. Hoyt stated that she understands signs will not be posted in Morris County which she does not agree with. Administrator McNeilly stated that advisory signs will be posted in Morris County and a fully approved County detour plan will be in place a few weeks before the closure.

Ms. Hoyt asked for an explanation of Camp Lenape. Mayor Maio stated Camp Lenape is the summer recreation program for the children. There is a charge involved and when Stanhope merged with Byram and Netcong, the costs increased. At that time, the Governing Body made the decision to take the funds that would normally be used for the summer recreation program and subsidize the registration fee for Stanhope residents. Ms. Hoyt asked if the notice goes home through the school. Councilwoman Zdichocki stated that a flyer is sent home through the school and provided Ms. Hoyt with an overview of the Camp Lenape program.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Maio closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Benson, and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip
Deputy Clerk
For Ellen Horak
Borough Clerk