

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AND
AGENDA MEETING
September 11, 2012
8:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO COLORS

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

Mayor Maio stated that today is the anniversary of the bombing of the World Trade Center and asked for all in attendance to join her in a moment of silence in respect for the memories of those who lost their lives including Joseph Vilaro from Stanhope.

Mayor Maio read the proclamation which was received from the Governor's Office today proclaiming the following: "September 11, 2012 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance in New Jersey and urge all residents to honor those who lost their lives eleven years ago, to reflect upon America's proud tradition of freedom and bravery and to renew our commitment to serving our communities, State and Nation."

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 3, 2012 and was placed on the Official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.

Furthermore, notice of the meeting location change was forwarded to the New Jersey Herald and Daily Record on July 25, 2012 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 Kuncken - Present
Councilman Depew - Present
Councilwoman Thistleton - Present

Councilman Graham - Present
Councilman Benson - Present

Mayor Maio – Present

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Maio stated Mr. Murphy resigned his position as member of the Council at the last Mayor and Council meeting. The Borough has received confirmation from the Borough Attorney that because he was both elected and resigned as an unaffiliate voter it is the prerogative of the Council to appoint whomever they wish or to leave the seat open. Mayor Maio stated that she spoke with Council President Graham and had asked him to poll the Council for their opinion. Council President Graham stated that the Council all agreed that Bill Thornton, who will be running for Council in the next election, was their choice to fill the vacant seat.

On nomination by Councilman Graham, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken, Bill Thornton was nominated Temporary Council Member.

On motion by Councilman Depew, seconded by Councilman Graham, nominations were closed.

By the following unanimous roll call vote, Bill Thornton was elected Temporary Council Member.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Depew – yes
Councilwoman Thistleton - yes

Councilman Graham - yes
Councilman Benson – yes

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Maio invited Bill Thornton to come forward. Ellen Horak, Municipal Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Bill Thornton as Councilman.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sparta Road – Phase 2 – Mr. Keller reported that he is in the process of contacting Tilcon to perform the milling and resurfacing for Sparta Road through the Morris County Co-op program. These efforts will be done in conjunction with milling and resurfacing of Church Street and Linden Avenue. It is anticipated that this will be performed in a single day. Mayor Maio stated at the Land Use Board meeting last night there was a discussion about the patch on the road where the water connection is in front of the vacant lot. The applicant said he was told that this area is scheduled to be repaved by the Borough. Mr. Keller replied that the southern end of Lenape Drive and going north will be paved in the same way as last year by milling a ten foot wide section, mill it out and paint it. Mayor Maio asked the Clerk to make a note of this plan to inform the Land Use Board. Administrator McNeilly stated that the last section of 1100 feet across the front of the school was straight. The pipe in this section meanders across the road and back so the patch will run in that direction as well. Mr. Keller confirmed that the patch will run diagonally and will require painting of stripes.

Sewer Service Area – Mr. Keller reported the NJDEP is still in the process of reviewing the County's wastewater map and has not scheduled a public hearing to date. It is anticipated that the public hearing will be scheduled in the fall. The NJDEP's plan is to complete the project this year. The sewer service area defines the areas within the wastewater management plan. Mayor Maio stated that the Borough received a letter from the County regarding the sewer service area. The County letter dated August 23rd from Eric Snyder states that the areas which were called out by the Borough will not be included in the map. Mr. Keller stated that he did not receive a copy of the letter in question. Mayor Maio asked Mr. Keller if the Borough has any recourse. Mr. Keller replied that the only recourse would be to have a habitat study done by the property owner. It makes the process much more difficult because the property owner or developer will not want to incur the expense without knowing for sure that the property will get back into the sewer service area.

Councilman Graham stated that the Borough put forth its best effort to attempt to have specific areas included in the map. Councilman Graham asked Mr. Keller what happens if the Borough does not agree to the plan. Mr. Keller replied that the Wastewater Management Plan is adopted by the County. There were counties that chose not to accept it and the municipalities were then held responsible. Sussex County took responsibility and therefore the Borough has to go along with the plan.

Mayor Maio stated the two properties in Stanhope are the only two on a list of eleven properties that did not receive approval under the amended process. Mayor Maio asked to have this issue researched further and to contact the County again.

Mr. Keller stated that the public hearing in Morris County was poorly attended. Mr. Keller suggested contacting the Sussex County Legislative Representatives to reinforce to them that the process is flawed because the information is flawed. The information is based on conservation ranking which goes to potential threatened and endangered species. NJDEP has recorded sightings of certain animals in the Highlands Preservation Area in Byram but that does not mean that the small wooded area in Stanhope near the Brookwood East development or near the power lines is going to support that habitat. Councilman Benson stated that the DEP is saying because the woods are there, they could be a habitat for these animals not that they do exist there. Mr. Keller stated there is a piece of property in West Caldwell that the DEP is trying to take out of the plan because they say it is a conservation area. The property is located on Bloomfield Avenue but it is wooded and backs up to the wetlands and the river along Eisenhower parkway.

Water Utility – Mr. Keller reported that in June it was determined there was a significant increase in well pumpage. The monthly pumpage from all Borough wells for the past two months (July and August) has significantly dropped to levels at or below 2011. The breaks in the water system that created these higher than expected flows have been corrected. While overall pumpage from the wells is up year to date approximately 30% over the comparable period last year, the trend is downward. Councilman Benson asked how much leakage was found. Mr. Keller stated there was one fairly large leak in Stonegate that was not detected right away because it was directed into a storm drain and then into a ditch. During the summer another leak was discovered by the DOT on Route 206. That leak was fixed and the road has been paved.

NJDOT Local Aid Application – Mr. Keller reported that a notice has been received from the NJDOT regarding Local Aid applications which are due October 16, 2012. Mr. Keller reported that he has spoken with Administrator McNeilly and the intent is to resubmit the Maple Terrace project that was filed last year. This project still needs to be done and it has potential. This is now two years in a row that Stanhope has not received any money from the State. Mr. Keller spoke with Jess Pitola from our legislative office and he asked Mr. Keller to copy him on the application after it is made and they will do what they can to provide it. Mr. Keller stated that the application for the Transportation Enhancement Grant was sent to the legislative office. Mayor Maio stated that Senator Oroho, Assemblywoman McHose and Assemblyman Chiusano wrote a letter in support of the project.

Mayor Maio asked if Millennium Strategies should be involved with the grant in order to combine some of the elements such as the crosswalk configuration at Main Street and Route 183 which would enhance the grant and tie in with the Walk to School Program which would also stress the fact that this is a critical street for the safety of the children. Administrator McNeilly agreed with Mayor Maio's suggestion and stated that by taking the information from Mr. Keller's application for Municipal Aid and combining it with Millennium Strategies input, additional enhancements to the grant could be added. The second grant for Safe Routes to Transit would include walkways at Maple Terrace, Grove Road and the sidewalks along the Black Forest.

Councilman Graham stated that he has attended several Complete Streets seminars and asked if these elements need to be included in the proposed grants. Councilman Graham's understanding from the State is that unless these elements are included in the grant applications the Borough will not be awarded grant money. Mr. Keller stated by adding those elements it does give the Borough more points in the grant process but it is rather involved. Councilman Graham stated that he is not suggesting that the Borough attempt to become Complete Streets certified. He is suggesting that some of the elements of that program be included in the grant applications. Mayor Maio stated that she got the same impression from the State regarding the Complete Streets programs that she and Councilwoman Kuncken attended.

Mayor Maio is of the opinion that the missing sidewalk along Route 206 needs to be installed even if it has to be submitted on a separate application. Administrator McNeilly stated the sidewalk from Dell Road along Route 206 does need to be done even more so now that Byram has installed all new sidewalks. Often times when transit is thought of it brings to mind the Netcong train station but there are several bus stops in this area. Councilman Graham stated that the Borough is eligible because of the proximity to the transit village of Netcong. After much discussion Mr. Keller stated that Millennium Strategies should lead the transit grant with his support. Mr. Keller is of the opinion that he should lead on the Local Aid Grant because he is more familiar with what has worked in the past. He would like Millennium Strategies input on the wording of the application.

Mayor Maio asked Administrator McNeilly to coordinate the information necessary for the two grants. Administrator McNeilly stated that he will work with Mr. Keller and Kate from Millennium Strategies. The deadline for the applications is October 16th. Mr. Keller stated that he will review the Maple Terrace application and make any necessary changes. He is of the opinion that the pricing has not changed.

Mr. Keller reported that Tom Pershouse, Construction Official, spoke with him about an issue regarding grading permits that was brought up at the Land Use Board. Mayor Maio stated this was a conversation among Land Use Board members and it was not about an application before

the Board. Mr. Keller stated that the Land Use section of the ordinance clearly exempts single and two family homes from appearing before the Land Use Board. Provision 63.1 allows the zoning officer and/or construction official to recommend that the plan be reviewed by the Engineer if there is grading within five feet of the property, a change in slope or a retaining wall that may affect a neighboring property. The language can be refined if there are specific concerns that are not addressed in that section. Several years ago Arlene Fisher, Zoning Officer, expressed concern with a couple matters that she and Mr. Pershouse were not comfortable with making a decision on. Escrow fees were collected and Omland Engineering reviewed the permits of the property owners. These issues are not handled through the Land Use Board. They are handled administratively through zoning permits and construction permits. Mayor Maio asked Mr. Keller if that information was relayed to Mr. Pershouse. Mr. Keller replied that he has not relayed this information back to Mr. Pershouse. Mayor Maio asked Ellen Horak, Municipal Clerk and Secretary to the Land Use Board, to pass this information on to the Land Use Board. Mayor Maio asked Mr. Keller at what point is a permit required when a property owner wants to bring in dirt or mulch to grade their property. Much discussion took place regarding this issue. Mr. Keller is of the opinion that the ordinance gives the Zoning Officer enough flexibility to make that determination.

Councilman Depew asked if the grant for Maple Terrace would include repairing the leak at the end of that road. Administrator McNeilly confirmed that the leak repair would be included.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Oil and Chip – Administrator McNeilly reported that Kynor Avenue, Hazel Street, Canfield Avenue, Woods Avenue, Lenape Drive, Roberts Place, Lakeview Terrace, Smith Street, Sagamore Road and Spencer Street have been prepared for oil and chip. Work will begin this Friday. All the residents who reside on the streets mentioned will receive hand delivered notification as well as signage at the entrances to the affected streets. Mayor Maio asked if the sweeper will be sent out afterwards. Administrator McNeilly confirmed that two weeks after the oil and chipping is set the sweeper will remove the extra oil and stone.

Borough Hall Renovations – Administrator McNeilly reported the Squad Room has been completed and they are in the process of moving that operation back in and testing the equipment. The new furniture and cabinets are anticipated to arrive during the third week in October. Work will begin in the hallway and the Sergeants Office on Monday. The water heater was relocated and is now located up above the bathroom. Councilwoman Kuncken asked if Tom Pershouse, Construction Official, was involved with the water heater move. Administrator McNeilly replied that Mr. Pershouse was contacted regarding the water heater and has been involved with the renovation. Bob Moentenich, Electrical Inspector, has inspected the electrical work and will continue to do so.

Administrator McNeilly presented several wall color samples, trim, counter material and floor covering samples for Mayor and Council approval. The lead time for ordering the wood is five weeks. Administrator McNeilly confirmed that the order for the wood will include the dais, window trim, doorways, chair rail and furniture base for a total cost of \$7,300. Wainscoting will not be used for the renovation due to the cost.

Administrator McNeilly stated that the Police Department has been patient and involved in the renovation process. They have been moving furniture, setting up equipment and working around the construction. The renovation costs for the month of July were \$479 for the trailer rental. The costs for the month of August included the trailer rental, electrical, tiling, construction materials, waste disposal, moving company for the safe, furniture and cabinets for a total of \$20,580.92. The September costs of \$1,329.64 included the trailer rental, equipment rental and construction supplies. The total cost to date is \$22,389.56 of which \$9,224.90 are construction costs. The only other costs not included in this figure are a bill from Lowe's for approximately \$400 and the bill from the electrician which has not been received. Councilman Graham asked how the costs to date compare to the allocated funds for the renovation. Administrator McNeilly stated that the grant amount is \$133,000. Councilman Graham asked what the projected costs will be for the Council Chambers. Administrator McNeilly stated that the costs are not available at this time. Councilwoman Kuncken asked if the allocated man hours are on schedule. Administrator McNeilly replied that the hours are on schedule. Approximately 25% of the hours have been used. The plan may have to be modified in order to have use of the council chambers. The

hallway will be finished through to the sergeant's office and then construction will move to the council chambers and then back to the Police Department.

Water System Improvement Project – Administrator McNeilly reported he has been in contact with Bob Beinfeld regarding the bond requirements for the water project. Mr. Beinfeld requested that a meeting be scheduled with the Engineer, Auditor, Attorney, CFO and Administrator in order to coordinate the timelines for all concerned. The meeting will take place in the next three weeks. Administrator McNeilly stated that once he is appointed Authorized Representative he will work with Lee Purcell to complete and submit the Letter of Intent. The funds have to be guaranteed in order to submit the Professional Services Agreement. Mr. Beinfeld is of the opinion that it is premature to have that money available right now. The meeting will coordinate all the issues involved. Mayor Maio asked Councilman Graham and Councilman Benson if they would be available Thursday morning at 9:00AM to meet with Dana Mooney and Administrator McNeilly to determine how the funds from the sewer utility will be moved to the water utility. Councilman Graham and Councilman Benson replied that they are available. Mayor Maio asked Administrator McNeilly to inform Dana Mooney.

Basketball Courts – Administrator McNeilly reported the new nets have been ordered and will be installed at all the parks as soon as possible. The new nets are made of a long lasting material. Councilman Graham asked that the hoops that are bent be fixed. Administrator McNeilly stated the backboards and rings will be inspected at that time.

Knox Box – Administrator McNeilly reported that letters were mailed to all the commercial property owners on Friday. The Fire Chief and the Fire Marshal will be in attendance at the September 28th meeting to discuss the operation and security of the Knox Boxes and master keys. Administrator McNeilly has asked them to provide a demonstration, video or samples to enhance the program.

Best Practice Survey – Administrator McNeilly provided copies of the Best Practice Survey for the Mayor and Council to review for discussion at the next meeting. Certifications will need to be prepared and submitted to comply with the deadline. Councilman Graham asked if there is anything in the document that the Borough would have a serious disagreement with. Administrator McNeilly replied that he and Dana Mooney have reviewed the document and refined it.

Councilman Graham asked that in the future any letters that are sent out on behalf of the Borough, such as the letter that was sent to the businesses regarding the Knox Boxes, be reviewed by the Administrator so that a customer service element can be added. Councilwoman Kuncken is of the opinion that the letter was cold and business like and did not convey the philosophy of why the Mayor and Council made the decision to pass the ordinance. Administrator McNeilly replied that he will review the letters in the future.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Maio stated that at last month's meeting the Council Committee Reports were held over to this meeting.

Public Safety – Councilwomen Kuncken/Thistleton

Police, Fire, Ambulance, Court & Violations Bureau, Emergency Management – Councilwoman Kuncken reported for the month of July the Fire Department answered 4 calls, 1 mutual aid call, had 5 drills, 1 meeting for a total of 18 man hours. There were a total of 15 overall activities for a total of 620.5 volunteer hours.

Councilwoman Kuncken reported that the Police Department reported a total of 305 incidents for July which are broken down by offense code. The moving violations comprise most of the incidents for a total of 136. There were 88 traffic citations.

Councilwoman Kuncken reported for the month of July the Ambulance Squad answered 18 calls in Stanhope, 21 calls in Netcong, 2 stand-by, 1 out of town in Roxbury, 3 out of town in Hopatcong for a total of 45 calls. There were 35 patients, 28 trips to the hospital for a total of 748 miles and 194.40 hours volunteered. The squad answered 100% of the calls for month of July. There were 6 injury calls, 17 medical, 7 intoxicated, 4 miscellaneous, 6 fires, 3 accidents

and 2 deceased individuals. The EMS provided coverage for the Saint Cesario fireworks, Stanhope Family Fun Day and there was one call at Capitol Care.

Finance & Administration – Councilman Benson/Councilwoman Kuncken

Councilman Benson reported the total levy for the year is \$10,698,000. Delinquencies are up slightly through July 31st. The first quarter taxes have been collected for a total of 97.53%. The second quarter collections are at 96%. Collections this year are at 58.9% vs. 48% a year ago. This year the water rents totaled \$259,587 compared to \$284,866 last year. The sewer rents were \$553,623. The sewer rents including interest were \$561,394 compared to \$618,000 last year. Councilman Benson stated that he is still not seeing what he wants on the report. Councilman Benson will meet with Dana Mooney, CFO, to get a better comparison. Mayor Maio asked if the collections are down this year over last year due to dates. Councilman Benson replied that the difference could be a result of the dates or usage. Administrator McNeilly is of the opinion that the dates are causing the discrepancies.

Community Development – Councilmen Thornton/Graham

Zoning, Construction, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Revitalization – Councilman Graham asked Mayor Maio if Councilman Thornton will be serving on the Community Development Committee and the Municipal Infrastructure Committee. Mayor Maio replied that Councilman Thornton will be on both committees. Councilman Graham had nothing to report.

Municipal Infrastructure – Councilmen Graham/Thornton

Water Distribution, Sewer Collection System, Road Construction & Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds – Councilman Graham had nothing to report.

Information Technology – Councilmen Depew/Benson

Acquisition of Hardware & Software, Technical Equipment Services, Telecommunication, Cable Television Franchise – Councilman Depew and Councilman Benson stated they will meet before the end of the month to compare information they have gathered. There is no report at this time.

Boards/Commissions – Councilwoman Thistleton/Councilman Depew

Board of Health, Regional Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Musconetcong Sewerage Authority, Sanitation & Recycling, Recreation Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Land Use Board – Councilwoman Thistleton reported that the summer recreation program was a success. Mayor Maio stated there was a letter to the editor in The Township Journal commending the program. Councilwoman Thistleton reported there were 32 children enrolled from Stanhope prior to the last registration date. The final total of Stanhope participants is unavailable. Mayor Maio stated the feedback from the community regarding the program was positive. Councilwoman Thistleton stated she was told by the people running the program that some of the participants had asked if they could bring other friends along. The success of this year's program may increase enrollment for next year.

The Recreation Commission sponsored two nights of movies in the park. The first movie shown was "Glee The Concert Movie" and the turnout was not good. The second movie was "We Bought A Zoo". Approximately 50 people attended. Refreshments were available and the Stanhope Fire Department provided much needed lighting which was greatly appreciated.

The next event being sponsored by the Recreation Commission is a bus trip to Mt. Airy. The cost is \$25 which includes a \$25 casino voucher, \$10 food voucher and transportation. The Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 11:00AM. The format for the parade is being changed this year. The parade will begin at the corner of Church and Main Street and the children will walk down the middle of the road ending at the Fire House. Other events that are being worked on for the rest of the year are an oldies dance and Christmas.

Councilwoman Thistleton reported that the Board of Health did not meet for the summer. The ACO report submitted for July was for 4 1/2 hours.

Councilman Graham stated that he has received numerous calls regarding the condition of the lake on Stanhope's side as opposed to Netcong's. Mayor Maio stated that when she asked the same question she was told that Stanhope's side of the lake was not harvested early due to the fact that they were focusing on harvesting the water chestnut. In addition to that the herbicide

treatment was delayed due to the Lake Musconetcong Homeowner's Association. The harvester is unable to operate close to the shore on the Stanhope side because the water is shallow. A second application of the herbicide was scheduled and may have already been done. Councilman Graham asked if a different herbicide was used this year. Mayor Maio stated that the State of NJ refused to grant permission for the herbicide that has worked for the past two years to be used again. The State is of the opinion that, while the herbicide did work, it may be causing other damage. Another reason for the delay of the herbicide treatment that was used was due to the fact that the State initially did not give their approval. Permission was granted to use a much milder treatment which was supposed to work on the plants once they emerged. The crop of water chestnuts is down. The amount that was taken out this year was significantly less than last year. If this treatment with this herbicide is not effective and if this winter is not harsh enough, the problem will be worse next year. The water chestnut does not survive freezing temperatures.

Mayor Maio stated that volunteers are needed to run the harvester. Councilwoman Kuncken stated that John Rizzo and Mike Baylor volunteered several years ago but their services were not utilized. Councilman Depew stated he was aware of another volunteer that was not utilized. Mayor Maio stated Barney Hunts has been working at least 40 hours per week. Mayor Maio will submit any names given to her to the Lake Board. The Chairman of Lake Management Committee is very protective about letting people run the harvester. Councilman Graham stated that John Rizzo and Mike Baylor have contacted him and would like to volunteer. Councilman Graham stated that he volunteered several years ago but was never asked to work. Councilman Depew asked if there is a training program. Mayor Maio replied that there is a training program and the boat safety course is also required. Volunteers are needed that can work during the week.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Reassessment – Mayor Maio stated that the reassessment letters have all been mailed. The Tax Assessor has requested that the Mayor and Council, Administrator and Borough Clerk contact her to schedule inspections for their homes.

Main Street Parking – Mayor Maio stated that she and Administrator McNeilly met with Darlene Strauway from Making Waves regarding the lack of parking in front of her business and no handicap facilities are available for entering the building from the rear because there are five steps. Much discussion took place regarding the State regulations and statutes. Councilman Graham stated that the intersection has several problematic issues to consider. Mayor Maio understands and appreciates her problem; however if it is a safety issue then parking there cannot be permitted. Mr. Keller stated that there are many regulations that would have to be met in order to allow for a handicap parking spot. At least 15 feet of the sidewalk area would have to be removed and regraded. During a storm the water that runs down High Street would potentially run right into the buildings if the curbs are removed. Perhaps one parking space located as close as possible to the driveway could be designated as a handicap space. Councilman Graham stated that two years ago Mr. Keller had provided a detailed report regarding this parking issue. Councilman Graham asked Mr. Keller to forward that document to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Maio asked Administrator McNeilly to inform Ms. Strauway that the issue is being reviewed.

Verizon – Mayor Maio stated that Maureen Kaman, Tax Assessor, sent out a memo regarding Verizon and the potential loss of \$12,000 in municipal taxes. Mayor Maio reported that today she received a letter from Brian Wahler, Mayor of Piscataway, stating that Hopewell Township has instituted suit against Verizon. The League is asking all 45 communities that are affected by this to contribute \$220 to help with the defense to appeal this case. Mayor Maio is of the opinion that the Borough should participate.

On motion by Councilman Depew, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, approval was granted to contribute \$220 to assist Hopewell Township in defense of their case against Verizon.

Roll Call:

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

Sparta Dispatch Contract – Mayor Maio stated that notification has been received from Sparta that they would like to negotiate the dispatch contract. Administrator McNeilly stated that he will confirm a date for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 155-12

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. 2011-02, representing 2010 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11006, Lot 2, known as 20 Ridge Road, assessed to Theodore Herles, 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:	SBMunicust c/o LBNJ 200 South Park Road Suite 320 Hollywood, Florida 33021
Redemption Amount:	Tax Title Lien #2011-02 and Interest to Date of Meeting \$ 2,969.39 Premium Paid by Lienholder <u>0.00</u>
Total From Current Fund:	\$ 2,969.39
Total From Tax Premium Account	0.00

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.

On motion by Councilwoman Thistleton, seconded by Councilman Graham, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 156-12

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVE FOR FILING FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANTS AND/OR LOAN APPLICATIONS TO AID IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE I WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the United States of America and/or the State of New Jersey has authorized the making of Grants and/or Loans to public bodies to aid in financing the construction of specific public projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, as follows:

1. That Borough Administrator, Brian McNeilly, is designated to act as Authorized Official and Authorized Representative to execute and file an application on behalf of the Borough of Stanhope for Federal Grants and/or Loans and/or State Grants and/or Loans to aid in financing the construction of Phase I Water System Improvements;
2. That Borough Administrator, Brian McNeilly, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Federal and/or State Governments may reasonably request in connection with the applications which are herein authorized to be filed; and

3. That Lee T. Purcell Associates be and they are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file said Federal and/or State applications.

On motion by Councilman Graham, seconded by Councilman Depew, and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 157-12

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUSCONETCONG
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY TO CONNECT PUMPING
STATION NO. 6 TO MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority is a regional Governing Body providing for the treatment of sewerage generated by its respective members; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope is a member of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority and receives the benefits of its services for the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority owns and operates Regional Pumping Station No. 6 located at the intersection of Acorn Street and State Highway 206 in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority has requested permission to provide municipal water to its Regional Pumping Station No. 6 for purposes of maintaining said pumping station; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to allow the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority to have municipal water service at the least possible expense as any possible expenses are ultimately billed back to the residents of the Borough as an operating expense of the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope as follows:

1. Consent is hereby granted to the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority to connect Regional Pumping Station No. 6 to the municipal water system.

2. The Musconetcong Sewerage Authority shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses for the physical connection of Regional Pumping Station No. 6 to the municipal water system.

3. The tapping of the municipal water system shall be accomplished under the supervision and approval of the Superintendent of the Borough's Department of Public Works.

4. In the event that the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority is required to perform any work on private property as part of its water connection, the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority shall obtain the consent of the private property owner before engaging in any construction activities.

5. The Musconetcong Sewerage Authority shall provide a shut off valve, water meter and reduced pressure backflow preventer in a below ground enclosure. The Borough shall have access to the below ground water meter enclosure for purposes of reading the water meter.

6. The Borough waives any construction permit fees for the water tap and further waives the water connection fee.

7. For purposes of billing, the Borough shall only bill the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority for water consumed under the Borough's ordinance but the Borough shall waive that portion of the water bill that would be attributable to sanitary sewer for property.

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

Roll Call:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 158-12

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 September 11, 2012 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 carried by the following unanimous roll call vote the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Roll Call:

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

AGENDA ITEMS

All items listed on the Agenda for September 25, 2012 were approved.

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.

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 Councilwoman Thistleton, and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip
Deputy Clerk
For Ellen Horak
Borough Clerk