

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2017
6:00 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 4, 2017 and was placed on the Official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.

Furthermore, notice of the meeting time change was forwarded to the New Jersey Herald and Daily Record on March 17, 2017 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:

Councilman Depew – absent
Councilwoman Kuncken – present
Councilman Romano – present

Councilwoman Thistleton – present
Councilman Thornton – present
Councilwoman Zdichocki – present

Mayor Maio – present

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Maio invited Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, to come forward to begin the public session for the Route 183 Pedestrian Walkway Project. Mr. Keller gave an overview of the project detailing the work to be done. At the Corvino property there is a large wide curb cut. Two islands will be created to maintain access to the parking area and the existing driveways. There is a utility pole in front of the property. Curbing will be added to create an island which will be a safety improvement. The project will provide one apron, which currently exists. Sections of the asphalt driveways for the other properties will have to be replaced.

Mr. Keller stated The Black Forest Inn driveways will remain as is. Due to the fact that detectable warnings cannot be installed in the small dividing island, breaks will be put in with curbing on the sides and the sidewalk will run through it. This is an ADA requirement. Mayor Maio asked if the owners have been made aware of the plan. Administrator McNeilly stated the property owners were all sent notification of the public session meeting originally scheduled for March 14th. That meeting was cancelled and notification was sent informing the owners of the meeting for March 28th. Mayor Maio asked if all the property owners have been told in person of the changes to be made. Administrator McNeilly stated he has spoken in person to Mr. Grafe due to the fact a construction easement was required. Other property owners have stopped in to Borough Hall for various reasons but not all the owners have been contacted in person. Mayor Maio stated she is of the opinion a discussion took place early on in this process stating the property owners who were going to have changes made to their properties would be contacted in person to review the plan with them. The properties specifically mentioned were the Plumbing Store, the Black Forest and Grafe Small Engines. Councilwoman Kuncken stated she too recalls the decision to meet with property owners. There are only a few properties undergoing changes and Councilwoman Kuncken is of the opinion the plan should be reviewed with them in person, even though they have received notice of the public hearing. Meeting with the property owners

will avoid any issues moving forward. Mayor Maio stated she recalls speaking with the owner of the Plumbing Store at Borough Hall. Administrator McNeilly stated that was an ad-hoc meeting. The owner had stopped at Borough Hall to pay a bill and the conversation took place regarding the sidewalk project. Mr. Keller stated he has spoken with the owners of Stanhope Mountain Associates due to the required construction easement.

Mayor Maio stated the island at the Black Forest was constructed by the property owners and this project is going to disassemble the island. Mr. Keller stated the island is located in the right of way and it is going to be cut through. A permit will be obtained from the State to do the work. Mr. Keller stated he understands the island is in front of their property and does not object to speaking with the owners. The design of the project is not going to be changed. The Governing Body is not expecting the plan to be changed but they are of the opinion the property owners need to be made aware of the plans. Administrator McNeilly suggested a third letter be sent inviting the property owners to a private meeting. Councilman Thornton stated he is of the opinion that is not necessary but he does think the Black Forest, as one of the higher tax payers in town, deserves to have the plan presented to them in person. Administrator McNeilly stated the letter could inform the property owners that changes are going to be made to the right of way and if they would like more detailed information a meeting will be scheduled. Mayor Maio stated she is of the opinion the census of the Governing Body is to notify the property owners who are going to undergo changes to their property one on one. Administrator McNeilly stated this would be in addition to the letter all the property owners received informing them of tonight's public meeting. Mr. Keller stated every property from Acorn Street to the Self-Storage Unit will have some type of change to the front of their property. Some will have just sidewalks, a new concrete apron; some will have driveway repairs that extend 30 feet into their property in order to give them back a driveway similar to what currently exists. Mr. Keller stated the property owners will receive letters when construction is scheduled to begin to inform them when work will be done on their driveways. Administrator McNeilly stated NJDOT has already approved the openings and curb cuts are set. Mr. Keller stated the plans he has sent to NJDOT have been approved. Mr. Keller stated no negative comments have been received. The NJDOT is permitting the existing curb opening at the Plumbing Store. Mayor Maio stated the property owners need to be informed. Councilwoman Kuncken stated it is the good neighbor thing to do.

Mr. Keller stated in front of Mr. Grafe's property a formal island will be installed in the right of way. The Stanhope Mountain property and the PSE&G property where the easements are located will have a retaining wall installed. The wall will not be over four feet tall at the maximum. This will be a modular block wall. The design of the retaining wall is the responsibility of the contractor. The contractor will submit the design and shop drawings of the retaining wall to the Borough for approval. The wall will be a big block design in order to avoid having to install geo-grid. Mr. Keller stated the type of block has not been specified at this time. A more decorative wall will be more expensive. Mr. Keller stated at this time he is of the opinion the wall will be a monochromatic concrete gray color with a texture. Mr. Keller stated if the Governing Body would like a particular color, he can provide a color chart. The sidewalk will be placed right up against the wall. During construction one lane of the road will have to be closed during the day and police will be required for traffic control. There is an allowance included in the plan for traffic control. This issue will have to be discussed with the Police Chief.

Mr. Keller stated the State of NJ did their own project from Route 206 in Chester all the way to Stonegate on Route 183 and redid the curb ramps on both sides of the entrance to Stonegate Condominiums. The ramp on the South side will remain as is. The curb ramp, curbing and sidewalk will have to be redone on the North side to work with the Borough's plan going north. The area in front of Capital Care currently has depressed curbs which do not meet ADA Standards. This area will be replaced with new curbs, detectable warnings and the ramps will be redone.

Mr. Keller stated in front of the Plumbing Store the curbing will be installed on either side to define the edge in order to install the detectable warnings. A sidewalk will be striped 125 feet across of the pavement. When the State project was done, they repaved the apron and this area will not be touched during the Borough's project. The property owned by Mr. Schelowski is currently a wide open area. Curb cuts will be installed on either side, the gravel area will be maintained but separation has to be made for the sidewalk. Top soil will be put in place, grass will be planted and the gravel area will remain between the two driveways. The last property,

located next to the storage center, will have an apron installed. The steep driveway will be touched as little as possible. The curb line in this area has been adjusted and it has been pulled out. There is a fairly wide left shoulder in this area; there is a full lane and the start of the right turn lane into Stonegate Lane.

Mr. Keller stated Permits North has promised a response to the jurisdictional agreement. A jurisdictional map was submitted due to the fact the sidewalk and the retaining wall will not be maintained by the NJDOT even though they will be located on their property. The Borough will be responsible for the maintenance. The State will be responsible for the roadway, curbing and drainage. Mr. Keller stated he has spoken with Local Aid. The advertisement date will be April 12th. The bid opening will be held on May 11th. This is a Local Aid project and has to be reviewed and approved by Local Aid. The resolution will be placed on the Business Agenda for May 23rd with a late June construction start. The construction period will be for 90 days which will take the contractor through September. Mr. Keller stated he has received verbal confirmation, but never written confirmation, that the \$250,000 Local Aid Grant is still available. Mr. Keller stated last summer he provided Local Aid with a long chronology explaining the delay. The grant is being processed on that basis. The estimate for the work, based on the construction plan, is \$315,000. The cost to the Borough is \$65,000. The right lane will be closed on Route 183. The shoulder and the turning lane into Stonegate will be closed during construction. By 3:00PM at the end of the day the closure will be removed. This is governed by NJDOT regulations.

Mayor Maio asked if any of the other Borough projects will be running concurrently with this project. Mr. Keller stated the crosswalks may coincide with this project. Mr. Keller stated he is still having difficulty finding a paving contractor to do the work. It is a small job. The paving is a one day job. The entire job should not take longer than two days. Administrator McNeilly stated the other project for this summer is the repaving of Linden Avenue, McKinley Street and Hill Road. Mr. Keller stated the repaving will be a two day project.

Mayor Maio and the Governing Body thanked Mr. Keller for his presentation.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

February 8, 2017	Special Budget Meeting
February 14, 2017	Work Session/Agenda Meeting
February 28, 2017	Regular Business Meeting

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and carried by voice vote the above listed minutes were approved. Councilwoman Zdichocki abstained from the minutes of February 14, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE (List Attached)

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Zdichocki and unanimously carried by voice vote, the Council Committee Reports were waived.

Public Safety – Councilwomen Kuncken/Thistleton

(Police, Fire, Ambulance, Court & Violations Bureau, Emergency Management)

Finance & Administration – Councilman Romano/Councilwoman Kuncken

Community Development – Councilwoman Zdichocki/Councilman Thornton

(Zoning, Construction, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Revitalization)

Municipal Infrastructure – Councilman Thornton/Councilwoman Zdichocki

(Water Distribution, Sewer Collection System, Road Construction & Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds)

Information Technology – Councilmen Depew/Romano

Boards/Commissions – Councilwoman Thistleton/Councilman Depew

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator McNeilly stated he had no report for this evening. The Governing Body had no questions for Administrator McNeilly.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Energy Aggregation – Mayor Maio stated at the last Mayor and Council meeting a question was raised regarding the announcements for the Energy Aggregation meeting. The date and times for the Energy Aggregation meeting were discussed during the Administrator’s Report at the meetings of January 10th and 24th.

E-Recycling – Administrator McNeilly stated he is still gathering information regarding the electronic recycling. Administrator McNeilly asked to have this issue carried to the work session meeting scheduled for April 11th.

Daphne Shalita (Request for adjustment to water bill) – Mayor Maio stated a Daphne Shalita has requested a refund adjustment for her water bill. Mayor Maio stated the request is for an adjustment to a bill from over a year ago. Mayor Maio asked the Governing Body for their comments. Councilwoman Kuncken stated adjustments are not normally approved. The Governing Body agreed an adjustment would not be granted. Mayor Maio asked the Clerk to send a letter to the Ms. Shalita informing her of the Governing Body’s decision.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE

Mayor Maio offered the following ordinance for Public Hearing and Final Adoption which was read by title:

Ordinance for Public Hearing and Final Adoption

Ordinance 2017-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NJ TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$105,121.47 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Stanhope shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$122,641.72, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Borough of Stanhope be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Mayor Maio opened this portion of the meeting to the public for discussion on this item only. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Maio closed this portion of the meeting.

Roll Call:

Councilman Depew – absent	Councilwoman Thistleton - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Romano - yes	Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Thistleton, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the Mayor and Council instructed the Borough Clerk to post the ordinance and authorized publication of same.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 068-17

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE INTRODUCING THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Statements of Revenues and Appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the 2017 calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Summary of said Budget shall be published in the *New Jersey Herald* and the public hearing and final adoption shall be held on April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building at which time and place objections to the 2017 Municipal Budget may be presented by taxpayers or other persons of interest.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Depew – absent	Councilwoman Thistleton – yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Romano - yes	Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

Mayor Maio extended her thanks to Administrator McNeilly and CFO Dana Mooney for their assistance in putting the budget together. Mayor Maio stated she is of the opinion this is a good budget and the Borough will be well served by it.

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the Mayor and Council instructed the Borough Clerk to post the resolution and authorized publication of same.

Resolution 069-17 **SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION**
[as required by DCA]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the *Borough of Stanhope* has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2015 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the *Borough of Stanhope* that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Depew – absent	Councilwoman Thistleton – yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Romano - yes	Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

Resolution 070-17

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC BIDDING FOR
ROUTE 183/206 PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope has determined to undertake the construction of a pedestrian walkway project along State Route 183/206; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 requires the advertisement and receipt of public bids for purchases that exceed the current bid threshold and are paid for with public funds; and

WHEREAS, the scope and extent of the work requires that the work be publically bid pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has developed bid specifications and bidding documents for the purpose of receiving bids by qualified bidders pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law for the proposed work; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to proceed with the proposed Route 183/206 Pedestrian Walkway Project as designed by the Borough Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the Borough Clerk be hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of sealed competitive bids on May 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for the Route 183/206 Pedestrian Walkway Project.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Depew – absent	Councilwoman Thistleton – yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Romano - yes	Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

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 071-17 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE**

WHEREAS, Innovative Electric had obtained building Permit #20170015 for 41 Furnace Street (Isolatek), and

WHEREAS, the permit for this construction was for electrical work, but upon inspection, the building inspector discovered it was not a Stanhope property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, that a warrant be drawn to the contractor listed below in the designated amount representing a refund of Permit # 20170015.

Contractor Information:	Amount
Innovative Electric 230 Rt 206 Suite 2C Flanders, NJ 07836	\$212.00

Resolution 072-17 **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. 2016-007, representing 2015 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11102, Lot 13, known as 33 Linden Avenue, assessed to Jonathan Kumetz & Allison Zotynia, 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:	US Bank Cust for PC6, Sterling National 50 South 16 th St, Suite 2050 Philadelphia, PA 19102		
Redemption Amount:	Tax Title Lien #2016-007 and		
	Interest to Date of Meeting	\$	1,136.00
	Premium Paid by Lienholder		<u>900.00</u>
Total From Current Fund:		\$	1,136.00
Total From Tax Premium Account			900.00

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 073-17 **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. 2016-018, representing 2015 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11501, Lot 2, C0053, known as 453 Audubon Court, currently assessed to Tracy Staples, 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: US Bank Cust for Actlien Holding Inc.
50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Redemption Amount: Tax Title Lien #2016-018 and
Interest to Date of Meeting \$ 1,847.06
Premium Paid by Lienholder 1,400.00

Total From Current Fund: \$ 1,847.06
Total From Tax Premium Account 1,400.00

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 074-17 **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. 2014-014, representing 2013 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11010, Lot 8 known as 10 Ridge Road, assessed to Ray A Miranda, 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: US Bank Cust for FNA Jersey BOI, LLC
575 Route 70, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 1030
Brick, N.J. 08723

Redemption Amount: Tax Title Lien #2014-014 and
Interest to Date of Meeting \$ 5,042.18
Premium Paid by Lienholder 1,100.00

Total From Current Fund: \$ 5,042.18
Total From Tax Premium Account 1,100.00

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 075-17 **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. 2014-031, representing 2013 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11603, Lot 27 known as 28 Dell Road, assessed to Robert & Margaret Flynn, 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: US Bank Cust for FNA Jersey BOI, LLC
575 Route 70, 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 1030
Brick, N.J. 08723

Redemption Amount:	Tax Title Lien #2014-031 and	
	Interest to Date of Meeting	\$ 5,018.26
	Premium Paid by Lienholder	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total From Current Fund:		\$ 5,018.26
Total From Tax Premium Account		1,200.00

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 Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing resolutions were duly adopted.

Roll Call:

Councilman Depew – absent	Councilwoman Thistleton – yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Romano - yes	Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

Mayor's Appointment

Resolution 076-17

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF AVERY BADOLATO TO THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE RECREATION COMMISSION

Mayor's appointment to the Recreation Commission as follows:

Avery Badolato to fill an unexpired term, said term to expire 12/31/2018

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope that they do hereby concur with the Mayor's appointment of Avery Badolato as a member of the Recreation Commission, to fill an unexpired 5-year term, with said term to expire December 31, 2018.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 077-17

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 March 28, 2017 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 Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Roll Call:

Councilman Depew – absent
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Romano - yes

Councilwoman Thistleton – yes
Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Ursula Leo, Borough Attorney, stated she had no report at this time.

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.

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matter(s).
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:

2 - Litigation
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Session at 6:40 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Mayor and Council reconvened the public meeting at 7:10 P.M. with all present.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilwoman Thistleton, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip
Deputy Clerk for
Ellen Horak, RMC
Borough Clerk