# MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING March 26, 2019 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 9, 2019 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 10:00 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. Please turn off all cell phones for the duration of this meeting.

# **ROLL CALL**

Council Members:

Councilwoman Kuncken – present Councilman Riccardi - present Councilman Romano – present Councilman Romano – present Councilwoman Thistleton - present Councilman Thornton - present Councilwoman Zdichocki - present

Mayor Maio - present

#### **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 21, 2019 Special Budget Meeting

February 26, 2019 Business Meeting & Closed Session

On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Riccardi and carried by voice vote, the above listed minutes were approved.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE** (List Attached)

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

# **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### <u>Public Safety - Councilwomen Kuncken/Thistleton</u>

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

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the February Fire Department report indicates there were 4 calls answered with a total of 18 man hours; 2 mutual aid calls totaling 10.75 man hours; 3 drills totaling 132.5 man hours; and 1 meeting. The overall total number of man hours was 175.25.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the County Fire Inspection report still does not list the results of the inspections. Ten inspections of various types were conducted for the month.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Police Department reported a total of 243 calls for the month of February.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Ambulance Squad report for February indicates there were 21 calls in Stanhope, 25 calls in Netcong and 2 stand-by calls for a total of 48 calls. There were no out of town calls. They had a total of 34 patients and made 32 trips to the hospital. They travelled 836 miles and had 165 hours and 47 minutes of volunteer hours for the month. No assistance was provided by the Netcong Fire Department or the Stanhope Fire Department.

# <u>Finance & Administration – Councilman Romano/Councilwoman Kuncken</u>

Councilman Romano stated the tax collections for the month of February were \$1,974,887.94. The year to date tax collection total is \$2,921,258.20 which is 93% of first quarter and year to date due.

Councilman Romano stated the water collections for the month of February total \$13,870.24 with a year to date total of \$43,437.05. The sewer collections for the month totaled \$17,456.10 with a year to date total of \$53,269.48.

Mayor Maio stated the Tax Collector's Report lists the liens from 10/16/18 compared to 2/28/19. There is a significant reduction. Administrator McNeilly stated the liens are being redeemed.

# <u>Community Development - Councilwoman Zdichocki/Councilman Thornton</u>

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

Councilwoman Zdichocki stated the Zoning and Code Enforcement Report indicates there were 7 notices of violations issued. There were 2 permit applications. Two more vacant properties were registered. The total amount collected from the time the Vacant Property Registration ordinance was enacted is \$59,000 as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Zdichocki stated, as a reminder to residents, that zoning permits and construction permits are required for many home improvements. Check the Borough website or call Borough Hall for information.

# <u>Municipal Infrastructure – Councilman Thornton/Councilwoman Zdichocki</u>

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

Councilman Thornton had no report.

#### <u>Information Technology - Councilmen Riccardi/Romano</u>

Councilman Riccardi stated once the information is received regarding the iPads, a meeting will be scheduled to determine how this will be implemented.

# <u>Boards/Commissions - Councilwoman Thistleton/Councilman Riccardi</u>

Councilwoman Thistleton stated the Free Rabies Clinic will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Department. The Recreation Commission will hold the Easter Egg Hunt on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Musconetcong Park. The Miss Stanhope contest will take place on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> with a raindate of Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event will be held at the Whistling Swan. Councilwoman Thistleton stated a tent will be put up this year to help with any weather issues.

# **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

<u>CR 602 / Grove Road Crosswalk</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated he has received the draft agreement from the Sussex County Engineer regarding the activated crosswalk for CR 602/Grove Road Crosswalk. Ursula Leo, Borough Attorney, has reviewed the agreement and a small change has been made. The resolution will be prepared once Sussex County signs the agreement. The Borough will fund the project with an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and the County will be responsible for maintaining the equipment. The County has indicated the Borough will be responsible to provide electric service if the solar power is not sufficient.

<u>Capital 2019</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated the 2019 capital funds are now available and the Department Heads have been notified.

<u>Plaster Mill</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated he has provided Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, with copies of the original application from 1976-1977 along with the requirements from the NJ Historic Preservation Office. The structure has deteriorated significantly over the years.

<u>Clean Up Day</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated Earth Day is April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Borough's Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>. Administrator McNeilly stated Dana Mooney, CFO, has asked if the Borough plans to sponsor the Shred/Electronics Day on April 27<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be prepared if the event is approved. The Governing Body approved the Shred/Electronics Day for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Administrator McNeilly stated the shredding event will also be utilized by the Borough's various departments.

<u>JCP&L</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated JCP&L has provided their lighting manual. Copies were provided to the Governing Body. Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, will review the manual to select the lighting for the crosswalk located on Route 183.

<u>Fire Department Bucket Drop 2019</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated Fire Chief Bookspan dropped off the printed traffic plan which was created by the Fire Department in 2013. Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, is reviewing the plan. Administrator McNeilly anticipates a resolution to be prepared for the April 9<sup>th</sup> agenda in order to move forward with the application to the State of NJ.

<u>JIF Loss Control Inspection</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated he is pleased to report that the Borough DPW passed the annual inspection. There were only a couple minor issues; the chaining of welding tanks and the proper storage of materials. The DPW staff is doing a great job of keeping a safe work environment.

<u>Sewer Easements</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated he, Jason Titsworth, DPW Superintendent, and Rob Depew, DPW, walked the easement from the Port Morris Station to Lloyd Avenue as well as the Lenape Valley line to the Highpoint Condominiums. The line from Lenape to Highpoint is not a Borough line but it does impact the system. The DPW is planning to clear the easement on the lake and run the sewer camera to inspect for infiltration. The DPW now has the ability to do this inspection. Five years ago the Borough had to hire an outside company to inspect and jet lines. Administrator McNeilly stated Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, will be discussing his recommendation for the installation of meters at Dell Place and Dell Road with another to be located at the bottom of Dell Road.

<u>Brooklyn Road</u> – Administrator McNeilly stated the DPW will be repairing a water connection at 92 Brooklyn Road on Thursday evening from 10:00pm to 6:00am. There will be a full closure of the road from Maple Terrace to Central Avenue. In preparation, a single lane closure will take place on Wednesday from 10:00am to 12:00pm to allow for saw cutting of the trench. Door notifications and Nixles are ready to be sent out. There should be no loss of water during the repair. Steel plates will be available to accommodate any tractor trailers which come through. Councilwoman Kuncken asked Administrator McNeilly to contact Emergency Services to make them aware of the closure. Councilman Thornton stated Lenape Valley High School has a delayed opening and will open at 10:00am on Wednesday. Administrator McNeilly stated the time of the single lane closure will be changed to take place from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Councilman Thornton asked Administrator McNeilly to continue to provide updates regarding the JCP&L lighting along with updates for the Plaster Mill. Administrator McNeilly stated he will provide updates and Eric Keller will be available to answer questions at the next scheduled meeting.

# **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

<u>Peter Smith Request</u> – Mayor Maio stated a request has been received from a resident requesting the waiver of a water bill. Administrator McNeilly stated a fire occurred at a two family home on Main Street and the residence has been vacant since that time. The property is being renovated. This issue is similar to the fire that occurred in the Stonegate Condominiums. Administrator McNeilly stated the Governing Body suspended the water and sewer bill for the condo during the loss of use with the understanding the billing will resume when the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. The Governing Body agreed to suspend the billing for the Main Street residence. Administrator McNeilly stated he will have a resolution prepared for the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

<u>Resolution in Support of Funding for State Lakes</u> – Mayor Maio stated the funding for the State lakes was discussed at a recent Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board (LMRPB) meeting. The anticipated legislation would require all gas taxes, boat registration fees etc. be dedicated to the maintenance of State owned lakes which would include Lake Musconetcong.

The LMRPB discussed the issue and agreed to ask the adjoining municipalities to provide a resolution in support. Mayor Maio stated she heard this afternoon that the anticipated legislation has been pulled back and therefore the request for support is not relevant at this time. The State has still not found a way to support its own properties.

<u>TAP Grant</u> – Mayor Maio asked Administrator McNeilly if there are any updates regarding the TAP Grant. Administrator McNeilly stated he has received emails from the State asking for additional information which has been taken care of. Mr. Keller will provide a report at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Administrator McNeilly asked what type of sign the Governing Body would like to have on Sparta Road as the "Welcome To Stanhope" sign. Mayor Maio stated the Governing Body did not want an ornate, expensive sign. The Governing Body agreed a sign similar to the one on the end of Main Street would be acceptable with some type of plantings around it. The sign for Sparta Road would not have business signs attached to it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ORDINANCE**

Mayor Maio offered the following ordinances for Public Hearing and Final Adoption which were read by title.

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Final Adoption

Ordinance 2019-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 144-3, LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Stanhope Board of Health has reviewed Section 144-3 of the Borough Code and has determined a revision is necessary to clarify the intent of exceptions to payment for retail food-handling applications.

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

#### **SECTION 1**

Section 144-3.D shall be deleted in its entirety and revised as follows:

D. There shall be a charge of \$50.00 for each such license, except that any non-profit school or non-profit organization shall be exempt from such license fee.

#### **SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

# **SECTION 3 - REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

# **SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law

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

Mayor Maio opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Maio closed the public portion of the meeting.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes
Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Thistleton - yes
Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

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

Ordinance 2019-05

CALENDAR YEAR 2019 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 2.5% 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 2019 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 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$35,386.95 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 2019 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 \$123,854.31, and that the CY 2019 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 Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Thistleton and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing ordinance was adopted.

Mayor Maio opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Maio closed the public portion of the meeting.

#### Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes
Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Thistleton - yes
Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

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

# **RESOLUTIONS**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE INTRODUCING THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET [Public Hearing to be held April 23, 2019]

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the attached Statements of Revenues and Appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the 2019 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 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building at which time and place objections to the 2019 Municipal Budget may be presented by taxpayers or other persons of interest.

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

Mayor Maio stated the total increase to the municipal budget this year is \$42,921.00. The municipal levy or property tax increase is 1.07%. The municipal tax rate is 1.168% and the increase on a home of average value in the Borough is \$24.63 annually. There are no anticipated increases in water and/or sewer. Mayor Maio stated in her opinion this is a productive, healthy and a very efficient budget.

# Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes
Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Thistleton - yes
Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

#### Resolution 072-19

Resolution Authorizing Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Borough of Stanhope hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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

#### Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes
Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Thistleton - yes
Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> (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 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE APPROVING SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

**WHEREAS,** Stanhope Hose Company No. 1 has filed an application for a Social Affair Permit for an event to be held on April 6, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, fees have been paid and the application has been properly reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope do hereby approve the Social Affair Permit for the Stanhope Hose Company No. 1 for their event to be held on April 6, 2019..

# RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

**WHEREAS**, the following homeowner has had a successful State Tax Appeal for the year 2018, which has resulted in a credit on the homeowner's 2018 property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner's attorney has authorized the issuance of a refund,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that a warrant be drawn to Schneck Holtzman, LLC Attorney Trust Account for the benefit of Jacek & Maria Kaczynski, representing a refund of an overpayment of property taxes due to a successful New Jersey State Tax Court judgment as follows:

Block Lot	Name & Address	Tax Year	Amount
11208 4	Michael I. Schneck, Trustee for		
	Kaczynski, Jacek & Maria	2018	\$4,113.00
	301 S. Livingston Avenue, Suite 105		
	Livingston, NJ 07039		

Homeowner: Jacek & Maria Kaczynski

Property Location: 11 Main Street

# 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. 2018-027, representing property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11602 L 7, known as 13 Young Dr, assessed to Neal A & Alfrieda E Palomba, 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: Stuart Lasher

P.O. Box 83

Milltown, NJ 08850

Redemption Amount: Tax Title Lien #2018-027 and

Interest to Date of Meeting \$ 2,704.54 Premium Paid by Lienholder 0.00

Total From Current Fund: \$ 2,704.54 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 Zdichocki, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing resolutions were duly adopted.

#### Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes

Councilman Riccardi - yes

Councilman Romano - yes

Councilwoman Thistleton - yes

Councilman Thornton – yes

Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

#### Resolution 076-19

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 26, 2019 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:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes
Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Thistleton - yes
Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilwoman Zdichocki – yes

# ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Ursula Leo stated the cannabis legislation was pulled on Monday. Attorney Leo stated she is of the opinion the Borough did the right thing in holding off. Under the proposed legislation, if the Borough had moved forward with anything, the legislation would have required further action. We are still on a wait and see approach.

#### **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.

Ray Cipollini, 11 Towpath Lane, stated as a member of the Board of Directors of the NJ Bike and Walk Coalition, he attended the 10<sup>th</sup> annual summit in February. The 23 cent gasoline tax which was implemented last year has already generated \$430 million worth of grants for municipalities and counties to improve safety on the roads. Mr. Cipollini stated as a concerned citizen and a member of the coalition he has some concerns about the two uncontrolled crosswalks on Route 183. There was a fatality at one of the crosswalks and the crosswalk at Main Street and Route 183 has a poor sight line. Mr. Cipollini wants to provide the NJDOT and the Transportation Planning Authority with input in order to streamline or expedite work in this area. Mr. Cipollini asked if the Borough has documentation which could be used to start this process. Administrator McNeilly stated due to the hurdles involved with the intersections on Route 183 this never progressed beyond the discussion stage. The Borough Engineer is currently working on a concept design for the crosswalk located by the American Legion. Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Governing Body is in the process of installing signals at the crosswalk located at the intersection of Grove Road and Brooklyn Road. Next year a request will be made to do the same at the Maple Terrace intersection. The grant for the Sparta Road project includes a crosswalk which will have signals installed. Mayor Maio stated there is no formal or informal program at the State level that responds to this need. Administrator McNeilly stated the Borough Engineer will be speaking about the crosswalks at the next meeting. Mr. Cipollini asked for the Governing Body's permission to discuss the issue with the Borough Engineer. Mayor Maio asked Mr. Cipollini to attend the next meeting and hear what the Borough Engineer has to say. There will be an opportunity then for Mr. Cipollini to speak with the Engineer during the public portion of the meeting.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilwoman Thistleton, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip

Deputy Clerk for

Ellen Horak, RMC

Borough Clerk