

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO COLORS

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

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

Adequate Notice of this Meeting has been provided according to the Open Public Meetings Act, Assembly Bill 1030. Notice of this Meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Notice sent to the New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record on January 8, 2020 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:

Councilman Cipollini – present	Councilman Romano - present
Councilwoman Kuncken - present	Councilman Thornton - present
Councilman Riccardi – present	

Mayor Zdichocki – present

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Zdichocki stated the purpose of this election for a temporary council member is to fill her vacant council seat.

On motion by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Romano, Gene Wronko was nominated as Temporary Council Member. On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Thornton the nominations were closed.

By the following roll call vote, Gene Wronko was elected Temporary Council to fill the vacant seat of Patricia Zdichocki:

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton - yes
Councilman Riccardi – yes	

OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Ursula Leo administered the Oath of Office to Gene Wronko. The Governing Body welcomed Councilman Wronko and Mayor Zdichocki invited Councilman Wronko to take his seat on the dais.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Zdichocki 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 Zdichocki closed this public portion of the meeting.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

December 10, 2019 Work Session/Agenda Meeting
December 19, 2019 Business Meeting

On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Romano and carried by voice vote, the above listed minutes were approved. Councilman Riccardi, Councilman Cipollini and Councilman Wronko abstained from the minutes of December 10th. Councilman Thornton, Councilman Cipollini and Councilman Wronko abstained from the minutes of December 19th.

CORRESPONDENCE (List Attached)

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilwoman Kuncken asked to give a brief report under Public Safety. Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Fire Chief attended the last Mayor and Council meeting and the extrication tools were discussed. The Fire Chief was asked by the Governing Body to schedule a meeting with the Ambulance Squad to discuss putting together written protocol on how the Fire Department will support the Ambulance Squad with rescue efforts. The meeting took place this past Saturday and a working framework has been outlined. Councilwoman Kuncken stated the goal is to have a written document available for the Governing Body's review at the February 11th Mayor and Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Musconetcong Avenue / Young Drive – Administrator McNeilly stated the additional slow down signage should be delivered on Friday this week. The signs will be installed when received.

Open Space Plan – Administrator McNeilly stated it was previously discussed that the Open Space Plan was updated in 2009 and is now overdue for review and update. The Borough has an Environmental Commission established by ordinance and therefore ANJEC will provide a grant to cover the cost of the review.

State Center Designation – Administrator McNeilly stated the Borough's center designation expires on June 30, 2020. Administrator McNeilly stated he is working on a letter of intent for the Mayor's signature. The Borough Planner will prepare a memo regarding his involvement and the budgetary issues required. Councilman Thornton asked how long the designation has been in place. Administrator McNeilly stated this originated in 2003. There have been several extensions over the years. This is a framework to designate a true town center. Netcong's designation includes their transit village. Netcong is now seeing the benefits of that with the new transit village development being built by the railroad tracks near Bank Street behind the businesses. Administrator McNeilly stated having a designation could provide for grant opportunities in the future. Councilwoman Kuncken stated if a municipality has a designation it is in their best interest to hold onto it.

Sussex County Fire Marshal – Administrator McNeilly stated the current agreement with the Sussex County Fire Marshal's Office expires on June 30, 2020. The County has asked if the Borough wishes to renew the agreement. The new agreement would be for three (3) years. Councilwoman Kuncken stated she has no objection with renewing the agreement. The Borough is satisfied with the services provided. The only issue is that the Fire Marshal's report does not contain specific information regarding the results of the inspections. Administrator McNeilly stated he will mention the issue with the reports to the Fire Marshal.

Harmful Algae Bloom Summit – Administrator McNeilly stated a Harmful Algae Bloom Summit was held at the Pequest Hatchery today. Administrator McNeilly stated he attended along with approximately 50 people. This was a very good program which discussed the technology and science aspect of the algae. The problem arises when there is heavy rain along with the phosphorous runoff followed by a lot of sunshine. In 2017 there were 18 confirmed cases. In 2018 there were 19 cases. In 2019 there were 35 cases. The concentration was in Morris County,

Sussex County and Warren County. The problem does exist in New York State and Pennsylvania. New Jersey's testing is much more stringent than New York's. This was apparent with Greenwood Lake. The New York side was open and the New Jersey side was closed. Discussions at the summit addressed equipment, aeration, chemistry and dredging. There are three stagnant areas on Lake Musconetcong where the blooms occurred. The test done at Port Morris Avenue was 178,000 parts per million which is substantial. Administrator McNeilly stated at the summit they discussed a way to use barley hay bales as a buffer. As it transitions through the barley there is a chemical reaction which leaches in with the water to bust up the cycle. The blooms will continue to occur and hopefully Lake Hopatcong will be monitored more closely by the State which may reduce the phosphorous even further. Mayor Zdichocki stated, for the benefit of the public, that the Borough has been trying to find grants to help with this issue. Unfortunately the work has to be done at the lake above. Aeration has been proven to help and is beneficial for the fish as well. Mayor Zdichocki stated the barley process is very expensive even to treat a Koi pond. Administrator McNeilly stated he and the Administrator from Netcong did a search for information on the barley process and all the references related to ponds not lakes. The Borough cleans and inspects the catch basins regularly to keep the grit out of the lake and the borough has a water and sewer system, not septic systems. The Lake Board utilizes the hydrorake which was obtained through a grant. There are water quality detention basins. These are all positive actions which are taking place.

NJ Transit Bus Shelter (Route 183) – Administrator McNeilly stated during the recent snow storm the bus shelter on Route 183 was flattened. The DPW and the Police Department reviewed the situation but there is no way to reassemble the shelter. NJ Transit emailed the vendor information and said to have an insurance claim submitted with the driver's insurance information. There is no driver due to the fact this was a hit and run. NJ Transit then stated a claim should be submitted through the Borough's insurance. Administrator McNeilly stated he received an email from NJ Transit stating that the Borough is responsible for the bus shelter. Administrator McNeilly stated he has requested copies of the documentation which indicates this responsibility belongs to the Borough. If in fact it does fall to the Borough, an insurance claim will be generated. Mayor Zdichocki asked how long it will take for the shelter to be replaced or if NJ Transit has a temporary shelter that can be installed in the meantime. Administrator McNeilly stated the replacement timeframe will be determined by the vendor and no temporary shelter is available.

Borough Engineer – Administrator McNeilly stated Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, will be attending the February 11th Mayor and Council Meeting to provide engineering project updates.

Open Space Plan – Councilman Cipollini asked if the Open Space Plan has any effect on the affordable housing requirements. Administrator McNeilly stated the plan does not affect the housing. The plan is an inventory of what space is available and it may lend itself to other grants. Attorney Leo stated this is sometimes confused with the Vacant Land Analysis which is a block and lot list used to determine what is developable.

JCP&L – Councilman Romano stated at a prior meeting there was discussion about asking JCP&L to attend a Mayor and Council meeting regarding the frequency of power outages. Councilman Romano asked if a meeting has been scheduled. Administrator McNeilly stated he contacted the JCP&L representative and alerted her to the governing body's concerns. The information will be gathered and she will advise her availability to attend a February meeting.

Sussex County Fire Marshal Agreement – Councilman Riccardi asked Administrator McNeilly if the new agreement with the Sussex County Fire Marshal's office will be on the next meeting agenda. Administrator McNeilly stated a copy of the new agreement should be available for distribution to the governing body prior to the next meeting but it may not be ready for placement on the agenda. Councilman Thornton asked if there will be a cost increase. Administrator McNeilly stated the costs are fee based to the customer. Mayor Zdichocki stated as a reminder that the governing body would like more information on the monthly reports. Councilman Thornton asked what, if any, alternatives are available. Administrator McNeilly stated prior to contracting with the county, the Borough had its own inspector. The Borough could have an employee responsible and the hope would be that the fee intake would be greater than the cost of the employee. The Borough could enter into a shared service with another municipality. Another option, which has been done in the past, would be to contract with the State of NJ. There were some customer service concerns when the Borough was contracted with the State. Councilman Thornton stated in his opinion the governing body would not receive detailed information regarding inspections done by the State. Administrator McNeilly stated he

has not received any complaints from the customers and the inspections are being done. Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Borough is receiving good service. Administrator McNeilly stated he will inquire about having more detail in the reports if the system can provide that type of detail.

Engineer's Report Request - Councilman Thornton asked Administrator McNeilly to ask the Borough Engineer to provide a written report for the next meeting. Councilman Thornton stated, in his opinion, this will update the new council members on the various projects especially if the report is available before the meeting.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Police Department Access Agreement with Ring, LLC (Resolution) – Mayor Zdichocki asked Administrator McNeilly to explain the agreement with Ring. Administrator McNeilly stated in October the Police Chief requested a resolution to accept the equipment from Ring. The camera and doorbell has been installed on the building. The goal is to eventually remove the old phone system which has not been working well over the past few years. The new equipment is connected with dispatch and they can immediately see the person. The next step is to tie the agreement in with the neighborhood app to allow the receiving of information which will then be stored for six months. Councilwoman Kuncken stated the cost is \$30 per year. Councilman Thornton asked if the agreement then allows the police department to garner information from anyone's Ring. Mayor Zdichocki stated there is an option to share information or not to share. Councilman Thornton stated residents could view this as an invasion of their privacy if information was shared. Councilman Riccardi stated for privacy concerns an exact location is not shared.

James McNeilly Scholarship (Stanhope School) – Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Borough has been supporting the James McNeilly Scholarship for a number of years. The scholarship recognizes and honors Administrator McNeilly's father James for his years of service on the governing body. The scholarship is in warded by Stanhope School. The school has changed the procedure. Years ago savings bonds were purchased. The school is not permitted to release any personal information or the name of the recipient. The scholarship is awarded at graduation and kept secret until that time. The graduation program will list that the donation for the scholarship has come from Stanhope Borough. Ellen Horak, Borough Clerk, stated last year the governing body chose to have the recipient of the scholarship pick up their award at Borough Hall. There was an issue in the past where the scholarship was not awarded and the school retained the donation.

On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Riccardi and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, approval was granted to make a donation in the amount of \$100 for the James McNeilly Scholarship.

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Fire Department Bucket Drop Request – Councilwoman Kuncken stated, for the benefit of the new council members, there has been a lot of discussion over the past two years regarding the bucket drop due to the fact the State has changed the rules regarding where the Fire Department can be located to conduct the fund raiser. Last year a diagram and plan was submitted to satisfy the State. This enabled the Fire Department to conduct the bucket drop on the highway at Route 183 and McKinley Street and at Route 183 and Dell Road. Mayor Maio stated originally there were concerns about traffic and safety but no problems occurred at last year's bucket drop.

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilman Cipollini and unanimously carried by voice vote approval was granted to the Fire Department to conduct the Bucket Drop fund raiser as specified in their letter of January 23, 2020.

Administrator McNeilly stated a resolution will be required for the bucket drop.

TAP Grant – Mayor Zdichocki stated the Borough Engineer will be present at the next scheduled meeting to provide an update on the TAP Grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Zdichocki offered the following ordinances for public hearing and final adoption which were read by title.

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Final Adoption

Ordinance 2020-01

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$28,400 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$28,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$28,400, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and exclusive of the sum of \$56,850 appropriated therefor on the date hereof by virtue of a water utility bond ordinance and a general capital bond ordinance of the Borough.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet said \$28,400 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$28,400 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$28,400 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment for use by the sewer utility of the Borough, including one (1) mason dump truck, together with all equipment, appurtenances and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose pursuant to this bond ordinance is \$28,400.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$85,250, the excess thereof over the appropriation hereby made therefor being the amount of \$56,850 appropriated on the date hereof by virtue of a water utility bond ordinance and a general capital bond ordinance of the Borough.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Borough may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is five (5) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Borough determined as provided in said Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Borough as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$28,400, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,5000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in paragraph (h) of section 40A:2-7 of said Local Bond Law, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance are to issued for a purpose which is self-liquidating within the meaning and limitations of section 40A:2-45 of said Local Bond Law and are deductible, pursuant to paragraph of (c) of section 40A:2-44 of said Local Bond Law, from the gross debt of the Borough.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from revenues of the sanitary sewerage system of the Borough, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Borough Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

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

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes
 Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
 Councilman Riccardi – yes

Councilman Romano - yes
 Councilman Thornton – yes
 Councilman Wronko - yes

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

Ordinance 2020-02

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$461,300, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$334,625 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey. For the said several improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums, except as described in said Section 3, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and amounting in the aggregate to \$461,300 including the aggregate sum of \$17,675 as the several down payments for said improvements or purposes required by law and more particularly described in said Section 3 and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes and including also, in the case of the improvement or purpose described in paragraph (b) of said Section 3, the sum of \$109,000 received or expected to be received by the Borough from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement to Dell Road.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the part of said \$461,300 appropriations not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments and grant, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$334,625 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$334,625 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriation made for and estimated cost of each such purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each such purpose, are respectively as follows:

IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE	APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES
(a) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment, including one (1) mason dump truck for use by the Department of Public Works of the Borough, together with all equipment, appurtenances and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed	\$28,450	\$27,025

<p>in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved, the \$28,450 hereby appropriated therefor being exclusive of the sum of \$56,800 appropriated therefor on the date hereof by a water utility bond ordinance and a sewer utility bond ordinance of the Borough</p> <p>(b) Improvement of various roads in and by the Borough by the construction or reconstruction therein of roadway pavements at least equal in useful life or durability to a roadway pavement of Class B construction (as such term is used or referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law) including, without limitation, Dell Road, Highland Avenue, North Central Avenue, Baker Place, Roberts Place, Lakeview Terrace and Central Avenue, together with all structures, appurtenances, milling, curb and sidewalk reconstruction, drainage improvements, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved, the \$432,850 hereby appropriated therefor being inclusive of the sum of \$109,000 received or expected to be received by the Borough from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement to Dell Road.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">432,850</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Totals \$461,300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">307,600</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$334,625</p>
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Except as otherwise stated in paragraph (b) above with respect to the said \$109,000 grant-in-aid of financing the purpose described in said paragraph, the excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the said down payment for said purpose.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and each is a property or improvement which the Borough may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of the said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 9.59 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$334,625, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) Amounts not exceeding \$45,000 in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. The funds from time to time received by the Borough on account of the grant referred to in Section 1 of this bond ordinance shall be used for financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(b) of this bond ordinance by application thereof either to direct payment of the costs of said improvement or purpose, or to payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized by this bond ordinance. Any such funds so received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of such costs shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 6. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 7. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 8. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Borough Clerk and are available for public inspection.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

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

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – yes	Councilman Wronko - yes

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

Ordinance 2020-03 **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$236,400, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$236,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey. For the said several improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums, except as described in said Section 3, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and amounting in the aggregate to \$236,400.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the said \$236,400 appropriations, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$236,400 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$236,400 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriation made for and estimated cost of each such purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each such purpose, are respectively as follows:

IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE	APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES
(a) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment, including one (1) dump truck, together with all equipment, appurtenances and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough	\$28,400	\$28,400

paragraph of (c) of section 40A:2-44 of said Local Bond Law, from the gross debt of the Borough.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from revenues of the water supply and distribution system of the Borough, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Borough Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

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

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – yes	Councilman Wronko - yes

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE

Mayor Zdichocki offered the following ordinance for Introduction and First Reading which was read by title.

Ordinance for Introduction and First Reading [Public Hearings on February 25, 2020]

Ordinance 2020-04

CALENDAR YEAR 2020 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 2020 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 \$35,873.49 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 2020 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 \$125,557.22, and that the CY 2020 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 introduced.

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – yes	Councilman Wronko - yes

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 041-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE FOR THE YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope has a need for professional services for the year 2020 of Borough Attorney, Borough Labor Attorney, Bond Attorney, Borough Engineer, Borough Planner, Borough Auditor and Conflict Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the position of each of the agreements will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of each contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP has submitted a proposal to provide legal services as Borough Attorney and as Labor Attorney for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Robert Beinfield, Esq. of the firm Hawkins, Delafield and Wood has submitted a proposal to provide legal services as Borough Bond Attorney for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Bowman Consulting has submitted a proposal indicating that it will provide engineering services as Municipal Engineer and Municipal Planner for the Borough of Stanhope for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Nisivoccia & Company, LLP has submitted a proposal indicating that it will provide auditing services as Municipal Auditor for the Borough of Stanhope for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Robert Morgenstern, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide legal services to the Borough as Conflict Counsel for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, each of the aforesaid professionals has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification certifying that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Stanhope in the previous one year and that the contract will prohibit said professional from making any reportable contribution through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, each of the aforesaid professionals has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Stanhope has certified the availability of funds for these contracts pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.4;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Mayor and Clerk be and the same are hereby authorized to execute individual agreements with each Borough Professional named herein above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the above contract shall be published by the Borough in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Resolution 042-20

**AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTIFIED RECYCLING
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CERTIFY AND SUBMIT
THE 2019 RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT TO NJDEP**

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) requires that reports or other recycling-related documents be signed/certified by a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP); and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A 40A:65-1, et, seq.) (hereinafter, “the Act”) provides that local units of government may enter into a contract to provide or receive any service that either local unit participating in the Agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating units (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope will prepare the 2019 Recycling Tonnage Report; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope has requested the services of the SCMUA in the form of the District Recycling Coordinator as a Certified Recycling Professional to certify and submit the required 2019 Borough of Stanhope Recycling Tonnage Report to NJDEP by April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, SCMUA has the qualified staff to certify the Recycling Tonnage Report prepared by the Borough of Stanhope and electronically submit it to NJDEP on behalf of the Borough of Stanhope under the terms and conditions set for in the Shared Services Agreement.

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

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Shared Services Agreement with SCMUA, for the provision of a Certified Recycling Professional Services to certify and submit the 2019 Recycling Tonnage Report to NJDEP.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Resolution 043-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope is in need of the services of a grant consulting firm with knowledge of all aspects of the availability of applications for state and federal grants that may be available to the Borough of Stanhope on a competitive basis to assist the Borough in identifying and applying for such grants; and

WHEREAS, the services of a grant consultant constitute extraordinary unascertainable services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii); and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies, LLC has the necessary experience and qualified staff to provide grant consulting services to the Borough on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Strategies, LLC has made a written proposal to the Borough of Stanhope to provide grant consultation services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement between the Borough and Millennium Strategies, LLC provides for a retainer of \$1,250 per month, which amount is not in excess of the Borough’s bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, said agreement with Millennium Strategies, LLC is terminable at will by the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Borough does hereby award a contract for extraordinary unspecifiable services to Millennium Strategies, LLC, a copy of which agreement is attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Resolution 044-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFER FOR THE YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, various 2019 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2019 Budget Appropriations in the last two months of 2019; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allows transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope that transfers be made in the amount of \$8,195.00 in Current Fund between the 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

CURRENT FUND	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Bldg & Grounds - O/E	\$ 4,195.00	
Recreation - O/E	\$ 4,000.00	
Police - Other Expenses		\$ 44.00
Vehicles - Road Dept		\$ 8,151.00
	\$ 8,195.00	\$ 8,195.00

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes	Councilman Wronko – 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 045-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROVIDING USED TURNOUT GEAR RACKS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope owns wall mounted steel turnout gear racks that are no longer in use or needed; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Department of the Township of Montague has approached Stanhope and has an interest in utilizing the gear racks; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the gear racks value is minimal and may be given to the Volunteer Fire Department of the Township of Montague, without further action, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the turnout gear racks be given to the Volunteer Fire Department of the Township of Montague.

Resolution 046-20

RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the homeowner was approved to receive the property tax exemption of a totally disabled veteran as of the date of application, December 23, 2019, and is therefore exempt from property taxes from that date forward; and

WHEREAS, the total amount due in 2019 was \$7,366.20; and

WHEREAS, the total liability is now pro-rated for 352 days from January 1, 2019 to December 22, 2019, or a total payable of \$7,202.51; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has in good faith paid the four quarters of 2019 property taxes in the amount of \$7,366.20, creating an overpayment of \$163.69 in taxes on this property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, that a warrant be drawn to the homeowner in the designated amount representing an over payment of taxes, as follows:

Homeowner Information:

Block	Lot	Name & Address	Tax Year	Amount
10401	3	Rafael Flores-Lira & Cristina Flores 13 Lloyd Avenue Stanhope, New Jersey 07874	2019	\$163.69

Resolution 047-20

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. 2019-006, representing 2018 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11205, Lot 5, known as 5 Kelly Pl, assessed to Georgianna Mailander, 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:	NJSL 301, LLC 650 E Palisades Ave, #2258 Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632		
Redemption Amount:	Tax Title Lien #2019-006 and Interest to Date of Meeting	\$	4,329.83
	Premium Paid by Lienholder		0.00
Total From Current Fund:		\$	4,329.83
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 Councilman Riccardi, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing resolutions were duly adopted.

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Mayor’s Appointments

Resolution 048-20

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH’S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MUSCONETCONG SEWERAGE AUTHORITY WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE

Mayor's appointment of Thomas Romano as the Borough representative to the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority with Council Concurrence.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope that they do hereby concur with the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Romano as the Borough’s representative to the Musconetcong Sewerage Authority for a 5-year term effective February 1, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Secretary of State.

On motion by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Riccardi and carried unanimously by voice vote, the above resolution was adopted.

Resolution 049-20

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA POLAND AS AN ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Patricia Poland as an alternate crossing guard for the Borough of Stanhope, effective immediately.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 050-20

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 January 28, 2020 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 Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - yes
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi - yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

ATTORNEY REPORT

There was no attorney report.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

Nancy Hoyt, 33 Lawrence Avenue, asked for some background information on the new council member. Mayor Zdichocki suggested introductions be made after the meeting. Councilman Wronko agreed.

Doreen Thistleton, 13232 Dell Place, stated she has received information from Lois Kinney at the County with regard to the Miss Stanhope Contest. Ms. Thistleton informed the governing body that she would like to remain as the organizer for the Miss Stanhope Contest and asked for their approval. Mayor Zdichocki stated she is of the opinion Ms. Thistleton does a great job organizing the Miss Stanhope contest and should remain doing so. The governing body agreed. Ms. Thistleton will remain as the organizer for the Miss Stanhope contest.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Romano, and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip
Deputy Clerk for
Ellen Horak, RMC
Borough Clerk