

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 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.

Furthermore, notice of the change in the meeting location was sent to the New Jersey Herald and Daily Record on July 22, 2020 and was placed on the official website of the Borough of Stanhope.

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 - absent
Councilwoman Kuncken - present	Councilman Thornton - present
Councilman Riccardi – present	Councilman Wronko - present

Mayor Zdichocki – present

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.

Gil Moscatello, 21 Towpath Lane, welcomed everyone to Stanhope School. Mr. Moscatello stated he spoke at the last virtual meeting with regard to the speed humps on Musconetcong Avenue. Since that time, he has obtained copies of minutes of prior meeting which discussed the speed humps. The minutes state what he believes is the spirit of the discussions. Mr. Moscatello measured one of the speed humps a few weeks ago but before this meeting he went back and measured all four. Some are six inches, some are three and a half inches, some are six inches going toward Route 206 and some are three and a half inches coming away from Route 206. Some of the center humps are not in the center of the twelve feet. They are offset to one side or the other which changes the ramp. Mr. Moscatello stated he has two things to bring to note from the minutes which he feels are very important. On March 10, 2020, the minutes state “Mr. Keller stated the plan is to put the speed humps back, but they will be properly designed. Mr. Keller noted the speed humps on Young Drive and Dell Road enable a vehicle to drive over them safely at 25mph.” Mr. Moscatello stated later on the minutes state “Mr. Keller said you must control traffic and in his opinion the speed humps have been effective. He understands that the previous speed humps were not proper, but the new ones being installed are properly designed.” Mr. Moscatello stated the speed humps that were installed are exactly the same as the previous ones. Nothing changed. They are the exact width and the exact height of the ones that were taken out. In doing some research, the idea behind the speed hump is to reduce the traffic speed by 85%. That is the objective for speed limits between 25mph and 35mph. After 35mph the specifications change. At 25mph, 85% is roughly 21mph. Right now, the speed humps cannot be travelled over if you are going 15mph. We are at the maximum end of the slope. The maximum slope you can have is 1 in 10. The minimum is 1 in 25. What we currently have is a 1 in 12 slope. The slope is very steep driving

over. If that is changed to the specs that are done by the National Association of City Transportation, to gain an 85% change in the speed limit, which is 21mph, the height would have to be changed to three and a half inches and widen the slope to seven feet in one direction. Right now, the total hump is twelve feet wide, six feet up and six feet down. If that is changed to fourteen feet, seven feet up and seven feet down, three and a half inches high, it should be able to be navigated at approximately 20mph. Mr. Moscatello stated he is of the opinion this would be a reasonable accommodation to make the change. Mr. Moscatello stated at the last online meeting, the engineer was asked if the humps had been inspected and the engineer had stated he believed they were inspected. Mr. Moscatello stated it has been two weeks since the last meeting but he has not received any updated information from the town. Mr. Moscatello stated he hopes the change can be made without any additional cost incurred. If the speed humps were not installed to the engineer's specifications, then someone else should be held accountable to fix this. Mr. Moscatello asked the governing body to take this into consideration. He is not asking to have the speed humps removed completely, even though that is his preference, because he does understand some parents in the area have some comfort with the presence of the speed humps. If the traffic can be slowed down to make people conscious of the 25mph speed limit, he is of the opinion that is a reasonable expectation. Mayor Zdichocki stated the Borough Engineer will be attending the August 11th meeting to provide an update on the speed humps. Mayor Zdichocki thanked Mr. Moscatello and he in turn thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Mr. Moscatello stated it is not said often and now that he is retired and around town more, he has never seen a harder working group of town workers than the crew we have here. He has never seen them standing around with a cup of coffee in their hand doing nothing. They are always doing something, cleaning things up or fixing things and they do a great job. Councilwoman Kuncken stated they agree with Mr. Moscatello. Administrator McNeilly stated he will pass this on. Mayor Zdichocki thanked Mr. Moscatello.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

June 9, 2020	Work Session/Agenda Meeting & Closed Session
June 23, 2020	Business Meeting & Closed Session

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

CORRESPONDENCE *(List Attached)*

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Councilwoman Kuncken/Councilman Thornton

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

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Fire Department for the month of June reported 2 calls, 1 mutual aid call, 1 meeting, 1 special detail and a hose testing for a total number of man hours volunteered of 201.75.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Police Department for the month of June reported 53 motor vehicle stops and the total number of calls for the month were 176.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated no County Fire Marshal report was received. Inspections have not resumed due to the virus. Councilwoman Kuncken stated no Ambulance Report was received.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated a Public Safety Committee Meeting with the Fire Department and the Ambulance Squad has been scheduled for August 13th to discuss ongoing efforts by both agencies to formulate an agreement with regard to rescue operations, as they have been asked to do by the governing body. Councilwoman Kuncken stated she will keep the governing body informed of the progress.

Finance & Administration – Councilman Romano/Councilwoman Kuncken

No report was given due to Councilman Romano's absence.

Community Development – Councilman Wronko/Councilman Riccardi

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

Councilman Wronko stated the Zoning Official has reported that 31 zoning permit applications were received over the past few months. Many people are taking the opportunity to work on their homes during the quarantine. There was a total of 14 violations and complaints. The fees collected as of June 30, 2020 for the vacant and abandoned properties is \$87,250.00.

Councilman Wronko stated the garage sale day and the pig roast at Shakey Jake's are still scheduled for October. Councilwoman Kuncken stated she spoke with the owner of Shakey Jake's a week ago and things are still in limbo. One of the issues will be the distancing of the tables. It is unsure at this time whether or not they will be able to accommodate us. At this time, it does not look like the restrictions will be changing any time soon. Councilwoman Kuncken will be meeting with the owners again next week to discuss the issue.

Councilman Wronko stated the Sussex County Day has been cancelled.

Municipal Infrastructure – Councilman Thornton/Councilman Wronko

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

Councilman Thornton stated he had no report this evening.

Information Technology – Councilman Riccardi/Councilman Cipollini

Councilman Riccardi stated he had no report this evening.

Boards/Commissions – Councilman Cipollini/Councilman Romano

Councilman Cipollini stated he heard from the Board of Health that both of the condominium complex's have decided not to open their pools this summer.

Councilman Cipollini stated radon kits are still available at Borough Hall. More kits can be obtained if necessary.

Councilman Cipollini stated the rabies clinic in Stanhope was cancelled for this year but a date will be planned for 2021.

Councilman Cipollini stated the Environmental Commission has not held a meeting for the past few months but they are planning to meet in August.

Councilman Cipollini stated the Land Use Board held their last meeting on March 9th. No meetings are scheduled at this time.

Councilman Cipollini stated the Recreation Commission is unsure at this time if the Halloween Parade and the Tree Lighting will be held.

Councilman Cipollini stated no report was received from the Shade Tree Commission.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Brooklyn Road / Baker Place Water Project – Administrator McNeilly stated Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, reissued the bid specs for the Brooklyn Road / Baker Place Water Project. The plan is to be able to award the contract at the August 25th meeting. The Borough Engineer sees no problem with being able to complete the project this year. The paving of Baker Place and Highland Avenue will be pushed into 2021.

Crack Sealer – Administrator McNeilly stated the DPW received a shipment of crack sealer. Crews will be out crack sealing the streets over the next few weeks. Nixles will be issued to alert drivers. Mayor Zdichocki stated the County did crack sealing on Brooklyn Road.

Water System – Administrator McNeilly stated there has not been much rain and we are still in a dry period. The DPW Superintendent continues to report the water system is in great shape with levels at expected levels. We should continue to be careful not to waste water.

2020 NJLM Conference Planning Survey – Administrator McNeilly stated the governing body may have received a NJLM Conference Planning Survey by email. The NJLM is strongly urging the municipalities to complete the survey as the League is still trying to decide whether or not the November conference should take place in person or if it should take place electronically.

Borough OEM Coordinator – Administrator McNeilly stated Wayne Anthony, OEM Coordinator, is confirmed to be at the August 11th meeting.

Borough Engineer – Administrator McNeilly stated Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, will be attending the August 11th meeting to review the TAP Grant status, Dell Road Project and provide a review of the speed humps on Musconetcong Avenue.

Taxes – Administrator McNeilly stated at a previous meeting there was a discussion on the estimated tax bills. Essentially it was like trying to look into a crystal ball. The rate was received the other day at 4.23% and 7/10ths. The Borough's rate was 4.24%. The CFO really hunted down information to obtain the rate. This was due to her years of experience. This will prevent "pain" in the fourth quarter. Administrator McNeilly stated he commended the CFO on her effort. Administrator McNeilly stated the first year he was working here an estimated tax bill was sent out but it was for a different reason so it was not as extreme a situation. The level of experience really carried the day.

Administrator McNeilly stated the overall tax collection rate as of June 30, 2019 was 95.735%. The overall tax collection rate as of June 30, 2020 is 97.135%. The Borough continues to be on the good side for collections.

Administrator McNeilly stated the water and sewer collections continue to be \$10,000 to \$15,000 ahead of where it was last year. The Borough has made it through the first critical step. The next thing to watch is the fourth quarter tax.

Clean Communities – Administrator McNeilly stated the CFO has received an email from the State of NJ allowing municipalities to conduct community clean ups. Administrator McNeilly asked the governing body for their input. Typically, a cleanup is usually scheduled for the end of September or the beginning of April. Administrator McNeilly stated a decision does not need to be made this evening but the question will be arising in the next month or so. The County has begun the shredding again so it is conceivable that this could be an option. The shredding event cannot take place without a clean up day. Mayor Zdichocki stated she is of the opinion the last two or three clean ups have been cancelled due to weather. Administrator McNeilly stated the Clean Communities Coordinator usually coordinates the event in conjunction with the Environmental Commission. Administrator McNeilly asked if the governing body would like to move forward with clean up day. Mayor Zdichocki took a straw poll of the governing body. The results are as follows: Councilman Riccardi – yes; Councilman Cipollini – yes; Councilman Wronko – yes; Councilman Thornton – yes; Councilwoman Kuncken – yes.

Budget 2021 – Administrator McNeilly stated it is time to begin work on the budget for 2021. The timeline is as follows: August 7th – Initial Budget & Capital Request Forms will be sent out; September 11th – All Operating & Capital Requests are due to the CFO; September 25th – Budget Books will be prepared.

Brooklyn Road / Baker Place Bid - Councilman Wronko asked if the Borough Engineer has the same expectations for the Brooklyn Road/Baker Place bids. Administrator McNeilly stated the Borough Engineer spoke with several of the contractors, some of whom did bid and some that did not. The exact opposite of what was expected happened. Our thought was that the contractors would not be busy at the beginning of the year and would be looking for work. The contractors were overloaded with work which had carried over from last year along with new work from the beginning of the year. They are also having trouble putting crews together. The contractors had indicated they will be in a better position to bid aggressively this time. Councilman Wronko asked if the Engineer’s estimate has changed. Administrator McNeilly stated the estimate is the same. Fine tuning has been done to the specifications with regard to the copper required and some other items which go along with that based on conversations the Engineer has had with various individuals.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Temporary Sign Ordinance – Councilman Cipollini stated at the last Mayor and Council meeting there was a lengthy discussion held with regard to a temporary sign ordinance. The ordinance would address the number of signs permitted and how long they could remain in place. There were a lot of different opinions and a great deal of information was shared. Councilman Cipollini stated on Monday, July 20th, he drove around the Borough and looked at the homes which would be affected by the adoption of a temporary sign ordinance. There was a property with 5 signs; 3 were political in nature and 2 were celebrating a graduation. Another property had 7 signs; 5 were political in nature, 1 was a social cause and 1 was to support COVID responders. The third property he saw had 26 lawn signs; 25 were political in nature, 1 was to support an environmental cause and there were 7 hanging banners which were political in nature. Councilman Cipollini stated he is of the opinion the aesthetics are the concern. Given the evidence he has observed, the overwhelming message being displayed by these property owners is in support of one or more presidential election candidates and the election is set to occur in 99 days. Councilman Cipollini stated he has four issues with this. The first is that it could be seen as though the Borough is targeting a small number of property owners. This amounts to .002% of property owners in the Borough. This is 2/10ths of 1% which could look like a target. It could also be interpreted that the governing body is targeting signs of a political nature since 87% of the signs he witnessed are political in nature. The third point is that the governing body could be accused of attempting to suppress someone’s first amendment rights. Councilman Cipollini stated in his opinion it would be a big mistake to act on this ordinance when there are only 99 days before the general election. Therefore, Councilman Cipollini stated he moves that any more discussion on this ordinance be tabled until the November 10th meeting.

On motion by Councilman Cipollini, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and carried by a majority vote, the discussion regarding the ordinance for temporary signs will be tabled until the November 10th meeting.

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - absent
Councilwoman Kuncken - yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi - no	Councilman Wronko – yes

Mayor Zdichocki stated the discussion which took place at the last meeting had absolutely nothing to do with any political suggestions or targeting anyone in that aspect. There have been complaints from residents because other residents are taking advantage. As with all situations that arise, the governing body needs to act on those complaints. Mayor Zdichocki stated she is sorry that a conclusion cannot be made at this time and tabling the discussion is fine. Councilman Cipollini stated he agreed with Mayor Zdichocki one hundred percent but in his opinion the timing of this could be controversial. Councilman Cipollini asked if this issue should be discussed further with the Borough Attorney. Mayor Zdichocki stated the Borough’s Counsel will be consulted. Attorney Leo stated this can be discussed during executive session if the governing body chooses to do so.

Moment of Silence - Mayor Zdichocki stated she received a message stating that a former Fire Chief has passed away. Don Drake, present in the audience stated the name of the former Fire Chief was James Mutchler. Mayor Zdichocki asked for a moment of silence.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 120-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF BOROUGH OF STANHOPE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM MORTGAGE

WHEREAS, Lorraine M. Bender and Fred Bender Sr. (“Borrowers”), the owners of 74 Brooklyn Road, Stanhope, New Jersey, Block 10905, Lot 10, obtained from the Borough of Stanhope a loan through the Stanhope Small Cities Block Grant Rehabilitation Program for the completion of code deficiency repairs on or about January 20, 2006, which Mortgage was recorded in the Sussex County Clerk’s Office in Mortgage Book 7412, Pages 299-303 on February 9, 2006 (the “Mortgage”); and

WHEREAS, the Borrowers have re-paid the full loan amount via the Estate of Lorraine Bender, on or about July 20, 2020, and the Estate has requested that the Mortgage be discharged; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council agree to discharge the mortgage.

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

1. The Mortgage given to the Borough of Stanhope by the Borrowers is hereby discharged and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the Discharge of Mortgage document, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Borough.
3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Cipollini – yes	Councilman Romano - absent
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 121-20 RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR BROOKLYN ROAD AND BAKER PLACE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope received responses, publicly read aloud for the Brooklyn Road and Baker Place Water System Improvements on June 30, 2020 at 2:30PM; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received three (3) bids from The Shauger Group, Inc., John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. and Montana Construction Corp Inc., as attached; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 7:26H-6.5(h) allows for rejection of bids in conformity with the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 et. seq., and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(b)) allow for rejection of bids by a governing body to reject all bids for circumstances where the lowest bid substantially exceeds the appropriations for the goods or services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Chief Financial Officer and Administrator have determined that bid submittals substantially exceed anticipated budgetary appropriations for said services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, authorizes the rejection of bid submitted by bidders in response to the Brooklyn Road and Baker Place Water System Improvements for the reasons stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(b).

Resolution 122-20 **Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle FY2021**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex does hereby recognize the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a revised strategic plan for the Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 2,937.00
Cash Match	\$ 734.00
In-Kind	\$ 2,202.00

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution 123-20 **RESOLUTION - EXEMPT FIREMAN CERTIFICATE HUGH MATLACK**

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope wishes to duly authorize the issuance of the Certificate of Exemption to Hugh Matlack;

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

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

Resolution 124-20 RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, both the new property owner and the former property owner's bank made payment of the 4th Quarter 2018 property taxes, creating an overpayment of taxes on this property; and

WHEREAS, neither the former owner nor the new homeowner have contacted the tax office for a refund, and since the overpayment is still a credit on the account, it is now due to the new (current) homeowner; and

WHEREAS, the current homeowner's bank is paying their taxes, and therefore they have requested a refund of the overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, that a warrant be drawn to the property owner named below in the designated amount representing an overpayment of taxes, as follows:

Homeowner Information:

Block	Lot	Qual	Name & Address	Tax Year	Amount
11208	2		Shana & Andrew Walther 1 Main Street Stanhope, New Jersey 07874	2018	\$2,134.59

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

Roll Call:

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 125-20 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 July 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 Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Wronko and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Roll Call:

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Borough Attorney, Ursula Leo, stated she had no 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.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Zdichocki 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:
 - 1 Contract
 - 1 Litigation
 - 1 Attorney-Client
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 Wronko, seconded by Councilman Riccardi, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Session at 7:35 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Mayor and Council reconvened the public meeting at 7:50 P.M. with all present.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Wronko, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip
Deputy Clerk for
Ellen Horak, RMC
Borough Clerk