

**WORK SESSION AND
AGENDA MEETING**

June 14, 2022

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 5, 2022 and was placed on the Official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and 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:

Councilwoman Kuncken – present

Councilman Riccardi – absent

Councilman Romano – present

Councilman Thornton – present

Councilman Vance – present

Councilman Wronko – present

Mayor Zdichocki – present

PRESENTATION

Northwest Morris Canal Greenway Project - Thomas Furey and Robert Hathaway came forward to present the Northwest Morris Canal Greenway Project, "The Gateway to the Skylands." Mr. Hathaway stated he became involved with this project after attending a think tank consortium event hosted at The Growing Stage Theatre which was sponsored by the Dodge Foundation. The topic of the consortium was the trends in declining population in northwest New Jersey and economic downturn. Two things became clear, the attractions in this area are not accentuated and there are attractions in this area which are not well known. Ecotourism is something we have in this area at our disposal. The Morris Canal Greenway Project began getting traction. An interconnection between Hopatcong State Park and Waterloo Village that involves mass transit hubs would be good for our communities to bring people in and create the ecotourism outlet for biking and hiking. There are some hotels in the area but the focus would be more on day trips. Mr. Hathaway stated maps were worked on with various entities. The map for the Morris Canal Greenway, which covers 110 miles of trails which run from Newark to Phillipsburg, was developed.

Mr. Hathaway stated he found out that Mr. Furey was working on a similar project in Roxbury and they decided to join forces. Work began in 2019 to prepare a submission for a TAP Grant but with the pandemic and the timeline it did not happen. However, a preliminary was held and a road map on how to proceed to get the grant was provided. Mr. Hathaway stated TAP Grant submissions are in another round now and the information is ready to be submitted. The support of the municipalities involved; Roxbury, Netcong, Stanhope and Mt. Olive; is needed. Mr. Furey stated the portion of the Morris Canal Greenway which pertains to this area consists of ten miles and this is the primary route. The DOT has clearly stated that resolutions are required from the municipalities for the operations of maintenance of the Greenway Trails. Mr. Hathaway explained the trail would begin at the Mt. Arlington Train Station, which is public land with the exception of the Woodmont Development. Permissions were not granted by Woodmont to use their roadways. From there the trail goes to Orben Park, which is public land, up to Lakeside Boulevard and then up to Hopatcong State Park on trails which were created by the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. The trail then goes down the roadway through Port Morris, which is the preferred trail along the

roadway easement, through the cutoff under the bridge. Mr. Hathaway stated, in conversations with Stanhope Borough, he found out there is a desire to connect the trails on the north side of Lake Musconetcong, which are on the Borough's trail maps. One of the points of interest in Netcong is the handicap access for the boat ramp. Before getting to this point, in Port Morris, there is an opportunity to cross the river with a bridge, which would be similar to the suspension bridge located in McAfee, which crosses the river and has a boardwalk system. The bridge was accomplished with TAP Grant funding. The bridge would cross the river on to land which is both held by NJDOT and NJDEP which would access a small edge of Byram Township but most of the land there is in Stanhope. The Borough's concept for the trails moves past the old canal along Main Street, past the Plaster Mill, down Plane Street to the Braille Trail. The Braille Trail, at its terminus, connects to the existing Trade Zone Trails. Mt. Olive has funding for some trails. One will go to the mule bridge and another has been conceptualized and approved along Waterloo Road. These trail systems are being utilized and there is a strong draw but they are on the fringes of our communities. We need to bring people in and give them a way to get here. The mass transit connections are important.

Mr. Hathaway stated, as a regional grant, this has been explained to him to be 100% funded but the O&E must be agreed to. The goal now is to get all the communities involved to agree to the O&E. Both Morris and Sussex County have stated they are on board. The goal is to bring more people in to help the local businesses grow. The Whistling Swan Inn is a great vehicle for things like this. Netcong does not have anything comparable but if this system was working maybe there would be cottage industries added to the municipality to have a tax base which might help us preserve our autonomies, which is very important. We need to be forward thinking. Mr. Hathaway stated a letter of support is needed from each municipality and an agreement to maintain the trail which is created within the community. There are formulas to determine how many miles of trail there are in the town and what the likely costs would be to maintain them over time. However, this is an unknown. This is going to take a leap of faith to make this work. There is a great deal of funding going into the project, which is not coming from the municipality. Mr. Hathaway stated most of the trails are going down the roadways, with the exception of the Braille Trail, which is mainly located in Mt. Olive. Administrator McNeilly stated the maintenance issues would be minimal. Trails may need to be cut back occasionally, signage will need to be maintained and replaced and the lines on the road will need to be repainted from time to time. Much discussion took place regarding the trail system. Mr. Hathaway asked if the governing body has an interest in participating in the connection of the trail system. Administrator McNeilly stated if the trail goes out to Brooklyn Road it would then connect to the Borough's TAP Grant area with the bike trail. Mr. Hathaway stated a Sussex County Advocate is needed for this project to appeal to the Sussex County Board of Commissioners and his hope is that Stanhope would be willing to do this. Hopatcong Borough is also part of the trail plan but it only encompasses a very small area near the State Park. This is a regional project and needs the support of both Morris and Sussex County. Mr. Hathaway stated he and Mr. Furey are willing to speak with the Sussex County Board of Commissioners but they would like to have the support of Stanhope Borough. Administrator McNeilly stated he is of the opinion at least one other town in Sussex County needs to be on board whether it be Hopatcong Borough and/or Byram Township. Mr. Hathaway confirmed in order to have a trail that will totally wrap around the lake, it will require those towns to be on board. Stanhope has the largest area along the lake so if Stanhope is on board, then the other towns will be asked to participate. The State Park has attended the TAP Grant meeting and they are on board with the project.

Mayor Zdichocki asked the governing body if there were any questions. Mr. Hathaway stated he will provide a sample resolution and asked the governing body to consider the opportunity. Councilman Thornton asked the number of miles that Stanhope would be responsible to maintain. Mr. Hathaway stated Stanhope would have three miles out of the ten, not including the area that wraps around the lake. Adding the lake loop would increase the mileage to 16 or 17 miles. The exact mileage, which Stanhope would be responsible for, will be calculated and provided to the governing body. Mr. Hathaway stated in reviewing this project he saw maps for an area in Stanhope for a proposed parking area near Trestle Park. The parking area and any other enhancements should be included in this project. Discussion was held regarding the Braille Trail Bridge and Mt. Olive's responsibilities. Mr. Hathaway asked to be informed of Stanhope's decision as soon as possible. The paperwork commitment would be needed by September 1st.

Mayor Zdichocki and the governing body thanked Mr. Hathaway and Mr. Furey for taking their time this evening to give this presentation. It has been very informative.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Zdichocki invited Eric Keller, Borough Engineer to come forward to present his report.

Sparta Road Speed Limit Study – Eric Keller, Borough Engineer, stated a draft engineering report has been prepared for the Sparta Road Speed Limit Study which assesses the data from the variable speed signs on current speed distributions. These findings show that the average and 85th percentile speeds are higher for southbound traffic coming out of Hopatcong as compared to the northbound traffic coming up from Brooklyn Road. The average and 85th percentile speeds for southbound traffic is 34.5 MPH and 45.1 MPH respectively; and for northbound traffic it is 29.6 MPH and 36.5 MPH. The preliminary evaluation supports a reduction in the posted speed limit to 30 MPH. If this area were completely residential, the recommendation would be easier to support a reduction to 25 MPH but this is not a uniform area. Mr. Keller stated the sign located near the school is not working at this time.

Kelly Place, Waterloo Road & Furnace Street – Mr. Keller stated the construction is complete for Kelly Place, Waterloo Road and Furnace Street. The quantities for the project have been finalized. A final change order incorporating all of the quantity changes, as well as the previously approved extra work items is being issued. There was an asphalt penalty issued due to higher than allowable air voids in the pavement in accordance with NJDOT specifications. Overall, the net increase in the project was \$19,989 or 10.4 percent above the contract award. The majority of this increase was related to the extra work items. The final payment will be processed for the next scheduled council meeting.

Stormwater/Flood Hazard Emergency Rule Changes – Mr. Keller stated this is for informational purposes only at this time but, in late May, the NJDEP announced they were going to change the Stormwater/Flood Hazard Emergency Rules to reflect the impact of climate change on the environment. These rule changes would have increased the flood hazard elevation of all non-tidal water courses/bodies by at least 2 feet and increased rainfall intensities, which are used in stormwater management design, by as much as 50 percent. Changing the rules under the Emergency Rule Changing Procedures, eliminates the standard requirement for public comment or review. The NJDEP decided last week to delay the implementation of these rule changes but has not yet announced their plans for adoption moving forward. These rule changes would also require the Borough to update its stormwater and flood hazard regulations to be consistent with the parameters contained therein. Right now, when designing for a 100-year storm, the rainfall amount is 8.3 inches in a 24-hour period. This change would increase the rainfall amount to approximately 12 inches. This means stormwater systems will increase and development will decrease due to the fact there will be less land available. Existing basins would not have to be altered. This would only affect new projects. Mr. Keller stated he will keep the governing body informed as additional information is provided.

2023 Local Aid Application – Mr. Keller stated he is preparing the engineer's estimate and associated supporting documents for the FY2023 Local Aid Grant application. The application is for milling, resurfacing and other ancillary improvement to Elm Street (entire length) and Grove Road (entire length). The curbing and the sidewalks are all good. The replacement of the curb ramps will be included in the application. When the curb ramps were installed fifteen years ago, they all have granite block curb at the interface between the curb ramp and the roadway which is not permissible under today's rules. Mr. Keller stated he is working the Borough's grant writers to complete the application.

2022 Capital Budget – Mr. Keller stated the proposals for three (3) capital projects were previously submitted for the 2022 Capital Budget. The FY2021 Local Aid Grant for improvements to Valley Road and Delaware Avenue; the Sunset Avenue/Ridge Road water main replacement; and Elizabeth Avenue milling and resurfacing.

School Pedestrian Crossing Study – Mr. Keller stated the proposal for the school crossing guard study was recently resubmitted, as requested by the Police Chief. Administrator McNeilly stated copies of the proposal have been provided to the governing body for review. The cost estimate is \$10,000. Mr. Keller stated the study would take place in the fall when school is back in session in late September or October. Councilwoman Kuncken stated a discussion will have to take place to determine where the funding would come from. Councilwoman Kuncken stated she spoke with the Police Chief today and asked if this study is law. The Police Chief informed her that it is not law, however, the JIF and the risk management both recommend it and there are other ramifications other than just the crossing guard portion. It is also recommending how the children get directed with the best ways to walk to school. Councilwoman Kuncken asked the governing body if they would like to speak with the Police Chief prior to making a decision. Mayor Zdichocki asked if the new crosswalk lights will affect the study and will the lights be installed prior to the study. Administrator McNeilly stated the lights will not affect the study. Once the study is completed for the five locations, and if any problems are reported, action will have to be taken immediately in order to keep the Title 59 protection. Administrator McNeilly asked Mr. Keller if there is a reason the crossing at Linden Avenue and Route 183 is not on the list. Mr. Keller replied the locations listed are the ones the Police Chief has requested to be studied.

Administrator McNeilly stated the head engineer at the County has informed him that the design plans for the new crosswalk lights for Maple Terrace and Lloyd Avenue are being worked on. The materials have been ordered, but not received. The order is affected by supply chain issues. No delivery date is available at this time.

Mr. Keller stated the Police Chief has asked him to analyze the five locations to determine the ability for the children to cross the road and if there is a need for a crossing guard. Administrator McNeilly stated he has placed this topic for further discussion at the July 26th Mayor and Council meeting. Councilwoman Kuncken stated, in the past, the Borough has applied for the Safe Routes to School Grant and she asked if having this study done would help in obtaining the grant in the future. Mr. Keller stated those grants are very competitive. Administrator McNeilly stated by the time the grant could be applied for all the items the grant could provide will already be in place. There is an activated crosswalk at Linden Avenue and Route 183. There is one on Sparta Road and one at Crestview Terrace and two others will be installed at Maple Terrace and Lloyd Avenue. Mr. Keller stated the State of NJ is studying the one located on Route 183 at the American Legion. Councilwoman Kuncken asked if there is a suggestion on where the funds can be acquired for the study. Administrator McNeilly replied the General Engineering budget would have to be utilized.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Congressional FY2022 Community Projects – Administrator McNeilly stated the water main replacement project for Ridge Road, Sunset Avenue, Overhill West and Mountain View is still on hold awaiting funds from USEPA. Administrator McNeilly stated he and Mayor Zdichocki have received word that USEPA is working on it. Here is the verbiage which was provided: “EPA is working on a preliminary implementation memorandum to explain the process and requirements for CDS, including cost share options and waiver criteria. EPA intends to have this implementation memo completed by early June 2022.” No change in status. Survey work has begun to try and move forward. The season for this project is going to pass because work cannot be done until the funds are received.

Stanhope Day – Rain Date June 26th – Administrator McNeilly stated the DPW will have two men working for Stanhope Day, which has been rescheduled to June 26th. The porta-john has also been rescheduled. Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Chamber of Commerce is responsible for this cost. Mayor Zdichocki stated if anyone is available to volunteer to help for Stanhope Day, it would be appreciated.

Elected Officials Training – Administrator McNeilly confirmed that the Elected Officials Training will take place on June 28th at 5:45pm. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. A rebate of \$250 per person is credited to the Borough insurance for each person who completes the training.

Morris County JIF – Administrator McNeilly stated Stanhope Borough has received the 2021 Safety Incentive Program Award, in the amount of \$750, for our continued safety program.

Sussex County Trails Grant 2021 – Administrator McNeilly stated the Sussex County Open Space Committee has reviewed the application that was submitted by the Stanhope Environmental Commission and it has been recommended for the Sussex County Trails Grant for 2021. The award package is due to be received in the coming weeks. This project is for trail improvements at Valley Road. The Borough’s responsibility portion will be in volunteer hours.

Budget 2023 Timeline – Administrator McNeilly provided the timeline dates in his report for the 2023 Budget.

WORK SESSION

Municipal Infrastructure – Councilman Thornton stated there was a Municipal Infrastructure meeting held last Thursday which he attended along with Councilman Romano, Mayor Zdichocki, Administrator McNeilly and Jason Titsworth, DPW Superintendent. A review of the summer projects for this year were discussed. The work on the services for Valley Road and Delaware Avenue are continuing. The catch basin repairs on Elizabeth Avenue are ongoing. Water meter upgrade installations are being scheduled. Detention basin maintenance will be done throughout the summer. Crack sealing will be done in the fall. Mayor Zdichocki stated a resident asked that the lines before the speed bumps be repainted. Councilman Vance stated the crosswalk lines on Main Street have deteriorated and taken the pavement away also. Councilman Vance asked if the driveway aprons on Towpath have been done. Administrator McNeilly stated the aprons have been completed. Councilman Thornton stated the DPW will be working on a planter box for the Stanhope sign on Sparta Road. There is an issue with the coloring of the sign. It is not bright enough to be legible. Administrator McNeilly stated this is being looked into to see where the disconnect is. There are no funds available for the purchase of an F350 truck for this year. Administrator McNeilly stated the purchase will take place in 2023.

Optimum - Councilman Thornton asked Administrator McNeilly if he has received a response from Optimum regarding when the fiber will be live. Administrator McNeilly stated the email response did not provide a definitive date. The build out is nearly complete.

Northwest Morris Canal Greenway Project - Councilwoman Kuncken asked when the governing body will discuss the presentation which was given this evening in order to make a determination. Administrator McNeilly stated a copy of the sample resolution needs to be received for review. If available, discussion could take place at the June 28th meeting. Administrator McNeilly stated as soon as he receives the document it will be forwarded to the governing body.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE

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

Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading [Public Hearing on June 28, 2022]

Ordinance 2022-08

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK 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, AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this capital 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 being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefore and amounting in the aggregate to \$50,000.00, which

has heretofore been set aside for the improvement or purpose stated in Section 3 and now available therefore by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for capital improvement purposes.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the part of said \$50,000.00 appropriations, the Borough will use \$4,000.00 from the General Capital Improvement Fund, \$12,000 from the General Capital Fund Balance, \$17,000 from the Water Capital Improvement Fund, and \$17,000 from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, as described in Section 3.

Section 3. The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for the allocation of which said obligations are to be spent, the appropriation made for an estimated cost of each such purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of funds to be spent for each such purpose, are respectively as follows:

General Capital Improvement Fund:

General Capital share of cost of the Public Works Pickup Truck \$4,000.00

General Capital Fund Balance:

General Capital share of cost of the Public Works Pickup Truck \$12,000.00

Water Capital Improvement Fund

Water share of cost of the Public Works Pickup Truck \$17,000.00

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund

Sewer share of cost of the Public Works Pickup Truck \$17,000.00

All the aforesated improvements or purposes where applicable, are in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, which specifications are hereby approved.

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

- (a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this capital ordinance are capital expenses and are each a property or improvement that the Borough may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specifically 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 by this capital ordinance, is five (5) years.

Section 5. This capital ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after the publication thereof after final adoption.

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – absent	Councilman Vance – yes
Councilman Romano – yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilman Vance, 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 113-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING EMERGENCY WELL REPAIRS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope became aware of a pump failure at Well No. 4 and the pump needed to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, DPS Pump Service, LLC, the Borough’s usual vendor, was directed to make the emergency repairs to the Well No. 4; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to have this repair done immediately, as all the wells are high volume production wells. When there is a nonfunctioning well it must be repaired, as quickly as possible, in order to avoid overloading the entire water system; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 provides for the awarding of contracts without public advertising for bids and bidding above the bid threshold without the need to seek competitive quotations, when an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, emergency repairs to Well No. 4 totaled \$17,965.00 in work performed by DPS Pump Service, LLC now is \$465.00 above the \$17,500 pay to play threshold, requiring this resolution;

WHEREAS, the emergent condition of the well was properly reported by the DPW Supervisor to the Borough Administrator in accordance with Borough practices and the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, Sussex County, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby concur in the payment to DPS Pump Service, LLC for emergency repairs to Well No. 4 in the amount of \$17,965.00

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – absent	Councilman Vance – yes
Councilman Romano – yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Resolution 114-22

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET TO INCLUDE 2022 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope has received a total of \$8079.33 from the NJ Solid Waste Administration for the 2022 Clean Communities Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope now wishes to amend its 2022 budget to include the additional grant funds approved of \$8,079.33 as a revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Stanhope does hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$8,079.33, which will be available as a revenue from:

- Miscellaneous Revenues
- Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public
- And Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: 2022 Clean Communities Grants, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of.....\$8,079.33 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(A) Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
2022 Clean Communities Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall submit one copy of the Chapter 159 certification form to the Director of Local Government Services.

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – absent	Councilman Vance – yes
Councilman Romano – yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Resolution 115-22 **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Brough of Stanhope deems it necessary and desirable to provide for a capital project not previously reflected in the 2022 Capital Budget of said municipality, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-4, 4B provides that the Capital Budget of a governing body shall be amended to reflect any provisions, changes or inconsistencies with said Capital Budget, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the 2022 Capital Budget shall be amended to reflect the addition of Ordinance 2022-08-Purchase of a Public Works/Water/Sewer Pick-up Truck, not previously provided for in the Capital Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached form, as promulgated by the Local Finance Board shall represent the amended Capital Budget for the year 2022 and be approved for submission to the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes	Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Riccardi – absent	Councilman Vance – yes
Councilman Romano – yes	Councilman Wronko – yes

Resolution 116-22 **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. 2019-017 representing 2018 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11701, Lot 13.18 Qualifier: C0112 known as 112 Stonegate Ln, assessed to Kathleen Norton, 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:	Pro Cap 8, LLC Us Bank Cust for Pro Cap 8 2500 McClellan Ave, Suite 200 Pennsauken, NJ 08109
Redemption Amount:	Tax Title Lien #2019-017 and Interest to Date of Meeting \$ 17,610.70 Premium Paid by Lienholder <u>11,100.00</u>
Total From Current Fund:	\$ 17,610.70
Total From Tax Premium Account	11,100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Treasurer be authorized to prepare the necessary check as stated above and to forward same to the lien holder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

On motion by Councilman Vance, seconded by Councilman Thornton and unanimously carried by voice vote, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 117-22

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 June 14, 2022 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 Councilman Wronko and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes
Councilman Riccardi – absent
Councilman Romano – yes

Councilman Thornton – yes
Councilman Vance – yes
Councilman Wronko – yes

AGENDA ITEMS

All items listed on the Agenda for June 28, 2022 were approved.

CITIZEN’S 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip
Deputy Clerk for
Ellen Horak, RMC
Borough Clerk