

**STANHOPE BOROUGH
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024
7:00 PM**

SALUTE TO THE COLORS

Mayor Wronko led all those in attendance in a salute to the colors.

OPENING STATEMENT AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH P.L. 1975

Mayor Wronko called this meeting to order at 7:00 PM and read the following:

Adequate Notice of this Meeting has been provided according to the Open Public Meetings Act, Assembly Bill 1030. Notice of this Meeting was sent to the NJ Herald and the Daily Record on December 21, 2023 and was placed on the Official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building. Please turn off all cell phones for the duration of this Meeting.

INVOCATION

Father Michael Lee, from St. Michaels Church offered the invocation.

ELECTION RESULTS – STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION

Borough Clerk, Ellen Horak, read the *Statement of Determination* from the Board of County Canvassers certifying that at the November 7, 2023 election the following were duly elected to the terms set forth:

Eugene Wronko – Mayor 4-year term
Anthony Riccardi - Council 3-year term
Thomas Romano – Council 3-year term
Scott Wachterhauser – Council 2-year unexpired term

OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Borough Attorney, Ursula Leo, administered the Oath of Office to the following governing body members who were elected at the November 7, 2023 general election. They are: Eugene Wronko, elected as Mayor; Anthony Riccardi, elected as Councilman and Thomas Romano, elected as Councilman.

ROLL CALL

Council Members

Councilwoman Kuncken - Present	Councilman Thornton - Present
Councilman Riccardi – Present	Councilman Wachterhauser – Present
Councilman Romano – Present	

Others present: Mayor Wronko, Attorney Ursula Leo, Administrator McNeilly

MAYOR’S WELCOME

Mayor Wronko welcomed everyone to the 2024 Stanhope Borough Reorganization Meeting which included distinguished guests, Stanhope Borough residents, members of Girl Scout Troops #97939, #98654 and #98504 and all the families and friends who ventured out in the horrible weather this evening. Mayor Wronko thanked the American Legion for allowing the governing body to use their hall for tonight’s meeting. The American Legion’s support is always appreciated. Mayor Wronko stated as we welcome the new year, he is filled with optimism and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead for our community. It is his great honor to serve as Mayor this year and he eagerly anticipates the collaborative efforts which will be undertaken with the dedicated Borough Council, hardworking Borough employees and most importantly with the Borough residents, who are the heart

and soul of Stanhope. Together we have witnessed remarkable progress and resilience and Mayor Wronko is confident that this year will be no different. Our united spirit, commitment to the improvement and shared vision of the future for Stanhope Borough will guide us in creating a vibrant and thriving community. Here's to a year of growth, prosperity and community spirit. Mayor Wronko stated he is truly grateful to have the opportunity to work alongside everyone as this next chapter of the Borough's history is written. Mayor Wronko wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year and good luck to all in their endeavors.

Mayor Wronko stated Jeanne Schwartz, Overseer of the Poor, was unable to attend the meeting this evening but she has asked him to extend her thanks to the following organizations for providing gifts for individuals during this past holiday season. Thank you to the First United Methodist Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Stanhope, Isolatek, Lake Hopatcong Elks, Stanhope American Legion, and the Lakeview Heights Community Club.

Lastly, Mayor Wronko stated usually at the reorganization meeting we would provide refreshments. However, due to the weather conditions this evening we thought it best to let everyone get home safely and as early as possible. Mayor Wronko thanked everyone again for attending this evenings meeting and stated he looks forward to a good year together.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution 001-24 **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE AUTHORIZING THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE BY LAWS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the By-Laws and Rules of Order, as revised and adopted on January 7, 2014, be hereby reinstated and shall be effective for the Calendar Year 2024.

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

Roll Call:

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| Councilwoman Kuncken - yes | Councilman Thornton - yes |
| Councilman Riccardi – yes | Councilman Wachterhauser – yes |
| Councilman Romano – yes | |

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On nomination by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Wachterhauser, and unanimously carried by voice vote, Councilman Thornton was elected Council President for 2024.

Resolution 002-24 **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that they do hereby concur with the Mayor's appointments to Municipal Officers for the year 2024 as follows.

Title	Name	Term	Term Expires
Chaplain	Father Michael Lee	1 year	12.31.24
Administrator	Brian McNeilly	1 year	12.31.24
Municipal Clerk	Ellen Horak		tenure
Local Registrar	Ellen Horak		tenure
Deputy Municipal Clerk	Linda Chirip	1 year	12.31.24
Deputy Registrar	Linda Chirip	1 year	12.31.24
Web Content Manager	Linda Chirip	1 year	12.31.24
Chief Finance Officer	Angelica Sabatini	4 year	12.31.25
Tax Collector	Angelica Sabatini	4 year	12.31.25
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Angelica Sabatini	4 year	12.31.25
Deputy Tax Collector	Tammy Minniti	1 year	12.31.24
Compliance Officer (PACO)	Brian McNeilly	1 year	12.31.24

Appointing Officer	Brian McNeilly	1 year	12.31.24
Alternate Appointing Officer	Steven Pittigher	1 year	12.31.24
Tax Assessor	Jason Laliker	1 year	tenure
Certifying Officer	Brian McNeilly	1 year	12.31.24
Assessment Searcher	Ellen Horak	1 year	12.31.24
Tax Search Officer	Angelica Sabatini	1 year	12.31.24
Assistant Treasurer	Brian McNeilly	1 year	12.31.24
Sewer Treasurer	Angelica Sabatini	1 year	12.31.24
Water Treasurer	Angelica Sabatini	1 year	12.31.24
Water/Sewer Cashier	Tammy Minniti	1 year	12.31.24
Deputy Water/Sewer Cashier	Laura Aponte	1 year	12.31.24
Tax Cashier	Tammy Minniti	1 year	12.31.24
Accounts Payable	Laura Aponte	1 year	12.31.24
Clean Communities Coordinator	Angelica Sabatini	1 year	12.31.24
Overseer of the Poor	Jeanne Schwartz	1 year	12.31.24
Housing Officer	Thomas Pershouse	1 year	12.31.24
Building Inspector	Thomas Pershouse	1 year	12.31.24
Electrical Inspector	Thomas Pershouse	1 year	12.31.24
Construction Secretary	AnnMarie Therrien	1 year	12.31.24
Code Enforcement Officer	Thomas Dixon	1 year	12.31.24
Zoning Officer	Thomas Dixon	1 year	12.31.24
Municipal Housing Liaison	Thomas Dixon	1 year	12.31.24
Water Operator	Jason Titsworth	1 year	12.31.24
Sewer Operator	Jason Titsworth	1 year	12.31.24
Court Administrator	Michael Allatta	1 year	12.31.24
Fire Chief	Michael Donahue	1 year	12.31.24

Title	Name	Term	Term Expires
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	Steven Pittigher	1 year	12.31.24
Police Detective	Officer Joseph Johnson	1 year	12.31.24
Special Police Officers:	Vacant Class I	1 year	12.31.24
		1 year	12.31.24
Matron	Virginia Citarella	1 year	12.31.24
Police Secretary	Virginia Citarella	1 year	12.31.24
Crossing Guards	Ken Cerni	1 year	12.31.24
	Maureen Cerni	1 year	12.31.24
	Adrienne Hade	1 year	12.31.24
Alternate Crossing Guard	Patricia Poland	1 year	12.31.24

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that they do hereby concur with the Mayor's appointments herein for the year 2024.

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

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 003-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that they do hereby concur with the Mayor's appointments of the Borough Professionals for the year 2024 as follows.

Title	Name	Term	Term Expires
Borough Attorney	Ursula Leo	1 year	12-31-24
Borough Prosecutor	Anthony Arborre	1 year	12-31-24
Public Defender	John Grey, Jr.	1 year	12-31-24
Borough Engineer	Eric Keller	1 year	12-31-24

Borough Planner	William Hamilton	1 year	12-31-24
Borough Auditor	Raymond Sarinelli	1 year	12-31-24
Bond Counsel	Robert Beinfield	1 year	12-31-24
Labor Counsel	Ursula Leo	1 year	12-31-24
Conflict Counsel	Robert Morgenstern	1 year	12-31-24
Dr. of Psychological Testing	Matthew Guller, M.D.	1 year	12-31-24

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointments herein for the year 2024.

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

**Resolution 004-24 MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES
WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council that they do hereby concur with the Mayor's appointments to the Council Committees for the year 2024 as follows.

Committee	Chair	Member
Finance/Administration	Thomas Romano	William Thornton
Public Safety	Diana Kuncken	Anthony Riccardi
Community Development	Scott Wachterhauser	Vacant
Infrastructure	William Thornton	Thomas Romano
Information Technology	Anthony Riccardi	Scott Wachterhauser
Boards/Commissions	Vacant	Diana Kuncken

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointments herein for the year 2024.

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

**Resolution 005-24 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL,
AUDITING, ENGINEERING, PLANNING AND MEDICAL
SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope is in need of legal, auditing, engineering and physician services in 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 specifically exempts professional services from provisions of public bidding as provided in the Local Public Contracts Law.

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

1. Ursula Leo, of the Law firm Laddey, Clark & Ryan, is hereby retained as Attorney for the Borough of Stanhope with the understanding that Ursula Leo will be primarily responsible for the work done for the Borough;
2. Robert Beinfield, of the Law firm Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, is hereby appointed Bond Counsel for the Borough of Stanhope with the understanding that Mr. Beinfield will be primarily responsible for the work done for the Borough;
3. Robert Morgenstern, of the Law firm O’Hagan Meyer, is hereby retained as the Conflict Counsel for the Borough of Stanhope with the understanding that Robert Morgenstern will be primarily responsible for the work done for the Borough;
4. Ursula Leo, of the Law firm Laddey, Clark & Ryan, is hereby retained as Labor Counsel for the Borough of Stanhope with the understanding that Ursula Leo will be primarily responsible for the work done for the Borough;

5. Raymond Sarinelli, of the Accountant firm Nisivoccia & Company, is hereby retained as Auditor for the Borough of Stanhope with the understanding that Raymond Sarinelli will be primarily responsible for the work done for the Borough;
6. Eric Keller, of the firm Bowman Consulting, is hereby appointed as Borough Engineer and Consultant Engineer for the Water and Sewer Utility for the Borough of Stanhope with the understanding that Eric Keller will be primarily responsible for the work done for the Borough;
7. William Hamilton, of the firm Bowman Consulting, is hereby appointed as Borough Planner for the Borough of Stanhope with the understanding that William Hamilton will be primarily responsible for the work done for the Borough;
8. Dr. Matthew Guller, of the Institute for Forensic Psychology, is hereby retained to provide psychological testing as may be required for employment with the Borough of Stanhope;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is contingent upon the receipt of a fully executed professional services contract detailing the scope of services and established fees for said professional services; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is contingent upon the receipt of a completed C.271 Political Disclosure Form pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-24.4 et seq., commonly known as the Pay-to-Play Law;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is contingent upon the aforementioned professionals being members in good standing in their respective professions.

On motion by Councilman Riccardi, 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 – yes	Councilman Wachterhauser – yes
Councilman Romano – yes	

CONSENT AGENDA – Resolutions 006-24 through 028-24 (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 006-24 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the following banks are hereby designated depositories for the Borough of Stanhope for 2024:

- Bank of America, N.A.
- Capital One, N.A.
- Fulton Bank, N.A.
- HSBC Bank USA, N.A.
- JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
- Lakeland Bank
- New Jersey Cash Management Fund
- PNC Bank, N.A.
- Santander Bank
- State of New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program
- TD Banknorth, N.A.
- Valley National Bank

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, NEW JERSEY

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-24 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits (“Deposits”) and investment (“Permitted Investments”) of certain Public funds of the Borough of Stanhope (the Borough) pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments. All investments shall be made on a competitive basis insofar as practicable.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

- A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Borough:
- Current Fund
 - Wire Transfer Fund
 - Water Operating Fund
 - Sewer Operating Fund
 - Capital Fund
 - Water Capital Fund
 - Sewer Capital Fund
 - POAA Funds
 - Animal Trust Fund
 - Developer’s Escrow Trust
 - Other Escrow Trust
 - Public Defender Trust Fund
 - Other Trust Fund
 - Recycle Trust Fund
 - SUI Trust Fund
 - Payroll Trust Fund
 - Any other accounts within the Borough’s name and any of its agencies

III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough the “Designated Official” is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability for loss of such moneys due to insolvency or closing of any depository designated by, or the decrease in value of any investment authorized, by the Cash Management Plan.

IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES.

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

- Bank of America, N.A.
- Capital One Bank, N.A.
- Fulton Bank of New Jersey
- HSBC Bank USA, N.A.
- JP Morgan Chase Bank. N.A.

- Lakeland Bank
- New Jersey Cash Management Fund
- PNC Bank, N.A.
- Santander Bank
- State of New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program
- TD Banknorth, N.A.
- Valley National Bank

V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

B. Any investments not purchased and redeemed directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, local government investment pool, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, shall be purchased and redeemed through the use of a national or State bank located within this State or other financial intermediary through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1997, c.93 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

For purposes of the above language, the terms “government money market mutual fund” and “local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec.270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; in which direct investment may be made pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (a) of this section and
- (c) which has:
 - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
 - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the “Investment Advisors Act of 1940”, 5 U.S.C. sec.80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.
- (d) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities. Same as Money Market;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

Any official involved in the designation of depositories or in the authorization for investments as permitted pursuant to section 8 of P.L. 1977, c.396 (C.40A:5-24.1), or any combination of the preceding, or the selection of an entity seeking to sell an investment to the local unit who has a material business or personal relationship with that organization shall disclose that

relationship to the governing body of the local unit and to the Local Finance Board or a county or municipal ethics board, as appropriate.

VI. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Borough, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Borough of Stanhope to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a “delivery versus payment” method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Borough or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Borough’s funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Borough deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official.

VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

On the first day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Borough a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Borough as Deposit or Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Borough.

VIII. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 9, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Borough approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Borough, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

Resolution 007-24

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that *The New Jersey Herald* is hereby designated the official newspaper of the Borough of Stanhope for Calendar Year 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *The New Jersey Herald* and *The Daily Record* are hereby designated to receive all Notices of meetings of the Mayor and Council for the Calendar Year 2024 as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Resolution 008-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF STANHOPE DESIGNATING MEETING DATES
FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et. seq., the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope hereby announces that it shall hold its scheduled Work Session/Agenda, and Regular Business Meetings in 2024 at the Municipal Building, 77 Main Street, Stanhope, New Jersey at the dates listed below. All meetings shall convene at 7:00 p.m. Formal action may be taken at all Work Session/Agenda and Business meetings.

Work Session/Agenda Meetings		Regular Business Meetings	
February	13	January	23
March	12	February	27
April	9	March	26
May	14	April	23
June	11	May	28
July	9	June	25
August	13	July	23
September	10	August	27
October	8	September	24
November	12	October	22
		November	26
		December	10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Annual Reorganization Meeting shall be held on January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings shall be opened to the public and public participation will be entertained at all meetings but limited to five minutes for each speaker to provide the Governing Body sufficient time to complete its work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newspapers to which all Notices required by the Open Public Meetings Act shall be published in *The New Jersey Herald* and *The Daily Record*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the all meeting notices shall be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Municipal Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any person requesting a public body to mail to them copies of any regular, special, or rescheduled meeting schedule shall be charged the sum of \$1.00 for each and every Notice to be so mailed. No Notice shall be mailed to said person unless prepayment of the aforementioned charge has been received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Notice requested by the news media shall be mailed, or electronically sent to such news media free of charge.

Resolution 009-24

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-24, the Local Budget Act, provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2024 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2023 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

Current Fund	\$4,774,108.50
Water Utility	\$ 585,970.00

Sewer Utility \$ 980,965.00

WHEREAS, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2023 Budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) in the said 2023 Budget is as follows:

Current Fund	\$1,253,203.48
Water Utility	\$ 153,817.13
Sewer Utility	\$ 257,503.31

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, that the above temporary appropriations be made.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be placed on file with the records of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution 010-24 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATES FOR DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the rate of 8% be charged on all delinquent sewer and water charges less than \$1,500.00 and 18% on all delinquent sewer and water charges in excess of \$1,500.00, received after the due date.

Resolution 011-24 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATES FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

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

1. Property taxes shall be due and payable quarterly on February 1st, May 1st, August 1st and November 1st of each year, with a ten-day grace period. If the last day of the ten-day grace period falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday will be the final date to pay property tax without interest charges. After such dates, if property taxes become delinquent, interest will be charged as set forth below and will revert back to the due date on any quarterly installment of taxes.
2. The rate of interest for delinquent property taxes is fixed at 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Tax Collector, Utility Billing Clerk, Borough Attorney and the Borough Auditor for the Borough of Stanhope.

Resolution 012-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL CERTAIN TAX PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to cancel any over or under payment in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or less for the tax year 2024.

Resolution 013-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO INVEST IDLE FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Chief Financial Officer and/or Treasurer be authorized to invest idle funds of the Borough of Stanhope in investment instruments so specified in New Jersey State Law of any bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of any State in the United States, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund in 2024.

Resolution 014-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO SELL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AND BONDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-28 requires that a Resolution be adopted authorizing a Financial Officer of the Borough to sell Bond Anticipation Notes and Bonds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell Bond Anticipation Notes and Bonds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following each sale the Chief Financial Officer shall report to the Council the principal amount of the sale, interest rate, date of maturity and name of the purchaser.

Resolution 015-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR, UTILITY COLLECTOR OR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO IMPOSE A SERVICE CHARGE TO AN ACCOUNT FOR WHICH A CHECK OR OTHER WRITTEN INSTRUMENT WAS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, P.L. 1990, Chapter 105, supplementing Title 40 of the New Jersey State Revised Statutes has been enacted to allow a municipality the authority to impose a service charge to be added on an account which was by check or other written instrument returned for insufficient funds; and,

WHEREAS, whenever an account is owing a municipality for property tax, municipal utility charges or special assessment, the service charge authorized by this section shall be included on whatever list of delinquent accounts is prepared for the enforcement of the lien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Tax Collector, Utility Collector or Chief Financial Officer be authorized to charge the aforementioned fee at a rate of \$20.00 per check or other written instrument for all checks returned for insufficient funds during the year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector, Utility Collector or Chief Financial Officer may require future payments to be tendered in cash or by certified or cashier's check; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Utility Collector and the Borough Auditor.

Resolution 016-24

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL FEES FOR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the fees as listed below be and are hereby established for 2024:

Water/Sewer/Tax Certification	\$ 15.00
Zoning Ordinance Book	\$ 25.00
Environmental Resource Inventory Book	\$ 25.00
Code Book of the Borough and Code Book updates	at cost
Street Map	\$ 0.75
Master Plan	\$ 25.00
Certified List of Property Owners	\$ 10.00
Radon Kits	\$ 15.00
Tax Sale Redemption Certificate	\$ 10.00
Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate	\$100.00
Duplicate Tax Bill	\$ 5.00
Duplicate Tax Bill – Subsequent	\$ 25.00
Copy of Tax/Water/Sewer Records	\$.05 per page
Official Tax Search	\$ 10.00
Tax Search Continuation per year	\$ 2.00

Unofficial Tax Search	\$.05 per page
Municipal Assessment Search	\$ 10.00
Assessment Search Continuation per year	\$ 2.00
Tax Map Page Duplicate	at cost
Annual Dog Licensing, neutered/spayed	\$ 10.00
Annual Dog Licensing, Not neutered/spayed	\$ 13.00
Cat Licensing, neutered/spayed	\$ 10.00
Dog/Cat Licensing Late Fee imposed after April 30	\$ 5.00/month
Death Certificate (Certified Copy)	\$ 5.00
Birth Certificate (Certified Copy)	\$ 5.00
Marriage Certificate (Certified Copy)	\$ 5.00
Check Returned for Insufficient Funds	\$ 20.00
Registration – Public Utility (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-24.1)	\$ 10.00
Mental Health Records Search	\$ 15.00
Notary Public, non-residents	\$ 2.50 per signature
Tax Lien Redemption Calculation, 3 rd request	\$ 50.00
Copies of Government Documents	\$ 0.05 per letter size page \$ 0.07 per legal size page or actual cost (special charges/fees per statute delivery/postage fees additional)

Resolution 017-24 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DPW FEES FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, from time to time private individuals and/or businesses must be charged for services provided by the Stanhope Department of Public Works due to an emergency situation, vandalism, accident, neglect or other situations requiring the services of the Department; and

WHEREAS, said charges must be based upon the DPW Operator’s hourly salary rate and an established rate for the various pieces of equipment utilized by the Department of Public Works in such instances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey, that charges for said services provided by the Stanhope Department of Public Works shall be as follows for the year 2024:

EQUIPMENT

Backhoe/loader	\$50.00 per hour
Vac-All/Sweeper	\$50.00 per hour
Sewer jet truck	\$50.00 per hour
5-yard dump truck	\$40.00 per hour
2-yard dump truck	\$25.00 per hour
Compressor	\$25.00 per hour
Generator	\$10.00 per hour
Mud pump	\$10.00 per hour
Concrete Cutter	\$150.00 per hour including the Operator

MANPOWER

DPW Operator’s Hourly Salary Rate times 1.35

Resolution 018-24 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the following petty cash funds be re-established for 2024:

Chief Financial Officer \$200.00

Resolution 019-24 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AMBULANCE AND FIRE SERVICE AGENCIES FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Stanhope-Netcong American Legion Ambulance Squad is hereby designated the Borough’s agency provider of ambulance, first aid and rescue services for 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stanhope Hose Company No. 1 is hereby designated the Borough's agency provider for Emergency Fire Response services for 2024.

Resolution 020-24

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BOROUGH'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2024

WHEREAS, Chapter 32, Section 12 of the Code of the Borough of Stanhope establishes the Holiday schedule for Borough employees; and

WHEREAS, normal business operations, except for necessary services, are suspended and Borough offices are closed on said list of Holidays established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, in accordance with the Code of the Borough of Stanhope, the following dates be and are hereby determined to be the Borough Holiday schedule for the year 2024:

New Year's Day:	Monday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day:	Monday, January 15
President's Day:	Monday, February 19
Good Friday:	Friday, March 29
Memorial Day:	Monday, May 27
Independence Day:	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day:	Monday, September 2
Columbus Day:	Monday, October 14
Veterans Day:	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day:	Thursday, November 28
Day after Thanksgiving:	Friday, November 29
Christmas Eve:	Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Day:	Wednesday, December 25

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall be posted in the Municipal Building and copies made available to Borough personnel.

Resolution 021-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S TAX ASSESSOR AND BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH BEFORE THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION AND NEW JERSEY TAX COURT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Municipal Tax Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Borough of Stanhope's tax list including but not limited to rollback complaints, added and omitted assessment complaints, and such other appeals as are necessary to correct the assessments for the Borough of Stanhope;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Tax Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby designated as the agents of the Borough of Stanhope for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation.

Resolution 022-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH WITH ANY PERSON OR ENTITY UTILIZING BOROUGH OWNED LANDS OR BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope is a member of the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund which approved a standard form of hold harmless to be used by the member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this standardized hold harmless must be executed by any person, entity, organization, or corporation wishing to use, rent, or otherwise temporarily occupy any land and/or structure owned by the Borough of Stanhope; and

WHEREAS, the process of executing this hold harmless would be greatly hampered if the Borough Council had to authorize the execution of each separate hold harmless agreement and instead the Borough Administrator should be authorized to execute those agreements on behalf of the Borough of Stanhope.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough all hold harmless agreements made necessary by the use of Borough owned land and/or structures by any person, entity, organization, or corporation.

Resolution 023-24

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND TAX ASSESSOR AS DEPUTY CUSTODIANS OF PUBLIC RECORDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope that the Borough Administrator, all Department Heads, and the Tax Assessor be designated as Deputy Custodians of Public Records to assist the Custodian of Records in the performance of duties related to P.L. 2001, c404, commonly referred to as the Open Public Records Act (OPRA).

Resolution 024-24

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE SAFETY COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope is a member of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund requires the establishment of an Executive Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, members of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund participate in safety programs primarily designed to teach employees to perform in a safe and efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the following employees are hereby authorized to serve on the Executive Safety Committee:

Brian McNeilly, Administrator
Angelica Sabatini, CFO

JIF Commissioner
Alternate JIF Commissioner

Resolution 025-24

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE APPOINTING WAYNE F. DIETZ OF SKYLANDS RISK MANAGEMENT, INC. AS THE BOROUGH'S RISK MANAGER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope has resolved to join the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said Funds require that each Governing Body appoint a RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT to perform various professional services as detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fund Commissioners established a fee equal to six percent (6%) of the Municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope does hereby appoint Wayne F. Dietz of Skylands Risk Management, Inc. as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Governing Body is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement annexed hereto and to cause a notice of this decision to be published according to NJSA 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i).

Resolution 026-24

RESOLUTION COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES SOLID WASTE REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope has established a system for the collection and disposal of solid waste for residential properties throughout the Borough of Stanhope; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope also collects and disposes of solid waste from commercial establishments which utilize ordinary trash cans for curbside pickup; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope reimburses both the Stonegate Condominium Association and the Highpoint Condominium Association for the collection and disposal of solid waste, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:67-24.3; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:66-1(b) provides that a governing body may, in its sole discretion, choose to reimburse property owners who do not receive the municipal service, but such reimbursement shall not exceed the cost that would be incurred by the Borough in providing the collection or disposal service directly; and

WHEREAS, the Borough currently pays \$16.34 per month per household for the collection and disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to reimburse those property owners who do not receive solid waste service from the Borough at the rate currently paid by the Borough per household.

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

1. The Borough of Stanhope shall reimburse those properties not currently receiving municipal solid waste service from the Borough at the same rate that the Borough pays for the collection and disposal of solid waste from individual households.
2. Any property owner wishing to be reimbursed by the Borough shall comply with all requirements of the CFO in processing requests for reimbursement including, but not limited to, executing vouchers and W-9 forms.
3. The Borough shall pay reimbursement twice per year in January and July. Prior to issuing payment, each property owner shall submit written proof to the Borough of their past six months' private solid waste service, including the invoice therefore.

Resolution 027-24

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE READOPTING STANHOPE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Stanhope Borough Police Department Rules and Regulations, last revised April 24, 2023, be hereby again adopted.

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE BOROUGH OF
STANHOPE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHOUT EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stanhope, Sussex County, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the “Borough”) is a jurisdiction governed by Title 11A and the Civil Service regulations under Title 4A of the Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2021, N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3, was enacted which requires the Civil Service Commission to exempt from the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement position a person who has successfully completed a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course or a full Basic Course for Correction Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission; and

WHEREAS, appointments to the Police Department shall be in accordance with the requirements of applicable law. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3, the Civil Service Commission provides an exemption from the requirement of taking an examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position, a person who successfully completes a full Basic Course for Police Officers training course or a full Basic Course for Correction Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission within nine (9) months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer, and:

- (1) Any person employed under the provisions of this section shall enroll in a training course approved by the New Jersey Police Training Commission, and such person shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay during the period of the training course;
- (2) Upon successful completion of the training course, any person employed under the provisions of this section shall be appointed from a temporary to a permanent entry-level law enforcement police officer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough may hire a person exempt from the requirements to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement officer position pursuant to the above, upon adoption of this resolution, and the Borough having in place conflict of interest and nepotism policies, specifically sections 213 and 214 of the Borough’s employee handbook, as same may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate this policy, a municipality must affirmatively “opt-in” by adopting a Resolution authorizing such a hiring policy; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Steven Pittigher has recommended that the Borough effectuate this policy and “opt-in” to this program in the interests of efficiency, expediency, and the promotion of public safety within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, this “opt-in” provision shall remain valid until changed by a rescinding resolution of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, all ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed in their entirety.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope for the reasons set forth above that the Borough hereby authorizes such hiring policies related to the examination exemption as set forth in N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 (NJ Bill S-3220, P.L. 2021, c.7); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

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

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Thornton - yes
Councilman Wachterhauser – yes

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Resolution 029-24

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS
TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH WITH COUNCIL
CONCURRENCE**

Mayor’s appointments to the Board of Health with Council concurrence as follows:

- Paula Zeliff-Murphy, 3-year term to expire 12.31.26
- Carmen Pico, 3-year term to expire 12.31.26

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointments herein named to the Stanhope Board of Health.

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

Resolution 030-24

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS
TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION WITH COUNCIL
CONCURRENCE**

Mayor’s appointments to the Recreation Commission as follows:

- William Eaves, 5-year term, term to expire 12-31-28

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointment herein named to the Recreation Commission.

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

Resolution 031-24

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS
TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION WITH COUNCIL
CONCURRENCE**

Mayor’s appointments to the Shade Tree Commission as follows:

- Charlotte Zawacki, 5-year term, term to expire 12-31-28
- Cynthia Lounsberry, 1-year term, term to expire 12-31-24
- Nicole Member, 1-year term, term to expire 12-31-24

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointment herein named to the Shade Tree Commission.

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

Resolution 032-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE TO SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE

Mayor’s appointment of William Eaves as the Borough representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Council for 2024 with Council concurrence.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointment herein named Borough representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Council for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2024.

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

Resolution 033-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE TO SUSSEX COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE

Mayor’s appointment of William Eaves as the Borough representative to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan Policy Advisory Committee for 2024 with Council concurrence.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointment of William Eaves as the Borough representative to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan Policy Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2024.

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

Resolution 034-24

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF CLASS II MEMBER TO THE LAND USE BOARD WITH COUNCIL CONCURRENCE

Mayor’s appointment of Thomas Pershouse as the Class II member of the Land Use Board with Council concurrence.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Thomas Pershouse as the Class II member on the Land Use Board for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2024.

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

Resolution 035-24

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE LAND USE BOARD

Mayor’s appointments to the Land Use Board as follows:

- Class I: Edward Schwartz – term of Mayor Eugene Wronko to 12-31-27
- Class IV: Najib Iftikhar – 4-year term, term to expire 12-31-27

Mayor’s appointments to the Environmental Commission are as follows:

- Owen Newson, 3-year term to expire 12-31-26
- Rudy Shlesinger, 3-year term to expire 12-31-26
- Nicole Member, Chairwoman, 1-year term to expire 12-31-24

ELECTION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAND USE BOARD

On motion by Councilman Thornton, seconded by Councilman Romano and carried by the following unanimous roll call vote, Councilman Riccardi was elected as Council Representative to the Land Use Board for the year 2024.

Roll Call:

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| Councilwoman Kuncken - yes | Councilman Thornton - yes |
| Councilman Riccardi – yes | Councilman Wachterhauser – yes |
| Councilman Romano – yes | |

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Wronko invited Fire Chief Michael Donahue and the Officers of the Stanhope Hose Company No. 1 to step forward to be sworn in. Ursula Leo, Borough Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to the officers of the Stanhope Hose Company No. 1.

Mayor Wronko invited all appointees to the Boards and Commissions who were present to come forward and have their oaths of office administered by Borough Attorney, Ursula Leo.

MAYOR’S HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

Mayor Wronko invited former Mayor Patricia Zdichocki to speak about the Borough’s highlights from 2023.

Ms. Zdichocki, former Mayor, gave the following speech. Good evening everyone. As we embark on a new year of 2024, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the amazing journey we have shared. In April 2022, we worked with Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill and Senator Cory Booker to receive a grant for \$677,000 under the congressional appropriations for water main replacement of Ridge Road, Overhill Road, Mountain View Terrace and Sunset Avenue. This replaced the 80 year old undersized water mains for water quality and fire protection. This is the final step in upgrading the water system in the Borough. Special thanks to the Borough Administrator, Brian McNeilly and Borough Engineer, Eric Keller for the hard work with this project. In March 2023, we worked with Congressman Tom Kean, Jr. for the single largest grant in Stanhope history of \$3,300,000 for a new water tower installation which we are hoping to begin in the spring of 2024. We are just waiting for final approval. This tower guarantees water supply for all of Stanhope. In May 2023, we received a grant of \$25,000 from the NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Assistance Program to develop a stormwater infrastructure inventory and mapping. In October 2023, we received a Forestry Steward Grant for \$9,000 for a hazardous tree survey from the New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry Program. In December 2023, we received a grant of \$58,570 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the American Rescue Plan Fire Fighter Program (ARP) for the spring of 2024. Looking at the past years, we have had to endure such obstacles as the blizzard of 2021 and of course the years dealing with the Covid virus. Let’s not forget about the rabid foxes, spotted lantern flies and the emerald ash borer. We had an outstanding tribute to the 20th anniversary of 911, took part in the swearing in of the first seven females to become Eagle Scouts, completed two Local 8 Projects; Valley Road and Delaware Avenue, Sagamore and Spencer milling and resurfacing. Milled and resurfaced Lenape Drive, Woods Avenue and LePont Street. Worked on many contracts and shared services with courts and street sweepers. Completed the design of Sunset Avenue, Ridge Road and Overhill Road water project to be completed in the fall of 2024. The DPW did a great job to extend the life of the salt storage area. Worked with the Engineer for ADA curb replacements, milling and resurfacing due to a 2024 DOT grant. The Stanhope Fire Department, with authorization from the Council, again donated old turnout gear. It has taken many years and a lot of meetings and hard work to say that New

Jersey Natural Gas has finished installing gas mains and has begun installing gas lines in the Borough to our residents. This townwide project will be ongoing for the next couple of years to bring a much needed alternative to costly heating oil. We do thank all of our residents for their patience during this time. We were able to replace the light in front of the American Legion to a higher intensity light and we are working actively on more changes that will be made to help with safety in that area, such as a beacon crossing light and possibly lowering the speed limit.

Ms. Zdichocki stated the book is closed on 2023 and also on my tenure as your Mayor. So, I say it has been an honor and my privilege to serve our residents as Mayor and as a Council Member for a total of 10 years. I want to thank all the Borough employees and volunteers who worked hard on our boards and commissions and our professionals who work with the members of the governing body in handling the business of the Borough. I wish you all continued success. And to the new Mayor, who is about to start an incredible journey, I wish you God speed. I love our little town with a big heart. God bless all of you and God bless Stanhope.

Mayor Wronko extended his thanks to former Mayor Zdichocki.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Wronko opened the meeting to the public and invited anyone who wished to speak to come forward to do so.

There being no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Wronko closed the public portion of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Wronko invited Councilwoman Kuncken to make an announcement.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated tonight we recognize a new chapter and a new Mayor. When Gene Wronko became the new Mayor, as a result of the election in November, his seat on the Council became vacant. The governing body is now beginning the process to fill that seat and there are some rules that need to be followed. There are some time constraints. This year, due to the meeting schedule and calendar holiday dates, the timeframe is even tighter. Councilwoman Kuncken stated if anyone in the audience, or if they know of anyone, who is interested in being appointed to that vacancy, there is a procedure to follow. Due to the fact the seat was held by a republican, the seat must be filled by a registered republican. Councilwoman Kuncken stated she is the municipal chairperson for the republican committee for Stanhope. Anyone interested must send a letter to Councilwoman Kuncken by this coming Friday, January 12th. Three names must be received which will then be submitted to the Governing Body for consideration in filling the vacant seat. If more than three letters are received, then the Republican Committee, which is comprised of two representatives from each of the Borough's three districts, would make the determination as to which three letters would be submitted to the governing body. Letters of interest can be dropped off at Borough Hall to the Borough Clerk or Deputy Clerk. It is the governing body's intention to fill the vacancy at the January 23rd meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilman Thornton, and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip
Deputy Clerk for
Ellen Horak, RMC
Borough Clerk