

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 23, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**SALUTE TO COLORS**

Mayor Wronko 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 10, 2024 and was placed on the Official Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.

In the event the Mayor and Council have not addressed all items on this Agenda by 10:00 PM and they are of the opinion that they cannot complete the Agenda in a reasonable time period, the Mayor and Council may exercise their option to continue this meeting at an agreed to date, time and place. Please turn off all cell phones for the duration of this Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members:

Councilwoman Kuncken – present	Councilman Simpson – present
Councilman Riccardi – present	Councilman Thornton – present
Councilman Romano – present	Councilman Wachterhauser – present

Mayor Wronko – present

**CITIZEN'S TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Wronko 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 Wronko closed the public portion of the meeting.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

March 12, 2024	Work Session and Agenda Meeting & Closed Session
March 26, 2024	Business Meeting & Closed Session

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilman Simpson and carried by a majority voice vote, the minutes for March were approved. Councilman Riccardi abstained from the minutes of March 26<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Thornton abstained from both minutes for March 12<sup>th</sup> and the Closed Session Minutes of March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE** *(List Attached)*

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

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety – Councilwoman Kuncken/Councilman Riccardi**

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

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Fire Department for the month of March reported they answered 7 calls, 4 mutual aid calls, had 6 drills, 1 meeting and 10 special details for a total of 280.5 man hours volunteered.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Fire Marshal for the month of March reported 6 inspections were done. There were a few violations but they have been cleared during the month of March.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Police Department for the month of March reported 56 motor vehicle stops and the total number of calls for the month was 191.

#### **Finance & Administration – Councilman Romano/Councilman Thornton**

Councilman Romano stated the tax collections for the end of March totaled \$132,605.51. The year to date collections are \$3,292,872.88. The collection percentage for the first quarter taxes is at 97.57%. The second quarter collection percentage is already at 2.25%.

Councilman Romano stated the water collection amount for March is \$77,720.01. The year to date collection is \$127,177.60. Councilman Romano stated he was surprised at the collection rate for March 2024 as compared to March 2023. In consultation with the CFO and the Utility Collector, he was informed that the water/sewer bills were sent out on time on March 1<sup>st</sup>. However, several bills were not received by the residents until early April. There was a problem with the United States Postal Service and this is why there is such a gap in the collection rate. This same issue has also occurred with the sewer collection rate. The collection amount for March of 2024 is \$96,183.92 and the year to date amount is \$154,990.61.

Councilman Romano suggested, if a lot of complaints are received, the governing body may need to consider waiving the interest fee. Administrator McNeilly stated currently there is no mechanism for instant relief. If acceptable to the governing body, a resolution could be written to provide adjustments up to a certain amount to be made in the office. This would make it possible when a resident comes into the office with a concern about their bill and their payment history shows this is a one-time situation, a correction could be offered and they would then leave happy. The system would not involve labor on the part of the CFO, Tax Collector, Utility Collector, or Administrator in order to provide a refund which would have to be done by resolution and a vote by the governing body. Councilman Romano stated he is in favor of drafting the resolution. The governing body members agreed.

#### **Community Development – Councilman Wachterhauser/Simpson**

Councilman Wachterhauser stated anyone interested in signing up for NJ Natural Gas should contact Brian Klinger.

#### **Municipal Infrastructure – Councilman Thornton/Councilman Romano**

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

Councilman Thornton asked Administrator McNeilly to discuss correspondence which was received from Planet Network. Administrator McNeilly stated Planet Network is moving closer to this area and they need a location to place a 20 ft x 8 ft prefabricated steel building. Planet Network has sent an email asking Stanhope, Netcong, Byram and Hopatcong if there is a location they can use. There are three properties in the Borough which can be placed on the Borough's surplus property list. One is located at the end of Main Street, the second is on the corner of Kynor Avenue and Brooklyn Road and the third is on Leo Avenue which would have an additional restriction on it in order to lower the price and make it more attractive to a buyer. Planet Network could purchase one of the properties from the surplus auction and then they would have to submit an application to the Land Use Board. Administrator McNeilly stated, at this moment, Stanhope does not have exactly what Planet Network is looking for. Administrator McNeilly stated he will speak with the Zoning Official to see what those properties will allow from a building standpoint, we will be in a better position to determine what kind of offer we can make. If the property on Main Street was utilized, the building would drop down below the site line of the road and it would not be seen. Administrator McNeilly stated it would be months before the Borough would have anything ready to be put up for sale. If the Zoning Official determines there is an available building lot, the governing body would then have to decide whether to put it up for auction or not. Councilman Thornton stated he is of the opinion the Borough should let Planet Network know as soon as possible that either the next steps are being looked into or let them know we have nothing available.

Mayor Wronko called for a straw poll and asked the governing body if they were in favor of investigating the possibility of being able to provide a location for Planet Network to construct a 20 ft by 8ft building within the Borough. The results are as follows: Councilwoman Kuncken – yes; Councilman Wachterhauser – yes; Councilman Thornton – yes; Councilman Riccardi – yes; Councilman Simpson – yes; Councilman Romano – yes

### **Information Technology – Councilman Riccardi/Wachterhauser**

Councilman Riccardi stated the Quicktek migration is underway. Accounting is complete. Once everything else is fully moved over, which is being done to comply with the JIF security requirements, a meeting will be scheduled for mid-May for an assessment to take place.

Councilman Romano stated everyone has received an email from D2 Cybersecurity. Administrator McNeilly confirmed D2 is the company which received the second-round contract with JIF. The format is different this time which is the reason for the new training email. The training must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Boards/Commissions – Simpson/Councilwoman Kuncken**

Councilman Simpson stated the Rabies Clinic was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Over 60 dogs and cats were vaccinated. Councilman Simpson thanked the Board of Health for sponsoring the event and he thanked the Fire Department for the use of their facility for the clinic.

Councilman Simpson stated the Community Cleanup Day was held this past Sunday for Earth Day. There were over 35 participants who volunteered to clean up areas around the Borough. Councilman Simpson thanked the Environmental Commission for organizing the event.

Councilman Simpson stated the Recreation Commission will meet on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Shade Tree Commission will meet May 7<sup>th</sup>, Board of Health meets on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Environmental Commission will meet May 9<sup>th</sup> and the Land Use Board will meet on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Romano thanked Councilman Simpson and Councilman Wachterhauser for their help at the Rabies Clinic. They helped with traffic flow to keep everything moving efficiently and their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Councilwoman Kuncken stated the Memorial Day Parade will be taking place on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and the governing body members are all invited to march in the parade. Councilwoman Kuncken confirmed with Administrator McNeilly that the trailer will be put in place on the Friday before the parade and it will be removed on the Tuesday after the parade.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Environmental Commission Grant – Administrator McNeilly stated the previously discussed ANJEC grant request for \$1,500 was completed and submitted today. The grant is for the removal of existing invasive species and the replanting of native species. The focus for the removal of trees will be in the park areas.

NJ Natural Gas – Administrator McNeilly stated NJ Natural Gas is continuing with the installation of the gas mains. Elm Street, Grove Road, Hickory Drive, Oak Street and Valley Road are close to completion. Later this week, work will begin on Spencer Street and then on to Sagamore Road. Access to the school will always be available. Many road opening permits have been received for the residential installs. Some are for areas which will not have their installation done for quite some time.

Shred Day and Electronic Waste Day – Administrator McNeilly stated Saturday's shred day and electronic waste collection day were successful. Many people took advantage of the shred truck and two pallets full of electronics were collected which will be transported to the vendor in Randolph on Thursday by the Borough DPW.

Leo Avenue – Administrator McNeilly stated the repairs to Leo Avenue will begin on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and should be completed by Friday. The road closures are being coordinated with Hopatcong Borough. Notices have been sent out to the residents on Leo Avenue in the Hopatcong area informing them of the road closure. Administrator McNeilly stated he is of the opinion the road will only need to be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The notice actually says the

road will be closed on weekdays for an indefinite amount of time. The hope is once the new drains are installed and sealed back up, the water problem will be alleviated.

JIF Insurance Claim – Administrator McNeilly stated the JIF approved the damage claim for the leaf trailer and a check has been received in the amount of \$16,900.

Ridge Road/Sunset Avenue/Overhill Road/ Mountain View Road Water Project – Administrator McNeilly stated the informational meeting for the Ridge Road, Sunset Avenue, Overhill Road and Mountain View Road Water Project will take place at Borough Hall on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. A letter was mailed to each household located on these streets. Ellen Horak, Borough Clerk, stated an advice only notice has been sent to the newspaper stating the Mayor and Council members will be in attendance for information purposes only and no business will be conducted.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting - Administrator McNeilly stated the Mayor and Council Meeting scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> will take place at the Stanhope School in the gym.

6 Summit Street – Councilman Wachterhauser asked if the issue with 6 Summit Street has been addressed. Ms. Horak stated the Engineer did send his report to the Land Use Board. Administrator McNeilly stated he will forward a copy of the report to the governing body. The Engineer’s findings were a little different than what was discussed at the last meeting.

Musconetcong Park Playground – Administrator McNeilly stated the playground area for the 0-5 year olds was replaced recently. The DPW has now placed wood chips in the area. The area with the swing set and the 5-12 age group area still needs to have additional wood chips placed there. There is a great deal of water that pools up in that area when the rainfall is eight inches or more in a month, which has been the case for the past three months. The water does cause the area to get quite muddy if there are not enough wood chips. Administrator McNeilly stated he did have the Risk Manager inspect the playground due to these issues. The 0-5 age group section has received satisfactory approval. The compaction meets all of the requirements as per the insurance guidelines provided by the state. Councilwoman Kuncken asked if the swing has been repaired. Administrator McNeilly stated he will follow up on the swing issue and he will make sure it is taken care of. Councilman Wachterhauser asked if any additional wood chips are needed for the Dell Road Park. Administrator McNeilly stated the Dell Road Park is complete. The grant which was used for the playground included the new wood chips.

Possible Homeless Encampment – Mayor Wronko stated there have been concerns about homeless encampments in town. Administrator McNeilly stated he and the DPW Superintendent parked at Well #5 and walked from the canal to the river and all the way out to Exit 25. They walked through the woods and did not find anything as was referenced online. The area by Furnace Pond was also checked and nothing was found there either. Mayor Wronko thanked Administrator McNeilly for checking those areas.

## **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES**

*Ordinances for Introduction and First Reading [Public Hearing on May 14, 2024]*

#### **Ordinance 2024-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE,  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A  
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 11207, LOT 8 (45  
MAIN STREET)**

**WHEREAS**, redevelopment plans must be adopted by ordinance, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2023, the Governing Body of the Borough of Stanhope (the “Borough”), by Resolution 095-23 commissioned a report to determine if the land known as 45 Main Street, Block 11207, Lot 8, to strengthen the existing retail areas along Main Street, qualified as an “area in need of redevelopment” under the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (“LRHL”); and

**WHEREAS**, by report dated October 3, 2023 and updated December 1, 2023, the Borough adopted the findings in the Redevelopment Assessment Report and declared that the area known as 45 Main Street, Block 11207, Lot 8, constitutes an area in need of redevelopment (“Redevelopment Area”) as defined pursuant to the LRHL, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Land Use Board held a meeting on January 8, 2024 and considered the Redevelopment Plan and recommended minor revisions to the Redevelopment Plan for 45 Main Street, Block 11207, Lot 8, dated December 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Planner revised the December 1, 2023 Redevelopment Plan, including in accordance with the recommendations of the Land Use Board in a Redevelopment Plan for 45 Main Street, Block 11207, Lot 8, dated April 4, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough now wishes to adopt the Redevelopment Plan for 45 Main Street, Block 11207, Lot 8, dated April 4, 2024, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

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

**SECTION 1.**

The Redevelopment Plan for 45 Main Street, Block 11207, Lot 8, dated April 4, 2024 attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and adopted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

**SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY**

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

**SECTION 3 - REPEALER**

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

**SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

On motion by Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Kuncken and carried by a majority of the following roll call vote, the foregoing ordinance was introduced.

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Simpson – no  
Councilman Thornton – abstain  
Councilman Wachterhauser - yes

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

**Ordinance 2024-06**

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$343,500, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$132,170 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY**

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

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Borough

of Stanhope, New Jersey. For the said several improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums, except as described in said Section 3, being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and amounting in the aggregate to \$343,500 including the aggregate sum of \$9,500 as the several down payments for said improvements or purposes required by law and more particularly described in said Section 3 and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes and including also in the case of the improvement or purpose described in paragraph (a) of said Section 3, the sum of \$201,830 received or expected to be received by the Borough from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvements.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes, including for the purpose of applicable United States Treasury regulations, the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet the part of said \$343,500 appropriations not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments and grant, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$132,170 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$132,170 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

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

<u>IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES</u>
(a) Improvement of Elm Street and Grove Road in and by the Borough by the construction or reconstruction therein of roadway pavements at least equal in useful life or durability to a roadway pavement of Class B construction (as such term is used or referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law) together with all structures, appurtenances, milling, curb and sidewalk reconstruction, drainage improvements, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved, the \$300,000 hereby appropriated therefor being inclusive of the sum of \$201,830 received or expected to be received by the Borough from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvements	\$300,000	\$93,170
(b) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment, including one (1) mason dump truck for use by the Department of Public Works of the Borough, together with all equipment, appurtenances and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved, the \$43,500 hereby appropriated therefor being exclusive of the sum of \$87,000 appropriated therefor on the date hereof by a water utility bond ordinance and a sewer utility ordinance of the Borough	43,500	39,000
Totals	\$343,500	\$132,170

Except as otherwise stated in paragraph (a) above with respect to the said \$201,830 grant-in-aid of financing the purpose described in said paragraph, the excess of the appropriation made for the improvement or purpose aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the said down payment for said purpose.

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

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

(b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of the said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$132,170, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) Amounts not exceeding \$35,000 in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

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

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

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

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

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

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

Roll Call:

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

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

**Ordinance 2024-07**                    **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$43,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$38,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION**

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

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$43,500, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$5,000 down payment for said improvement or required by law now available as the purpose thereof by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes, and exclusive of the sum of \$87,000 appropriated therefor on the date hereof by virtue of a sewer utility bond ordinance and a general capital bond ordinance of the Borough.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose, including for the purpose of applicable United States Treasury regulations, the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet said \$43,500 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$38,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$38,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

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



(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose pursuant to this bond ordinance is \$38,500.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$130,500, the excess thereof over the appropriation hereby made therefor being the amount of \$87,000 appropriated on the date hereof by virtue of a sewer utility bond ordinance and a general capital bond ordinance of the Borough.

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

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

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Borough determined as provided in said Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Borough as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$38,500, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$4,500 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

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

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

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and, unless

paid from revenues of the water supply and distribution system of the Borough, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

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

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

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

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Kuncken – yes

Councilman Riccardi – yes

Councilman Romano – yes

Councilman Simpson – yes

Councilman Thornton – yes

Councilman Wachterhauser - yes

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

**Ordinance 2024-08**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL VEHICULAR EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$43,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$32,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

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

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$43,500, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$11,000 down payment for said improvement or required by law now available as the purpose thereof by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes, and exclusive of the sum of \$87,000 appropriated therefor on the date hereof by virtue of a water utility bond ordinance and a general capital bond ordinance of the Borough.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose, including for the purpose of applicable United States Treasury regulations, the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet said \$43,500 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$32,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$32,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the acquisition by purchase of new and additional vehicular equipment for use by the sewer utility of the Borough, including one (1) mason dump

truck, together with all equipment, appurtenances and accessories necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose pursuant to this bond ordinance is \$32,500.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$130,500, the excess thereof over the appropriation hereby made therefor being the amount of \$87,000 appropriated on the date hereof by virtue of a water utility bond ordinance and a general capital bond ordinance of the Borough.

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

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

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Borough determined as provided in said Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Borough as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$32,500, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$4,500 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Simpson – yes  
Councilman Thornton – yes  
Councilman Wachterhauser - yes

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

**Ordinance 2024-09**

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BY THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$133,750 THEREFOR FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Borough of Stanhope, New Jersey, and there is hereby appropriated therefor the sum of \$133,750, to the extent of \$46,965.76, from moneys available in the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough, to the extent of \$27,750, from moneys available in the Capital Fund Balance of the Borough, and, to the extent of \$59,034.24, from the proceeds of a grant received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Section 2. The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance is the acquisition of new and additional equipment, including video equipment and portables for use by the Police Department of the Borough, and air bottles and a hose line for use by the Fire Department of the Borough together with all equipment, accessories, apparatus and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved.

Section 3. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency

herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Borough Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final passage as provided by law.

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

Roll Call:

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Resolution 096-24                      RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE 2024 RECYCLING TONNAGE 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 \$2,951.09 from the NJ Solid Waste Administration for the 2024 Recycling Tonnage Grant, and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Stanhope now wishes to amend its 2024 budget to include the additional grant funds approved of \$2,951.09 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 2024 in the sum of \$2,951.09, 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: 2024 Recycling Tonnage Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of.....\$2,951.09

be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations  
(A) Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:  
2024 Recycling Tonnage 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 Simpson and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Simpson – yes  
Councilman Thornton– yes  
Councilman Wachterhauser – yes

**Resolution 097-24**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET TO INCLUDE SAFE & SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

**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 \$675.00 from the State of NJ for the Safe & Secure Communities Program, and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Stanhope now wishes to amend its 2024 budget to include the additional grant funds approved of \$675.00 as a revenue.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Stanhope does hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$675.00, 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: Safe & Secure Communities Program

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of.....\$675.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

- General Appropriations
  - (A) Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
    - Safe & Secure Communities Program, and

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

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

Councilwoman Kuncken asked Administrator McNeilly if this is all the funding left from the original amount? Administrator McNeilly confirmed this is the last of the funding.

Roll Call:

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

Councilman Simpson – yes  
Councilman Thornton– yes  
Councilman Wachterhauser – yes

**Resolution 098-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECEIPT OF  
BIDS FOR STANHOPE BOROUGH VALLEY ROAD  
SCHOOL ACCESS PHASE 3: ELM STREET AND  
GROVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that improvements are necessary to Elm Street and Grove Road for access to the Valley Road School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough applied for and received a Local Aid Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”); and

**WHEREAS**, the scope and extent of the work requires that the work be publicly bid pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has prepared Bid Specifications in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law for the work to be completed, including the required Notice to Bidders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stanhope, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for the Stanhope Borough Valley Road School Access Phase 3: Elm Street and Grove Road Improvements, upon receipt of the NJDOT Local Aid Grant approval.

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

Roll Call:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA** (All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Borough Council and were enacted by one motion of the Borough Council with no separate discussion.)

**Resolution 099-24**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN  
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG LEAP IMPLEMENTATION  
GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

**WHEREAS**, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hopatcong, Borough of Stanhope, Borough of Netcong, Borough of Mount Arlington, Borough of Wharton, Township of Byram, Township of Sparta, and Township of Andover propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to implement shared services for Animal Control and Shelter, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hopatcong has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stanhope, that the Borough of Stanhope does hereby join with the Borough of Hopatcong in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

**Resolution 100-24**

**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. 2022-005 representing 2021 property taxes and/or utility charges on Block 11103, Lot 24.06 known as Hill Rd, assessed to Smith, Wayne B, 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:	Jhonatan Eligio Davis Silvestre 3 Florence St Stanhope, NJ 07874
Redemption Amount:	Tax Title Lien #2022-005 and Interest to Date of Meeting \$ 314.49 Premium Paid by Lienholder _____ 0.00
Total From Current Fund:	\$ 314.49
Total From Tax Premium Account	0.00

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

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

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

Roll Call:

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Resolution 101-24**

**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 April 23, 2024 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 Thornton and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.



Roll Call:

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

Councilman Simpson – yes  
Councilman Thornton – yes  
Councilman Wachterhauser – yes

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Ursula Leo, Borough Attorney, stated she had no report this evening.

**CITIZEN'S TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Wronko 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 Wronko closed the public portion of the meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists;

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. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:  

1 – Contract: Sale of Gallonage
2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Session at 7:36 P.M.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Mayor and Council reconvened the public meeting at 8:00 P.M. with all present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilwoman Kuncken, seconded by Councilman Thornton and unanimously carried by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Approved:

Linda Chirip  
Deputy Clerk for  
Ellen Horak, RMC  
Borough Clerk