



**THE BOROUGH OF STANHOPE
BUSINESS MEETING
6:00 p.m., February 24, 2026**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO COLORS

OPENING STATEMENT

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 7, 2026 and was placed on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Furthermore, notice of the change in meeting time was sent to the New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record on February 18, 2026 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: Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser Mayor Wronko

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (5 minutes given to each Speaker)

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

January 6, 2026	Reorganization Meeting
January 13, 2026	Work Session and Agenda Meeting
January 27, 2026	Business Meeting & Closed Session

Move/2nd _____

CORRESPONDENCE – February 2026

Move/2nd _____

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Move/2nd _____

- Public Safety: Councilmen Wachterhauser/Riccardi
- Finance & Administration: Councilmen Romano/Thornton
- Community Development: Councilmen Smith/Simpson
- Municipal Infrastructure: Councilmen Thornton/Romano
- Information Technology: Councilmen Riccardi/Wachterhauser
- Boards/Commissions: Councilmen Simpson/Smith

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- *Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (Planner William Hamilton)*
- *Lenape Valley Regional High School Senior Awards*
- *2026 Municipal Budget*
- *Environmental Commission's Request (Student Liaison)*

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance for Public Hearing and Final Adoption

- 2026-01 Amending the Borough Code, Including the Zoning Map, Rezoning Block 11802, Lot 1 as High Density Residential, and Amending Chapter 100. "Land Development, Article XIV, Entitled "High Density Residential Zones", Sections 100-89, 100-90 and 100-91
Move/2nd _____ Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser
Motion to Publish in Official Newspaper: Move/2nd _____

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance for Introduction and First Reading [Public Hearing on March 10, 2026]

- 2026-04 Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 "Joint Municipal Court"
Move/2nd _____ Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser
Motion to Publish in Official Newspaper: Move/2nd _____

Resolutions:

- 051-26 Adopt Affirmative Marketing Plan for the Borough of Stanhope [Tabled on 2/10/26]
Move/2nd _____ Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser
- 052-26 Adopt Fourth Round Affordable Housing Spending Plan [Tabled on 2/10/26]
Move/2nd _____ Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser
- 053-26 Adopt the Rehabilitation Plan for the Borough of Stanhope [Tabled on 2/10/26]
Move/2nd _____ Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser
- 058-26 Authorize 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status
Move/2nd _____ Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser

PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 059-26 Authorize Payment of Bills
Move/2nd _____ Riccardi Romano Simpson Smith Thornton Wachterhauser

ATTORNEY REPORT

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CLOSED SESSION

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

_____ Personnel _____ Contract _____ Real Property
_____ Public Safety _____ Litigation/Potential Litigation _____ Attorney-Client

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. Time: _____ Motion/2nd _____

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Time _____ Move/2nd _____

ADJOURNMENT Time _____ Move/2nd _____