

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2014 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Nametko called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT**

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting as defined by the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided by:

1. Posting a notice of said meeting in the space provided for such announcements at the Borough Hall on January 2, 2014.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough on January 6, 2014 and faxing a copy to the Star Ledger on January 2, 2014.

**ROLL CALL**

Those present at this evenings meeting included Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametco. Also attending: Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Reorganization/Regular Meeting – January 9, 2014

A motion to approve the Reorganization/Regular meeting was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

- Special Meeting – January 16, 2014

A motion to approve the Special meeting was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes            Abstain: Councilman Koster

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The session was open to the public. Seeing no one stepping forward, the Mayor called for a motion to close the meeting to the public.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2014-1** - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the Borough of Netcong and Revising the Policy Concerning Retiree Health Benefits

This ordinance was carried to the February 13, 2014 meeting.

2. **Ordinance 2014-2** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Chief of Police to Execute An Application for a Charitable Solicitation Permit for Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's "Coin Drop" on Memorial Day Weekend at the Intersections of Allen Street and Ledgewood Avenue and Main Street and Route 46 and Route 183 in the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey

This ordinance was carried to the February 13, 2014 meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – Annual Report
2. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – 2014 Budget

The Mayor solicited questions from the Council regarding the Lake Musconetcong correspondence. Councilman Hathaway stated that there was no increase this year. He noted that the Board was going to ask for an increase but the group noted the pressures on the municipal budget. He also noted that the cold weather was a favorable influence.

3. Municipal Alliance E-Mail – Todd Portsmore Resignation

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

4. Netcong Planning Board Resolution # 2014-3 – Variances Granted in 2013

The Mayor noted there were not many variances in 2013.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. NJNG Street Opening on College Rd.

Mr. Blakeslee noted more detail would be included in his administrator's report. Mr. Blakeslee provided information regarding the feedback he received on this issue. He also mentioned his work with Mr. Guerin on this issue. He provided Mr. Guerin's recommendations to the DOT. It was noted that the work needs to be completed by June/July 2014.

2. Title Search for Terrace Street Retaining Wall – Heritage Abstract Co.

This item of business was carried to the February 13, 2014 meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding ownership of the wall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented at this meeting.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Council President Sylvester had no comments at this time.

Councilman Hathaway requested to discuss War Memorial. He passed a picture to Mayor and Council showing the existing and proposed sign. He described the process to move forward and quoted \$4,500 which was lower than the original \$10,000 estimate. He noted this plan facilitated an expansion of names on the memorial. The Council decided the first step would be to send letters to everyone in town to solicit veteran's names. Mr. Blakeslee stated he would go to bid with a "not to exceed" clause.

Councilman Still made a motion to authorize Ralph Blakeslee to gather names for the memorial. Councilman Sylvester seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2014- 26** – To Appoint Bruce Carlson and Roger Wilgus Jr. as Temporary Part Time Laborers for the Department of Public Works

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution #2014-27-** A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution #2014-28** - First Responder Identification Cards

Councilman Laureys asked about the cards. Mr. Wayne Anthony stepped forward to note that the cards are used for fire, first aid and police in the event of a major disaster. It was noted that the cost for this program does not come out of the town budget. The program originated from Homeland Security.

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster to approve the First Responder cards.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

4. **Resolution #2014-29** – Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Act as the Borough's Representative to the NJDEP'S Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

5. **Resolution #2014-30** – Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

6. **Resolution #2014-31** – Authorizing a Refund of Taxes for Block 39 Lot 1

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

7. **Resolution #2014-32** – Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Developer's Agreement with Progressive Properties, Inc. for the Preliminary Major Subdivision Approval of Block 8, Lot 36

This resolution was carried to the February 13, 2013 meeting.

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **Bond Ordinance 2014-1:**

To Authorize the Undertaking of Various Improvements to Firehouse No.1 in, By and for the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the sum of \$109,000.00 to Pay the Cost Thereof, to make a Down Payment, to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance such Appropriation and to Provide for the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in the Anticipation of the Issuance of Such Bonds

This ordinance was carried to the February 13, 2014 meeting.

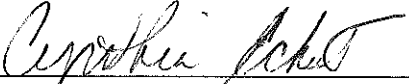
### **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no closed sessions during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:02 PM seconded by Councilman Laureys and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk