

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 3, 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 7:31 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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 10, 2014.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 15, 2014 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 10, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Councilwoman Butler, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting of March 6, 2014
- Regular Meeting of March 13, 2014

A Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRESENTATION OF COUNTY BUDGET – Morris County Freeholders

This agenda item was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Jeter Riggs, 1 Spring Lane Stanhope: He is the Chairman of the Lake Musconetcong Community Association. He noted it is a 5013c nonprofit. He explained the needs of the organization and requested Borough support for the Lake. They have a letter campaign in progress. He wondered if the Borough could advertise

a link to the Association's website for letter campaign. The Mayor noted that it could not be sent out via the Borough's email server. He added that the Borough Attorney provided this advice.

The Council considered discussion on this topic and the letter drafted by the LMCA for support was read for the audience. They contemplated how they could provide help and support this cause.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

BOROUGH AUDITOR TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

This agenda item was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

This agenda item was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

Resolution #2014-53 - Resolution to Approve the 2014 Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership - Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong.

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

Resolution 2014-54 - Resolution Approving the Introduction of the 2014 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to be Held Thereon.

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 1. Ordinance 2014-3** - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

This Ordinance was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

- 2. Ordinance 2014-4**- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 13TH, JUNE 14TH 2014, SEPTEMBER 5TH AND SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2014 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

This Ordinance was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

3. Ordinance 2014-5 – 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 April 10, 2014 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from American Legion Musconetcong Post 278 Requesting Permission to Conduct a Parade on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2014 in the Borough of Netcong.

The Council agreed to permit parade with the condition they stop at the Memorial Board in front of Borough Hall on Maple Ave. At that time it is requested that the parade acknowledge by salute, the service of veterans listed on the board.

2. Letter from Salmon Bros. – SID Property Assessment

There was a lengthy discussion among the Mayor and Council about the process for the cost estimate and the assessment, as well as the SID in general. Mr. Blakeslee will look into streamlining the process.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Don Jose Restaurant – Division of ABC Special Permit to Extend Licensed Premises- Cinco de Mayo Celebration May 5, 2014

A motion was made to extend the license by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes. Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

2. Firehouse #1 Insulation and Interior Work

Mr. Blakeslee provided information from the three quotes he obtained.

3. Lenape Valley Regional High School Lacrosse Shared Service Agreement

The Council discussed the issues related to the Shared Service. The Council agreed to move forward with this as long as the High School agrees to repair any damages to the field

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler for Mr. Blakeslee to put a Shared Service Agreement together with insurance stipulations and the condition mentioned above.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

There were no comments from the Council at this time.

MAYORS COMMENTS

It has been at least 5 years since the last re-val. The Mayor urged the Council to consider another one since there have been many tax appeals for the last few years. Mr. Blakeslee will research the topic.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2014-43 – Tax Identification Statement

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

Resolution #2014-44 – Tonnage Grant Application

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

2. Resolution #2014-45 - Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

3. Resolution #2014-46 – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 13-00007- 14 Center St.

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

Resolution 2014-47 – Certification of Annual Audit

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

4. Resolution 2014-48 – To Approve 2012 Corrective Action Plan

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

5. Resolution 2014-49 – NJDOT – No Passing Zone

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

6. Resolution 2014-50 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Mount Olive Public Library for Library Services Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, ET Seq.

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced during this session.

ADOPTION OF THE 2014 BUDGET

The adoption of the budget was carried to the April 10 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 BUDGET

The public hearing was also carried to the April 10 meeting.

Resolution #2014- 51 -To Read Budget by Title Only

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

Resolution #2014 - 52 -To Adopt the 2014 Budget.

This Resolution was carried to the April 10, 2014 meeting.

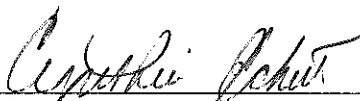
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:30 PM and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk