

## **BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 8, 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**

### **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 and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator, Mr. Bucco, Borough Attorney and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

### **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

- Frank Koval, Alternative Auto on Allen Street.

Mr. Koval had several questions about the "non binding" referendum. He was not sure it made sense. The Mayor explained the reasoning for this action. He also asked about the \$3K earmarked for the Farmer's Market. The Mayor responded. He also requested to see the letter that was going out before it was sent. The Mayor also confirmed that since he has been part of the SID, he has never witnessed any impropriety.

- Wayne Anthony – 24 Dell Ave.

Mr. Anthony has attended numerous Council meetings and has been listening to all the conversations on the SID. He feels the SID and DPW have done a lot for Netcong residents. He was concerned what would happen if the SID dissolves.

- Frank Koval – He made a statement regarding the attendance at the SID.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID BUDGET**

Mr. Bucco noted the votes made on the SID budget and resolution during the May 1, 2014 meeting.

A Motion to table the Public Hearing on the SID Budget to the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

**Resolution #2014-57** - Authorizing the Adoption of the 2014 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

Carried to the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

1. **Bond Ordinance 2014-6** -. -Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements And The Acquisition Of New Additional Or Replacement Equipment And Machinery In, By And For The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$35,800 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 Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.

A Motion to Read Bond Ordinance 2014-6 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

The Mayor solicited comments from the public and Mr. Bucco read the details for the spending of the \$35,800.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance #2014-6 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

2. **Bond Ordinance 2014-7-** Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements In, By And For The Water Utility Of The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$273,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.

A Motion to Read Bond Ordinance 2014-7 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance #2014-7 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

3. **Bond Ordinance 2014-8** – Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Acquisition Of A Mason Dump Truck, Including Original Apparatus And Equipment, In, By And For The Sewer Utility Of The Borough Of Netcong, In The County Of Morris, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$70,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Appropriate Moneys From The Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.

A Motion to Read Bond Ordinance 2014-8 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A motion to adopt Bond Ordinance #2014-8 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Festival of Books Proclamation

The Mayor read the Proclamation.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

There was some discussion on the Firehouse #1 repairs to the foundation. The bid received was higher than the bid threshold. Mr. Blakeslee will look into alternatives. Mr. Bucco will check into proper procedure regarding this. Mr. Blakeslee also discussed the status of single stream recycling. The Council also discussed specific projects within the Firehouse #1 repair.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:                    E. Still                    J. Sylvester

In the month of April the Borough had total income in the amount of \$600,387.81 as compared to the previous year of \$368,078.49.

Year to Date:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

\$1,025.00 in 2014 vs. \$1,082.00 in 2013

Other Licenses/Fees:

\$17,315.89 in 2014 vs. \$7,175.27 in 2013

*The Borough received \$8,664.00 for the sale of two police vehicles. Court fees were also up by \$1,574.46 over last year.*

State Aid

\$0/\$0

Grants in Aid

\$3,704.75 in 2014 vs. \$1,225.00 in 2013

*In April the Borough received \$2,154.75 in State of NJ Fire Safety grant funds and \$1,550.00 from the NJ Division of Motor Vehicles Inspection funds.*

Taxes Collected

\$576,976.17 collected in 2014 vs. \$358,461.22 collected in 2013

*Current year tax collection is up by \$218,514.95.*

Income Total Year to Date:

\$2,666,289.88 in 2014 vs. \$2,353,168.15 in 2013.

Economic Development:                R. Hathaway                E. Still

The Pocketbook Factory will be discussed during the May meeting. Dialog continues regarding the development project.

Public Safety: J. Sylvester E. Koster  
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Councilman Koster reported the following regarding April:

Firefighters:

10 drills 2 special drills, 8 fire calls, 7 meetings  
Total of 50 firefighters worked 901.5 hours

Police Department:

431 tickets year to date. (Average 110 per month.) Sold two police cars and received \$9,000. New patrolman will graduate the academy on the June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Received \$4,400 from Click it or Ticket.

Councilman Koster read the following letter:

*To The Mayor and Town Council,  
After much preparation, on behalf of Chief Blesson and Netcong Police Department, we would like to extend an invitation to attend the Every 15 Minute Program that will be held at Lenape Valley High School on May 28th and 29th. The program will be ongoing during the day, with a simulated crash scene at 01:30. A funeral will be held in the school auditorium at on May 29th,. V.I.P's are asked to arrive at 08:30. You have an open invitation to observe at any time during the day. Please advise us if you plan on attending so we may place your name with school officials for entry into the school. We hope to make a real impact on the lives of these young men and women with this hard hitting and emotional program. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated by both the Netcong Police Department as well as the students.  
Your support in the preparation and production of this program has been greatly appreciated. As Mayor and Council you have opened every resource available to you without hesitation. I hope you can join us for the event and observe as we try to ensure this nightmare never becomes a reality.*

The Mayor advised all to attend this special presentation.

Ambulance Corps:

Total Calls: 43  
24 patients took 24 tips to the hospital  
Total miles travelled: 729, Total hours volunteered: 156 hours and 41 minutes.  
There was one assist from the Netcong Fire Department.

Dept. of Public Works & Utilities: E. Koster R. Hathaway

Water Department: Performed utility mark outs on College Rd. and Center St. for the gas company to install new gas main and services---

Road- Department: Vacuumed Main St. and Maple Ave. 2 times each week---  
Cleaned heavy debris from the roads prior to the sweeper on May 12--16---

Buildings & Grounds: Performed ground cleanups at all Borough buildings---  
Sprayed the brick pavers on Main St, Maple Ave. for weeds---Sprayed for bug  
control at Arbolino park bathrooms, DiRenzo park bathrooms and Indians field  
refreshment stand and field house---Opened the bathrooms at DiRenzo and  
Arbolino parks---Repaired the hot water heater at Direnzo park---

Recycling: Collected 25 loads of leaves, 4 loads of brush and 4 loads of chips  
from the residents in April---

Training: Olivo, The Security Illusion---

Other: Serviced all landscape equipment prior to usage---Worked the saplings  
(tree) give away at the recycle center as requested (we still have several  
hundred trees for the Cub Scouts)---Put the plows and sanders in storage for  
the summer--- Worked on DPW, Administrator and Police vehicles as needed---

Comments: Sent Joe Fiorello for pesticide operator training and he was  
successful in passing the core exam, he is now recognized as a pesticide  
operator and is able to perform weed spraying even if our licensed applicator is  
away (but available).---

Councilman Koster also added that a large grant (\$145,000) was received from  
DOT for Church Street. Also, an \$80,000 grant was received from Community  
Development. He noted that for the first time more water was pumped this  
month over this time last year.

Recreation:

P. Butler

T. Laureys

There was a garage sale last Saturday. More bus trips will be sponsored, dates  
to follow. The family picnic was cancelled due to lack of interest and time.

Public Services:

T. Laureys

P. Butler

(Human Services  
Recycling & Solid  
Waste Disposal

For the month of April, Councilman Laureys reported the following:

Days of Service: 21

Miles: 1208

Number of Stops: 118

Nutrition (7 people): 59

Food Shopping (18 people): 50

Number of Meals on Wheels: 17

Medical Appointments: 24

Other Appointments: 73

People Using Services: 50

Cancels: 15

Denials: 9

Units: 455

Hours: 115

Additional Notes: 2 new seniors, 1 new disabled

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Councilman Hathaway explained to the Council, the reason he asked for the Bond Ordinances to be clarified is because it was brought to his attention some members of the public may not be aware of the specifics of the Ordinance. The Mayor thought it was a good idea to be more specific in the future.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor just had one question for Mr. Laureys- Did his mother Mrs. Laureys have a property interest in the ownership of Shop Rite in Netcong. Mr. Laureys explained she was a partner at one point but had sold her portion of the partnership long before her death. The Mayor stated that if Mr. Laureys had inherited her portion he would have to abstain from the SID voting. Mr. Laureys understood.

The Mayor commented on the "Junk in the Trunk" event.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2014-61** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Stanziale Construction, LLC for the College Road and Stoll Street Phase II Street Improvements Project, in the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

2. **Resolution #2014-62** – Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 19 – June 1, 2014

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2014-9** – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 54, Police Department, Article IV, Fees, Section 54-16, Fees, Paragraph F, Contracted Police Services, Subparagraph (3) of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2014-9 and Read by Title only was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2014-9 on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes

**REPORTS**

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes

**BILLS**

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 4 Yes

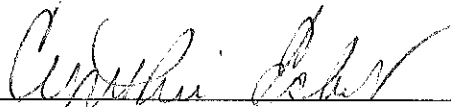
**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilwoman Butler at 8:38 PM and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk