

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JANUARY 10, 2013 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Nametko presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER – STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Cindy Eckert, Borough Clerk read the Open Public Meetings Act notice:

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 4, 2013.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 9, 2013 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 4, 2013.

ROLL CALL

Members of the Borough Council present at roll call were: Laureys, Hathaway, Sylvester, Still, Butler, Koster and Mayor Nametko. Cindy Eckert, Borough Clerk was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Meeting of December 6, 2012
Regular Meeting of December 13, 2012

The Mayor asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the minutes.

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the December 6, 2012 minutes.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the December 13, 2012 minutes.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the Public. Seeing no one requesting to speak, he asked for a motion to close.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Discussion on Water Quality Management Amendment

The Mayor requested that Borough Engineer Bob Guerin step up to present an explanation of the proposed amendment and let the council know what has changed. Mr. Guerin explained that the DEP is requiring both Sussex and Morris Counties to participate, as both have part of the Watershed area within their jurisdiction. Mr. Guerin referred to a map while explaining the area concerned. Mr. Guerin asked questions related to the service sewer area.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from The Arc/Morris - Fair Share Assessment for 2013 (See resolution section on this agenda)

The Mayor noted that the town has participated in this before and it was \$455.00. It goes toward recreational programs from the Arc.

2. Letter from Coalition against Human Trafficking (See proclamation on this agenda)

The Mayor noted a proclamation will be presented later in the meeting.

3. Letter from New Jersey Crime Victims' Law Center

The Mayor noted this will be effected in March and there would be more information regarding this later in the meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

This report was submitted Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. No questions or comments were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance:

E. Still

J. Sylvester

Councilman Sylvester reported the following:

In the month of **December**, the total income the Boro received was \$110,182.27 as compared to the previous year of \$199,749.20

Year to Date:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

\$29,927.07 in 2012 vs. \$45,164.43 in 2011

A decrease of \$15,237.36 over 2011.

Other Licenses. including Clerk's Fees:

\$126,711.66 in 2012 vs. \$10,671.66 in 2011.

An increase of \$19,040.00

State Aid

\$436,063.00 received in 2012 vs. \$437,083.00 in 2011.

A decrease of \$1,020.00

Grants in Aid

\$51,999.53 in 2012 vs. \$27,344.23 in 2011

Taxes Collected

\$7,563,011.68 collected in 2012 vs. \$7,701,182.94 in 2011

A decrease of \$138,171.26 from last year.

Income Total Year To Date:

\$8,207,712.94 in 2012 vs. \$8,318,446.26 in 2011.

A decrease to date of \$110,733.32

The Mayor noted that the first full look at the budget would be on the 16th.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway stated that they are still waiting to hear from Quick Chek regarding the permits. The Pocket Book Factory (2 Flanders Rd.) has a short term lease for storage. Plans are expected to be brought to the Planning Board in February. The NCP stakeholders meeting will be this month.

Public Safety:
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

J. Sylvester

E. Koster

The Fire Department in December noted 54 firefighters volunteering 400.5 hours to the residents of the Borough of Netcong. There were 4 general alarms, 4 drills and 3 meetings. 6215 total man hours were volunteered for the year.

For the month of December, the Stanhope-Netcong Ambulance Squad responded to a total of 47 calls, one of which was out of town. They treated a total of 34 patients and made 28 trips to area hospitals. They travelled 699 miles and volunteered 137 hours and 13 minutes. There were no assists by the Stanhope Fire Department.

For the year of 2012:

There were 676 calls answered, 21 were out of town. A total of 504 patients were treated and there were 410 total trips to area hospitals. They travelled 10566 miles and volunteered 2528 hours and 45 minutes. There were 7 assist from the Stanhope Fire Department, 2 assists from the Netcong Fire Department and 1 assist from the Netcong Police.

The Police Department in December answered 313 calls. There were 106 motor vehicle summonses written. There were 21 local ordinance summonses written. We are back to full staff. The Chief wanted the Council to know that the new traffic pattern will begin through the circle area on Saturday. The police have also been making two walkthroughs through all the school systems.

**Dept. of Public
Works & Utilities:**

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

Water Department: Replaced a 3/4" service line that was leaking in the street and sidewalk areas at 103 Main St. Turned the water service back on at 2 Flanders Rd. as requested (Pocketbook Factory)

Sewer Department: Unclogged a blocked sewer lateral at 13 Maple Ave. on the street side

Buildings & Grounds: Shoveled snow from all borough sidewalks as needed

Recycling: Collected 11 loads of leaves and 14 loads of brush from the residents in December, also chipped (what would have been) approximately 50 loads of brush throughout the town

Snow and Ice Control: Plowed and salted roads as needed. DPW employees worked 75 hours overtime in December during snow emergencies. Used 126 ton of salt for snow and ice control in December

Other: Brought all light towers and message boards that were used at the holiday parade back to the county. Assembled 15 of the generators that we received from JCP&L and distributed them to (2 to each fire dept., 2 to each school, 2 to the ambulance squad, 4 to DPW (1 for each well house and 1 for the DPW garage) and 1 to the police dept., the remaining 35 generators are being

stored at the borough garage until direction is given. Delivered senior meals during Wendy's vacation. Helped at the school with removing a damaged play gym.

Recreation:

P. Butler

C. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler provided the following:

The Recreation Committee has not yet met this year.

2013 Initiatives include:

- Snow Tubing Trip in February,
- Broadway Bus Trip March 9th to Spider-Man,
- Town Wide Garage Sale,
- Bus trip to South Street Seaport, Intrepid, and 911 Memorial in May,
- Kids Color In The Park Contest,
- Concerts In The Park,
- Movie Night (working on specifics),
- Halloween Fun Fest,
- Holiday Parade

Public Services:

(Human Services
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal)

C. Laureys

P. Butler

Councilwoman Laureys provided for the Month of December:

Days of Service: 12

Miles: 653

of Stops: 54

Nutrition: 18

Food Shopping: 29

of Meals on Wheels: 17

Medical Appointments: 13

Other Appointments: 31

People Using Services: 44

Cancels: 13

Denials: 4

Units 121

Hours: 67

Additional Notes: 2 new people, one senior and one disabled
The senior bus should be available soon.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update Staff Workload Assessment

The Mayor noted the administrator report and carried this topic to the February Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS (Requires Advice and Consent of the Council)

Musconetcong Advisory Committee: Edward Sekula (1 year term)

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing new to report.

MAYORS COMMENTS

.The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2013-21** Consenting to the Proposed Water Quality Management Plan Amendment Entitled: Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution #2013-22** Authorizing a Change Order for The Maple Ave Streetscape Improvements – Phase II Contract with A&A Curbing, Inc.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution #2013-23** –Authorizing the Borough's Participation in the Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – 2013 - To Designate January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day

The Mayor read the Proclamation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Still to designate January 11th as Human Trafficking Awareness.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- 1. Introduction of Ordinance #2013-1 - BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2012-11 FINALLY ADOPTED MAY 10, 2012**

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2013-1 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Jason Gabloff noted that the bids for the new generator came in under the amount budgeted. This is to officially re-allocate the money

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2013-1 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

- 2. Introduction of Ordinance #2013-2 - 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 #2013-2 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2013-2 on First Reading Was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. *Introduction* of Ordinance #2013-3 - 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

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2013-3 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilwoman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2013-3 on First Reading was made by Councilwoman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

REPORTS

A Motion to incorporate all reports into the minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to pay all bills when funds are available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Still and was carried by unanimous voice vote at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Eckert, Borough Clerk