

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MARCH 7, 2013 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Nametko presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER – STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

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

The Borough Clerk read the following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

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 Netcong Borough Hall on January 6, 2013.
2. Publishing a notice in The Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 11, 2013 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 6, 2013.

ROLL CALL

Members of the Borough Council present at roll call were: Laureys, Hathaway, Sylvester, Still, Butler, Koster and Mayor Nametko. Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator & Deputy Clerk, and Cindy Eckert, Borough Clerk were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting of February 7, 2013
- Regular Meeting of February 14, 2013

A Motion to Approve the February 7, 2013 Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Approve the February 14, 2013 Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one stepping forward, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE

This item was moved to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

Resolution #2013-33 - Resolution to Approve the 2013 Cost Estimate for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

This item was moved to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2013 BUDGET

Resolution #2013-34 - TO INTRODUCE THE 2013 BUDGET.

This item was moved to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Musconetcong American Legion Post 278 - Permission to Conduct Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2013.

A Motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still to approve permission. Yes:6

2. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board – 2013 Budget Request.

The Mayor checked with the financial officer and concluded that funds were already in the budget. Councilman Hathaway provided details on this subject. He did not feel there would be huge increases in the budget from year to year. The Council discussed the issue and all council members were in agreement to pay the amount requested.

3. Stanhope United Methodist Church – Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant – Contractor Information.

The Mayor and Council noted some confusion regarding the address of the church and where the building permits were to be obtained. The Council asked Ralph Blakeslee to send a letter to church congratulating them on this grant and to remind them they must obtain building permits through Byram Township.

4. Netcong Fire Company #1 – Building Concerns to Be Addressed.

Ralph Blakeslee discussed the building concerns and noted the issues were from two years back. He added that bid specs have been completed by Fox Architect and Engineer for roofing, siding, and foundation. The bid specifications should be ready to advertise within the next few weeks.

5. Lake Musconetcong Community Association, Inc. – Meetings at Netcong Borough Hall.

The Mayor and Council discussed their concerns with this proposal. Some members had reservations regarding possible association with this group. The Council agreed to the use for a trial period of 6 months as long as the Association provides a certificate of insurance. Instructions would be added to make it clear that this was not an indication that the Borough Mayor and Council were endorsing their cause.

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Staff Workload Assessment

This will be carried to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

2. Property Maintenance Water Loss Investigation/Notification Ordinance

This will be carried to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

3. Borough Contribution to Netcong Community Partnership (SID)

Chairman Hathaway provided information regarding the recent history of the NCP and the provision of the \$5000 contribution. It was agreed to pay the 2012 appropriation and pay 2013 appropriation when the municipal budget is approved.

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the contribution.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2013 Budget (Resolution for March 14th meeting)

Mr. Blakeslee solicited for comments or questions regarding this topic. There were none from the Council.

2. Amend Personnel Policy – Redefine part time work hours according to new Affordable Health Care Act

Mr. Ralph Blakeslee reviewed the new federal law. A key point was that any employee working 30 or more hours per week is considered full time. He recommended that a policy be drafted to clarify this new law. The resolution will be drafted for the March 14, 2013 meeting.

3. Blue Vista Property for Sale – Sewer Connection Agreement

Ralph Blakeslee received a call from Anthony Bucco, the Borough Attorney. He explained that the TWA goes with the property. If there are substantial changes with the new owner, they would have to resubmit the application for approval of the changes. The Council discussed possible scenarios regarding this situation.

This topic will be carried to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

4. Bill S-2364 – Early Voting in Certain Elections

The Mayor expressed concern that this may increase residential taxes at the county level. A resolution will be prepared for the March 14th meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Koster brought up the possibility of a new bin at the recycle center for hard cover books. The borough would get credit for recycle tonnage and receive about \$40.00 for each full bin.

A Motion to approve the new recycling bin for hard cover books was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comment at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2013- 28** – To Support the Expansion of New Jersey's Medicaid Program

It was noted that the Governor already passed this resolution so there was no need to vote.

2. **Resolution #2013- 30** – To Set - Up Reserve for Preliminary Planning Expenses for Renovations to the Borough's Reinforced Concrete Reservoir.

The Mayor noted the leak in the water tank. Councilman Sylvester noted that the Council needed to move on this quickly.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution #2013-31** - Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract to Richard C. Kreppel, P.E. Of Genesis Engineering, LLC for Professional Engineering Services Related to the Design and Construction Support Administration Needed for the Repairs to the Netcong Borough Reservoir.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to authorize the Award.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

4. **Resolution 2013-32** – Authorizing POL/EPL Deductible Payment Plan with Morris County Joint Insurance Fund.

This resolution will be carried to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2013-4** - 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 14TH, JUNE 15TH 2013 AND ON SEPTEMBER 6th AND SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2013 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 will be carried to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

2. Ordinance 2013-5 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

This will be carried to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

3. Ordinance 2013-6 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

This will be carried to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:11PM and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk