

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 10, 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 Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Agenda Meeting of June 5, 2014
- Regular Meeting of June 12, 2014

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve the above mentioned minutes.

Roll Call: 4 Yes      Abstain: Councilwoman Butler

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

- Rudy Miller – 6A Allen St. –Mr. Miller expressed his concern that the SID survey will not be distributed before the next budget year. He feels that the businesses should be able to voice their opinion on whether or not the SID should continue. He added that there would be backlash should the businesses not be heard.

- John DeLuca – 18 Kings Rd. – Mr. DeLuca read from a letter (attached to a previous email sent to the Council) requesting that the Mayor and Council allow him to clean up the DiRenzo Park Gazebo for his Eagle Scout Award Project. The Council suggested Mr. DeLuca meet with DPW Superintendent Robert Olivo to discuss changes. Mr. Blakeslee will set up the meeting between Mr. DeLuca and the superintendent.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to allow Mr. DeLuca to Improve the DiRenzo Park Gazebo for his Eagle Scout Award Project.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – Mr. Cedro was extremely frustrated with the ongoing flooding situation. He recounted the situation that occurred yesterday, which was attended by the Mayor and Councilman Hathaway. The Council and Mr. Cedro discussed the situation at length. The Mayor empathized with Mr. Cedro. He opened this portion of the meeting to the Council for comment. Councilman Hathaway provided additional observations that added more clarity to what was going on. He related actions Netcong has taken in support of Mr. Cedro's complaints. All were in agreement that the short-term solution put in place was not working.

A Motion was made to have the Borough Engineer to do an as built survey not to exceed \$1,200.00. The Borough Attorney will write a very strongly worded letter to the State to have this situation corrected. This motion was moved by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

The Mayor asked if anyone else from the audience wished to speak. No one stepped forward.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from The Stanaback and Szewczyk Families – Block Party on Lake Street

A motion to allow Lake Street to be closed for the family block party was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

The Mayor asked the Council if they had a chance to review the Borough Administrator Report. He then asked if Mr. Blakeslee had anything to add. Mr. Blakeslee stated he did not, and then spent some time talking about the Quick Chek situation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of June the Borough had a total income in the amount of \$134, 618.40 as compared to the previous year of \$91,790.86.

Year to Date:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)  
\$1,805.50 in 2014 vs. \$1,624.85 in 2013

Other Licenses/Borough Clerk's Fees:  
\$7,769.51 in 2014 vs. \$6,861.42 in 2013

State Aid  
\$0/\$0

Grants in Aid  
\$1,762.24 in 2014 vs. \$0 in 2013

*In June the Borough received its 2014 NJ Fire Safety Grant (\$1,289.60) and NJ Alcohol Rehabilitation Fund (\$472.64).*

Taxes Collected  
\$124,189.24 collected in 2014 vs. \$82,396.50 collected in 2013

*Increase in current year taxes and receipts from delinquent taxes collected account for the increase over last year.*

Income Total Year to Date:  
\$4,126,399.19 in 2014 vs. \$3,947,837.96 in 2013.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway noted that much of the good news had been delivered in the Administrator Report. He noted it was worth repeating. The Pocketbook Factory is now in front of the Planning Board. As noted before, there was good

news with Quick Chek. Councilman Hathaway thanked Mr. Blakeslee for his effort in that matter. He noted a new store called *The Pantry* is moving into town. Development meetings continue.

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

The Netcong Fire Department for the month of June had a total of nine general alarms. There were eight drills and seven meetings. A total of forty-six firefighters volunteered for a total of 408.5 hours for the month of June.

The Netcong Police Department for the month of June wrote eighty-three motor vehicle summonses, ten local ordinance summonses and answered a total of 363 calls for the month. It was a big month for traffic detail and medical assists.

There was no report from the ambulance squad.

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

Councilman Koster stated he did not have a report. However, he did want to comment that water use for the first time in a long time was up from the last year. The Council discussed this to try and understand this discrepancy. It was also noted that water pressure was lost during the month. The Mayor asked about a potential back flow. The Borough Clerk will put a report together to help determine what caused these changes.

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler stated she had no formal report, but noted that the concerts and special events are happening.

Public Services: T. Laureys P. Butler  
(Human Services  
Recycling & Solid  
Waste Disposal)

For the month of June, the following was reported:

Days of Service: sixteen  
Miles: 892  
Number of Stops: sixty-two  
Nutrition for seven people: forty-eight  
Food shopping for twenty-one people: thirty-five  
Number of Meals on Wheels: eighteen  
Medical Appointments: fifteen

Other Appointments: thirty-seven  
People Using Services: fifty-one  
Cancels: twenty-three  
Denials: two  
Units: 271  
Hours: eighty-three  
Additional Notes: three new people, two seniors, one disabled

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented at this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request Authorization for Borough Administrator to go to bid for Pedestrian Enhancement Project

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to prove this request.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Request Authorization for Borough Administrator to go to bid for Purchase of Solid Waste Collection

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. Junior Fire Fighter Application – Matthew Elms

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

The Council President had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Hathaway requested an update from Mr. Blakeslee on the goose population at the lake. Mr. Blakeslee reported it has been decided Netcong will be spraying for the goose control this year. In order to dispatch the geese, a federal permit is required which can take from 6-8 months to obtain. Mr. Blakeslee will be meeting with a representative from the USDA next week to discuss dispatching of the geese. Mr. Sylvester asked if we can partner with Stanhope for this.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor wished to address our current fence ordinance. The Council and Mr. Blakeslee discussed the various types and sizing of fencing and the potential issues with some of them. The Mayor requested that the ordinance be amended to provide a better definition of what a fence is. The Borough Attorney will get sample ordinances for reference.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2014- 72** – To Support Promoting the Preservation, Growth and Development of our New Jersey Military Facilities

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution #2014- 73** – Authorizing the Abatement of Property Maintenance Ordinance Violations by the Borough

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. **Resolution #2014-74** Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Byram Township for Construction Services

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. **Resolution 2014-75-** Authorizing a Public Display of Fireworks in the Borough of Netcong by the Assumption Society

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

5. **Resolution 2014-76** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Bill Stroud Excavating, Inc. for Excavation at Netcong Fire Company No. 1 Firehouse Located at 40 Maple Ave.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2014-10** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 194, Land Development Procedures of the Code of the Borough of Netcong and Establishing a Revised Definition of the Term “Family”

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance # 2014 – 10 and read by title only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

The Mayor asked for questions or comments from the Council.

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2014-10 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

**REPORTS**

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

**BILLS**

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 8:50 PM.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 9:03 PM and was carried by unanimous voice vote.  
Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk