

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 7, 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 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

- Regular Meeting of July 10, 2014

A Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Laureys

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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”

This ordinance will be carried to the August 14, 2014 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Robert Olivo, DPW Superintendent - Retirement

This correspondence will be carried to the August 14, 2014 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fence Ordinance

The Council discussed the possibilities for the wording in the ordinance. Mr. Blakeslee noted that currently there are no formal definitions for the components involved, which also includes hedges and bushes. Councilman Hathaway advised that too much detail in a definition can do more harm than good in compliance matters. Mr. Blakeslee will contact Mr. Bucco to advise him of the Council's requests.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Firefighter Application – Hilltop Company #2 - Connor Boylan

A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Still

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President:

- Councilman Sylvester inquired about the dead trees from the circle project. Mr. Blakeslee stated that he contacted Mr. Eugene and was notified that they will be replaced sometime this fall. The Mayor asked about the Queen Anne lace (weeds) in that area. The Mayor requested Ralph contact Mr. Eugene again about these issues.

Councilman Koster

- The hedges at the corner of Maple Ave. and Ledgewood Ave. are too high. This poses a safety issue as it is hard to see traffic coming around the curve when you pull out of Maple. Mr. Blakeslee will contact the property owners.

- Public Safety Committee met tonight- there was discussion about staff changes in the DPW due to Mr. Olivo retiring. There will need to be a new hire as well as re-titling for existing employees. The new hire should take place in September to allow time for training before Mr. Olivo leaves in November.

Councilman Still asked if the borough will have enough money in this year's budget to pay a new person. Mr. Blakeslee responded that they will find the required funding.

The Council discussed the importance of this matter and how to make sure there will be adequate coverage for the duties and responsibilities of the DPW.

Councilman Hathaway

- Is displeased with the timing and quality of actions from the letter regarding the borough's drainage situation. The Council discussed this issue for several minutes. Mr. Blakeslee will contact Mr. Bucco to set up a meeting.

MAYORS COMMENTS

There have been several situations that have risen since the SID surveys went out last week. There is a discrepancy as to how many "votes" certain owners should receive. Councilman Hathaway explained his understanding of what should be based upon the bylaws.

Mr. Blakeslee discussed the process of survey distribution and collection. The Council continued discussion on how to proceed with distribution of the surveys.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2014- 77** – To Renew 2014-2015 Liquor License for Harris Holding LLC

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

2. **Resolution #2014- 78** – Bond Anticipation Note - To Comply with the Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. **Resolution #2014- 79** – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the College Rd. and Stoll Street Sidewalk Improvements Contract with Cedar Contracting Co., Inc.

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 4. Resolution 2014-80 – Morris County Community Development and Home Program Federal Fiscal Years 2015-2016 and 2017**

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 5. Resolution 2014- 81 -To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 12-00007**

This resolution will be carried to the August 14, 2014 meeting.

- 6. Resolution 2014- 82 – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 13-00004**

This resolution will be carried to the August 14, 2014 meeting.

- 7. Resolution 2014-83 – Refund Permit Fee for 27 College Rd.**

This resolution will be carried to the August 14, 2014 meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- 1. Ordinance 2014-11 – An Ordinance Revising the General Ordinance of the Borough of Netcong and Providing for Clean Up Cost Recovery**

This ordinance will be carried to the August 14, 2014 meeting.

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 8:17 PM. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk