

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 14, 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, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

- Charlie Cedro – 6 Allen St. – Mr. Cedro requested an update on the meeting that took place with NJDOT on Wednesday of this week, regarding the Circle Project drainage. The Mayor responded: the Borough has NJDOT's attention. After the meeting, the DOT members walked to the site and were surprised at what they saw. The final outcome of this meeting was that another meeting will take place on August 27th with all involved parties: NJDOT, NJ Transit and DEP as well as Borough officials.

Mr. Cedro was glad to hear the Borough was making headway, but was concerned in the end, nothing will change. Mr. Bucco said the Borough presented their case very well. He spoke with a DEP representative as soon as he returned to his office

after the meeting. The representative assured Mr. Bucco he would be attending the meeting on August 27th.

- Ray Sylvester – 129 Ledgewood Ave. – Mr. Sylvester requested that the Borough help him resolve a problem with the large volume of truck traffic passing by his house every day. Since Roxbury allowed the Pilot Truck Stop at the top of the hill on Route 46, he has noticed quite an increase in truck traffic. He asked if trucks could exit the truck stop by making a right turn on Route 46 and go through Roxbury to get back to Route 80 instead of going back through Netcong. The Mayor recommended heavy policing of that area and ticketing trucks when they speed or break incorrectly. He felt the word would get out. Councilman Hathaway suggested new or more prominent signs. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Blakeslee will call the Administrator in Roxbury to come to some resolution.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 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”

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2014-10 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

The Mayor opened the hearing to the public to see if there were any questions or comments. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to close.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2014-10 was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Robert Olivo, DPW Superintendent – Retirement

The Mayor read the letter to the Council. Mayor Nametko stated that ‘It is with a heavy heart I read this letter.’ Bob has done a great job over the years, he will be greatly missed.

All members of the Council, as well as the Borough Attorney, had a statement to make:

Councilman Koster – This is bitter sweet. He will be greatly missed but deserves this retirement after so many years of service.

Councilman Hathaway – We are very lucky to have you here- you will be greatly missed.

Councilman Sylvester – Like Ed, said this is bittersweet. The knowledge you have about this town is unbelievable.

Councilman Laureys – Congratulations – hope you enjoy all the things you could not do while working.

Councilman Still – You have seen so many changes through the years you have been here. You have done a great job improving the department.

Councilwoman Butler – You have definitely raised the standard of the department.

Mr. Bucco – I have been attending these meetings for 25 years and don't think Bob has missed one. Whenever there were any problems, Bob was always there with the answers.

Mr. Olivo thanked everyone. He stated that has had a wonderful experience working for the Borough. The governing body, employees and staff have been wonderful.

A Motion to accept Mr. Olivo retirement date of November 1, 2014 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Letter from Robert Guerin, Borough Engineer – Sewer Allocation for Progressive Properties – Railroad Ave.
3. Letter from Leigh Ann Von Hagen and Terry Vervaet- Morris Canal Greenway Working Group- Walking Path
4. Letter from Washington Township Administrator

The Mayor read the letter for the Council. The Washington Township Administrator presented his gratitude to all the Netcong volunteers that provided their assistance.

5. E-Mail from Diane Esposito – Requesting permission for Road Closure for Block Party on Kings Rd. September 6th.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Firehouse elevator project will be starting soon. The stairs will be installed before the inspection dinner in October.

Goose Mitigation: the Finance Committee will work on getting this project in the budget for 2015. Stanhope does not seem interested in participating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of July, the Borough had total income in the amount of \$610,018.96, as compared to the previous year of \$847,525.77.

Year to Date:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

\$1,372.29 in 2014 vs. \$1,410.96 in 2013

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

\$7,944.96 in 2014 vs. \$10,343.73 in 2013

State Aid

\$9,477.00 in 2014 vs. \$9,477.00 in 2013

The Borough received its Supplement Energy Tax Receipts from the state.

Grants in Aid

\$831.35 in 2014 vs. \$0 in 2013

Additional fire safety funds received in July.

Taxes Collected

\$590,393.36 collected in 2014 vs. \$826,294.08 collected in 2013

Income Total Year to Date:

\$4,736,418.15 in 2014 vs. \$4,795,363.73 in 2013.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Quick Chek is motivated and finally updating their building. There are several new businesses coming in:

- o Eco Oil
- o Santoldi's Salon – New owner
- o The Pantry – Italian Deli (was the old fish market)

The Pocketbook Factory will be at the August Planning Board meeting. The Transit Village movements are going through typical bureaucracy issues. Fire and safety issues are being reviewed. There are some hurdles to overcome, but is looking promising.

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

Councilman Sylvester reported that for the month of July, the Ambulance Corps had 59 calls, one of which was out of town. They treated a total of 31 patients and made 31 trips to the hospital. The miles traveled were 843 miles and the hours volunteered were 197 hours and 44 minutes.

The Borough Police answered a total of 335 calls. They wrote a total of 67 motor vehicle summonses. The Borough Police were also responsible for bringing in a bank robber. There is a \$2000 grant coming to the Police Department. There was also \$732 for DUI enforcement. Over \$1800 went to the Policeman's Vest Fund.

The Netcong Fire Department had a total of 10 calls, five of which were out of town. There was a total of 44 firefighters who volunteered 834 hours for the month of July.

The Fire Department received a letter about fire hoses from NFPA. Mr. Sylvester asked for advice from Mr. Bucco on the nature of the letter. There was brief discussion.

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

Water Department: Repaired a broken water curb box at 23 Amendola Dr.---

Road Department: _ Repaired catch basins as needed throughout the town--- Patched pot holes as needed throughout the town---Started painting parking space lines on main St. and Maple Ave.---Vacuumed Main St. and Maple Ave 2 times each week---

Buildings & Grounds: Cut grass at all Borough owned properties weekly--- Installed new rubber safety mats at the base of the sliding boards at the DiRenzo park playground---Sprayed the brick pavers for weeds on Main St. and Maple Ave., also sprayed Arbolino park fence lines---Replaced 2 non working emergency exit lights at Town Hall---Watered the flowerpots as needed--- Performed the annual sprinkler system inspection at Town Hall---Poured the new concrete slab at #1 Firehouse for the new location of the generator and moved the generator--- Removed the American flags from main St. and Maple Ave.---

Recycling: Collected tires for recycling as requested by town hall---Collected white goods from residents as requested by town hall---Collected 8 loads of grass and 6 loads of brush from the residents in July---

Snow and Ice Control: Received the proposals for the 2014 /2015 snow plowing contract---

Other: Delivered senior meals during Wendy's vacation---Assisted with St. Cesario and county equipment---Worked on police vehicles as requested

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Concerts continue thru the month of August with the addition of one more week to accommodate one of our most popular bands, Lost In Place.

On August 2nd, Recreation hosted another bus trip into NY, Wicked! It was an awesome show with a great group of people. A good time was had by all.

We are coming up on our annual 5K race -Rec members will prepare goody bags for the runners, help with the registrations, provide drinks and snacks and then host a stand all day for the Netcong Day Street Fair.

The Recreation Committee will be planning another Broadway Show Bus trip late fall and show. The date will be announced in the future.

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

Councilman Laureys reported the following for the month of July:

Days of service: 16
Miles: 1209
Number of stops: 72

Nutrition for seven people: 41
Food shopping 20 people: 49
Number of Meals on Wheels: 17
Medical Appointments: 15
Other Appointments: 40
People Using Services: 51
Cancels: 16
Denials: two
Units: 300
Hours: 91.5
Additional Notes: one new disabled and one new senior

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

President Sylvester – The Fire Department would like the name of the company that provides the banners for the poles on Main St.

Councilman Hathaway – He is happy to inform everyone the state will be providing an additional weed harvester for the lake as well as a conveyor belt.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2014- 81** – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 12-00007
2. **Resolution #2014- 82** – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 13-00004
3. **Resolution #2014-83** Refund Permit Fee for 27 College Rd.
4. **Resolution 2014-84-** Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) – Clean Communities
5. **Resolution 2014-85-** A Resolution Authorizing a Sanitary Sewer Allocation for a Seven Lot Subdivision Located Along Railroad Ave. in the Borough of Netcong and known as Block 8, Lot 36

6. Resolution 2014-86 – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Salmon Brothers, Inc. for Snow Plowing and Sanding Services

All resolutions were voted in one “block.” A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

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

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2014-11 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

The Council discussed this ordinance with Mr. Bucco and expressed their concerns.

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2014-11 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Ordinance 2014-12 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 194, Land Development Procedures of the Code of the Borough of Netcong and Amending the Regulation of Fences

Councilman Hathaway discussed his concerns with the language and resulting interpretation of this ordinance. He described his experience with a related situation in Roxbury.

A Motion to carry this Ordinance to September meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:40 PM seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk