

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD SEPTEMBER 4, 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 7:33 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.

MARY PIERSON PRESENTATION

The Mayor and guests introduced and honored Mary Pierson and her contributions to Netcong and Morris County. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen presented a flag that flew over the state capital. Mr. Bucco presented a legislative resolution in her honor. Mayor Nametko read a proclamation on behalf of the Borough to the audience. Mrs. Pierson stood up at the end of the presentation and thanked everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting of August 7, 2014
- Regular Meeting of August 14, 2014

A Motion to Approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CROWN POINT PRESENTATION

The Mayor introduced a presentation regarding the Transit Village Redevelopment. Mr. Jeff Milanaik, the CEO from Crown Point LLC provided his background and history of how he founded the Crown Point group. He introduced the members of his team who were present. He also noted the benefits of working with partners, along with his company's qualifications for handling projects of this magnitude. He reviewed the potential plans for development in Netcong. He provided drawings of the plans as he spoke.

The Mayor asked about plans for walkers and bicyclers. Mr. Milanaik continued providing details. He then opened the meeting up for questions and comments. The Council and the Crown Point representatives continued discussion. The Mayor brought up the topic of ownership of this project along with his preferences.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – wanted to bring up two issues tonight. First, regarding the previous presentation, he stated that we should be careful because we don't want another Netcong Heights. He also wanted to mention that transit came, dug a little bit, added some rocks to the drainage area and he was wondering if this was the fix. The area is still a disaster. The drainage still has not been completed correctly. He noted there was a meeting scheduled for the end of August, then it was canceled. He was uncertain as to why another one was not immediately rescheduled. He requested that the Senator's office be contacted.

The Mayor and Council discussed various methods to handle this situation properly.

- Karen Amico – 52 Railroad Ave. – requested Borough support for the upcoming Boston Market Fundraiser for the Netcong School. She was hoping the information for this event could be put on the bulletin board and the website. Mrs. Amico reported that she is very concerned about the condition of railroad Avenue as the pavement is very bad.

The Mayor and Council explained the complexity regarding all aspects of this project. The Borough will try to apply for a grant again this year for paving or explore milling, then chipping and sealing as a temporary repair.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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 September 11 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Mt. Olive Township Board of Health – Notice from Saint Clare’s Hospital
2. Letter from Roxbury Township – Pilot Gas Station

Mr. Blakeslee will continue to monitor this situation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fence Ordinance Revision

The Council noted that this will be on the agenda for introduction at the September 14 meeting. Discussion continued regarding all the issues and considerations with the fence ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Knights of Columbus – Social Affair Permit for Saturday, October 4, 2014

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

2. NJDOT Grant Application

Mr. Blakeslee solicited for additional requests and needs before he applies for this grant. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Guerin be contacted.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Hathaway: regardless of results of SID survey in progress, he asked the Council to keep in mind that the residents will end up carrying the burden of the cost of things supplied by the NCP if the NCP is abolished.

Mayor Nametco replied that the costs will not necessarily be a burden passed on to the residents. These services will just cease to exist unless they are donated.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comment at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2014- 87 – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 13-00005

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Resolution #2014- 88- For Renewal of Membership in the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. 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

This ordinance was carried to the September 11 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 10:12 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk