

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 6, 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 Laureys, 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 October 2, 2014
- Regular Meeting of October 9, 2014

A motion to approve the Agenda Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

- Mr. Bill Lerman, Business Property Owner, 17 Maple Ave.:
Mr. Lerman wanted to know if there would be a vote this evening regarding the NCP (SID). It was determined no vote would be taken tonight. He wanted the Mayor and Council to know the NCP Board is concerned the proposed change to reduce the amount of properties assessed for the SID would hurt the organization. Eliminating some properties would not afford those removed to benefit from the organization. They felt reducing the percentage charged and keeping all business properties in the SID would be better.

The Mayor and Council explained that the businesses not assessed for the SID would still receive some benefits such as advertising. However these businesses would not be able to receive direct funds for signs and other amenities; Mr. Lerman thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone from the audience to step forward. Seeing no one, he asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

There were no Ordinances adopted at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Township of Roxbury – Pilot Gas Station

Mr. Blakeslee provided an update regarding his attempts to facilitate a meeting with the officials of Roxbury. The Council provided their opinion regarding this matter. Mr. Blakeslee will set up a meeting with Roxbury on one of the dates in which the Mayor is available.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Special Improvement District

Councilman Hathaway explained how he and Councilman Still met with some of the opposition and came to a compromise. They would like to see the tiers amended and scaled back to the 2012 list and would like to see changes to the election process to prevent tampering. Councilman Hathaway noted that the NCP Board has begun the process of changing the bylaws to accomplish the changes.

Councilman Laureys felt there are more efficient ways to provide the services offered by the SID. He feels the SID requires too much funding and should be eliminated. The results of the survey should stand and the Council should not go back on their word.

The Mayor stated that the opposition has changed their opinion and this will probably be discussed at the next meeting. He continued that there needs to be a give and take and hopefully more people will become involved. The Mayor also felt that some expenses have to come down. He thanked the Council members for their comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Junior Firefighter Application for Fire Co. #1 – Christopher Grube

A motion was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Still

2. Firefighter Application for Fire Co. #2 – Joshua Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Still

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President had no comment at this time.

Councilman Hathaway expressed concern about the issue with the Firehouse Chairlift. He felt the Borough does not have a proper process in place to catch missteps. There is discussion among the Council on this subject. Councilman Hathaway stated that a knowledgeable person is needed to supervise these capital projects. He added that the circle project may have played out differently if there was an assigned person to oversee all of its stages. The Mayor offered that the cost of project management should be included in the bids and be part of the contract.

Mr. Blakeslee will discuss this with Borough Attorney Bucco to establish guidelines for future projects.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor is concerned about the COAH portion of the Pocketbook Factory Redevelopment. The developer, Mr. Wilensky, had agreed to do 10% COAH housing in this project when the original negotiations took place. The Planning

Board has approved his project and now he wants to eliminate the COAH, which consists of 7 units.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Hathaway made a motion to keep the existing agreement for the 10% COAH in place. Councilman Still seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2014-102** – Salary Resolution – DPW

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution 2014- 103** – Consenting to Bouquet Roxbury Associates, LLC's Revised Treatment Works Approval Application to the N.J.D.E.P for Block 9501 Lot 1

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

3. **Resolution 2014-104** – Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Stanhope for the Furnishing of Emergency Management Coordinator Services

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. **Resolution 2014-105** – 2015 Holiday Schedule

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

5. **Resolution 2014-106** – Expressing the Importance to Recognize the Strength of Local Pension Funding in Regards to Recommendations from Governor Christie's Pension & Health Benefit Study Commission

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

6. **Resolution 2014-107** – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the College Road and Stoll Street Improvements- Phase II Contract with Stanziale Construction, LLC

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still at 8:05 PM seconded by Councilman Hathaway and was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk