

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 13, 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

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Charles Cedro of 8 Allen St., Netcong asked for an update on the situation he has been discussing for the past several meetings. Mr. Blakeslee responded that he spoke with DOT representative Deb Hirt today. They have four meeting dates in which the DEP, DOT and NJ Transit are all able to attend. After discussion, it is decided the best date for Mr. Bucco, the Mayor and Mr. Blakeslee is November 24th. Mr. Blakeslee committed to contacting Mrs. Hirt to confirm. Mr. Cedro asked the Council if they felt like there was progress on this issue. The response was "yes."

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

There were no ordinances presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The administrator stated that there was nothing additional to add to his report, and there were no questions from the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of **October** the Borough had total income in the amount \$646,615.81 as compared to the previous year of \$1,008,185.57.

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (CMRNA)
\$2,778.04 in 2014 vs. \$952.85 in 2013

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:
\$13,139.36. in 2014 vs. \$17,619.87 in 2013

State Aid
\$58,785.90 in 2014 vs. \$58,785.90 in 2013

No change in amount of State Aid received.

Grants in Aid
\$1,821.16 in 2014 vs. \$32,441.31 in 2013

The Borough received \$33,064.26 in FEMA funds for Hurricane Sandy in September of 2013 which accounts for the difference in this category.

Taxes Collected
\$570,091.35 collected in 2014 vs. \$898,385.61 collected in 2013

Income Total Year to Date:
\$7,277,379.62 in 2014 vs. \$7,377,819.77 in 2013.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway discussed the Pocketbook Factory and stated the project was continuing to progress. There is some complication with the drainage issue. There was a meeting with Crown Point regarding the Transit Village. They requested a meeting with the DEP to better assess the property. They hope to meet by the end of the month. Crown Point did have a meeting with Mr. Guerin.

There was a meeting with Quick Chek regarding the ramp.

The NCP has attained official nonprofit status.

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

Councilman Sylvester reported that for the month of September, the Ambulance Corps had 44 total calls; five of the calls were out of town. They treated a total of 16 patients and made 16 trips to the hospital. The miles traveled were 719 miles and the hours volunteered were 96 hours and 8 minutes.

The Netcong Fire Department had 3 general alarms and 3 calls. There were 7 meetings, 9 special details and 10 drills. There were 2 firefighters in the Academy. A total of 52 fire fighters served a total of 908 hours.

The Borough Police answered a total of 429 calls. They wrote a total of 77 motor vehicle summonses. There were also 6 local ordinance summonses.

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

D.P.W. Monthly Report October 2014

Road Department: Started to remove heavy leaf accumulations from sides of roads. Patched pot holes

Water Department: Installed a new 4 inch butterfly valve at #1 well house. Installed new radio read water meter at #1 Firehouse

Sewer Department: Cleared a sewer lateral clog at 82 Wiltop Road

Buildings & Grounds: Cut grass and mulched leaves at town properties. Cut back the overgrown brush and grass on the Lake St fire lane. Removed benches and banners from Main St., Maple Ave and Ledgewood Ave.

Replaced a rotted vent pipe for the heating system at the Borough garage. Fixed damaged blocks on the retaining wall at #1 Firehouse.

Parks & Recreation: Checked all cameras at Borough Parks to find they are all in working order. Closed and winterized the parks bathrooms for the season.

Recycling: Picked up 40 loads of leaves, 8 loads of brush and 1 load of chipped brush. Picked up weekly recycling at Borough properties.

Vehicle Maintenance: Replaced broken hydraulic hose on the backhoe. Winterized all summer equipment and moved to storage. Replaced brake pads and did oil change on Sr. Van.

Snow: Began winter preparation of vehicles and all snow equipment. Met with Salmon Bros to inspect their plowing equipment, all found to be in good working order.

Other: Mike Canfield completed a 3 day Management Skills Training course. Tom Mendel continued his training for Recycling Coordinator. Anchor Pest Control began their new term as our pest management company offering more services at a lower price than our previous contractor. Our new laborer Alfred Defelice started on October 27th.

Recreation:

P. Butler

T. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler reported the following:

Trunk or Treat – a huge success with over 300 folks attending. There were some awesome trunks and the kids had a blast. We have shared pictures on our face book page. . Recreation went through 150 pretzels and 350 hot dogs!!

The annual Halloween House decorating contest took place on 10/29. First and second place winners came from King Street and third place on Ledgewood Avenue.

Our Great Wolf Lodge Trip held on Thursday November 6th had over 90 children and parents in attendance. A good time was had by all. This will be on the calendar for next year as well.

On Saturday, November 8th, Recreation sponsored another successful Broadway Show Bus Trip to ONCE.

Upcoming

We are working on our annual Holiday Parade and Business Window Decorating Contest. Flyers for the community will be going out prior to Thanksgiving.

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

Councilman Laureys reported the following for the month of October

Days of service: 22
Miles: 1179
Number of stops: 89
Nutrition for 7 people: 47
Food shopping 22 people: 51
Number of Meals on Wheels: 17
Medical Appointments: 22
Other Appointments: 56
People Using Services: 48
Cancels: 26
Denials: 10
Units: 370
Hours: 122
Additional Notes: 1 new senior

OLD BUSINESS

1. Special Improvement District

Councilman Hathaway explained the last minute changes to the SID Ordinance. Mr. Palumbo who was one of the parties that opposed the SID approached Councilman Still asking for a meeting. Councilman Still, Councilman Hathaway and Mr. Palumbo met and reached a compromise which is defined in the Ordinance to be introduced tonight. Councilman Hathaway detailed the particulars to be presented in this new Ordinance.

Councilman Laureys suggested that the Council consider this compromise after the 1 year suspension originally agreed upon by the Council. This would give the opportunity for the business members to try the volunteer idea for a year and would not paint the Council in a bad light because they are going back on their decision to suspend the SID for a year.

The Mayor thanked Councilman Laureys for his comments and asked the Council to consider them when they vote. He asked the Council if there were any more questions or comments regarding the ordinance. There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Mr. Hathaway brought to the Council's attention an issue that has risen at the Lake Board, of which he is the Lake Manager Representative. The DEP has denied an application for a drawdown of Lake Musconetcong, which is an important step in controlling the water chestnut infestation. This will cause financial hardship to the Lake Board since they must now spend funds to apply additional herbicides to control the chestnuts.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor will be attending the round table discussions at the League Conference next week. He will plan to address the drainage and Lake Musconetcong issues discussed this evening.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2014 – 108** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. for Solid Waste Collection Services

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2014-13** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75, SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, BY REVISING THE EXISTING TIER SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING A NEW ASSESSMENT RATE IN SCHEDULE A AND AMENDING SECTION 75-5, DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

A motion to introduce Ordinance #2014-13 and read by title only was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 3 Yes No: Councilwoman Butler & Councilman Laureys

A motion to pass Ordinance #2014-13 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 3 Yes No: Councilwoman Butler & Councilman Laureys

REPORTS

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

BILLS

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

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:08 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk