

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JANUARY 8, 2015 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 2, 2015.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 7, 2015 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 2, 2015.

**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**

- Agenda Meeting of December 4, 2014
- Regular Meeting of December 11, 2014
- Closed Session of September 11, 2014

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the above mentioned minutes.

Roll Call: 6 Yes      Abstain for 12/4 and 9/11: Councilwoman Butler

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Seeing no one stepping forward, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the session.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to close the meeting to the public.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

**ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

No ordinances were presented for adoption at this meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Blakeslee highlighted the water main break on Church St. that was repaired. He stated that everyone did a great job. Salmon Bros. was called in to assist at the cost of \$6490.00. Emergency procedures will be presented at the February meeting. The two grants to replace the water line on Church St. have been approved. There will be an ordinance prepared for the February and March meetings. The Council discussed the event with Mr. Blakeslee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:                    E. Still                    J. Sylvester

In the month of December the Borough had total income in the amount \$131,305.32 as compared to the previous year of \$248,194.62

For the month of December, 2014:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)  
\$1,009.19 in 2014 vs. \$1,137.60 in 2013

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:  
\$5,739.08 in 2014 vs. \$5,058.49 in 2013

State Aid  
\$19,595.30 in 2014 vs. \$17,356.13 in 2013

*The Borough has received its full amount of Supplemental Energy Receipts.*

Grants in Aid  
\$14,732.23 in 2014 vs. \$4,705.76 in 2013

*The Borough received \$9,960.73 or its Municipal Alliance program and \$4,771.50 or its Dial-A-Ride program from Morris County.*

Taxes Collected

\$90,229.52 collected in 2014 vs. \$219,936.64 collected in 2013

Income Total Year to Date:

To date \$8,640,309.66 vs. \$8,652,617.75 in 2013.

Economic Development:            R. Hathaway            E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported the following:

Councilman Hathaway noted that there was a meeting with Crown Point Developers (Transit Village) Another meeting has been scheduled. Councilman Hathaway mentioned that there is nothing new other than the issue of enough water allocation for this project.

A meeting with Salmon Bros. took place to discuss the possible development of the property they own.

Councilman Hathaway provided more information regarding the water shortage for the Transit Village. The Council discussed issues and options. There was discussion on hiring a professional to do a water study (see Resolution 2014-24.) Mr. Blakeslee provided background regarding Resolution 2014-24

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

Councilman Sylvester reported that for the month of December, the Ambulance Corps had 47 total calls; 2 of the calls were out of town. They treated a total of 29 patients and made 29 trips to the hospital. The miles traveled were 904 miles and the hours volunteered were 158 hours and 34 minutes. Year to date volunteer hours were 2387 and 44 minutes.

The Borough Police answered a total of 358 calls. They wrote a total of 99 motor vehicle summonses. For the year, the police answered a total of 4571 calls and wrote a total of 1317 motor vehicle summonses.

The Netcong Fire Department statistics will be presented next month.

Dept. of Public  
Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

**D.P.W. Monthly Report** December 2014:

**Road Department:** Patched pot holes .Continued storm drain clean out program.

**Water Department:** Repaired water main break on Allen St. near Koclas Dr.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Paved area around elevator pad and stair pad at # 1 Firehouse. Installed floor drain pipe for the elevator pad at #1 Firehouse. Decorated the Town Christmas Tree, Borough Hall and all the decorative lamp posts around town

**Recycling:** Picked up 10 loads of leaves and 6 loads of brush

**Snow:** Ordered a salt delivery to maintain a full salt shed

**Other:** Prepared for Holiday Parade by performing such tasks as the pickup and return of light towers and message boards from the county, pickup and return of 200 cones from the State DOT, cleaning and placement of the judges stage and the preparation of garbage and recycling containers. Tom Mendel attended 2 recycling coordinator classes

Recreation:

P. Butler

T. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler reported about the Holiday Parade and noted that Sharon Still did a fabulous job organizing the event.

Public Services:  
(Human Services  
Recycling & Solid  
Waste Disposal)

T. Laureys

P. Butler

Councilman Laureys reported the following for the month of December:

Days of service: 11

Miles: 479

Number of stops: 40

Nutrition for 7 people: 6

Food shopping 25 people: 56

Number of Meals on Wheels: 16

Medical Appointments: 5

Other Appointments: 28  
People Using Services: 42  
Cancels: 19  
Denials: 2  
Units: 202  
Hours: 57.5

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Appointment of Kyle Boylan as a Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Still

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented at this meeting.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Council President Still wished to thank the DPW and Police for great job as usual tending to the Church St. water main break.

Councilman Koster reflected on the tumultuous previous year. He wanted to thank the DPW, Police and Wayne Anthony (OEM) for all the work they do. He feels that everyone in this town works together to get the job done.

Councilman Sylvester stated that the Maintenance Ordinance we have in place is not being used to the extent that it should. He provided some examples of violations. This year a warning should be broadcast. After that, he felt summons should be issued.

Councilman Hathaway provided a detailed account while on site at the water main break site at Church St. He observed the DPW workers under extreme conditions which they do on a regular basis and they always do whatever is needed to get the job done. He felt everyone should be appreciative of all that they do.

Councilman Laureys has now completed his first full year on the Council. He has seen some good things and some he considers not to be good. He is not pleased that the SID members no longer have an opportunity to vote for the Trustee positions for the SID. He feels the Council should reconsider the Ordinance that was passed in December. The Mayor provided some clarification regarding Councilman Laureys' statements: Councilman Laureys made a motion for a

change regarding the SID. As no one seconded the motion, it did not move forward.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Nametko would also like to commend the DPW for their efforts as well as the Police Department and OEM. He feels that they are always there to get things done quickly and efficiently.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2015 - 18** -To Approve Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015
2. **Resolution #2015 - 19** -To Appoint S.J. Reilly as Patrolman of the Netcong Police Department
3. **Resolution #2015 - 20** - To Appoint Laura Amada as Administrative Assistant/Deputy Tax Collector/Payroll Trainee and Planning Board Secretary
4. **Resolution #2015 - 21** – To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 14-00002- Joseph and Nancy Henriquez
5. **Resolution #2015 - 22**- To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 14-00004 – Vincent and Denise Nodoro
6. **Resolution #2015 – 23** – Providing the Advice and Consent to the Appointment of the Members of the Board of Trustees of Netcong Borough, Inc., the District Management Corporation of the Borough's Special Improvement District
7. **Resolution 2015-24** - Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement between the Borough of Netcong and Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc.

A motion to approve the seven resolutions noted above was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call on all resolutions with the exception of 18 and 23: 6 Yes

Roll Call on resolutions 18 and 23: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

## ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2015-1** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Chief of Police to Execute An Application for a Charitable Solicitation Permit for Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's "Coin Drop" on Memorial Day Weekend at the Intersections of Allen Street and Ledgewood Ave. and Main Street and Route 46 and Route 183 in the Borough of Netcong, county of Morris, State of New Jersey

A motion to introduce Ordinance # 2015-1 and read by title only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 5 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

A motion to pass ordinance #2015-1 on first reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilwoman Butler.

Roll Call: 5 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Koster

## REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

## BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

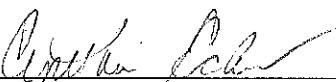
## CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:19 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

