

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 5, 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 7:34 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 were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Reorganization Meeting – January 1, 2015
- Regular Meeting – January 8, 2015

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – Mr. Cedro requested information regarding the meeting held at Borough Hall on January 30 which would include who attended and what took place.

Mayor Nametko explained the DEP, NJ Transit, and the Department of Transportation attended the meeting. There were four engineers present. There was lengthy review of the drainage situation. All except the DEP engineer agreed on the problem areas and how they should be corrected. Everyone agreed that blocking the Hiltz Lane pipe would correct the flooding but this could not be done until the DEP gave permission. There was discussion about the DEP taking numbers and checking flow volumes before making any decisions to correct the problem.

Councilman Hathaway added that all parties at this meeting agreed about the numbers in theory and understood the Netcong engineer Mr. Guerin's argument and visual data that he supplied which shows why this is wrong. Mr. Hathaway feels the solution will cost substantial money to repair and that we need to prove our case. Councilman Hathaway continued that the real problem is having the numbers of how much water is running down that pipe. Currently he noted that the DEP has these numbers. Councilman Hathaway feels the town needs to have its own proof otherwise there will be no action by the other parties.

Councilman Hathaway stated he was frustrated because he found out there was a meeting between a DEP engineer and our Borough engineer that he was unaware of. Councilman Hathaway provided examples that reflected that this action turned out to be counterproductive to what the Borough has been trying to do. There was further discussion on this matter among the Council. The Mayor stated he would have another conversation with Mr. Guerin.

The Council continued discussion regarding options moving forward.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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 AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 AND ROUTE 183 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This ordinance was carried to the February 12th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board

- Annual Report
- 2015 Budget
- 2015 Herbicide Treatment

Councilman Hathaway explained that the numbers are the same as last year's. He also noted that there may not be enough for the herbicide treatment.

2. Township of Roxbury – Pilot Gas Station

Mayor Nametko discussed the meeting he had regarding the truck traffic and directional signs. The Mayor discussed a compromise situation with the Roxbury police. Mr. Blakeslee will be having a meeting with the station owner.

3. Letter from Freeholders – Freeholder Meeting Here on July 22, 2015

The Council would be pleased to host the Freeholder meeting in July. Cindy Eckert will notify the Freeholder secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Netcong Fireman's Parade

Mayor Nametko read the letter requesting permission to have this parade.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the Netcong Fireman's Parade.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President Still commended the DPW on the great job they have done dealing with the recent winter storms.

Councilman Hathaway brought up a subject that was discussed at the Public Works committee meeting. He noted that there needs to be a procedure or process in place to address the sidewalks, walkways, fire hydrants and crosswalks that are not being cleared of snow or ice because they're vacant properties. He requested that the Council consider this as it is a public safety issue.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Nametko related a conversation he had with the Mayor and ex-Mayor from Stanhope. They hired a grant writer and received substantial grant funds as a result. He requested that the Council consider hiring a grant writer to possibly increase grant money receipts for the Borough.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2015-25-** Authorizing the Execution of a Sub-Grantee Agreement Between the County of Morris and the Borough of Netcong for Community Development Block Grant Funds Church St. Water Main Replacement
2. **Resolution #2015-26** – Authorizing the Award of an Emergency Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 to Salmon Brothers, Inc. for the Repair of the Church Street Water Main Break
3. **Resolution #2015-27** – Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Golub Animal Hospital for the Care of Cats and Dogs for the CY 2015
4. **Resolution #2015-28** – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the NJ Department of Transportation for the NJ DOT Highway Safety Grant Project
5. **Resolution #2015-29** – Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with George A. Walter of Northeast Water Technology for Water Leak Detection Services
6. **Resolution #2015-30** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to K-RIC Builders LLC for the Replacement and Repair of the Garage Door at Netcong Fire Department Co. No. 2, Located on College Rd. and Allen Street in the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

A motion to approve the 6 resolutions noted above was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Bond Ordinance 2015-2** – Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Undertaking of the Church Street Water Main Replacement Project In, By and For the Water Utility of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$350,000.00 to Pay the cost Thereof, to Appropriate State and Federal Grants, to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Such Bonds

This ordinance was carried to the February 12 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:34 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk