

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 9, 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 PM

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 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.

CROWN POINT – Request for Extension of Developer of Record Designation

Resolution 2015-44 – Authorizing the Extension of the Conditional Designation of Crown Point Group, LLC for the Redevelopment of the Station Area Excluding Sites Owned by New Jersey Transit

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – requested follow-up on the phone conference that took place this week with the DEP about the drainage issues.

Mayor Nametko and Councilman Hathaway provided Mr. Cedro with their observations. They stated the conference went well and the DEP is very agreeable regarding fixing the existing problem. Councilman Hathaway noted the emphasis was on the swirl chamber. He also emphasized at the meeting that the responsibility lies with the DEP for the corrections, not Netcong. It was noted that Crown Point, the proposed developer for the Transit Area is working along with the Borough and DEP to accomplish correcting the drainage problem.

Mr. Cedro asked for a time frame. Councilman Hathaway provided the sequence of events which would allow a better determination of the time frame.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2015-4** - An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2015-4 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon Was Made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

The Mayor opened the hearing to the public for comment regarding this ordinance.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2015 – 4 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 yes

BOROUGH AUDITOR TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Valerie Dolan, Auditor from Nisovaccia provided a brief description of the budget. She stated the budget is solid and fiscally prudent for the current year. Plus it is not providing any potential problems toward future budgets. She elaborated on some of the projects within the budget.

Mayor Nametko stated the Borough was able to stay under the cap. They also received an \$80,000.00 Community Development Block Grant to help defray costs.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 BUDGET

The Mayor solicited for comment from the public regarding the 2015 budget. It was noted that no one came forward.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Resolution 2015 – 40 to Read the 2015 Budget by Title Only Was Moved by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Resolution 2015 – 41 to Adopt the 2015 Budget was moved by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

ANNUAL AUDIT

1. Resolution #2015-42 - Certification of the Annual Audit.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

2. Resolution #2015-43 -To Approve the 2015 Corrective Action Plan.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comments regarding the SID cost estimate. For the record, no one stepped forward.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Hathaway And Seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Resolution #2015-39 - Resolution to Approve the 2015 Cost Estimate for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

This resolution was moved by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Netcong Fire Department – Invitation to Participate in 110th Anniversary Parade

The Council discussed the invitation.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee noted that he would be away next week. He noted the elevator inspection would be taking place next week. He noted that everything was pre-coordinated for when he would not be there. He noted 2 grants from the Department of Transportation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of March the Borough had total income in the amount \$98,976.41 as compared to the previous year of \$142,354.66.

Revenue received for the month of March:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2015 the Borough received \$3,674.25 vs. \$1,313.22 in 2014

The Borough received \$2,471.50 from the Borough of Stanhope under its OEM shared services agreement.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2015 the Borough received \$15,968.14 vs. \$9,792.55 in 2014

The Borough received \$5,602.00 in proceeds from the auction of surplus municipal equipment.

State Aid

In 2015 the Borough received \$0.00 vs. \$0.00 in 2014

Grants in Aid

In 2015 the Borough received \$1,590.50 vs. \$6,208.80 in 2014

The Borough received its last 2014 Dial-A-Ride grant payment for 2014.

Taxes Collected

In 2015 the Borough collected \$77,743.52 vs. \$125,040.09 in 2014

Income Total Year to Date:

2015's total revenue is \$2,067,464.86 vs. \$2,065,902.07 in 2014

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway discussed the trip down to Trenton and reported Crown Point is working with the DEP in reference to developing the Quirk property as well as resolving the Borough's drainage issues.

The NCP now has a very high level of professionalism with new leadership. Councilman Hathaway feels they will bring some great things to benefit the Borough and residents.

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

For the month of March, the Ambulance Corps had 64 total calls; 8 of the calls were out of town. They treated a total of 27 patients and made 21 trips to the hospital. The miles traveled were 717 miles and the hours volunteered were 187 hours and 46 minutes.

The Borough Police answered a total of 324 calls. They wrote a total of 98 motor vehicle summonses. There were 42 local summonses written.

The Netcong Fire Department for March 2015 had a total of 14 calls, 6 Drills, 8 Meetings, 6 Special Details and 2 Fire Fighters in the Academy. There were at total of 56 Fire Fighters performing a total of 702.4 hours.

Councilman Sylvester noted the upcoming parade.

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

D.P.W. Monthly Report March 2015

Road Department: Installed 3 new "No stopping or standing" signs on Allen St...Repaired large sink hole in the area of 2 Dell Ave...Installed a new muffler on the 2005 mason dump and had it inspected.. Moved

approximately 400 cubic yards of snow off of Main St and Maple Ave curb lines...Started the process of patching pot holes...

Water Department: Called in Campbell Welding for water line freeze ups at 18 Allen St and 50 Wiltop Rd....

Recycling Department: Recycled large collection of old fluorescent bulbs from municipal properties at the Mt Olive MUA...

Buildings & Grounds: Poured the handicap ramp for the elevator at FH #1 and re-graded the asphalt in the surrounding area... Wire's Electric came in to install new exterior LED lights at FH. # 1 and to replace bad ballasts at Borough Hall...Replaced damaged toilet seal at FH #2 ladies room...Had a new window installed at FH #2...Secure all file cabinets to the walls at Borough Hall with L brackets...R & J Control came in to service all municipal generators...

Snow: Plowed and salted roadways on March 1st, March 3rd, 4th and 5th... March 20th and 21st.... Used approximately 127 tons of salt in the month of March...

Other: Alfie Defelice attended a CORE training course for pesticide control...Mike Canfield, Joe Fiorello and Alfie Defelice attended a Fast Track to Safety training course in Wharton... Delivered Senior citizen meals during Wendy's vacation...

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler reported the following:

1. Saturday, April 11, 2015 will be in person sign-up for the town wide garage sale.
2. The bus trip on May 30th to see Kinky Boots is sold out!
3. There are still tickets available for the August 2nd trip to see Jersey Boys.

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

For the Month of March:

Days of service: 16
Miles: 872
Number of stops: 68
Nutrition for 5 people: 22

Food shopping 19 people: 65
Number of Meals on Wheels: 15
Medical Appointments: 7
Other Appointments: 45
People Using Services: 46
Cancels: 12
Denials: 5
Units: 278
Hours: 84
Additional Notes: 2 new seniors

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Affair Permit for the Growing Stage Theatre

Councilwoman Butler asked for more information regarding the permit.

A motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded By Councilman Still.

Roll Call: Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President Still wished to thank the DPW for a job well done. He was amazed there was any salt left in the Borough.

Councilman Sylvester- is interested to know if the Roxbury project had a 20% low to moderate income. Councilman Hathaway provided his understanding of the situation. Councilwoman Butler asked how this will impact Netcong. There was brief discussion among the Council on this matter. Councilman Hathaway reviewed the agreement for the project regarding signage.

Councilman Hathaway updated the Council on the ongoing issues at the Elementary School. He included his observations made while attending school board meetings.

Councilman Hathaway reported that the agreements for the 2 harvesters to be used on the lake have been approved. He's very optimistic about the addition of the 2nd harvester.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor read an article about filling vacancies in downtown areas. He encouraged everyone to frequent the local businesses. There was brief discussion among the Council. The Mayor also noted that for this year the flowerpots will be planted using local resources and solicited for volunteers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2015-45** – Authorizing the Adoption and Implementation of the Emergency Communications Policy of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual of the Borough of Netcong
2. **Resolution #2015-46** – Authorizing the Defense of Police Chief James Blesson in an Action Arising Out of the Performance of His Duties
3. **Resolution #2015-47** – Tax Identification Statement
4. **Resolution #2015-48** – Tonnage Grant Application Resolution

All four resolutions were voted together as a block:

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes for Resolutions 46 through 48.

Roll Call: 3 Yes Nays: Councilman Sylvester for Resolution 45.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2015-5** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 247, Streets and Sidewalks of the Code of the Borough of Netcong and Amending the Requirement for Snow Removal from Sidewalks and Liens for Costs of Removal by the Borough

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2015 – 5 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2015 – 5 on First Reading was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

REPORTS

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

BILLS

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

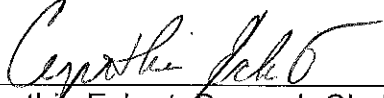
CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:32 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk