

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 7, 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 7:28 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 Koster, 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 – April 2, 2015
- Regular Meeting – April 9, 2015
- Closed Session – February 12, 2015

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Laureys

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St

Mr. Cedro stepped forward and requested an update on the water and flooding situation. Mr. Blakeslee explained he is expecting another call from the DEP. He will follow up with the assistant Commissioner regarding this.

Councilman Hathaway noted that most of the discussion was regarding the swirl chamber. He believed that swirl chamber would not be addressed right away but at the end of the season. Councilman Hathaway added that the DEP is waiting for some information from the developers before moving forward.

Mr. Cedro asked the Council if they were satisfied at the rate this was moving forward. He was looking for some sort of assurance that there was going to be a date or time frame on the resolution.

Councilman Hathaway and the Mayor both agreed that the swirl chamber was going to be fixed. He noted that the developer is now involved and a long term solution will be developed and implemented.

- Louis Jiminez- 25 Amendola Dr.

1. Mr. Jimenez noted that his property falls alongside "Greenacres". During Hurricane Sandy 2 trees fell. One tree landed in his yard the other tree damaged his fence and landed in the Greenacres property. He did speak with the DPW about this and is concerned one of the trees may interfere with the drainage ditch if it is not removed. He spoke with his insurance company who maintained that the tree that fell in the other property is not his responsibility. Mr. Blakeslee will check with the DPW and get back to him.

2. Mr. Jimenez 2nd concern is the mess in his neighbor's backyard. He feels it is devaluing his property which he is now trying to sell. He wanted to know what could be done. Mr. Blakeslee will personally be checking this property.

- John Gianantonio- 29 Center St.

1. Mr. Gianantonio would like to know what could be done about people throwing garbage in the streets.

2. He also wanted to put on record that during the recycle pick up, the MUA sometimes misses the truck and recycle materials are left in the street. Councilman Hathaway elaborated on his observations.

The Mayor stated that both issues would be investigated.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

The Public hearing as well as the related Resolutions below were carried to the May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Resolution #2015-49-Resolution to Approve the 2015 Property Assessments for the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District of the Borough of Netcong.

Resolution 2015-50-Resolution Approving the Introduction of the 2015 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to be Held Thereon.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

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

This ordinance will be carried to the May 14, 2015 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from Bill Koch – 48 Maple Ave. – Water Meter Purchase

Mr. Blakeslee provided details on the situation and made reference to Mrs. Eckert's letter on this topic. Mr. Koch was requesting a price reduction on his commercial water meter to be similar to the residential water meters. Everyone on the Council provided their opinion regarding this situation. They reviewed other existing commercial situations. By the end of their discussion, it was determined that they did not want to provide any credits for the commercial meter. Mr. Blakeslee will send a letter to Mr. Koch.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Nicholas Leader as a Junior Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the appointment.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

2. Appointment of Eric Southard as a Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the appointment.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President Still had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Sylvester wished to comment that the Maisano property (by the new bridge) is still a property maintenance issue. Mr. Blakeslee has given a 10 day notice. The Mayor requested that the procedure is followed.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Nametko had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution #2015-51**-To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 13-00003 – Christopher O'Connor – 57 Allen St.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution #2015-52**-To Authorize Cancellation of Capital Account Fund Balances

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2015- 53** – Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015

The members of the Council felt this resolution was redundant. In the essence of saving paperwork and money, no nomination was made and the Mayor urged the meeting forward. In sum, this motion was voted down.

4. **Resolution 2015-54** – Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.


CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:01 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk