

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 14, 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 Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys (arrived 7:31), Councilman Still and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF COUNTY BUDGET** – Morris County Freeholders

Mr. Douglas Cabana, Freeholder and Kathy DeFillippo, Freeholder Director presented the 2015 Morris County Budget highlights. Mr. Cabana stated there would be no cuts in services and no increase in taxes. The Mayor had a question about use of the Comm. Center. The Freeholders and the Mayor discussed this topic at length.

**PRESENTATION ON COAH** – Paul Phillips, Borough Planner

Mr. Phillips, Borough Planner from Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, LLC gave a brief overview of the latest information regarding COAH. He explained the Borough is in the best position possible. He provided the Council with many details about Netcong based upon the changes taking place with the affordable housing rules.

There was discussion among the Council and Mr. Phillips about options available to the Borough going forward. The Council thanked Mr. Phillips for his time.

A motion was made by Mr. Still and Second by Mr. Hathaway to have the Borough Attorney and Borough Planner prepare updated COAH plans.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

### **PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – Requested an update on the drainage issue since the last meeting. Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator reported about what had been done since the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Blakeslee has been waiting for a date for another conference call since the last one on April 21st. Mr. Hathaway pointed out several issues that may be holding up the process. Mr. Blakeslee will follow up by telephone. Mr. Cedro stated that he is concerned the repairs will not be made if too much time passes with no word from the state. Mr. Cedro will return next month.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS**

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

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

Roll Call: 2 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys      Abstain: Councilman Koster

The Borough Attorney confirmed that this motion passes.

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

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

Roll Call: 2 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys      Abstain: Councilman Koster

**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.

Roll Call: 2 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys      Abstain: Councilman Koster

### **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

A motion to read Ordinance 2015-5 by title only on second reading and a hearing held thereon by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public regarding this ordinance.

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A motion to adopt Ordinance #2015-5 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 3 Yes    No: Councilman Laureys

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence was presented at this meeting.

### **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Blakeslee highlighted the following:

1. Sent letter to Mr. Koch concerning his water meter
2. Mike Canfield, DPW Superintendent will address Mr. Jiminez's tree issue next week.
3. Follow-up inspection done for PMZ Property off Allen Street. A letter will be sent tomorrow.
4. Quick Chek has been put on notice about the repairs for steps and sidewalk where the oil tank was removed.
5. General letter was sent to landscapers in the area about grass being blown into the street. It is suggested a letter should be put in with the water bills to remind homeowners to not blow grass clippings into the street.
6. MEL safety institute has online training for elected officials. If the training is completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Borough will receive a \$250.00 deduction off the yearly premium.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance:                    E. Still                    J. Sylvester

Mr. Still read a letter to the Council awarding an 81,000 dollar grant.

In the month of April the Borough had total income in the amount of \$459,028.91 as compared to the previous year of \$600,387.81.

Revenue received for the month of April:

### Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2015 the Borough received \$19,382.99 vs. \$1,025.00 in 2014

### Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2015 the Borough received \$8,415.65 vs. \$18,681.89 in 2014

### State Aid

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

### Grants in Aid

In 2015 the Borough received \$4,837.85 vs. \$3,704.75 in 2014

*The Borough received \$2,683.00 from the State of NJ Highway Safety/Safe Corridors grant program and \$2,154.75 from the State of NJ Fire Safety program.*

### Taxes Collected

In 2015 the Borough collected \$426,392.42 vs. \$576,976.17 in 2014

### Income Total Year to Date:

2015's total revenue is \$2,526,493.77 vs. \$2,666,289.88 in 2014

Economic Development:                R. Hathaway                E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported the following:

- Flower pots for Main St. have been done by DPW with assistance from NCP and SLAP along with resident volunteers.
- NCP has issued a survey to all businesses – data will be compiled and used to better serve area businesses
- Crown Point continues to work with the owners of the Quirk property.
- Mr. Wilensky (Pocketbook Factory) will meet with Mr. Blakeslee to finalize issues for developer's agreement. There is concern among the

Council that the vacant building on this property has no water at this time.

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

For the month of April, the Ambulance Corps had a total 40 calls; 9 of the calls were out of town. They treated a total of 17 patients and made 17 trips to the hospital. The miles traveled were 491 and the hours volunteered were 145 hours and 38 minutes.

The Borough Police answered a total of 338 calls. They wrote a total of 71 motor vehicle summonses. There were 11 local summonses written.

The Netcong Fire Department for April 2015 had a total of 6 calls, 8 Drills, 9 Meetings, 3 Special Details and 1 Fire Fighter in Academy. There were a total of 54 Fire Fighters performing a total of 560.5 hours.

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

#### D.P.W. Monthly Report April 2015

**Road Department:** Monitored swirl chamber depths and lake level measurements for upgrades to storm water system...Repaired collapsed storm drain on Maple Ave at Main St...Started weekly vacuuming of Main St and Maple Avenue...

**Water Department:** Repaired water leaks on the meters at 22 Flanders Rd and 35 Barone St... Tim Hess met with the Getchell Group to start gathering information for the water system analysis performed the town wide spring hydrant flushing...Repaired broken roof hatch and entrance gate at the reservoir...

**Sewer Department:** Performed spot checks of sewer manholes for debris build up and proper flow....

**Buildings & Grounds:** Had the final inspection of the elevator at Firehouse #1 and registered the elevator with the State....Put out park benches on Main St. and at the Lake Memorial. ..Started weekly grass cutting and edging of Borough properties....

**Parks & Recreation:** Parks and restrooms have been opened for the 2015 season...

**Snow:** Plowed and salted a 2 inch storm that fell on April 1st...

**Recycling Department:** Picked up 100 cubic yards of leaves, 44 cubic yards of brush and 8 cubic yards of chipped brush ... Prepared and submitted the Borough's Annual Tonnage Report...

**Other:** Joe Fiorello attended Animal Control Officer Classes and attained his license as a Certified Animal Control Officer.

**Comments:** May 14th Meeting

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Councilman Laureys reported the following:

1. The annual Garage Sale/Junk in The Trunk went off without any issues on Saturday May 2.
2. We are getting ready for our 5K race/walk which will be held Labor Day Weekend. We are now recruiting sponsors, working on t-shirts, and reaching out to local businesses for goody bag items.
3. On Saturday May 30th we will head into NYC to see Kinky Boots on Broadway. We have a sold out bus with several new attendees.
4. Our concert series begins in June, just around the corner. Our calendar of weekly musicians/events is available on the town website.

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

For the Month of March:

Days of service: 22  
Miles: 1177  
Number of stops: 82  
Nutrition for 5 people: 27  
Food shopping 26 people: 69  
Number of Meals on Wheels: 15  
Medical Appointments: 14  
Other Appointments: 60  
People Using Services: 48  
Cancels: 28  
Denials: 4  
Units: 337  
Hours: 112.75  
Additional Notes: 3 new seniors

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented at this meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Social Affair Permit for the Knights of Columbus

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

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

President Still - thanked the Police Department and DPW for all the Fireman's Parade preparations.

Councilman Hathaway – The Netcong Education Foundation and Growing Stage will be holding a fundraiser on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM to raise money to restore the art programs at Netcong School. Councilman Hathaway provided a brief update of the issues affecting the school. He encouraged the Council to get involved.

Councilman Hathaway also informed the Council, the Municipal Alliance was approached to see if they would fund the SADD program for the remainder of this school year. They have not responded. Councilman Still requested a list of the Alliance members. Mr. Blakeslee will provide one to the Mayor and Council.

He also announced that the weed harvester from the state will be in the water tomorrow. The state has granted its use for the Lake Board for another year.

Councilman Laureys wanted to report some budget percentages regarding administration and marketing from the SID budget. He also mentioned an email regarding encryption.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2015–55** – Salary Resolution
2. **Resolution #2015–56** – Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 18- May 31, 2015

- 3. Resolution 2015-57** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract to JTG Construction, Inc. for the Church Street Water Main and Road Improvements in the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

All three resolutions were voted together as a block:

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. Bond Ordinance 2015-6** - Bond Ordinance to authorize the making of a public improvement and the acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, 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 \$77,000 to pay the cost thereof, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds.

A motion to introduce Bond Ordinance #2015-6 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2015-6 on first reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

- 2. Capital Ordinance 2015-7** - Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, New Jersey authorizing the making of various public improvements and acquisitions in, by and for the Borough, appropriating therefore the sum of \$226,214 and providing that such sum so appropriated shall be raised from Capital Fund balance of the Borough.

A motion to introduce Capital Ordinance #2015-7 and read by title only was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

A motion to pass Capital Ordinance #2015-7 on first reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

### **REPORTS**

A Motion to incorporate all reports into the minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 4 Yes



**BILLS**

A motion to pay all bills when funds are available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

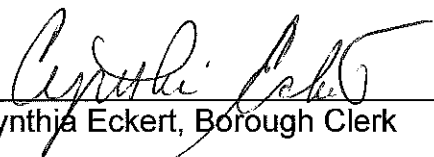
**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:51 pm by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk