

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JUNE 4, 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 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 – May 7, 2015
- Regular Meeting – May 14, 2015

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

Roll Call for May 7: 6 Yes

Roll Call for May 14: 5 Yes

Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St: Requested an update regarding the phone calls for the water drainage situation. Mayor Nametko confirmed that there is a conference call scheduled for the afternoon of June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor and Council

should have an update for the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Cedro asked about the agenda for this call. Mr. Blakeslee responded that this is for the discussion on the swirl chamber. Mr. Cedro reported the lack of drainage he observed recently. Councilman Hathaway and Mr. Cedro had a brief discussion on this topic.

- Selbern and Elaine Narby – 15 College Rd.
- Frank Cautero – 11 College Rd.
- Frank and Vada LaFalce – 17 College Rd.

The Narby's, Cautero's and LaFalces's expressed concern about the uncut grass at 19 College Rd. Councilman Hathaway let them know everyone is aware of the situation. There is a resolution on the agenda for this evening to remedy this problem. The grass will be cut and the charge will go to the bank.

Mrs. Narby is also concerned about the noxious smells coming from the Fennimore Landfill. She described how strong the "toxic" odor was and that she had to keep her windows closed. She would like to know if the town can contact someone about it. Councilman Hathaway explained the fill has been sealed but there are monitoring stations in place and one can access the reports generated for these online. Mayor Nametko suggested that our Board of Health be contacted. Mr. Blakeslee will send an email to the Mt. Olive Board of Health tomorrow.

Mr. Cautero asked if the Fennimore Landfill will affect our water supply. The Mayor responded that it should not. Mr. Blakeslee commented that Netcong wells are tested regularly.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Butler 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 Resolution below were carried to the June 11, 2015 Regular Meeting.

**Resolution 2015– 58** - Authorizing the Adoption of the 2015 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District.

### **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

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.

This ordinance was carried to the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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 THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$226,214 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE OF THE BOROUGH.

This ordinance was carried to the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Affordable Housing- Declaratory Judgment Filing

Mr. Blakeslee mentioned that he has distributed a copy of this resolution to the Governing Body and this will be on next week's agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Notice of Public Hearing – Roxbury Township Planning Board - Soiling Moving Permit

The Mayor stated that Netcong has covered everything they could and the state has agreed to monitor the truck traffic. Mr. Blakeslee will follow up with Roxbury Planning Board.

2. Water Restrictions

The Mayor noted since the recent rain activity the state may not impose restrictions on water usage. The Borough will only implement restrictions if required by the state. He mentioned that Councilman Still reminded him last time there were restrictions the Borough lost \$60,000 in water revenues. The Mayor also reported that NOAH has taken the red alert down for Netcong.

3. July 2nd Meeting (Cancellation)

A motion was made by Councilman Still and second by Councilman Koster to cancel the July 2, 2015 meeting.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Council President Still had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Koster wanted to know if we could contact the state to come and mow the island on Route 46. Mr. Blakeslee will call the state.

Councilman Hathaway requested that we consider an ordinance to provide for registration of abandoned properties. Mr. Blakeslee will research this topic.

Councilman Sylvester offered that a summons be issued for property maintenance repeat offenders. Mr. Blakeslee provided the current procedure to deal with these offenses. The Council continued discussion on this topic.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Nametko requested Mr. Blakeslee send a letter to all Fire Dept. officers requesting their presence at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Council meeting. He would like to address some of his concerns.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution #2015- 59** – To Appoint Benjamin Dalessandro as Crossing Guard

A motion was made by Councilwoman Butler and seconded by Councilman Still to approve this resolution.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution 2015-60** – Authorizing the Abatement of Property Maintenance Ordinance Violations by the Borough

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve this resolution.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Resolution 2015-61** – To Appoint Michael Esposito as Temporary Part Time Laborer for the Department of Public Works

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

1. **Ordinance 2015-8** – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 54, Police Department, Article IV, Fees, Section 54-16, fees, Paragraph F, Contracted Police Services, Subparagraph (3) of the Code of the Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey

This ordinance will be carried to the June 11th meeting.

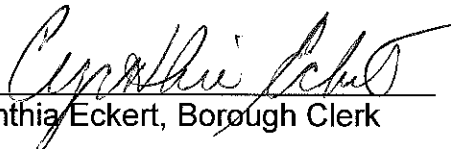
**CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:12 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