

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JULY 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 7:29 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 were Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting – June 4, 2015

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilwoman Butler

- Regular Meeting – June 11, 2015

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

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilwoman Butler and Councilman Koster

THERESA VERVAET TO ADDRESS BOROUGH COUNCIL – MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Mrs. Vervaet provided the following report:

- Thanks for allowing me explain the function of the Alliance
- True to the form of the State, there are a lot of acronyms!
- Read GCADA (Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse)
- We are a small committee: Lisa, Jane, Ben, Pat (also Ralph and PD member). Always trying to recruit people in the suggested categories (e.g. Clergy). Meet almost monthly.
- Work closely with Recreation Commission and the PTA
- Grant is now a fiscal year (July-June)
- DEDR (cash) grant is \$ 7,725.00
- Cash Match (25%) \$ 1,931.25 (use Project Graduation-no budget line item)
- In Kind match (75%) \$ 5,793.75
- Total Grant is actually \$15,450.00 (no expense to taxpayers!)
- Subject matter is more "character-building programs" and activities; getting away from the old-school lecturing that we received.
- Basically two (2) categories:
- Youth Education
- Educational programs for grades K-8 by Prevention is Key (Rockaway) and Center for Prevention and Counseling (Newton)
- Supplies, this year purchased DVD's for Netcong School
- ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drug) programs
- Senior Citizen programs, e.g. WISE (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education), healthy living, misuse of prescription drugs, alcohol
- MAC
- Concerts in the Park (Kids in the Park and Teen Concert) (popcorn, beach balls, Frisbees, glow necklaces)
- Trunk or Treat (food and/or giveaways)
- SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
- Anti-Bullying
- Red Ribbon Week (October)
- School dances
- Project Graduation (Lenape Valley PTSA)
- Equipment budget \$500/year; purchased projector, popcorn machine, tents & banners, speakers
- Talk about giveaways
- Looking to offer in near future:
- Movies in the Park
- Parents Who Host

- Other established programs
- Supplemental Grant - \$2,000 (this year for DARE program)

Coordinator duties: (January 2011?)

- Prepare annual budget
- Monitor programs, collect reports (where applicable)
- Monitor financial budget, keep track of In-Kind hours
- Submit quarterly reports; monitor reimbursements
- Attend quarterly Coordinator meetings with other Morris County Alliances in Morristown
- Spend all the money!
- Stipend of \$1,000 given back to programs

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment.

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. - – Mr. Cedro asked for an update on the water drainage situation including the swirl chamber and railroad tracks. Mr. Blakeslee noted he did not hear anything back and recommended proceeding with a stronger inquiry. Mr. Cedro was exasperated since he felt this situation was over 8 years old. There was lengthy discussion among Mr. Cedro, the Mayor and Council and Mr. Bucco, Borough Attorney. The Mayor recommended a “tickler” memo is sent to the responsible parties every Friday. Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator will call to set up a meeting with all parties involved.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 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

Motion to Read Ordinance 2015-8 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

The Mayor opened the Meeting to the Public for Comment. No one from the public stepped forward.

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance #2015-8 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Netcong Planning Board – Resolution Suggesting Land Development and Procedures Ordinance Changes - Parking

The Mayor explained the intent of this possible ordinance change. Councilman Hathaway suggested a copy be sent to the Borough Planner, Paul Phillips for review.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Blakeslee highlighted the following:

- The goose round-up by the USDA is complete.
- There are updates on the Quirk Property. Councilman Hathaway will elaborate later.
- Pocketbook Factory – Mr. Wilensky is still working on permits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: E. Still J. Sylvester

In the month of June the Borough had total income in the amount \$135,261.19 as compared to the previous year of \$134,618.40.

Revenue received for the month of June:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)

In 2015 the Borough received \$2,541.50 vs. \$1,805.50 in 2014.

In June the Borough received \$1,175.00 in Planning Board application fees.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerk Fees:

In 2015 the Borough received \$16,624.31 vs. \$6,861.42 in 2014

State Aid

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

Grants in Aid

In 2015 the Borough received \$7,874.55 vs. \$1,762.24 in 2014

The Borough received a \$4,000 Click It or Ticket grant, a \$1,400 Motor Vehicle Inspection grant and \$2,474.55 in Fire Safety funds.

Taxes Collected

In 2015 the Borough collected \$108,220.83 vs. \$124,189.24 in 2014.

Income Total Year to Date:

Total income to date in 2015 is \$4,131,294.16 vs. \$4,126,399.19 in 2014.

There will be a year end meeting of the budget shortly.

Economic Development: R. Hathaway E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported the following:

- Crown Point is still in negotiations with the owners of the Quirk property. A letter of Intent is expected shortly. The property should be acquired at that point.
- Had a meeting with the Pocketbook Factory developer. He is still working on the documentation in order to file permits.

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

The Borough Police answered a total of 352 calls. They wrote a total of 79 motor vehicle summonses. There were 9 local summonses written.

The Netcong Fire Department had a total of 4 calls, 7 Drills, 7 Meetings, 3 Special Details and 2 Fire Fighters graduated from the Academy. There were a total of 64 Fire Fighters performing a total of 748.2 hours. Councilman Sylvester noted the passing of a former fire chief.

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

For the Month of June:

Road Department: Made repairs to catch basins at Bank St. and Stoll St.

Water Department: Replaced broken 4 in. water main valve on Allen St...Repaired broken 4 in. water main on Bank St...Installed new pressure valve at #5 well house ...Performed bi-annual calibration of all well house meters ...Replaced broken curb stop at 28 College Rd.

Sewer Department: Cleared sewer main clog on Center St...

Buildings & Grounds: Removed Fireman parade banners and installed Welcome to Netcong banners ... Hung American Flags on designated telephone poles ...Installed new top soil across from Shop Rite for new ornamental grass...Watered all Borough flowers and plants 3 times per week including a weekly feeding.

Parks & Recreation: Cut and maintained all Borough parks and properties ...Prepared grounds weekly for concerts in the park .

Recycling: Picked up 32 CY of grass...Picked up 44 CY of brush. Chipped 8 CY of brush...

Other: Serviced and replaced bad fuel tank on our 2007 diesel. Mike Canfield, Tom Mendel, and Alfie Defelice attended a hands on valve and hydrant training class in Wharton.

The water use increase and how to track usage was discussed by the Council.

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Councilwoman Butler reported the following:

- Our concerts began Friday, June 19th. It is our "teen" night with entertainment by "Half Normal".
- On Friday, June 26th we hosted our annual Kid's Color in the Park Contest with entertainment by Jo Jo.
- July 4th we hosted two concerts with the first beginning at 4pm and second at 7pm.
- Friday July 17th will be the Christmas in July contest.
- Jersey Boys Bus Trip is August 2nd. There are 5 seats left.

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

Councilman Laureys reported the following:

Days of service: 22
Miles: 1078
Number of stops: 96
Nutrition for 5 people: 32
Food shopping 23 people: 70
Number of Meals on Wheels: 16
Medical Appointments: 20
Other Appointments: 55
People Using Services: 41
Cancels: 33
Denials: 7
Units: 353
Hours: 115.5
Additional Notes: None

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Social Affair Permit – St. Cesario Society, Inc.

A Motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the Permit.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President Still had no comments at this time.

Councilman Hathaway –

- The Lake Board will be deploying the harvester they own tomorrow. It has been renovated.
- 5 acres of the lake will be applied with a biologic experiment which should provide a 50% reduction in the bottom weeds which should add approximately 9" to the lake depth.
- The Water Chestnut hand pull will be this Saturday. Boats will be provided.

Councilman Sylvester wished to know if the Capital Ordinance passed. He also asked if the Fire Department can begin researching specs for equipment. Mr. Blakeslee confirmed the Capital Ordinance is complete and can be used.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution #2015 –65** -To Appoint Aaron Shecora as Temporary Part Time Laborer for Department of Public Works
- 2. Resolution #2015– 66** -To Refund Taxes for Dominick and Jamie Arbolino, 18 Allen St.
- 3. Resolution #2015- 67** – Granting Renewal of Liquor Licenses 2015-2016
- 4. Resolution #2015- 68** – Granting Renewal of Liquor License No. 1428-33-0009-005 for Annette McMahon for 2015-2016
- 5. Resolution #2015- 69** – Granting Renewal of Liquor License No. 1428-44-008-003 for Quick Check for 2015-2016
- 6. Resolution #2015-70** – Authorizing a Display of Public Fire Works by the St. Cesario Society at Arbolino Park (*with update in resolution condition terminology*)
- 7. Resolution #2015-71** – Authorizing a Display of Fireworks in the Borough of Netcong by the Assumption Society
- 8. Resolution #2015-72** – To Adopt Changes to an Existing Deferred Compensation Plan Pursuant to the Final Internal Revenue Code Section 415 Regulations, Pension Protection Act of 2006, The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 and the Worker Retiree and Employer Recover Act of 2008

The eight resolutions above were voted as a block.

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the resolutions as follows:

Resolutions 2015-65,66 & 72:

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Resolutions 2015-71:

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

Resolutions 2015-67, 68,69,70:

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

- 1. Ordinance 2015-9** - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 226 TO BE ENTITLED "ABANDONED PROPERTIES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND PROPERTIES PENDING FORECLOSURE

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2015- 9 and Read by Title only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2015-8 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

REPORTS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

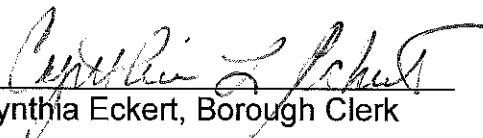
There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:48 PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk