

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 13, 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 P.M.

**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, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present were Mr. Bucco, Borough Attorney and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

***Congressman Leonard Lance presented an American Flag which had been flown over the nation's Capital Building to the Netcong Fire Department.***

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

- Charles Cedro – 6 Allen St. – Mr. Cedro wished to confirm that there was still a meeting scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> about the water/drainage problems. The Mayor confirmed the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting date.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

- 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 Read Ordinance 2015-9 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Councilman Laureys posed specific questions regarding parts of the ordinance. Mr. Bucco, the Mayor and Council members answered his questions. There was additional discussion among the Council before this ordinance was adopted.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2015-9 was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 4 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this meeting.

## **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Blakeslee was not present at this meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:              E. Still                      J. Sylvester

Councilman Still reported the following:

In the month of July the Borough had total income in the amount \$718,386.01 as compared to the previous year of \$610,018.96.

Revenue received for the month of July:

### **Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)**

In 2015 the Borough received \$1,845.05 vs. \$1,372.29 in 2014.

*In June the Borough received \$900.00 in Planning Board application fees.*

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

In 2015 the Borough received \$9,960.94 vs. \$7,944.96 in 2014

*The Borough collected \$1,816.33 in court fees over last year.*

State Aid

In 2015 the Borough received \$9,477.00 vs. \$9,477.00 in 2014

*The Borough received Supplemental Energy Receipts from the State of New Jersey.*

Grants in Aid

In 2015 the Borough received \$2,091.70 vs. \$831.35 in 2014

*The Borough received a \$2,091.70 Fire Safety Grant for Fire Prevention.*

Taxes Collected

In 2015 the Borough collected \$695,011.32 vs. \$590,393.36 in 2014.

*Increase over 2014 is due to an increase in current year taxes collected*

Income Total Year to Date:

Total income to date in 2015 is \$4,849,680.17 vs. \$4,736,418.15 in 2014.

Economic Development:            R. Hathaway            E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported the following:

- Crown Point has secured a letter of intent with Mrs. Quirk
- Crown Point requests a spot on the Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda to update the Mayor and Council
- Shop Rite is proposing a substantial improvement and expansion to their property.
- Les Smith has approached Netcong about development in Mt. Olive with a possible greenway through Netcong.

The Mayor noted that the lake looked great.

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

Councilman Sylvester reported the following:

Ambulance Corp, July 2015

71 total calls, 2 from out of town, 69 in town  
Total of 43 patients  
Total of 43 trips  
1320 miles travelled  
387 hours volunteered.

Fire Department, July 2015

Two alarms, two fires, 3 standby (Budd Lake for Carnival and St. Cessario)  
1 lift assist, 1 animal rescue  
11 Total Calls  
8 Drills  
6 Meetings  
4 Special Details  
2 Mutual Aid Drills with Randolph and Hackettstown.  
56 Total Fire Fighters  
490 Total Man hours

Police Department, July 2015

430 Total Calls  
27 Assists to other departments  
3 Local Warrants  
52 Summonses

Councilman Sylvester read a resolution in praise of the firemen during January, 2015

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

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Councilman Koster reported the following:

D.P.W. Monthly Report July 2015

Road Department: Paved pot holes throughout town... Repaired catch basins on Stoll St. and Wiltop Rd... Created an asphalt berm at FH 1 to redirect water runoff...Removed American Flags from telephone poles on Main St and Maple Ave...Painted Parking lines on Main St. and Maple Ave...

Water Department: Repaired leaking water meter at 20 Allen Street... Performed numerous mark-out requests as they were received ...Assisted Church St contractor with line locating and water valve shut offs... Installed new fire hydrant at 18 Allen St...

Sewer Department: Lowered sewer clean outs at 26 Ledgewood Ave and 11 College Rd....

Buildings & Grounds: Performed weekly air quality control and generator exercising...Picked up and returned light towers, message boards and barricades from the County from feast of St. Cesario...Watered all town plants 3 times per week plus 1 feeding...Hung Netcong Day Banners...A.S. Badin was in to perform sprinkler inspection at Borough Hall...

Parks & Recreation: Repaired broken window at DiRenzo Park bathroom...Performed weekly landscaping at Borough Parks...

Recycling: Picked up 10 cubic yards of grass... Picked up 16 cubic yards of brush...

Other: Assisted with the launch of the weed harvester into Lake Muscanetcong...Assisted Netcong School with the spraying of poison ivy along the parking lot fence...Delivered Dial a Ride meals during Wendy's vacation

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

Councilman Laureys reported the following:

- Jersey Boys Bus Trip was sold out and enjoyed by all.
- On Saturday November 7, a trip to the 911 museum
- Three concerts in the park are forthcoming along with the chili challenge
- The 5K race is September 6

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

Councilman Laureys provided the dial a ride report.

Dial a Ride Report for July 2015

- Days of Service: 17
- Miles: 914
- # of Stops: 71
- Nutrition (6 People):26
- Food Shopping: (25 People): 51
- # of Meals on Wheels: 16
- Medical Appointments: 12
- Other Appointments: 49

- People Using Services: 48
- Cancels: 17
- Denials: 6
- Units: 279
- Hours: 89.25
- Additional Notes: 1 new senior, 1 new Disabled

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Social Affairs Permit – Netcong Knights of Columbus Club – Comedy Night

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster to approve the Social Affairs Permit.

Roll Call: 4 Yes      Abstain: Councilman Sylvester

2. Appointment of Aaron Arzon as a Junior Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 1.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

- Council President Still – There is still the issue of fireman who are on the Council not being able to vote on certain issues. He would like to know if Mr. Bucco has written a letter to the state Senate and Assembly to change this law. There was a brief discussion among the Council regarding the pros and cons of composing a formal letter.
- Councilman Sylvester –On behalf of the members of St. Cesario, he wished to thank all Borough employees for their efforts in making this event a success.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 2015- 77** – To Appoint Richard Sodano as an Alternate Crossing Guard

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 2. Resolution 2015-78** – To Adopt the Morris County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. Ordinance 2015- 10** – Amending Chapter 194, Land Development Procedures of the Code of the Borough of Netcong and Establishing Administrative and Application Checklists

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2015- 10 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2015-10 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 2. Bond Ordinance 2015- 11** – To Authorize the Making of Various Improvements, In By and For the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$292,500 to Pay the Cost Thereof, To Appropriate State Grants, to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation and to Provide for the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in the Anticipation of Issuance of Such Bonds

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2015- 11 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2015-11 on First Reading was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **REPORTS**

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**BILLS**

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**CLOSED SESSION**

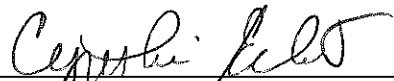
There was no closed session at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:20PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk